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SUMMARY

The Girardeau House is located at 950 East Washington Street, Monticello, Florida. Constructed in 1890, it is a two-story Folk Victorian Style residence. With brick pier foundations, the house has a front gable roof, short cross-gable extensions, elaborate scrollsawn and spindle wooden ornamentation, and a veranda. The building retains its overall integrity to a high degree and maintains the original footprint.

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SETTING

Monticello is located thirty miles east of Tallahassee and is the seat of government for Jefferson County. The primary roads servicing the community meet in the center of town at a roundabout circling the county courthouse. United States Highway 27 (Jefferson Street) runs on a north/south axis, and U. S. Highway 90 (Washington Street), runs on an east/west axis. The Girardeau House is located nine and a half blocks due east from the intersection of the two highways and the county courthouse. The main facade of the house is as it was built in 1890, facing onto Dogwood Street (Avenue of the Oaks) to the north, (Photo #1). Washington Street or U. S. Highway 90 was built in the 1920s, and the address was changed to the south side of the house. The live oaks lining Dogwood Street in front of the house (Photos #2, 3), were planted in 1889 by John Howard Girardeau, a year prior to completion of construction of the house.¹ The intention was to provide a grand lane on the city street on the front of the property. The last remaining horse hitching post available for use in town is still located at the front of the home on Dogwood Street. To the east are undeveloped lots that once served as pasture, garden and stable areas for the residence, to the west is a vacant lot that provided recreational space for the family, including a clay tennis court.² To the south, across U. S. Highway 90, is a low wooded area that was originally the southern boundary of the property. To the north, along the northern edge of Dogwood Street are single family homes dating from the same c.1890 era through the 1960s, as well as a former residential lot that is now a dedicated city park. Live oaks, Spanish moss and sago palms, all dating to the origin of the house, shade a flat landscape.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Girardeau House is a good example of a late nineteenth century Folk Victorian Style residence. The building has two stories, measures seventy-five by fifty-nine feet at its largest dimensions, and it has an irregular footprint. The frame house has a steeply pitched hip roof, brick piers with connecting footers foundation, and three corbelled brick chimneys. Bump outs and gable extensions interrupt the roof and wall planes along each elevation. Wood shake shingles are the exterior wall fabric on the north and south gables, and weatherboard lap siding serves as the remainder of the exterior wall fabric. Corner boards, windows, and doors are trimmed with unornamented boards. Flat wood decorative cutouts are used under all porch and step handrails, and decorative corner cutouts are at top corners of all wood posts. Fenestration is asymmetrical, and dominated by double hung sash windows with 2/2 lights in most locations. Most downstairs rooms are connected by a door to a porch.

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Exterior

A large veranda extends across the <u>main (north) facade</u> and around both the northeast and northwest elevations on both the first and second floors (Photo #1). In addition to the gabled roof, the veranda and hip roof with a second gable emphasize and shelter the main entrance. The gables are faced with patterned wood shingles (Photo #4). The veranda includes chamfered wood columns (Photo #5), decorative cut out balusters in the handrails in each bay (Photo #6), decorative stick and ball ornamentation above the front stairway (Photo #7), and cut out corner brackets at the tops of each porch post, defining each bay (Photo #8). All ceiling joists used in the first and second floor of both verandas are chamfered on bottom edges (Photo #9). Each column rests on a masonry pier; the piers are joined by masonry knee walls. The main front door into the reception hall is a fifteen-light French door, with a colored glass, and a sixteen-light colored glass transom (Photo #10). Directly over the first floor entry door is a second floor four-panel door to access the upper porch with a transom identical to the one on the first floor. A second fifteen-light French door enters the front parlor from the first floor veranda.

