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(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Florida	
COUNTY: Escambia	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.3.12.0004	DATE 3/1/71

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
The Lavelle House

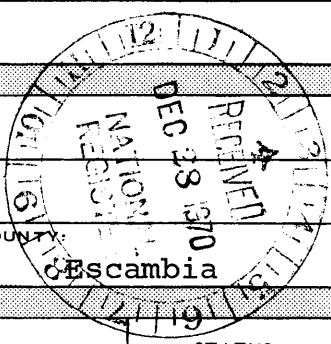
AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
203 East Church Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Pensacola

STATE: Florida      CODE: 12      COUNTY: Escambia      CODE: 033



**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

Due to work now in progress Proposed use of the house is as a museum house.

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Historic Pensacola Preservation Board

STREET AND NUMBER:  
200 East Zaragoza Street

CITY OR TOWN: Pensacola      STATE: Florida      CODE: 12

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Escambia County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
South Palafox Street

CITY OR TOWN: Pensacola      STATE: Florida      CODE: 12

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington      STATE: District of Columbia      CODE: 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Charles Lavallo House, which dates from about 1803 to 1815, is one of the oldest houses in Pensacola. The Historic Pensacola Preservation Board moved the house in 1969 from its original site to save the structure from demolition. The house was relocated from 111 West Government Street to its present site within the Historical District at 203 East Church Street.

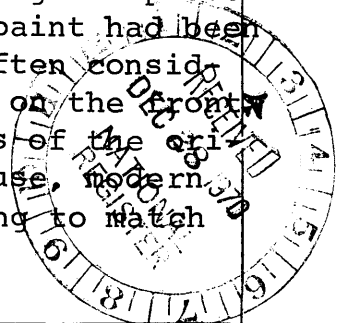
The Lavallo House is an excellent example of the "Gulf Coast architectural style". This wood frame house has a large loft, a front veranda, and is constructed on brick piers. A unique architectural feature of the house is brick nogging in all the walls and interior partitions.

This house has been preserved almost intact from its construction date early in the nineteenth century. None of the owners have undertaken significant architectural modifications. The original house contained four rooms on the main floor and a large unfinished loft. A subsequent addition to the house almost doubled the floor space, and a lean-to shed was also tacked onto the building. These late additions were removed and the original four room structure was restored when the house was relocated.

Some changes were effected in the interior of the house. Three of the four interior doorways were enlarged early in the history of this house. Mantels and door and window trim of a simple, heavy, ante-bellum style replaced earlier beaded trim. Beaded chair rails and baseboards also had been removed. All the original mortise and tenon framing still remains; most of the original flooring and other woodwork remains, including the original exposed, whitewashed, beaded beams. Brick in the east, west, and south walls and interior partitions was removed to facilitate moving the house and then reinstalled. The north wall remained intact and is mostly original. Original plaster was also retained on this wall.

The restoration has been executed so the exterior appearance dates back to the early nineteenth century. The roof has been shingled with wood shingles similar to those that would have been originally used. Also, the house has been painted an earth-toned brownish red; this was determined to be the original color of the building from remnants of paint found on an original piece of siding underneath a boxed-in eave. The original paint had been left exposed. Original "novelty" siding, which is often considered a development of the twentieth century, remains on the front of the house and is sheltered by the porch. Remnants of the original beaded siding were found on the rear of the house. Modern siding in bad condition was removed, and beaded siding to match the original was replaced.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

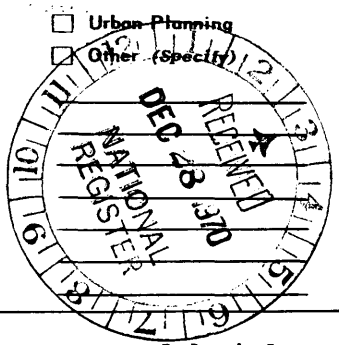
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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)

<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	
<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	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Charles Lavalley was a builder, land owner, and brick mason. He invested in property, built houses, sold either or both for profit, and rented houses. Lavalley and his business partner, Mariana Bonifay, purchased in 1807 a brickyard located along Escambia Bay. Lavalley owned the property at 111 West Government Street from 1803 until 1815 when he sold the property, house, and all the furnishings. The Historic Pensacola Preservation Board moved this house in 1969 to 203 East Church Street to save the structure from demolition.

The Charles Lavalley House is architecturally significant both because of its age and its unique construction. The Lavalley House is one of the few remaining early nineteenth century wood frame houses in the city. Pensacola traditionally has been a city constructed of wood. Even though the local brick industry prospered in the nineteenth century, most builders used wood rather than local brick for houses. Because of this, few structures remain from the last Spanish period of occupation (1781-1821). The Lavalley House is one of the few houses from that period, and fortunately, subsequent owners have not substantially altered the structure. All the original mortise and tenon framing still remains, and most of the original flooring and woodwork remains including the original whitewashed, exposed, beaded beams.

The house is an excellent example of early Gulf Coast architecture. The wood frame structure, which is elevated on brick piers, has an apron porch, a large gable roof, and a front veranda. The house is unique, however, because of the brick nogging in all the walls--even the interior partitions. Lavalley's occupation as a brick maker helps explain the extensive, use of bricks in this house. In an area and at a time when bricks were used for the construction of forts and churches, Lavalley's use of brick in this home can be understood.

