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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Florida
COUNTY: Hillsborough
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE SEP 4 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Stovall House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
4621 Bayshore Boulevard

CITY OR TOWN:
Tampa

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Sixth

STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Hillsborough CODE: 057

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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:
Miriam M. Lee

STREET AND NUMBER:
4621 Bayshore Boulevard

CITY OR TOWN:
Tampa

STATE:
Florida

CODE:
12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Hillsborough County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Tampa

STATE:
Florida

CODE:
12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
N/A

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

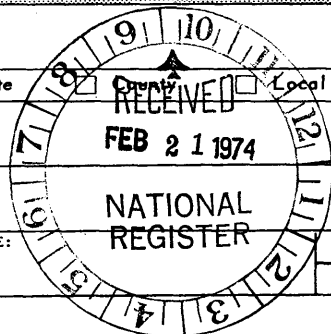
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(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 Stovall Residence is a large and commodious Neo-Classical Revival structure of masonry construction. The house is square in plan with a central hall and two rooms deep. The hipped roof extends into a pitched roof on the south facade to cover the elaborate Classic portico. The portico extends the full two stories of the building and is characterized by monumental paired Ionic columns beneath full entablature, dentilled cornice and pediment. There is an oculus in the pediment. On the first floor of the house, within the portico and extending outside of it to the east and west, is an open piazza with miniature Ionic columns extending from a plain spindle post balustrade to a full cornice above. At the east and west corners of the house, the piazza swings out in a circular fashion and continues back the full length of the north and south sides of the building. At the rear of the building there is a two room wing, housing kitchen facilities, which balances the front portico giving complete symmetry to the structure. Fenestration is regular throughout, windows being double-hung sash in wooden surrounds painted white. The main entrance on the south facade consists of double doors, glazed, with transom and sidelights. What was originally an identical entrance at the second level within the portico has now been enclosed and the top portion glazed to create a sun porch. There is one brick chimney on the east side of the roof which services two interior fireplaces.

The house is situated on a large open lot with a minimum of landscaping and a fine view of the Tampa Bay.



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9. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1909

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 | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

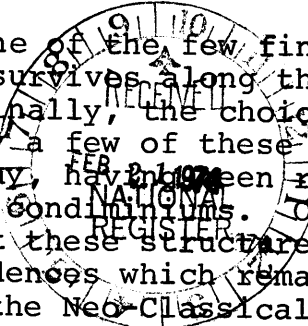
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stovall House is significant not only as a fine example of Neo-Classic Revival architecture, but as the home of two of Tampa's most prominent men. The house was built about 1909 by L.T. Tousey, formerly of Jacksonville, who came to Tampa as the General Manager of the Florida Brewing Company in Ybor City. In 1915, the building was sold to Colonel Wallace J. Stovall, the founder of the Tampa Tribune. A Kentuckian by birth and an orphan at five, Stovall and his twin brother Thomas started the Lake Weir Weekly Independent at the age of 18. In 1889 he bought the Ocala Capitol from his brother-in-law, Thomas M. Harris and published two weeklies, the Polk County News (Bartow) and Sumter County Times. When the Tampa Tribune and Journal merged in 1893, Stovall came to Tampa and began a new paper, the Tampa Tribune. Stovall developed the Tribune into a leading Southern daily until 1925 when he sold the paper for \$1.2 million to a syndicate led by M.W. Lloyd.

Stovall invested heavily in commercial real estate, building the twelve-story Wallace Stovall Building, the seven-story Stovall Office Building, and the eight-story Stovall Professional Building. All were constructed from Tampa Tribune sales funds. The crash of the stock market undermined many of Stovall's investments and finally in 1943 he sold his Bayshore mansion to William E. Lee. The house has remained in the possession of the Lee family since that time and today it is occupied by Lee's widow, Miriam Mays Lee.

The Stovall House is one of the few fine residences of prominent Tampanians which survives along the city's prestigious Bayshore Drive. Originally, the choice location for Tampa's grandest homes, only a few of these buildings remain to dot the shore of Tampa Bay, having been replaced by block after block of contemporary condominiums. Only Tampa's present zoning laws prohibit these structures from infringing on the few magnificent residences which remain. As a unique and seldom seen example of the Neo-Classical Revival style of architecture in Florida, the Stovall House is most significant via its relationship with the men who occupied it, both of whom contributed greatly to Tampa's early history.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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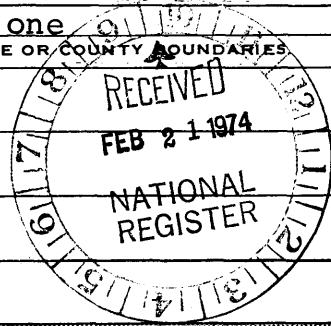
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		N27° 53' 46"	W82° 29' 22"	
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
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Diane Greer, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Div. of Archives, History & Records Mgt. DATE: June, 1973

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 Historic Preservation Officer

Date February 6, 1974

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/4/74

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date 8-30-74