The <u>east elevation</u> has a full height bay with a gable roof extension (Photo #11). The northeast side of the first floor veranda displays a decorative 15/15 colored and etched

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glass window that provides light to the north end of the entry hallway (Photo #12). Lap weatherboard is used to finish the gable instead of patterned wood shingles, as are used on the north and south gables. All windows in the two story section of the structure are 2/2-light windows. The southeast side of the house, which transitions to the one-story extension, contains two 6/6 light windows (Photo #13).

The <u>south elevation</u> of the house displays a large gable roof. Patterned wood shingles embellish the gable (Photo #14). Two one-story gabled extensions project from the southeast and southwest corners of the main building block, forming a "U." A "U" shaped veranda fronts each wing and the south wall of the main block (Photo #15). In the south wall of the main block, one fifteen-light French door provides access to a second parlor, and a second fifteen-light French door provides access to a the main center hallway. In the east extension a solid four-panel door provides access to a storage area. In the west extension, a door with a single large oval light and decorative molding provides access to a kitchen, and a door at the southwest corner provides access to a wash room/pantry area. The verandah includes chamfered square wooden posts that rest on stucco covered brick piers (Photo #16). Decorative cutouts porch railing balusters extend across all bays and are identical to all other porch railings around the house. Decorative corner brackets are at the top of each porch post of the south veranda. The decorative cutouts are different from the verandas on the north side of the house. All ceiling framing is chamfered to the bottom edges. All windows facing the porch are 2/2 double-hung sash.

The <u>west elevation</u> has a two-story gable extension with lap weatherboard siding. All windows are double-hung 2/2 light (Photo #17). The southwest side of the house has a fifteen light French door providing access to the kitchen (Photo # 18). This door is accessed by a small landing and stairway with a hand rail like the other large verandas on the north and south sides. A triple sash 2/2 double-hung window provides light to the wing. Behind the last bay on the northwest side is a four-panel door providing access to the interior.

Interior

The original footprint of the building is the same as when built in 1890. The interior floor plan of the building retains its historic configuration and integrity to a high degree. A

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northeast main entrance opens into a center hallway which extends the length of the house from north to south, with a half-turn staircase with landing at the southwest corner of the hall (Photo #19). A window at the second floor level above the landing provides light to the hallway and stairwell. Additional light to the interior of the hallway is provided by a 15/15 double hung colored and etched glass window (Photo #20). The staircase with highly decorated newel post, shaped banister, and shaped spindles (Photos #21, 22) is attributed to well known Austrian cabinet maker, Joseph Trummer. He is also credited with the staircase in the nearby Monticello Opera house and decorative elements found in the Methodist Church.³ In the center of the hallway, a ten-foot stick-and-ball spandrel frames the staircase (Photo #23). A second, matching, spandrel is found above on the second floor. The center of the hallway has an original large plaster ceiling medallion that has been wired for lighting (Photo #24). The front parlor contains an identical one.

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To the west side of the first floor hallway are front/north and rear/south parlors, a dining room, two half baths, a kitchen, and a pantry/storage/laundry area. To the east side of the main hallway are a study, full bath room, and two storage/utility areas. The center hallway retains all original beadboard and chair rail downstairs, continuing up the staircase and throughout the upper center hallway that mirrors the downstairs hallway (Photo #25). The beadboard and chair rail continue through the study and full bath on the west side of the house.

The north parlor opens off of the hallway immediately to the west upon entering the building. The room contains a fifteen-light French door that provides access to the northwest side of the veranda. As a corner room, it has a double window to the north and single window to the west. The room has a simply decorated wood mantelpiece, one of eight in the building that are all similar in design (Photo #26). A single doorway to the west of the fireplace leads to the south parlor. The south parlor has a simply decorated wood mantle, a triple sash double-hung 2/2 window facing south, a fifteen-light French door leading to the south veranda, a door to the east leading to the south end of the main entry hall, and double pocket doors leading to the dining room.

