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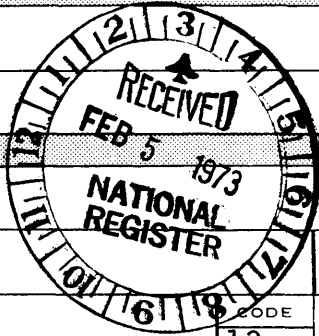
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE:	Florida
COUNTY:	Alachua
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ENTRY DATE	JUN 4 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Neilson House
AND/OR HISTORIC:



2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Road 325

CITY OR TOWN:
Windsor

STATE: Florida CODE: 12

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second District

COUNTY: Alachua CODE: 001

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"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Estate of Gerald and Antoinette Neilson

STREET AND NUMBER:
RFD 2, Box 325

CITY OR TOWN:
Gainesville

STATE: Florida CODE: 12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Alachua County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
West University Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Gainesville

STATE: Florida CODE: 12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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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
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Neilson House is a mortise-and-tenon system of wood frame construction. Posts and beams are fairly thick in section creating a rigid frame which requires little diagonal bracing. The house is somewhat irregular in plan particularly in its system of porches and verandas. The rooms, however, present an ordered interior space as they all lie off of a central hall running the entire depth of the house. The house is constructed entirely of wood, there being a horizontal sheathing over the wooden skeleton at the first floor level. Above the first floor, the house is covered with shingles cut into various patterns and laid at alternating angles. The roof is of a steep pitch and there are two dormers projecting from it on either side of an imposing balcony structure. On the ground level there is a veranda extending around the north and west sides of the house. Windows are in all cases double-hung sash; one light and elongated on the ground floor. There are two windows in each dormer. Originally the house had one large stained glass window in the extreme southwest corner, but this has since been removed and sold at public auction. The main entrance to the house is a single panelled door with a screen door in front of it. The two chimneys, on the north and south ends, are large and elaborate in detail, as was characteristic of the Stick Style houses.

Due to a lengthy period of neglect, the house is considerably weathered on the exterior and there are some rotting structural members. The building is currently unoccupied and for sale.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Approx. 1890**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

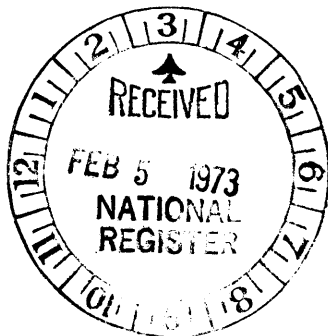
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Neilson House in Windsor, Florida is so named because of its most recent owners, Gerald and Antoinette Neilson, who both died in 1971. The land was originally sold out of the Arredondo Grant to R. H. Kelley in 1885. An 1885 description of Windsor stated that the town was "originally an old cotton plantation, settled 39 years ago (1846) by cotton planters". It further stated that the settlers were white and from New York, Maine, Illinois and Ohio. The name Kelley is mentioned among its prominent persons in 1885. The population in Windsor at this time was approximately 75. The town continued to grow as a result of the citrus industry until the 1894-95 freeze killed so many of the trees. Failing to recover from this economic disaster, Windsor is today a sleepy little community containing many elegant residences.

The Neilson House is a singularly fine example of a style of architecture which did not flourish in Florida. Andrew Jackson Downing, in his Architecture of Country Houses states that "this architecture (referring to the so-called Stick Style) is not regional, but truly national, and may even be considered to exhibit the major characteristics of a fully developing architectural style". He further referred to the Stick Style as "the real vernacular architecture of the mid-nineteenth century" and the Neilson House in Windsor is one of Florida's few surviving examples dating from this period.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

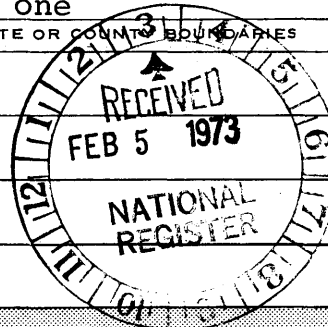
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Archives, History, and Records Mgt.** DATE: **Jan. 25, 1972**

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: *[Signature]*

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 1/3/73

Date: _____

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/4/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5/31/73

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