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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Florida
 COUNTY: Pinellas
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: OCT 16 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Safford House
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Parken Place
 CITY OR TOWN: Tarpon Springs CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Eighth
 STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Pinellas CODE: 103

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) vacant (being repaired)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Dean & Catherine Tsonas
 STREET AND NUMBER: 816 Carolina Avenue
 CITY OR TOWN: Tarpon Springs STATE: Florida CODE: 12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

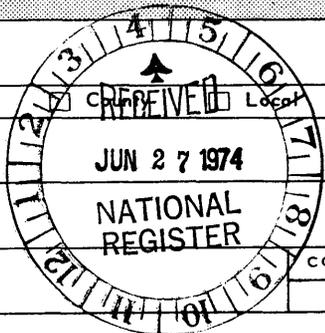
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Pinellas County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Clearwater STATE: Florida CODE: 12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: N/A
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State Other
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Construction of the Safford House was probably begun around 1883, shortly after Anson P.K. Safford's arrival in the Tarpon Springs area. Originally it was constructed as a one-story frame cottage with double gables on the front, central hall and a wide bracketed veranda on two sides. By 1887, when an article appeared in the Tampa Journal referring to a party at the Safford House, the building had already been enlarged to two full stories. The original roof trusses, gables, gable windows, etc. were dismantled and appear to have been replaced intact atop the new second story. At this time a lot of elaborate Victorian detail was added: a cupola, hood moulds, barge-boards, brackets, and balustrades of different patterns. This is the way the house appears in an 1890 photograph. In 1891, the year of Safford's death, the land on which the house was situated was sold to George Clemson and in order to retain the structure, Mrs. Safford moved the house back about a block. Mrs. Safford began using the building as a boarding house known as the Villa Ansonia and a few years later after her marriage to Salvador F. Martin, the interior of the house was subdivided into small apartments and was known as "The Miramar." At this time, the house (as per existing photographs) was stripped of all of its exterior Victorian trim and left a simple version of the original house with plain porch posts, no balustrade, etc. It was also at this time that portions of the veranda were enclosed to provide additional rooms.

The house, at the present time, remains basically in tact on the exterior, little changed from its appearance as "The Miramar." A wrought iron balustrade has been added and second story windows on the main facade have been converted to three sash bays. There is a classically treated double frontispiece on the main facade, porch posts are simple and square in section and the roof is now covered with tin. There have been numerous owners of the house since the turn of the century and several attempts made to restore it, although at the present time the house is for sale and in danger of destruction.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **c. 1883**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Anson P.K. Safford House at Tarpon Springs is significant as an example of vernacular domestic architecture in central Florida in addition to its association with a man who gained prominence in four states. Born at Hyde Park, Vermont in 1830, Safford moved West in 1850 to be elected to the Nevada legislature in 1856 and again in 1857. After a period in business in San Francisco and a two year tour of Europe he returned to the United States in 1867 to be appointed Surveyor General for Nevada by President Andrew Jackson. From President Ulysses S. Grant came the appointment as governor of Arizona in 1869 and the subsequent reappointment in 1873. Safford is credited with having established the public school system in Arizona during his terms as governor.

After leaving Arizona, Mr. Safford was for two years a resident of Philadelphia before becoming interested in the purchase of land in Florida. Shortly after the famous Disston land purchase of 4,000,000 acres of Florida "swamplands" (which included present Pinellas County) from the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, Safford and Disston selected Tarpon Springs as the site of a town which was to become a winter resort for well-to-do Northerners. An area of some 9,000 acres in this tract was assigned to the Lake Butler Valley Company (one of Disston's holdings) of which Safford was President. In the wilderness at the head of Spring Bayou the settlement was begun. At this time the Safford House was built, the first in the new community, and now at the center of the town of Tarpon Springs. At the end of his life, all of Safford's energies were dedicated to the development of Florida's west coast and to Tarpon Springs in particular.

Safford's importance is great in several areas of the country, not only as Governor of the Territory of Arizona, but as "father of the public school system of Arizona" and founder of Tarpon Springs.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attached Sheet

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Diane D. Greer, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Division of Archives, History & Records Mgt. DATE: 4-23-74

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of State, The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Robert Williams
Robert Williams

Title Historic Preservation Officer

Date June 11, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

AP Wooten
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

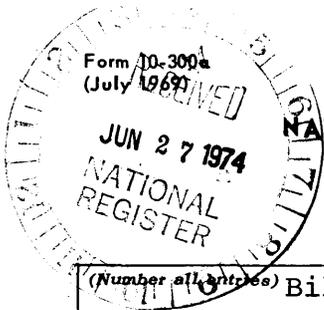
Date 10/16/74

ATTEST:

Constance L. ...
Keeper of The National Register

Date 10-11-74

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