The dining room comprises the first floor of the west side extension with one double-hung window facing north, and two windows flanking the fireplace, facing west. The fireplace mantel is wood. Double pocket doors divide the dining room from the back parlor. To

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the south in a single story wing is the kitchen and a utility/service area. To the east, facing the southern veranda, is a double-hung 2/2 window, and a simply decorated single-light door. To the west is a fifteen-light French door leading to an exterior landing, and triple hung 2/2 windows. The far south, or end of this wing contains utility/pantry space that services the kitchen through an interior door. The southern end contains two 2/2 double-hung sash windows and a door to the south veranda for service access.

To the east of the center hallway is a study/office that retains original beadboard and chair rails. The floor shows much more wear than other parts of the house. It has the appearance of having been an office or business reception area for John Howard Girardeau, with a door leading into the main hall of the house, as well as doors leading to both the east and south verandas. The wooden fireplace mantle faces north. Two 2/2 double-hung sash windows face west. A four-panel door leads to the southeast single floor wing of the house and a full bath with beadboard and chair rail matching the study and central hallway.

The second floor contains four sleeping rooms and two full bathrooms. All four bedrooms have fireplaces with simply decorated wood mantles. All four bedrooms have built in closets of modest size. A center hallway is located directly over the hallway on the first floor. To the east, a bedroom is located directly over the study and is of the same floor dimensions. One access door by the fireplace leads to the east veranda. The two largest bedrooms are located to the west of the upstairs hallway. Access to the smallest bedroom is through the bedroom on the southwest side of the hallway. The northwest bedroom looks onto the veranda on two sides and connects to a small full bath on the northeast side of the central hallway. The original main entrance to the second floor veranda is through the bath via a four pane wood door that is directly over the first floor center hallway, or main entrance door. Original plaster walls and ceilings, crown molding, casings and base are intact. Most doors, hinges and hardware on this floor are original to the house.

Notable features throughout the house include walnut stick-and-ball spandrels that span the ten-foot wide central hallway on both floors. Most original paneled doors, hinges and hardware are present as are original door and window casings, fourteen-inch base boards and quarter round trim. Transom lights swing open to increase circulation over the doors (Photo #27), the ceiling is ten feet tall, most of the original plaster ceilings and walls

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remain. The wood floors are original heart pine with area carpets throughout. The attic is entered through a scuttle hole and in-place 90-degree ladder built into a closet in the northwest bedroom. Because of the challenges associated with access to the attic, it remains unused except for circulation and accessing some of the current mechanical systems.

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ALTERATIONS

The north facade brick steps replaced wooden steps shown in a family photo taken in 1901 (Photo #28). The fretwork over the steps appears to have been added after construction since the decorative brackets in all other bays run lengthwise from left to right, not top to bottom, as do the brackets under the stick-and-ball fretwork. The fifteen-light French door was added to the north parlor in the 1940s. At the same time most of the French doors were added to modernize and attempt to provide additional light to the interior of the home.

During the late 1920s through the 1930s, the house was partially converted to rentals, while continuing to accommodate a large family.⁴ On the east side of the home, a fourpanel door leading to the east veranda from the study was modified to allow for a large light panel in the top portion. The storage area in the southerly east extension was converted to a full bath. With the door to the hallway secured, the room and bath was rented to "a single lady" through the Depression.⁵ On the west side of the home on both the first and second-story, portions of the verandas were converted to full baths. The downstairs bath, and dining room, with pocket doors pulled and secured, provided a second rental space for a single woman, and, for a short time a married man and woman with a baby. They entered the rental through the bathroom door that stills leads to the west veranda.⁶ The steps leading to the south veranda are brick, edged with brick and rip-rap. It is assumed that these steps were wood, as were the front steps. It is not known when they were replaced.

At some point between the 1930s and 1980, a well, located in the middle of the southeast one-story extension was filled in. That space, where a storage closet is currently, was open without exterior walls. In the southwest one-story extension, the space between the kitchen and main house also was open without exterior walls. Using the original footprint

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and brick piers the spaces were enclosed and door and window installed. An original support beam can be seen from inside the kitchen. Immediately above these two extensions, on the south side second story, a 2/2 double-hung sash window was installed in each of the small bedrooms. These windows are not apparent in a 1901 photo of that elevation of the structure (Photo #28).

