

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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DATA SHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Riley, John Gilmore, House

AND/OR COMMON Same

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 419 East Jefferson Street
CITY, TOWN Tallahassee
STATE Florida
VICINITY OF Second
COUNTY Leon
CODE 12
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
CODE 073

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: (Vacant)

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME City of Tallahassee
STREET & NUMBER City Hall
CITY, TOWN Tallahassee
STATE Florida
VICINITY OF Florida 32304

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Leon County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER Monroe Street
CITY, TOWN Tallahassee
STATE Florida

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Capitol Center Survey
DATE 1975
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Division of Archives, History and Records Management
CITY, TOWN Tallahassee
STATE Florida

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story wood frame building covered with clapboard was originally T-shaped in plan with the upright of the T perpendicular to Jefferson Street. At a later date a two-story addition was constructed to the rear of the building. This addition is also perpendicular to Jefferson Street but not in line with the upright of the T. The gable roof of the main structure has a brick chimney on the ridge of the cross gable. The entire structure rests on brick piers. The gallery has turned posts and plain balustrades and there are decorative cutwork brackets. The windows on both floors are two-over-two double hung sash with plain surrounds. All windows have louvered shutters in place or shutter hardware. The main entrance is in the western section of the crossbar portion of the building. The door has a large pane of glass in the upper half and wood panels below. There is a transom above the door. In addition there is a secondary entrance in the eastern section of the crossbar portion of the building. Its door is composed of four wood panels. The clapboard addition to the rear also has a gable roof, double hung sash windows and a two-story gallery on its east facade.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Black History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES +1892 c.

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John Gilmore Riley was an early black educator in the Tallahassee community. He worked for the local Board of Public Instruction (later School Board) from the 1880's until 1926. During that time and until his death, he was also a leader in the black community, serving on the board of the St. James CME Church and actively participating in the Masons. At the time of his death in 1955 he owned valuable property in several areas of Tallahassee including this house which he had lived in since the 1890's. Shortly after his death, the Leon County School Board named the elementary school on Indiana Street in Tallahassee the John G. Riley School.

John G. Riley, the son of Sarah and James Riley, was born on September 24, 1857 in Leon County. He never formally attended school but was taught by "Aunt Henrietta" who had been a school teacher.¹ His first teaching jobs were in Wakulla and Gadsden Counties. It is probable that he came to Tallahassee to live in 1885 when he bought the land on which the Riley House stands.² By August of 1893 he was principal of the Colored Grade School also known as the Lincoln Academy.³ However, the Lincoln Academy which Riley served was built in 1875-76 after the previous school was destroyed by fire.⁴ Riley continued as principal and teacher at Lincoln Academy (later Lincoln Graded and High School) until June, 1926 when he retired at the age of 68.⁵

Riley purchased the eastern portion of Lot 8 on which the Riley House stands in 1885 for \$125.⁶ It is not clear when the house was built, but Riley's son remembers living there in the 1890's.⁷ By 1892 the valuation on the County Tax Rolls had reached \$250⁸ which was a typical valuation for a lot and house in that area. The house appears on the Tallahassee Sanborn Map of 1916. Riley continued to live in the house until his death in 1955.

¹Mrs. Marion Hadley, personal communication with Lee Warner, 1977.

²Leon County, Florida, Deed Records, Book BB, p. 75, Leon County Courthouse, Tallahassee, Florida.

(See Continuation Sheet)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than One

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 6	7 6 1 48 0	3 37 0 ⁴²⁰ 40 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 8 of the Old Plan of Tallahassee, run thence west 111 feet to a point, run thence south 130 feet to a point, run thence east 111 feet to a point, run thence 130 feet to the point of beginning, this parcel being described in Deed Book "BB", p. 75, County of Leon.

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 / TITLE

Elizabeth B. Monroe, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management

DATE

1/30/78

STREET & NUMBER

Department of State, The Capitol

TELEPHONE

(904) 487-2333

CITY OR TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

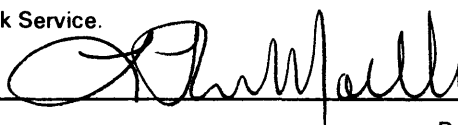
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



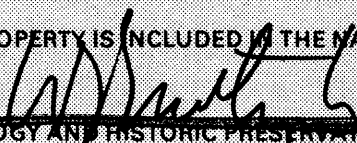
TITLE

DATE

4/28/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DATE

2-1-78

ATTEST:



KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

7-25-78

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³Leon County, Florida, Board of Public Instruction, Minutes for August 23, 1893, Leon County Courthouse, Tallahassee, Florida.

⁴F.A. Rhoades, "History of Education in Leon County" (Masters thesis, University of Florida, 1946).

⁵Leon County, Minutes, June, 1926.

⁶Leon County, Deed Book BB, p. 75.

⁷Emlin Riley, personal communications with Lee Warner, 1977.

⁸Leon County, Florida, County Tax Rolls, 1892, Leon County Courthouse, Tallahassee, Florida.

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