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National Register of Historic Places
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Josselyn, James Riley House *D on map*
other names/site number 8MR1802

2. Location

street & number 13845 Alternate U.S. 27 n/a not for publication
city or town East Lake Weir n/a vicinity
state Florida code FL county Marion code 083 zip code 32632

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Suzanne P. Walker / Deputy SHPO 5/26/93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historic Preservation
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Patrick Anders Date of Action 7/13/93

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

- building(s), district, site, structure, object

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing and 4 rows: buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Early Residences of Rural Marion Co., FL

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Frame Vernacular

foundation Brick

walls Wood: Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Brick

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Exploration & Settlement

Architecture

Period of Significance

c1885-1895

Significant Dates

c1885

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

Unknown?

Whitman, B.B., builder

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Josselyn, James Riley House
Name of Property

Marion Co., FL
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 3 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Bureau of Historic Preservation date May 1993

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name G. Herbert Butterworth

street & number P.O. Box 61 telephone (904) 288-2587

city or town East Lake Weir state Florida zip code 32632

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SUMMARY

The James Riley Josselyn House is a two and a half story, frame vernacular residence with Colonial Revival influences, constructed c1895 in East Lake Weir, Marion County, Florida. The exterior is horizontal weatherboard and the front gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Fenestration is generally 2/2, double hung sash. Exterior decoration is simple, consisting primarily of cornice returns and some porch detailing. The house is in excellent condition and is little changed since it was originally constructed. It contributes to the **Early Residences of Rural Marion County, Florida Multiple Property Listing** under Associated Property Type **F.1 Residential Buildings: c1870-c1940**. A noncontributing outbuilding is located on the west side of the property.

PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**SETTING**

East Lake Weir was first settled in 1874. Located on the east bank of Lake Weir, it, like much of the surrounding area, began substantial development upon the arrival of the Florida Southern Railway during the early 1880s. Originally called Eastlake, it was situated on a bluff and commanded a magnificent view of the lake. Its pristine natural setting provided residents and visitors the opportunity for numerous recreational activities, including hunting, fishing, boating, swimming, and sailing.

The land surrounding the Josselyn House was planted in orange grove and sparsely populated. Buildings were limited to several small hotels and boarding houses, scattered grove house and outbuildings, a few lakeside cottages and a packing house. Aside from the construction of scattered single-family residences, the setting of the Josselynn House has been relatively unchanged since it was originally constructed (Photo 1).

PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The James Riley Josselyn House is two and a half stories in height (Photo 2). The ground plan of the building is rectangular with a front facing gable oriented toward Alternate US 27/441.

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It has a one story kitchen wing in the rear and a small one story ell on the south elevation (Photos 3 & 4).

The regularly massed Josselyn House has a balloon frame structural system resting on brick piers. The exterior finish is horizontal, wood, weatherboard. The building has a front facing gable roof with cornice returns. The roof is pierced by a massive, brick, corbelled chimney centrally placed in the ridge of the gable roof. The roofing material is asphalt shingles. The fenestration of the building is regular. Windows are generally single, 2/2, double-hung sash. With the exception of jalousie windows in the front gable end, all the original windows remain.

A one story wraparound porch spans the main (west) facade (Photo 2) facing Lake Weir, and extends around the north and south elevations (Photos 2, 4 & 5), sheltering the main and side entrances to the house. The main entrance (Photo 6), glazed double doors, is located at the south end. North of the entry are two single, 2/2, double hung sash windows. Three irregularly placed, 2/2, double hung sash windows are located at the second story, and a double jalousie is in the gable end (Photo 2).

The interior of the Josselyn House has a foyer (Photo 7) and central hallway which leads back to a large kitchen and utility room. A living room/parlor (Photo 8) and dining room are located off the north side of the hall, and a family room and bedroom are located off the south side. A stairway in the central hall (Photo 9) leads to the second floor which has three bedrooms and a bath. A smaller stairway leads to the third level which has a large bedroom in the rear and a living area and bath in the front.