OUTBUILDINGS (non-contributing)

To the northeast of the house is a twenty-four by twenty-four foot carriage house/garage built in 2005 (Photo #29). The building is faced in lap side weatherboard and both gable ends on the north and south ends utilize decorative shingles to replicate the style of the main house. The building also uses the same roofing material as the main house.

To the southeast of the house is a metal framed glazed greenhouse. The greenhouse has a curved roof with an ornamented metal ridge. It was built in 2006 (Photo #30). On a concrete decorative block knee wall the eleven-foot-tall structure covers a twelve by sixteen foot floor area. The ridge contains decorative elements including cresting and finials at front and back. While both of the buildings are much more current than the subject structure, a concerted effort was made to have these buildings blend with the character of the Girardeau House.

END NOTES

- Jefferson County Historical Association, *Tour of Historic Homes Brochure*, House # 7, 1986.
- 2. James Folsom, interview with Thomas Dunn, March 26, 2006. Folsom since childhood grew up in the house.
- Jefferson County Historical Association; Tour of Historic Homes Brochure, House Number 7, 1986.

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- 4. Fenn Folsom, interview with Thomas Dunn, March 10, 2010. Folsom as a child grew up in the house.
- 5 Folsom interview, March 26, 2006.
- 6. Eleanor (Folsom) Revell; interview with Thomas Dunn, October 1, 2010. Revell since childhood grew up in the house.
- 7. Ibid.

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D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.	
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B removed from its original location.	
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SUMMARY

The Girardeau House has local and statewide significance under criterion B as the home of the horticulturalist John Howard Girardeau, who made significant contributions to the cultivation of pears and nuts. It is locally significant under Criterion C as an excellent example of Folk Victorian architecture. Girardeau supervised its construction in 1890, and lived in the house until his death in 1905. It survives as one of the largest examples of a Folk Victorian Style residence in the community. The design and ornamentation of the building is consistent with national and statewide architectural trends of the era. The period of significance is between 1890 and 1905.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Monticello, the seat of Jefferson County, is located in north-central Florida, thirty miles east of Tallahassee, and one hundred twenty miles west of Jacksonville. In the early nineteenth century, the original settlement, known as Robinson's, was a trading center for early planters and farmers that developed around a frontier post office, trading post, and temporary courthouse. Established as a county seat in 1826, the year of Thomas Jefferson's death, the town that sprang up was renamed Monticello, after the third President's Virginia residence. The county courthouse served as the center of the town plan that was laid out in an orthogonal grid. The Seminole Indian wars affected commerce in the 1830s. After the Indian wars through the Civil War, the economy enjoyed a brief spell of growth. By 1860, Monticello was a typical county seat town of the plantation belt, with four churches, an academy, fraternal lodges, and an array of general stores and shops catering to agrarian interests. After the Civil War and Reconstruction, the local economy began a new period of growth fueled by the demand for timber, cotton, and other agricultural products, and aided by improved rail transportation. Weevil infestation dramatically affected the cotton industry in 1915, but increased production in watermelon seed, tobacco, nursery and truck farm products such as corn replaced diminished cotton production. The automobile enhanced Monticello's position as a regional center for commerce and government, and helped sustain economic growth that abruptly ended in an economic depression in the late 1920s. The city did not recover until World War II.¹

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Periods of a depressed economy for the community required homeowners to focus efforts on saving existing, large 19th century homes. The historic character retained by the city is the result of these depressed times. In the latter half of the 20th century, growth for the entire community was modest. Large farms, tracts of timber, and privately held plantations still comprise a large part of the county. There is no single large employer as is found in many other communities. Most businesses are small and family-owned. The city's population has continued to decline slightly each year over the past 20 years. Monticello has become a bedroom community for larger surrounding economic centers and has a quiet environment for retirees.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

