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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 418 Blanca Avenue
other names/site number N/A / 8 Hi 3353

2. Location

street & number 418 Blanca Avenue N/A not for publication
city, town Tampa N/A vicinity
state Florida code FL county Hillsborough code 057 zip code 33606

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>2</u>	<u> </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>2</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Mediterranean Revival Style Buildings of Davis Islands
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] June 16, 1989
Signature of certifying official Date
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. 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] Entered in the National Register 8/3/89

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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)

Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Hollow Clay Tile

walls Hollow Clay Tile

Stucco

roof Terra Cotta

other Concrete: Frontispiece

Metal: Window Grills

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See Continuation Sheet

See continuation sheet

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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1928-1932

Significant Dates

1928

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Adams, Franklin O. Jr.

Hanson, Gustavus (Contractor)

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

See Continuation Sheet

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

City of Tampa. Division of Inspectional Services. Building Permit Ledgers, 1925-1932, Permit #46201.

Polk's Tampa City Directory. New York, R.L. Polk Publishing Co., 1925-1986.

Sanborn Insurance Maps of Tampa, Florida. New York, Sanborn Map Co., 1915-1931.

N/A See continuation sheet

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one

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Zone Easting Northing

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N/A See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 6 & 7, Block 33, Hotel Section of Davis Islands

N/A See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

All of the historic elements of this property are confined to the above described boundaries.

N/A See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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The house at 418 Blanca Avenue is located on a lot in the Hotel Section of Davis Islands, an area originally intended for large ostentatious dwellings to be constructed in the vicinity of one or more luxury hotels. The house faces northeast and occupies two lots on Currituck Channel. The landscaped site is planted with a variety of trees and ornamental shrubs and features a garden in the rear that overlooks Currituck Channel. The two-story structure is constructed of stuccoed hollow tile on a continuous hollow tile foundation. Barrel tiles cover the steeply pitched roof. The house features paired six over six light double hung sash windows in the second story and one over one light windows on the first story. The first story windows are also fitted with their original wrought iron grills. A band of wood casement windows on the south and west elevations illuminate the sun room.

Designed by Franklin O. Adams, Jr., this dwelling displays that architect's penchant for well-ordered and symmetrical design, although the five bays of the of the principal elevation are not perfectly matched. The Mediterranean Revival style side gable house follows a rectangular plan with a small, one-story, one-bay wing at the northwest corner. The stuccoed chimney is located on the roof ridge at the center of the house.

Except for the window grills, the facade of the house features little in the way of ornament. The main entrance to the house consists of a shallow pavilion located at the top of a low stoop. The wood paneled door is recessed in a shouldered arch flanked by plain pilasters and crowned by a molded cornice crowned by pineapple finials. The arch motif of the main entrance is restated by the plain segmental arch over the secondary entrance at the northwest corner of the house and the gateway in the garden wall at the northeast corner. The shaped parapet of the wall also recalls the molded intrados of the shouldered arch of the main entranceway.

The interior of the house was not accessible and, consequently, no floor plans of the structure were prepared. However, the owner of the property described a cross entry hall with a central fireplace opposite the front door and decoratively carved beams on the living room ceiling. Contributing to the site is a one-story, two car garage. Built of the same materials as the house, the flat roof structure has its original doors.

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Alterations to the property include an arched loggia at the rear of the house which was added in the 1970s. It has a shed roof covered with barrel tile. A second two-story, stuccoed concrete block garage was built at an angle to the north corner of the house at some time before 1974. It has an exterior stairway and balcony to serve the second floor apartment. The connecting breezeway was enclosed by the present owner.

Photographs

1. 418 Bianca Avenue, Mediterranean Revival Style Buildings of Davis Islands
2. Tampa (Hillsborough County), Florida
3. Donna Hole
4. 1988
5. Historic Tampa/Hillsborough County Preservation Board
6. Southwest Facade, Looking Northeast
7. Photo No. 1 of 1

Note: Because the owner would not allow access to the property, it was not possible to photograph either the contributing garage or the non-contributing garage addition.

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Statement of Significance

Built to resemble a large Spanish farmhouse, 418 Blanca Avenue is significant for being yet another example of the many variations on the eclectic Mediterranean Revival style found in Davis Islands residences. It is good example of the work of Franklin O. Adams, Jr., who was the supervising architect for the Davis Islands project. Although a very plain structure in many respects, it demonstrates a keen sensitivity to composition in the arrangement of the major elements of the facade that does not overwhelm the delicacy of the decorative features of the central doorway and the wrought iron window grills. Although simply massed and detailed, the dwelling has a strong visual impact through its imposing proportions.

Another late product of the development of the Davis Islands subdivision, the \$9,500 residence was built in 1928 by contractor Gustavus Hanson for John T. Bize. He was the son of Dr. Louis Bize, president and chairman of the board for the Citizens Bank and Trust Company. The bank was at that time Tampa's leading financial institution. The younger Bize was a cashier at his father's bank. In July, 1929, the bank was declared bankrupt and the Bizes left Tampa shortly thereafter. The house stood vacant until 1937 when it was purchased by Frank Mandell, the president and secretary-treasurer of a local department store. He occupied the house until 1974.

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418 BLANCA AVENUE
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