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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Judge George Robbins House  
other names/site number 8 BR 399

### 2. Location

street & number 703 Indian River Avenue N/A not for publication  
city, town Titusville N/A vicinity  
state Florida code FL county Brevard code FL 009 zip code 32796

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Titusville Multiple Property Group

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.

[Signature]  
Signature of certifying official State Historic Preservation Officer  
Florida Department of State-Bureau of Historic Preservation  
State or Federal agency and bureau

11/21/89  
Date

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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:)

Mark J. Baker **Entered in the National Register** 12 Jan. 1990

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS

other: Dutch Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK piers

walls WOOD clapboard

roof WOOD shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1892  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1892  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Please See Cover Nomination

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

**Specify repository:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Bureau of Historic Preservation \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property approximately one acre

**UTM References**

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3	1	6	4	3	4	0
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 Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

S3, T22, R35, Subdivision #50, Joynerville Addition, Lot 2

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary follows the historic and legal description of the property. It includes only that portion that is historically associated with the property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Judge George Robbins House

**SUMMARY**

The Robbins House is a two and one half story wood frame structure constructed in the Dutch Colonial Revival style. It is located on a large riverfront lot at 703 Indian River Avenue, amidst many of Titusville's finer private residences. It has Dutch Colonial Revival styling expressed by its gambrel roof and gabled roof dormers with balconies on the east and west slopes. The dormers have decorative bargeboard and are supported by turned posts with a stick balustrade. A prominent polygonal tower is located on the northeast corner of the building. It has a flat roof with castellations and small square stained glass windows. The main block of the building has clapboard siding while the gambrel ends are covered with wood shingles. A porch with turned posts and balustrade wraps the east and south elevations. The building rests on a brick pier foundation. A gable roofed carport has been added at the west elevation. The house is in excellent condition. ¶

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Judge George Robbins House

## SUMMARY

The Robbins House is significant at the local level under Criterion C as one of Titusville's finest residences and the only residence in Titusville constructed in the Dutch Colonial Revival style. The house contributes to the Titusville Multiple Property Group under Associated Historic Context: Exploration and Settlement of Titusville, Florida 1867-1930 and Associated Property Type: Buildings of Titusville-1867-1930.

## SETTING

The Robbins Houses is located in the Joynerville Addition to Titusville platted in 1881. The lot was purchased by M. P. Robbins in 1886, and was sold to George Robbins in 1891 for \$1,500. In 1892, Robbins bought an adjoining lot from Fannie Smith. The house was built soon after Robbins acquired the second lot.

George Robbins was born in Bath, Maine, in 1862. At the age of twenty-one he became an engineer for A. T. and S. F. Railway and later took a position as Superintendent of the Mexican Central Railway. After two years in Mexico, Robbins returned to the United States and enrolled in Albany Law School. Upon graduating, Robbins moved to Florida where he was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1886. His familiarity with the railroad and his prowess as a lawyer garnered the attention of Florida railroad mogul, Henry Flagler, who subsequently retained his services as lawyer. Locally, Robbins was involved in several important community development projects including the Titusville Hotel Company, and the Brevard Abstract and Title Company. His law firm, Robbins and Graham, was responsible for the development of a large subdivision in the City of Titusville.

The Robbins House has significance for its embodiment of the Dutch Colonial Revival style, a variant of the Colonial Revival style. The characteristic feature of the style is the gambrel roof. The gambrel roof covered the main portion of buildings and extending downward at a sharp angle to cover intersecting porches and dormers. It was devised to provide ample headroom under a pitched roof and like the Mansard Roof, it creates a full additional story out of attic space. The only example of the style in Titusville is the Robbins House.¶

