

NOMINATION PROPOSAL - FLORIDA

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, HISTORY AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

1 NAME SJT 13

HISTORIC
7207 Ventura Avenue

AND/OR COMMON
Fountain House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
7207 Ventura Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Jacksonville N/A

STATE
Florida

COUNTY
Duval

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Margaret E. Fountain

STREET & NUMBER
7207 Ventura Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Jacksonville N/A

STATE
Florida

ZIP CODE
32217

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Duval County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
330 East Bay Street

CITY, TOWN
Jacksonville

STATE
Florida

ZIP CODE
32202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Thematic Survey, San Jose Estates Subdivision

DATE
1983

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
San Jose Estates Preservation, Inc.

CITY, TOWN
Jacksonville

STATE
Florida

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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

SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

7207 Ventura Avenue is a two-story Spanish styled building constructed of stucco over hollow tile. The building is L-shaped in plan with a one-story wing on its northeast corner which forms a courtyard containing a central fountain. The building is covered with a low pitched gable roof clad in clay barrel tile. Windows are generally six over six double hung wood sash except for those on the front and courtyard facades which are wood casements with either six or eight set in rectangular or round-headed wood frames. Two stucco chimneys with barrel tile caps are located on the south and east walls. A pair of rectangular casement windows flank the cast stone entrance surround. A cartouche with a ribbon surround and a moulded cornice crowned by four engaged finials are contained within the surround. On the north wall of the building a pair of casement windows set in a shallow orrel are set above two round-headed casement windows set in a shallow blind arch. The building is in excellent condition. See photo #13.

TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1925 BUILDER/ARCHITECT O. P. Woodcock/Marsh and Saxelbye

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

7207 Ventura Avenue is significant as one of the 25 remaining structures built as part of the San Jose Estates development, a planned, self-contained suburban community developed in 1925 by a group of Jacksonville businessmen as the height of the Florida Land Boom. As do the majority of the original San Jose structures, the building reflects the Spanish or Mediterranean style of architecture developed for the subdivision by the Jacksonville architects Marsh and Saxelbye. The building possesses sufficient architectural integrity and historic significance through association with the San Jose development to be individually eligible for nomination as part of the accompanying thematic nomination.

TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The lot at 7207 Ventura Avenue was sold to Select Properties, Inc. on July 30, 1925 for \$4,000.00. The property is one which the San Jose Estates Company was forced to reassume because they could not show clear title. O. P. Woodcock then purchased the lot for \$2,600.00. This is one of 18 homes built in 1925 on lots owned by builder O. P. Woodcock with mortgage retained by the San Jose Estates Corporation. In 1934, after clear title had been established by a suit brought by the Christopher Point Company, the property belonged to Edythe R. Woodcock, wife of O. P. Woodcock. In 1935 the house was rented to Major C. H. Dayhuff who paid \$50.00 a month rent for 14 years and after that \$60.00 per month. In 1959 C. S. Fountain and his wife purchased the house. Fountain was Woodcock's business manager and his widow still lives in the house. The building is the only San Jose residence to have an enclosed patio. It is in excellent condition and has undergone a minimum of alterations.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See cover nomination bibliography.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Site Size (Approx. Acreage of Property):

Less than one acre.

UTM Coordinates:

17	439700	3346100
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

Township	Range	Section
3 S	27 E	43

LOCATION SKETCH OR MAP

N

See attached map.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Section B San Jose Lot 1 Bk. 70

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

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N/A			

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

1984

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