The Lavalley House is one of the few structures which evokes the memory of the last period of Spanish occupation of Pensacola. Architecturally the house is important both for its unique construction and also for being an excellent survivor from that period. The house deserves note for these reasons.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Earle W. Newton, Historic Architecture of Pensacola (Pensacola Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission, Pensacola: 1969).

**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	30° 24' 50"	87° 12' 58"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	30° 24' 57"	87° 12' 20"				
SE	30° 24' 27"	87° 12' 13"				
SW	30° 24' 20"	87° 12' 51"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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:  
**J. P. Schuck, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation**

ORGANIZATION: **Department of State** DATE: **8/24/70**

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: *Richard Williamson*  
 Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: December 18, 1970

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

*Ernest A. Connally*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
**MAR 11 1971**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

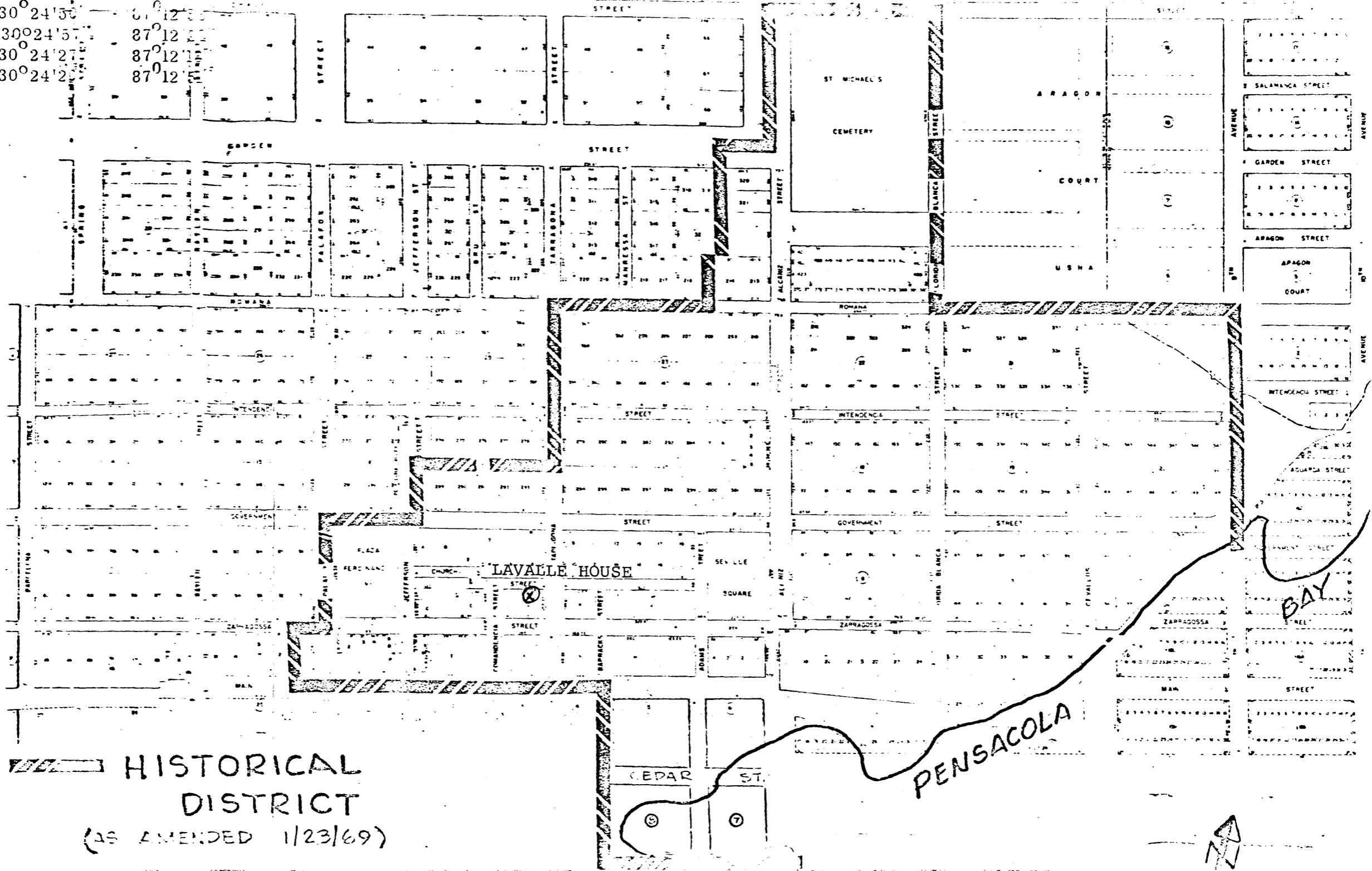
ATTEST:  
*William J. Matthews*  
 Keeper of The National Register  
**FEB 24 1971**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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NW 30° 24' 50"  
NE 30° 24' 50"  
SE 30° 24' 27"  
SW 30° 24' 27"

61° 12'  
87° 12'  
87° 12'  
87° 12'



HISTORICAL DISTRICT  
(AS AMENDED 1/23/69)

PENSACOLA BAY



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: Ordinance 15-68, City of Pensacola, Map establishing historic district			
SCALE: 1" 400'			
DATE: January 23, 1969			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			