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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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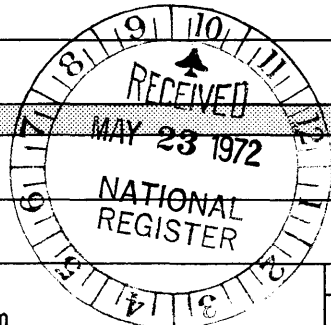
STATE: Florida	
COUNTY: Putnam	
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ENTRY NUMBER DEC 27 1972	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bronson-Mulholland House
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Judge Isaac Bronson Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Madison St. between 1st and 2nd streets
CITY OR TOWN:
Palatka
STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Putnam CODE: 107



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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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 checked="" 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) Civic Clubs may use.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Palatka
STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall
CITY OR TOWN: Palatka STATE: Florida CODE: 12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Putnam County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse square, St. Johns Ave.
CITY OR TOWN: Palatka 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:
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 type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bronson-Mulholland House, built circa 1845, is a three-story frame structure typical of the Southern Colonial style, which was prevalent among the aristocracy of the time. The house originally had a two-story veranda on both the south and east sides, balustraded at the second level only! During the early part of this century the porch on the east side was enclosed to form an apartment, but this is due to be removed during the course of restoration. All windows are six-light, double-hung sash with those on the north and south having swinging panels beneath so that all windows can easily be treated as doors leading on to the verandas. All windows on these two sides have wooden lintels and framing pilasters with slight entasis. This entasis was not repeated in the columns, however, which are merely boxed panels with no capitals. The roof treatment on the Bronson House is unusual in that there are two dormers each on a low hip on the south and east sides and gabled ends of steep pitch on the north and west sides. An addition at the rear of the house, which cuts into the north gable, has a flat tin roof, but this was not added until early in the twentieth century. The dormers are slightly off center and not of consistent size, each having six-light movable sash windows with arched top. There are two brick chimneys and all interior rooms on the first and second floors have fireplaces. The doorway treatment is classical, consisting of head light, sidelights, framing pilasters and complete entablature. The wooden porch on brick piers has been replaced with a concrete one, soon to be removed.

The interior of the house is dominated by a nine foot wide hall running north-south and terminating originally in a north doorway identical to that on the south. There is great attention to detail on all interior doors, each having channeled framing pilasters with medallions at the top corners. At the north end of the hall a convex fireplace projects into the stairwell and on the reverse side there is a concave fireplace. All rooms on the first and second floor are extremely spacious.

The general condition of the building was very deteriorated at the time restoration was begun. It has now been stabilized due to the replacement of the roof. Columns and balustrade have been removed for repairs and temporary posts now exist in their place. A total restoration of the building is now contemplated.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>associated with</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>life of distinguished</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>individual</u> |
| <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 | | | _____ |

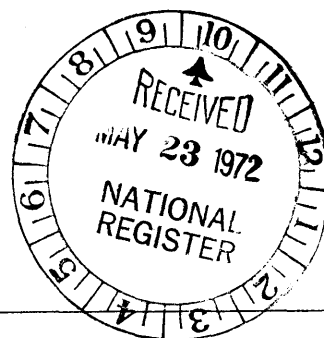
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Issac Hopkins Bronson was born in 1802 in Rutland, New York. At the age of 35, he was elected as a Democrat to serve in the 25th Congress of the United States. In 1840, shortly after moving to Florida, Bronson was appointed a U.S. Judge to the Eastern District of Florida. Upon the admission of Florida as a state in 1845, he was unanimously chosen as a judge for the Eastern Circuit, making him one of the first four Circuit Judges after Statehood. In 1846, Bronson was appointed U.S. Judge for the district of Florida and when the State divided into judicial districts, he retained the judgeship of the Northern District until his death in 1855.

Judge Bronson spent most of his life in Palatka, Florida where he was very active in the affairs of the community. Because of the size and grandeur of his home, it was considered a social center for the early St. John's River society.

Bronson's wife, Sophronia, survived him at the time of his death and immediately sold the Palatka property and returned to New York. There were several subsequent owners of the house and land, one of whom, Miss Mary Mulholland, occupied the house for an even greater length of time than Judge Bronson had. The house is today in the possession of the Putnam County Historical Society and plans are being developed for complete restoration.

