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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form	INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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1. Name of Property	
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other names/site number <u>The Breezeway</u> Site #	81R00787
2. Location	······································
street & number 3150 Ocean Drive	
city or town Vero Beach	<u>N/A</u> vicinity
state code _FL county Indian Riv	rer code0.6.1 zip code32963
3. State/Federal Agency Certification	
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Name of Property	<u>Indian River Co.,</u> F1. County and State
5. Classification Ownership of Property Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property
(Check as many boxes as apply) (Check only one box)	(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)
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Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)	Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
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6. Function or Use	
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC/ Single Dwelling	DOMESTIC/ Hotel Control
COMMERCE/TRADE/ Restaurant	COMMERCE/TRADE/ Restaurant
7. Description	
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
Vernacular	foundation wood piling; concrete
	walls wood
	roof <u>asphalt</u>
	other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

#### Driftwood Inn and Restaurant Name of Property

8. Statement of Significance

#### **Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- □ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- □ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- □ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- □ **B** removed from its original location.
- $\Box$  **C** a birthplace or grave.
- $\Box$  **D** a cemetery.
- **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- **F** a commemorative property.
- **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

#### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

#### Bibilography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 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
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- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

#### Indian River Co., F1. County and State

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions) Community Planning and Development **Period of Significance** <u>ca. 1935–1947</u> Significant Dates \_ca. 1935 1947 Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) Waldo Sexton **Cultural Affiliation** N/A Architect/Builder Blder: Waldo Sexton

#### Primary location of additional data:

- **State Historic Preservation Office**
- □ Other State agency
- □ Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Driftwood Inn and Restaurant Name of Property	Indian River Co., F1. County and State
10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of Property Approx. 2 acres	
UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)	
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11. Form Prepared By	
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Continuation Sheets	
Maps	
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the prope	erty's location.
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having la	rge acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

#### **Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner		
(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)		
name		
street & number	telephone	
city or town	state zip code	

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#### SUMMARY

The Driftwood Inn and Restaurant, 3150 Ocean Drive, in Vero Beach, Florida, are two-story, frame vernacular buildings. Both buildings have irregular plans and their exterior walls consist primarily of cypress logs and vertical board and batten weathered timber. The Driftwood Inn, with an irregular U-shaped configuration, rests on a foundation of yellow pine poles sunk into the sand. A continuous poured concrete slab is placed under the actual structure. The roof of the Driftwood Inn consists of three gabled sections, the two end portions running perpendicular to the central section. Two brick chimneys are located on the ridge of the central section of the building.

The main portion of the restaurant building is rectangular in shape and sits on a concrete slab foundation. The building has a gable roof, surrounded on all sides by a low, shed roofed extension. A brick chimney is located on the ridge of the roof, near the north end of the building. Roofing material for both buildings consists of asphalt shingles.

#### SETTING

The Driftwood Inn and Restaurant occupy beachfront property in Vero Beach, Florida. Originally the Driftwood Inn was a private residence located on an undeveloped beach. It was later enlarged and turned into a resort hotel; still later, the separate restaurant building was constructed.

The Driftwood Inn and Restaurant are set back approximately 200 feet from Ocean Drive, the major north/south traffic artery along the beach area of Vero Beach. A historic photograph shows the original residence located down a narrow, sand/dirt road, shaded by palm trees (photo 1). A log fence marked the front of the property and the rustic wood signage at the entrance was supported by wood posts. Beach erosion has become a severe problem in the Vero Beach area. Early photographs of the Driftwood Inn show a wide beach with the first floor of the Driftwood just a foot or two above grade. Because of erosion, the first floor is now approximately twelve feet higher than the beach. A staircase leads down to the beach.

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As Vero Beach has grown, construction of hotels, motels, and commercial buildings has occurred all along the beach. The Driftwood Inn and Restaurant are now part of a time share resort. The restaurant is located northwest of the Driftwood Inn. A swimming pool and connecting wood deck are between the two buildings. To the west and south are buildings constructed in the 1960s as rental units for the complex.

### EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION - DRIFTWOOD INN

The Driftwood Inn was originally a private beach house called the "Breezeway" by the owners because of the opening in the central portion of the first floor. Two rooms originally flanked the breezeway, one on each floor. A kitchen was located in the central room on the second floor, over the breezeway. A balcony extended across the second floor. Brick chimneys also flanked the breezeway. According to family members and as documented by historic photographs, a solar system was used to provide heated water.

The original beach house was expanded in 1937 by the addition of a wing on the north; the south wing was added in 1939. The original portion of the building is now the central section.

The building is distinguished by board and batten exterior walls, wood shingled gable ends with decorative truss work, and rustic balcony railings. A landscaped courtyard provides the entry from the west (photo 2). The courtyard is defined by two stone walls, into which are embedded two rusty, ancient cannon (photo 3). Ceramic tiles decorate the courtyard floor. The breezeway of the building is at the east end of the courtyard and is flanked by stairs leading to the second floor. The stairways lead to hallways on the second floor that access individual The hallway at the south end terminates in a shallow units. flight of rounded wood steps (Photo 4). The hallway at the north end features a small mural of a Spanish explorer landing in the New World (photo 5). Deep balconies originally extended along the second floor, overlooking the courtyard. The balconies on the north and south sides of the courtyard have been reduced in size by moving the exterior walls outward, enlarging the interior spaces (photo 6). Small balconies are also located at the west end of each wing. The first floor of each wing, at the west end,

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has a small porch with stone walls into which bench seats are incorporated (photo 7).