ALTERATIONS

The overall integrity of the exterior of the building is largely intact. The kitchen at the rear of the house was once a detached building connected to the house by a breezeway. The breezeway was enclosed at an unknown date. The window in the attic front has been changed to a jalousie type. The porch decking has been largely replaced and a balustrade has been added.

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SUMMARY:

The James Riley Josselyn House at Eastlake, Marion County, Florida, is locally significant under Criterion A in the area of **Exploration and Settlement** because of its association with the early development of Eastlake. The house is also locally significant under Criterion C as an early surviving example of the substantial, frame vernacular houses that were being constructed by grove owners in the late nineteenth century. The Josselyn House contributes to the **Early Residences of Rural Marion County, Florida Multiple Property Listing under Associated Context Marion County, 1847-1900** and Associated Property Type F.1, Residential Buildings: c1870-c1940.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

James Riley Josselyn was one of Marion County's most successful citrus growers during the late nineteenth century. Josselyn and his brother were the first settlers of Eastlake, when they arrived in 1874. Like many early settlers of Marion County, the Josselyn brothers were from the North. They were natives of Brookfield, Massachusetts. Upon his arrival in Florida, James Josselyn applied for and received a one hundred sixty acre homestead tract.

Located on the east bank of Lake Weir, Eastlake, like much of the surrounding area, began substantive development after the arrival of the Florida Southern Railway during the early 1880s. By this time, Josselyn had planted several groves, and in 1885 he employed B. B. Whitman, a local carpenter and builder, to construct this house. Among his contributions to the citrus industry was the development of the Josselyn Grapefruit. Gradually Josselyn sold small parcels of his land to other pioneer settlers of Eastlake, and finally sold one hundred and fifty acres to Samuel Hodgson, a major real estate developer. Josselyn retained the three acre parcel, on which the house still stands.

The Josselyn House is one of the best surviving examples of the grove houses built around Lake Weir during the late nineteenth century. With only minor alteration, it retains its integrity of location, setting and design, and continues to exhibit the quality of workmanship and materials that reflect its historic association with the early development of East Lake Weir and Marion County.

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- 1 1) James Riley Josselyn House, 13845 Alt. U.S. 27
 2) East Lake Weir, Marion County, Florida
 3) Paul Weaver
 4) August 1990
 5) Historic Property Associates, St. Augustine, FL
 6) Setting, showing main (W) elevation, facing E
 7) 1 of 10

Items 1-5 are the same for the remaining photographs.

- 2 6) Main (W) elevation, facing E
 7) 2 of 10
- 3 6) E (rear) elevation, facing W
 7) 3 of 10
- 4 6) N elevation, facing S
 7) 4 of 10
- 5 6) S elevation, showing kitchen wing, facing N
 7) 5 of 10
- 6 6) Main entrance on W elevation, facing E
 7) 6 of 10
- 7 6) First floor stairhall, entrance detail, facing E
 7) 7 of 10
- 8 6) Living Room, showing fireplace and mantel
 7) 8 of 10
- 9 6) First floor stairhall and stairway
 7) 9 of 10
- 10 6) Noncontributing outbuilding on W side of property
 7) 10 of 10