John Howard Girardeau (1853-1905)

The Girardeau House, located close to the downtown, is associated with an important local businessman and educator, John Howard Girardeau. Girardeau was born in 1853 to William Oglethorpe Girardeau and Harriet Louise Wirt. William Oglethorpe Girardeau, a graduate of Oglethorpe College, moved to the Monticello area in 1849 from Midway, Georgia, to assume the position of Superintendent of Jefferson Academy in Monticello. The original Jefferson Academy (NR 1999) is believed to be the oldest remaining brick school buildings in the state.

John, the second child in the family, grew up at his father's residence near the academy and at "Forest Hills," a plantation of modest size, located four miles north of the courthouse in Monticello.² The residence near the academy is no longer in existence. Girardeau married Agnes Denham of Monticello, March 20, 1878. Agnes came from the family of a wealthy cotton mill owner. They had eleven children, ten of whom survived to adulthood³ (Figure #1). Girardeau served as headmaster of the Jefferson Academy (1885-?), and later as Superintendent of Public Instruction for Jefferson County from 1896-1905, but preceding this he was involved in agriculture. He began Arcadia Nurseries with his brother William in 1882, and by 1886 was reported by a local newspaper to be the largest truck farmer in Middle Florida planting melons, potatoes, and early vegetables.⁴

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Horticulturalist

John Girardeau was well known for experimentation and innovation in truck farming. Despite various records searches the location of Arcadia Nurseries is unknown, and nursery buildings associated with it are unknown. From 1886 forward, his interests focused primarily on the propagation of fruit and nut trees. Some of his earliest efforts were recorded in the Proceedings of the American Pomological Society, from its meeting held in Boston, Massachusetts, September 14-16, 1887. There, Girardeau had delivered a paper discussing his success in working with LeConte and Kiefer pear cuttings to prepare them for market. In that report, he shared receiving 120,000 cuttings to propagate on shares, and a single order to purchase 20,000 of those cuttings from an ambitious pear farmer.⁵ Grafting and budding activities as well as the climate appeared to foster continual growth of his large Arcadia Nurseries. H. Harold Hume, a well known manager of the Lake City, Florida, Agricultural Experiment Station, utilized Girardeau's experience for an article he published in the summer of 1901. Girardeau's main contribution to the article was a brief narrative on the virtues of a double bladed budding knife that he used in his nursery business and was also offering to the public at that time.⁶ Girardeau was a long term supplier for John A. Kirkpatrick, a planter in Pensacola, after a citrus freeze of 1895. Girardeau supplied Kirkpatrick with nursery stock through 1903.7 John Howard Girardeau died in 1905 while Superintendent of Schools and remaining active with his nursery operation. He is buried in the eastern half of Lot 168 in Roseland Cemetery in Monticello. His wife Agnes and their only child, who did not live to adulthood, are buried beside him.

As with many individuals, John Howard Girardeau and his success with Arcadia Nurseries was not well documented until after his death, when it was shared by his son, John Howard Girardeau, Jr. Junior reported in the February 1908, *National Nurseryman*, that Arcadia Nurseries had developed a process of getting pecan trees to market in two years instead of three to five years, as most other nurseries in the business did. He also reported in the same issue, "Monticello as a pecan nursery center shipped one-third of the entire nursery stock of pecan trees raised in the world."⁸ Girardeau's Arcadia Nursery led local growers to that distinction. In 1908, the United States Department of Agriculture Yearbook, considered the most important publication of the Department at the time, credited "the late JH Girardeau" with the development of the Bolton pecan in 1899, while perfecting his grafting and budding techniques. For the development of this pecan, Girardeau was

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awarded a gold medal for the Bolton pecan at the Charleston Exposition in 1902, three years before his death.⁹

