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As per an 1880 photograph of St. Luke's Hospital, the building was of varying heights and constructed of brick. The structure had a somewhat taller central portion with disproportionate wings. story wooden portico with bracketed posts and spindlerailing graced the front of the building originally, but this has been removed. Also removed was the rather elaborate cupola with high hipped roof and round arched windows. Now a very small box-like structure sits in its place on the roof deck. Other modifications include the removal of four brick chimneys located on the corners of the wings, removal of exterior louvered shutters and the replacement of sash windows with sheets of plywood. There have, however, been no major structural changes. Fenestration is irregular, there being eight windows on the front of the north wing and ten on the south. addition to this, the south wing has, below the roofing, a row of clerestory-like windows which continue around the central portion of the building. All three parts of the building have hipped roofs. All windows have radiating voussoirs. There is a pair of round arched windows below the raking cornice on the east The double panelled main doorway has a transom above. Although the building is structurally sound today, it is in need of repairs on the interior. Due to its location and use as a warehouse, much of the building has been boarded up for purposes of security.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On Palmetto Street, just to the east of Hogan's Creek and near the center of Jacksonville, stands the 1878 St. Luke's Hospital building, now a warehouse. It is the oldest hospital in Jacksonville and it is structurally sound today.

For three decades after the War Between the States, Jacksonville experienced a tourist boom. Many of the visitors were either penniless or ill and the town promptly resolved that medical aid for these people was warranted. On March 11, 1873, the first St. Luke's Hospital was opened; a two-room frame structure which served over two hundred patients in the next three years. In 1876 a new brick replacement, at the corner of Market and Ashley Streets, went up in flames just as it was to open. This was unfortunate due to the fact that many hundreds of dollars had been solicited from private donors for the construction of the building. After the fire, the task of fund-raising had to begin again. Due to the generosity of many people, a third St. Luke's Hospital was built where there were few people to object to living near a building of this type. On the marshy banks of Hogan's Creek, a few hundred yards from where it empties into the St. Johns River, the structure was located. The location was fortunate, however, for it was the creek which saved the building from the fire of 1901 which destroyed most of the City of Jacksonville. building opened in December of 1878.

In the following years the hospital was used for the treatment of yellow fever victims during the 1888 epidemic and for the treatment of typhoid and malaria victims during the Spanish-American War. It did not take long for the hospital to outgrow its 1878 quarters. In 1924, a move was made to the present location and today many modern buildings house St. Luke's Hospital.

St. Luke's was the first established hospital in Jacksonville and one of the earliest charity hospitals in the State. It sponsored a School of Nursing as early as 1885, which our research indicates was the first School of Nursing in the State. / It is important not only from a social-humanitarian aspect, but also because alterations to the building have not destroyed its architectural integrity.

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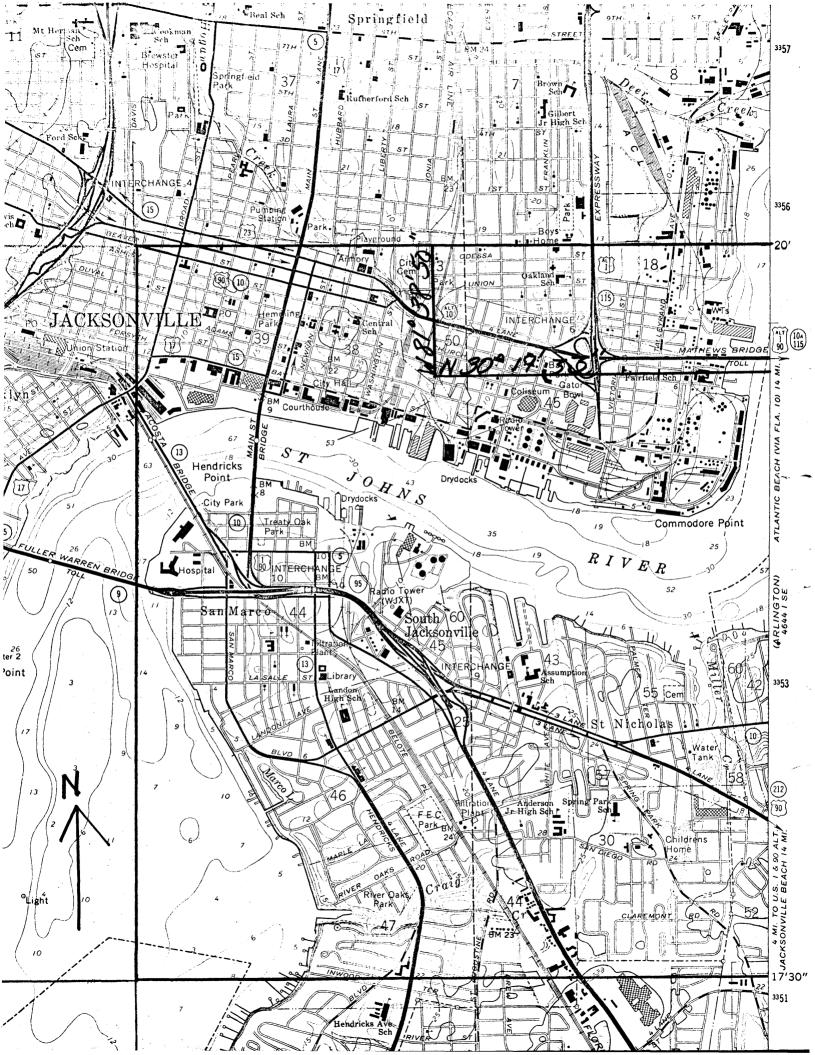
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