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

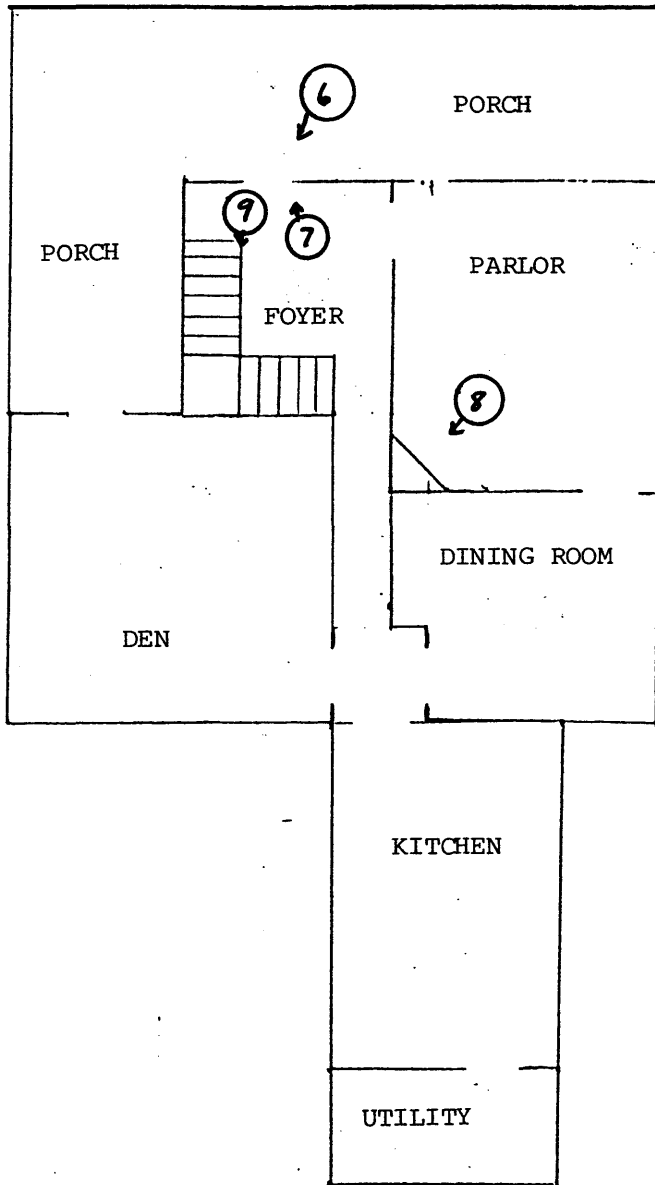
The boundaries of the James Riley Josselyn House encompass a three acre tract described as parcel #49198, Marion County Property Appraiser's records. The legal description is as follows: Section 9 Township 17, Range 24, commencing 12 1/2 chains N of SE corner, Thence W. 20 chains, N 3 chns., E 20 chns, S 3chs Ex E 652.31 ft.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries are based on the historic division of the property. The present boundaries encompass a land area which has been transferred intact to a series of land owners since the parcel was first developed during the mid-1880s.

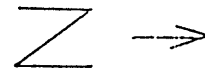
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JAMES RILEY JOSSELYN HOUSE
13845 Alt. U.S. 27
East Lake Weir, Marion Co., FL

1st Floor



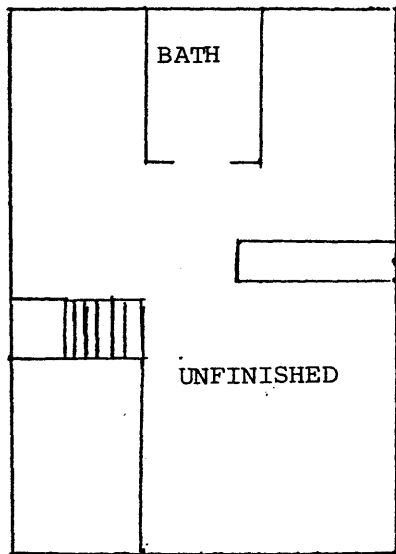
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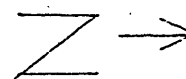
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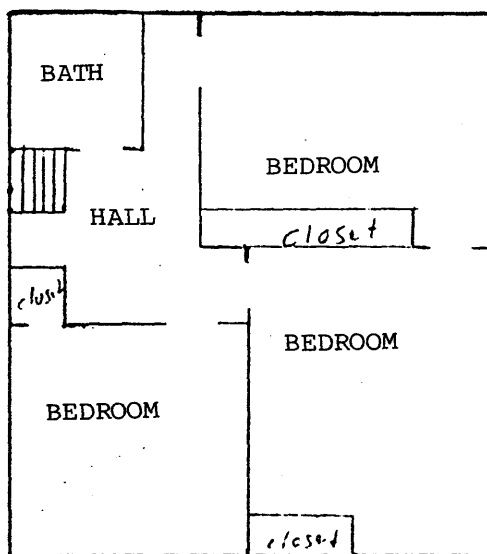
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2nd Floor

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