Educator

In 1885, Girardeau, followed in the footsteps of his father and became headmaster of Jefferson Academy. In 1896, Girardeau was elected Superintendent of Public Instruction, a position that he held through his death in August 1905. As superintendent, Girardeau was charged with writing competency examinations for both white and colored teachers to insure high quality education in Jefferson County.¹⁰ This would have been considered very progressive in a post Civil War era of segregation. In addition, Girardeau, as early as 1902, began to advocate for compulsory school attendance. This was tempered somewhat several years later, as it would have required a twenty-five percent increase in school funding.¹¹

ARCHITECTURAL CONTEXT

Folk Victorian is a prevalent style found in Florida and throughout the South. Common identifying features include porches with spindlework detailing, scroll-sawn ornamentation, symmetrical facades, and cornice-line brackets. The Folk Victorian Style is defined by the presence of Victorian-era decorative detailing on simple vernacular house forms, which are usually less elaborate than the Victorian styles they mimic. Details are usually Italianate or Queen Anne with an occasional inspiration from Gothic Revival. The primary application of these details is either on the porch or cornice line. Porch supports are commonly either Queen Anne, with turned spindles, or Italianate, utilizing square posts with beveled, or chamfered corners. Additionally, lace-like spandrels are frequently used. Balusters may be used in porch railings and in friezes suspended from the porch ceiling. The roof-wall junction may be either boxed or open. When boxed, brackets are commonly found along the cornice. Centered gables are often added to side gable extensions. Eaves may be open rafter tails or boxed. Window surrounds are generally quite simple or may have a pediment above. Most Folk Victorian homes have some Queen Anne spindlework detailing, but are easily differentiated from true Queen Anne by the presence of symmetrical facades and lack of textured and varied wall surfaces characteristic of Queen Anne Style.

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The spread of the Folk Victorian Style was made possible by the railroads. Heavy woodworking machinery and well as large quantities of inexpensive pre-cut detailing could be centrally manufactured and shipped to lumber and supply houses in communities of all sizes. The use of the decorative elements on vernacular form houses made a strong stylistic statement in the late 1800s through 1910.¹²

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

In 1887, Girardeau purchased 10 acres of land on the east side of town, near a house that he rented with his wife and four children. In 1889, he planted 46 live oak trees using stock from Arcadia Nurseries, lining Dogwood Street from Marvin Street east for several current city blocks in the front, and to the north of where his completed house would sit. Jefferson County Government currently features the canopied lane as a tourist attraction known as "Avenue of the Oaks" on their web-site.¹³ On that original 10 acres, the Girardeau House was completed in 1890, with the main entrance of the house facing north onto Dogwood Street. The family remained in the house into the 1920s.

During the late 1920s and 1930s a large family, the Folsoms, converted small parts of the residence into rental spaces, primarily for single women who worked in town, while raising their own large family in the remaining space. From the late 1970s through 2005, the structure was used as a single family home, with downstairs spaces used for the practice of law. During that period of time, an asphalt shingle roof was installed, and knob and tube electrical service was replaced with 200 amp service.¹⁴ Most plumbing, electrical, and HVAC have been run through balloon framed walls, having minimal impact on interiors or exteriors of the house. In 2005, the house reverted once again to a single family home when the current owners purchased it.

This two-story Folk Victorian residence has a front/north facing gable, with a cross-gable roof and short extensions on the east and west elevations. A two-story veranda extends across the façade and wraps onto the east and west elevations. The symmetrical façade has a main entrance offset on the east corner. A gable pediment on the north elevation emphasizes the main entrance off the north veranda. The veranda has a hip roof supported by chamfered wood posts with brackets. All balustrades are scroll-sawn. A single-story veranda is located at the south elevation of the building. The exterior wall fabric is

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weatherboard on the main walls and decorative wood shingles in the north and south gables. Fenestration consists of 2/2 and 6/6 double hung sash windows. Several of the historic windows have artistic sash with colored glass squares, and large panes of geometrically etched patterns. With few alterations, this building has maintained its architectural integrity to a high degree.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 1 Folsoms Add ORB 561 P 172 Jefferson County Property Appraiser parcel #00-00-00-0271-0000-0010.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The property is historically associated with the Girardeau House since its inception.

