

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Dix House  
other names/site number N/A / 8VO 759

2. Location

street & number 178 North Beach Street N/A  not for publication  
city, town Ormond Beach N/A  vicinity  
state Florida code FL county Volusia code 127 zip code 32074

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Winter Residences of Ormond Beach 1878-1925  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

[Signature] Date 7/13/89  
Signature of certifying official  
State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Amy Federman 9/6/89  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Unstyled

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick/ Piers

walls Wood/ Weatherboard

roof Asbestos/ Shingle

other Wood/ Verandas

**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

This 2 1/2-story, wood frame vernacular house overlooks the west bank of the Halifax River on a street that contains many of the early homes of Ormond Beach. This side-gable house has an L-shape plan and rests on brick pier foundations. The exterior fabric is weatherboard, except on the lower half of the main (east) facade which features flush vertical siding. A two-story veranda extends the width of the main facade. The upper gallery, which is screened, is supported by thick, chamfered wood posts that have decorative brackets. However, the posts on the gallery that support the shed roof are plain and much thinner. The main gable roof on the house has wide eaves and exposed rafters. It is surfaced with asbestos shingles and has two ridge chimneys, one interior and one exterior. Similar roof treatments are found on the large 1 1/2-story ell on the rear (west) elevation and a minor one-story addition on the north side of the rear ell. The major windows of the house 6/6 light double hung sashes. Those on the first story of the main facade have broken or bent cornices, as does the main entranceway. The other windows have only simple dripboards.

The Dix House is a massed plan (more than one room deep) side-gable dwelling of a type that became more common in the United States during the second half of the nineteenth century with the expansion of the nation's railroads and the development of steam powered sawmills. Newer framing techniques also facilitated the spanning of two room depths. Side-gable vernacular houses with massed plans vary mainly in roof pitch and the size and placement of porches. From the front these structures resemble the older hall and parlor house, but they lack the shed roofed "salt Box" rearward extensions. Additions to massed plan houses normally have a separate gable roof placed perpendicular to the main block of the structure.

The Dix House has some minor details that reflect stylistic influences. The bracketed, chamfered posts on the first story veranda could derive from either the Gothic Revival or Italianate traditions. The fluse siding of the facade wall and the bent cornices or "pediments" over the facade windows and central doorway could also be Italianate, or even a Classical Revival motif. The wide fascia "brackets" (they appear to be too thin to be rafter ends) beneath the eaves of the main gable also seem to hint at Italianate influences. All of these details combined, however, are too few and ill-defined to allow the Dix House to be classified as anything but an unstyled, wood frame house.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Exploration/Settlement  
Politics/Government

1878-1880

1878, 1880

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Known locally as the Dix House, this residence is one of two houses surviving from the 1870s. The other, the McNary House, located immediately south of the Dix House, has been severely altered. The Dix sisters, Ruth and Eliza, arrived with the first contingent of settlers in Ormond Beach from Connecticut. As well as being their winter residence, the house was operated as a boarding house. It served those employees of the Corbin Lock Company whose own residences had not yet been constructed and other visitors, principally from New Britain, Connecticut. During the early years of the settlement, the second floor of the house was used for community meetings and social engagements. The most important event to take place in the building occurred on April 22, 1880 when the members of the settlement assembled to vote on incorporating the town of Ormond and to elect municipal officials.

The Dix House fulfills criterion A for listing in the National Register. It was one of the first permanent structures erected by the citizens of New Britain, as the city of Ormond Beach was originally called, and was the site where the local citizens voted to formally incorporate the community as the town of Ormond. The first city officials were elected at the same meeting. The structure is, therefore, associated with events that made an important contribution to the local history of Ormond Beach. This nomination is unable to demonstrate that the property fulfills any other area of National Register significance. Although the Dix sisters were early residents of the house, they have not been connected to specific events or accomplishments that would warrant claiming significance under criterion B. Also, the house lacks any characteristics that would justify the use of criterion C.

9. Major Bibliographical References

- 1. Alice Strickland. The Valiant Pioneers, Coral Gables, 1963.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

N/A See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- X State historic preservation office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Specify repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one

UTM References

A 17 494 400 3239980
Zone Easting Northing
C

B Zone Easting Northing
D

N/A See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 1 & 3 Exc W 100 FT & Rip Rts McNary Sub River Lots 8 & 8 1/2 Per OR 2587 PG 255

N/A See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary line defines the legal description of the property on which the building stands.

N/A See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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