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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 George A. Chalker House
other names/site number Edinfield House

2. Location

street & number 2160 Wharf Street n/a not for publication
city, town Middleburg n/a vicinity
state Florida code FL county Clay code 019 zip code 32068

3. Classification

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Buildings of Middleburg, Florida
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 1/18/90
Signature of certifying official
Florida 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. Entered in the National Register 9 March 1990
 See continuation sheet. Mark J. Baker
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)
[Signature] 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)

Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals:

Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood: Drop Siding

Novelty Siding

roof Metal: tin

other n/a

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

PLEASE SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS

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

1897-c1910

Significant Dates

1897
c1910

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Significant Person

n/a

Architect/Builder

Unknown/Unknown

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

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See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Approximately 1 acre

UTM References

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3	3	2	6	4	10	10
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 Zone Easting Northing

C

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B

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 Zone Easting Northing

D

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Verbal Boundary Description

All that property contained in parcel number 21353 in Township 5 South, Range 24 East, Section 12.37 S½ in the community of Middleburg, Clay County, Florida.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses the original property purchased by George A. Chalker as two lots in January and April 1897. The property has retained the configuration historically associated with the building.

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The George A. Chalker House is a two-story wood frame residential building located at 2160 Wharf Street, in Middleburg, Florida. Constructed about 1897, the house originally featured a Folk Victorian design. It was remodeled in the early twentieth century to reflect the popular contemporary Colonial Revival Style. Significant architectural details include its low-pitched hip roof with boxed eaves, gable dormers, flat roofed porch with crowning balustrade, and central double door entrance with broken pediment and pilaster surrounds.

PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

The George A. Chalker House sits on a large, slightly elevated lot on the west side of Wharf Street. The approximately one acre lot is dotted with shrubbery, palms, and long-leaf pine trees. A thick hedge defines the property line which fronts on Wharf Street. At the time of its 1897 construction, the lot around the house was more thickly wooded. There was a large live oak tree in the center of the yard, surrounded by palm and citrus trees. A brick retaining wall crowned by a picket fence encircled the property.

The building was markedly different in its original form (photo 1). The approximately ninety by forty foot home, was designed in the Folk Victorian Style. It had a balloon frame construction of heart pine, and the walls were finished in hand-planed cypress. There was no indoor plumbing. The building featured a side gable with intricate spindle and vergeboard work adorning the gable ends. A rear shed roof extension projected from the main roof. Other significant architectural features included a two story, monumental, hip roofed, porch across the main facade, and a polygonal bay extension on the south elevation. The building was clad with drop, or novelty siding, and the windows were double-hung sash with 2/2 lights. The main entrance and second story balcony doors had three panels and round-arched fixed glass windows. The foundation was brick piers.

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Around 1910, the building was remodeled to reflect the Colonial Revival Style, which was popular at that time (photos 2-5). The most significant change was the removal of the gabled roof in favor of a hipped roof with a central gable dormer. The rear extension was built up to a full two stories, and the tiered front porch was removed. The front porch was replaced with a flat roofed, monumental, two story porch with a crowning balcony balustrade, and a broken pediment and pilaster surrounds were added to the main entrance.

The major alteration that occurred outside of the period of historical significance was the 1957 installation of indoor plumbing and a modern electrical system. It was probably also during this renovation that the wooden porch floor was removed and the brick stoop to the front entrance was added.

The interior of the building retains many features that were original to the structure. The living room is dominated by an arched alcove that is formed by the exterior polygonal bay extension (photo 6). Other significant original interior features include the main stairway, with a turned baluster balustrade and hand-hewn newel post (photo 7), and fireplaces with mahogany mantles and surrounds.

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The George A. Chalker House is one of the few and best preserved extant buildings that date from the Steamboat Era of development in Middleburg (see the Middleburg multiple property group cover, Section E). The building was constructed c1897, when Middleburg was still important as a steamboat port on the St. Johns River system, and remodeled c1910. The building possesses significance under Criterion C as a good example of Colonial Revival architecture. It is consistent with the criteria established in the associated property type, Wood Frame Buildings of Middleburg (see the Middleburg multiple property group cover, Section F).

Historic Significance:

The George A. Chalker House is one of only a few extant structures dating from the Steamboat Era of development in Middleburg, 1865-1915. George Chalker was the first of two sons born to Albert S. and Martha Anne Chalker. The elder Chalkers were among the pioneering settlers of Middleburg. Albert Chalker became one of the most prominent businessmen in the community when he established a profitable ferry service on the Black Creek and, later, built a general store that thrived during the prosperous years at the end of the nineteenth century.

Upon his father's death in 1886, George took over the general store. He later formed the George A. Chalker Company, a real estate and development concern, and established a saw mill on the banks of the Black Creek. Through his company, George was responsible for the development of several properties in Middleburg, including the two-story Stewart House located at 3895 Main Street.

In January 1897, George purchased the lot upon which he constructed his house from the Florida National Bank. He paid one hundred dollars for it. An adjoining lot to the rear of the first one was purchased the following April. Together, these lots constitute the present configuration of the property. The original style of the house was Folk Victorian, featuring decorative spindlework and vergeboard in the gable ends, and a tiered front end porch. About 1910, however, the building was remodeled to the then popular contemporary

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Colonial Revival style. The building remained in the Chalker family until it was sold to Elmer R. Edinfield in 1969.