NPS Form 10-900-a OMB Approval No. 1024-0018

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PHOTOGRAPHIC LIST

- 1. Girardeau House, 950 East Washington Street, Monticello
- 2. Jefferson County, Florida
- 3. Tom Dunn
- 4. November 2010
- 5. Façade, north elevation, looking south
- 6. Photo #1 of 29

All following items 1 through 4 are the same.

5. Plaque at corner of Dogwood and Marvin Streets, looking north

6. Photo #2 of 29

5. Dogwood Street, "Avenue of the Oaks," looking east

6. Photo #3 of 29

5. North elevation gables, looking south

6. Photo #4 of 29

5. Chamfered column, looking southwest

6. Photo #5 of 29

5. Scroll sawn balusters, looking south

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5. Stick and ball ornamentation, looking south

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- 5. Chamfered rafters on north verandah, looking south
- 6. Photo #9 of 29
- 5. Main north door and transom, looking south
- 6. Photo #10 of 29

5. Art sash with colored and etched glass, looking southwest

6. Photo #11 of 29

East elevation from northeast corner, looking southwest
 Photo #12 of 29

5. East elevation from southeast corner, looking northwest

6. Photo #13 of 29

- 5. South elevation, looking north
- 6. Photo #14 of 29
- 5. South elevation, east extension
- 6. Photo #15 of 29
- 5. South elevation, west extension
- 6. Photo #16 of 29
- 5. West elevation, south (kitchen) corner, looking east
- 6. Photo #17 of 29
- 5. West elevation, northwest corner, looking east
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- 5. Main entrance hall, looking south
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- 5. Art sash in first floor hall, looking east
- 6. Photo #20 of 29
- 5. First floor newel post, stairway and wainscot, looking west
- 6. Photo #21 of 29
- 5. Stairwell landing, looking south
- 6. Photo #22 of 29
- 5. First floor hall spandrel, looking south
- 6. Photo #23 of 29
- 5. Plaster ceiling medallion, front parlor, looking southwest
- 6. Photo #24 of 29
- 5. Mantel in north parlor, looking south
- 6. Photo #25 of 29
- 5. Interior door transom, looking east
- 6. Photo #26 of 29
- 5. East elevation in 1901, looking west
- 6. Photo #27 of 29
- 5. Garage, looking southeast
- 6. Photo #28 of 29
- 5. Greenhouse, looking northeast
- 6. Photo #29 of 29



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Girardeau House NAME:

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: FLORIDA, Jefferson

DATE RECEIVED: 5/13/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/08/11 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/23/11 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/28/11 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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May 3, 2011

Ms. Carol Shull, Keeper National Register of Historic Places Department of Interior 1201 Eye Street, N.W., 8th Floor Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is a request to nominate the following property from the National Register:

Girardeau House, Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida

The Girardeau House is nominated under Criterion C for its architecture, and under Criterion B for its association with John Howard Girardeau. Although Girardeau was a local educator, his primary significance is his contribution as a horticulturalist. Education, therefore, is not entered as an area of significance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 245-6364 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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July 7, 2011

Ms. Carol Shull, Keeper National Register of Historic Places Department of Interior 1201 Eye Street, N.W., 8th Floor Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is a nomination to list the following property on the National Register:

Downtown Boca Grande Historic District, Boca Grande, Lee County, Florida

Also enclosed, per Jim Gabbert's request, is a disk with the digital images for the nomination of the Girardeau House in Monticello, Jefferson County, previously submitted. $\sum L l \quad (G \cdot 30 \quad 1)$

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