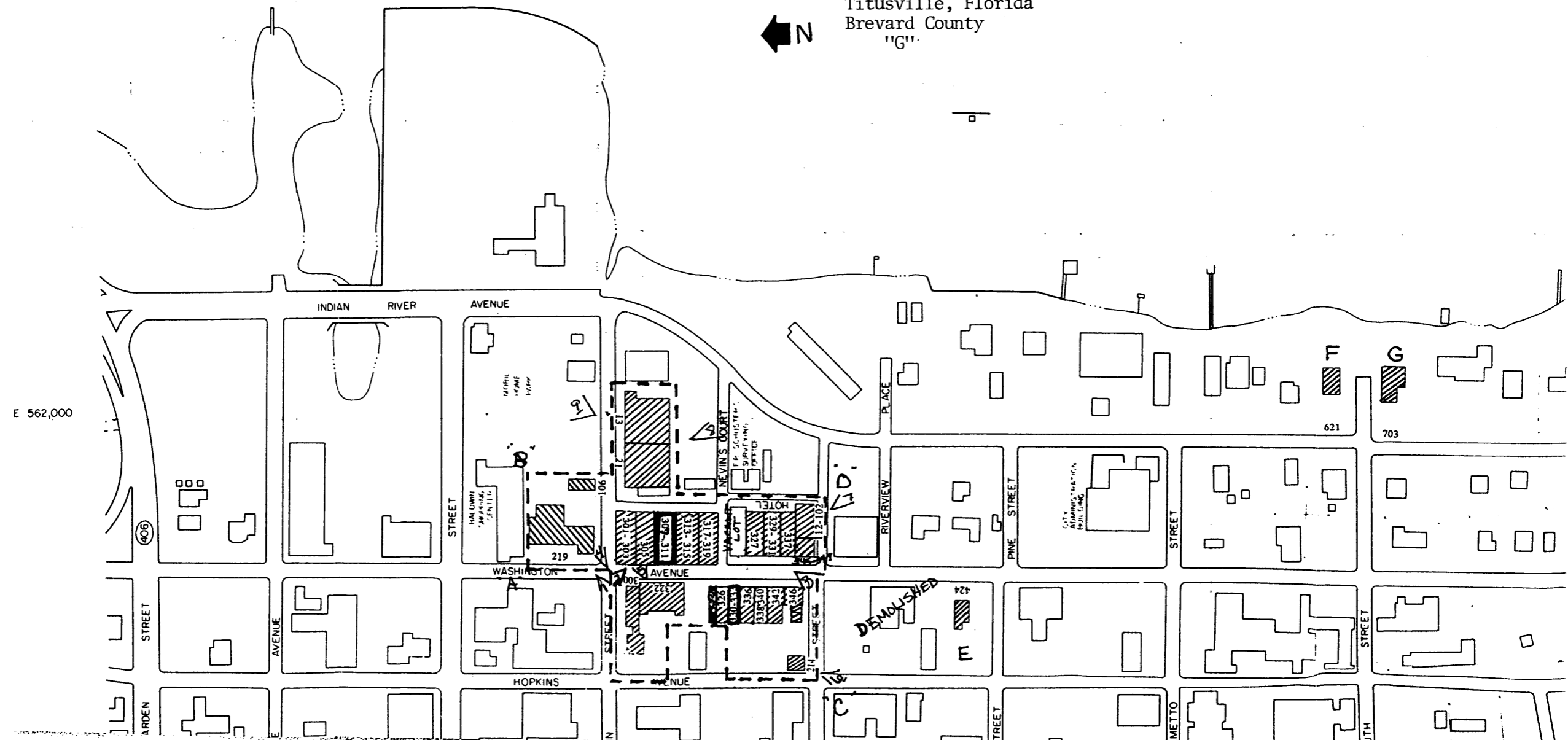
# TITUSVILLE MULTIPLE PROPERTY GROUP

- E = PRITCHARD HOUSE
- F = WAGER HOUSE
- G = Judge George Robbins House
- H = SPELL HOUSE
- A, B, C, D = Titusville Commercial District
- E. 563,000

- CONTRIBUTING
   
 - NON-CONTRIBUTING
   
 - BOUNDARY OF
   
 Titusville COMMERCIAL
   
 DISTRICT
   
 1" = 20'

INDIAN RIVER

Judge George Robbins House  
 703 Indian River Avenue  
 Titusville, Florida  
 Brevard County  
 "G"



E 562,000