Architectural Significance:

The George A. Chalker House is architecturally significant in Middleburg as the only example of Colonial Revival architecture in the community surviving from the district's historic period of significance. The building's conversion from a simple Folk Victorian structure to its present high-style design reflects a desire by its owner to conform to national stylistic trends. Features that identify the building as a good example of Colonial Revival architecture include its hip roof with boxed eaves, central gable dormer, symmetrical facade, central double doorway with broken pediment and pilaster surrounds, and five bay end porch crowned with a turned baluster balustrade.

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Photographs

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INVENTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHS

1. George A. Chalker House, 2160 Wharf Street
2. Middleburg, Clay County, Florida
3. Unknown
4. c1900
5. Historic Property Associates
6. Historic photograph of the original appearance of the Chalker House
7. 1 of 7

1. George A. Chalker House, 2160 Wharf Street
2. Middleburg, Clay County, Florida
3. Candy Devore
4. July 1989
5. Historic Property Associates
6. View of E (main) facade, facing W
7. 2 of 7

Items 1-5 are the same as for Photograph No. 2 for the remaining photographs.

6. View of N elevation, facing S
7. 3 of 7

6. View of S elevation, facing N
7. 4 of 7

6. View of rear W elevation with shed roof room addition
7. 5 of 7

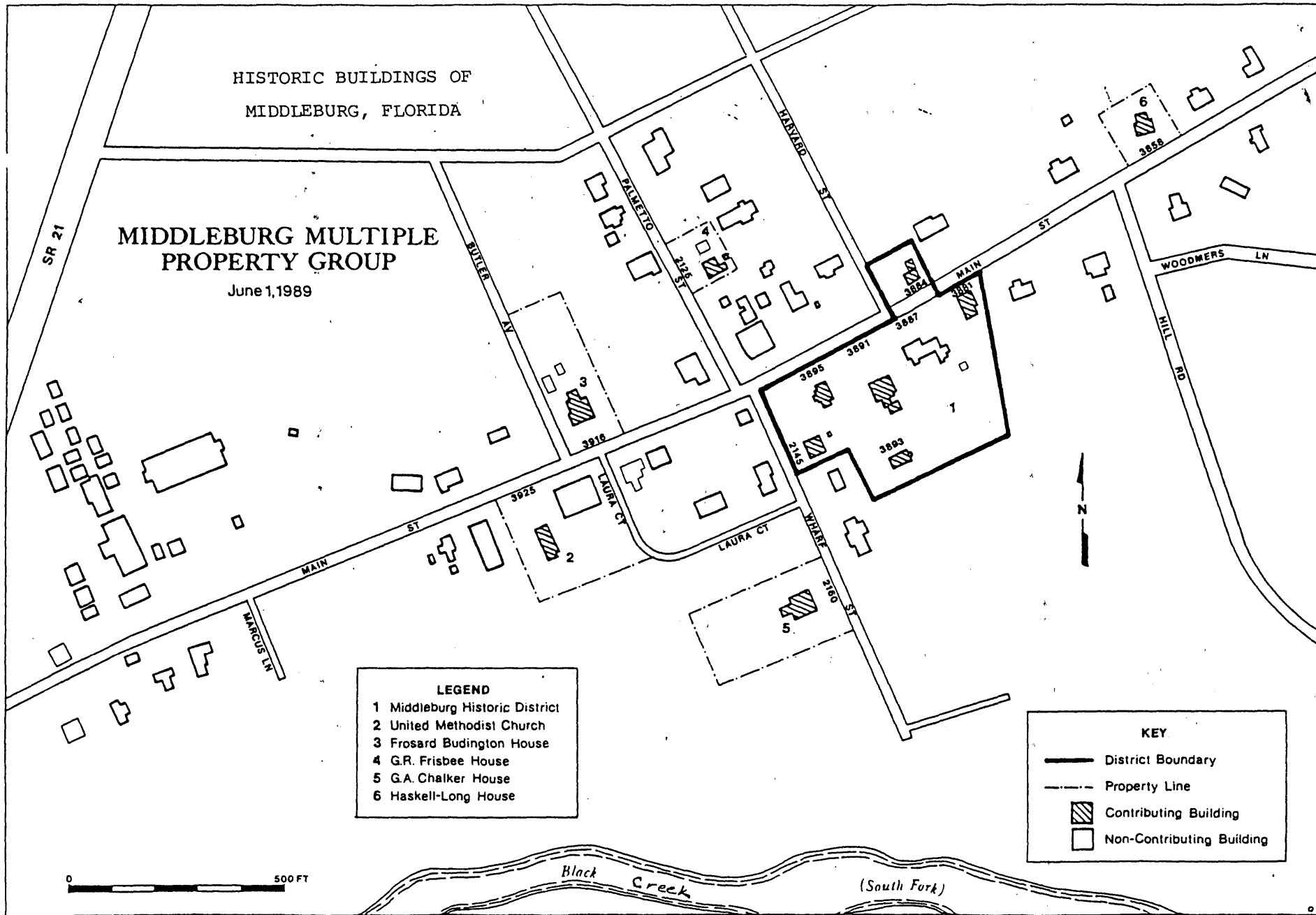
6. Interior, living room with arched octagonal alcove
7. 6 of 7

6. Interior, stairway with turned balusters and hand-hewn newel post
7. 7 of 7

HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF
MIDDLEBURG, FLORIDA

MIDDLEBURG MULTIPLE
PROPERTY GROUP

June 1, 1989



LEGEND

- 1 Middleburg Historic District
- 2 United Methodist Church
- 3 Frosard Budington House
- 4 G.R. Frisbee House
- 5 G.A. Chalker House
- 6 Haskell-Long House

KEY

- District Boundary
- Property Line
- Contributing Building
- Non-Contributing Building