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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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		N 29° 39' 01 "	W 81° 37' 43 "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: **Dept. of State, Division of Archives, History & R.M.** DATE: **April 26, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
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 William*

Title State Liaison Officer

Date May 15, 1972

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

Robert W. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/27/72

ATTEST: *William H. ...*
Keeper of The National Register

Date 12-27-72

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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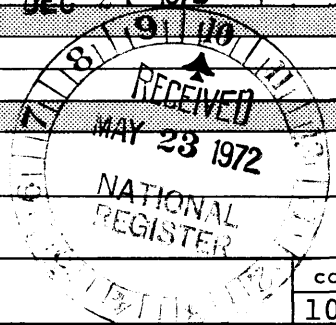
Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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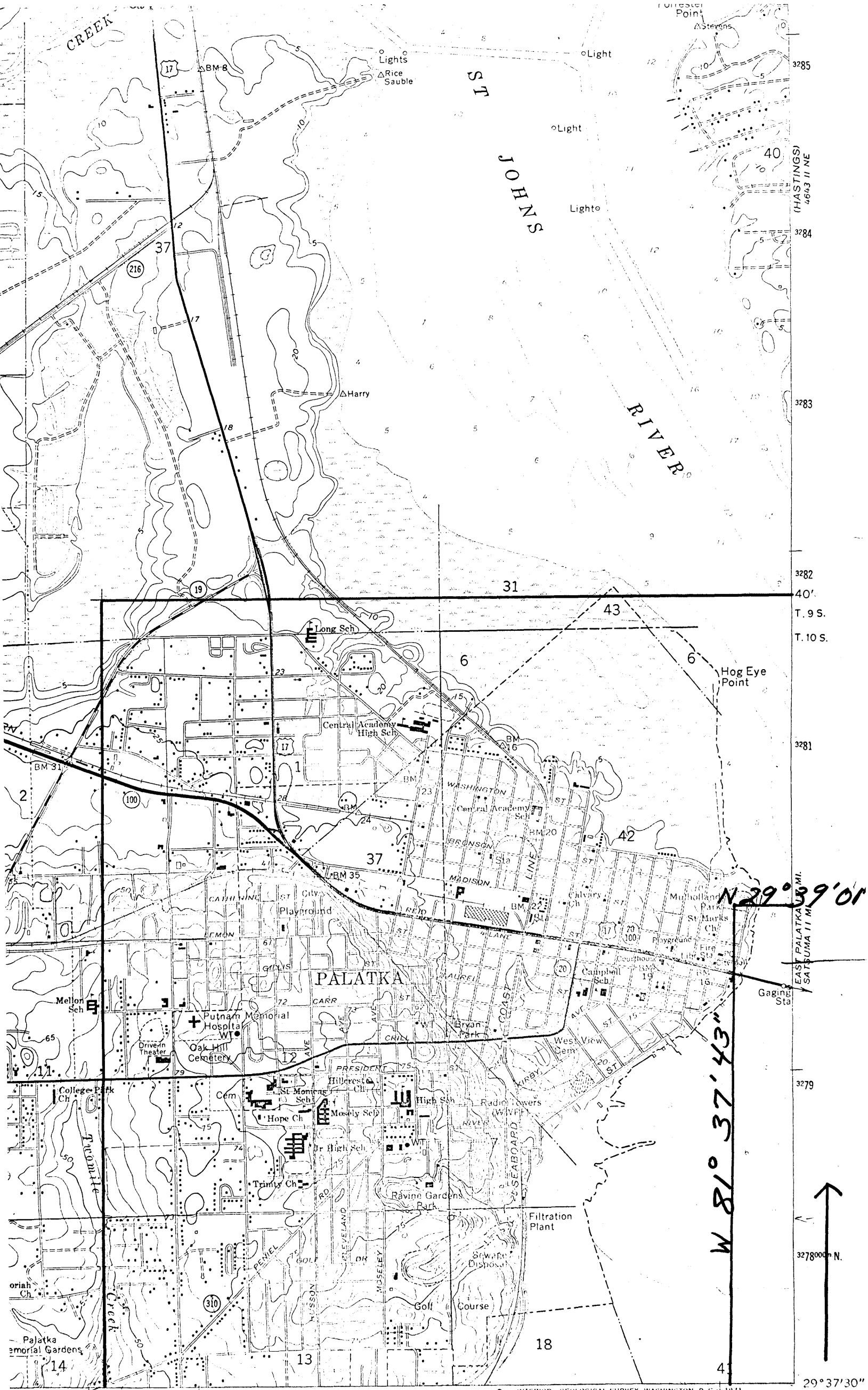
3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
USGS Palatka Quadrangle
SCALE: 1:24,000
DATE: 1968

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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N 29° 39' 01"

W 81° 37' 43"

EAST PALATKA 1.3 MI.
SATUMA 11 MI.

3278000 N.

29° 37' 30"

INTERIOR - GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 1971

R. 26 E. R. 27 E.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

1 MILE