The breezeway connects the courtyard area with the ocean (east) facade of the building (photo 8 and 9). The breezeway incorporates applied ornament (such as a metal car from the Jacksonville Austin Healy Club), portions of a wood mantel, and the graffiti of visitors (photo 10). A wood deck, supported by wood posts, extends the entire width of the building on the east facade. A stairway from the deck leads down to the beach (photo 11). Balconies extend across the second floor, east facade, sheltered by a shed roof.

Virtually all of the windows and most of the doors in this building were replaced during the 1979 conversion to interval ownership. A variety of window shapes pierce the north (photo 12) and south elevations (photo 13).

#### INTERIOR - DRIFTWOOD INN

The original central portion of the "Breezeway" consisted of two rooms on each floor, flanking an open breezeway. A kitchen was located on the second floor, over the breezeway. The central breezeway was the social heart of the building, a site for dining and informal gatherings.

The "Breezeway" has been modernized and the interior layout has been considerably modified although a conscious effort was made to retain some of the open trusses, wood beams, stained glass windows in the shape of portholes, and cypress paneling of the original design. Most windows have been modified, and sliding patio doors have been added.

#### EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION - RESTAURANT

The main entrance of the restaurant is recessed and centrally located on the west facade (photo 14). The doors have multiple panels, inset with decorative ceramic tiles (photo 15). Ornate metal grills also decorate the entrance area. The first floor of this building is fenestrated with a variety of window sizes and shapes. An exterior stairway, south of the main entrance, leads to the second floor. Wood logs, two stories in

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height, support a shed roof extension that wraps around three sides of the building. The shed roof is rounded at the corners. The log posts form the perimeter of a second floor balcony. Rustic wood provides most of the balcony railing. However, at the south end of the structure, the balcony is railed with turned spindles (photo 16). Historic photos shows these to be part of the original design and not a later alteration. Three immense "outrigger" type wood timbers decorate the south end of the building and appear to provide some of the balcony support (photo 17). Another stairway is located at the south end of the building.

A shed roof extends the length of the east facade, below the balcony flooring. Part of the first floor area is enclosed with screen to form a pool-side bar. A third stairway and deck area are located at the north end of the east facade (photo 18). The second floor is divided into five rental units, each with its own entrance from the encircling balcony.

#### INTERIOR - RESTAURANT BUILDING

Most of the first floor is taken up by the restaurant dining room (photo 19). The interior has been altered and has a pressed metal ceiling that was not original to the building. It does, however, retain some original features, such as wood paneled walls and ceramic tile insets in the floor. The north end of the first floor is used for the kitchen, storage areas, walk-in coolers, and restrooms.

#### ALTERATIONS

Both buildings maintain their basic integrity, their unusual workmanship and materials, and their original design features. The major alteration has been the replacement of doors and windows of the Driftwood Inn and the rearrangement of interior spaces.

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#### SUMMARY

The Driftwood Inn and Restaurant were constructed by Waldo Sexton, a Vero Beach pioneer and civic leader. The Driftwood Inn was originally constructed as a beach home for the Sexton family ca.1935. Within a short time it was being operated by Mrs. Sexton as a small resort hotel and was subsequently enlarged. The restaurant was built on adjacent property in 1947, to serve quests of the Inn. The buildings are significant under Criteria A and B, at the local area. Under Criterion A, they have significance for their impact on the development of the local economy and for their relationship to the growth of Vero Beach as a resort and tourist center. They are significant under Criterion B for their connection to Waldo Sexton, an important Vero Beach businessman. The unique buildings are adapted to a particular climate and geographic setting and are expressive of Waldo Sexton's personality. The restaurant meets Criteria Consideration G. Inclusion of this integral component of the complex extends the period of significance from the construction of the Driftwood Inn ca.1935 to 1947, when the restaurant was constructed.

#### HISTORIC CONTEXT

#### VERO BEACH

Vero Beach is located on the east coast of the Florida peninsula, 125 miles south of Daytona Beach and 150 miles north of Miami. The corporate limits of the town cross the Indian River to extend for nearly four miles along a barrier island. The long, narrow Orchid Island provides the town with Atlantic Ocean beach frontage.

Settlers arrived in the Vero Beach area in the 1880s, attracted by plentiful fish and game and by the lush vegetation. A post office called Vero was established in 1891. Vero developed into an agricultural center and its growth was spurred by the arrival of the railroad in the 1890s. By 1906 the village of Vero had its first school; the first church followed two years later. Land reclamation projects in the early twentieth century encouraged the development of citrus farming. The Indian River Farms Company, based in Vero, was incorporated in 1912 and within several years began draining thousands of acres, many of which

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were planted in citrus. The resulting prosperity led to the organization of the Farmers Bank in 1914. An electric power plant was installed in 1917. The city of Vero, with a population of 793, was incorporated in 1919. That same year the Vero Press newspaper was founded. During the Land Boom of the 1920s Vero experienced its most significant period of growth, which included an expanded commercial district and the platting of numerous residential subdivisions. To attract tourists and developers to the area, in the 1920s the name of the town was changed to Vero Due to population expansion, Indian River County was Beach. created from St. Lucie County in 1925, and as the largest town, Vero Beach became the county seat. The population of the community jumped from 793 in 1920 to 2,268 in 1930. Supported by the tourist economy and citrus industry, Vero Beach even managed to continue to grow during the Great Depression years. Vero Beach established a municipal airport in 1929 and by 1940 was the only city on Florida's east coast to have passenger, mail and express service. During World War II, the airport became a naval air station.

#### Waldo Sexton

An important personality in the vitality and growth of Vero Beach was Waldo Sexton (1885-1967). Sexton was born in Shelbyville, Indiana. He graduated from Purdue University's School of Agriculture in 1911 and obtained a position as a salesman of tilling machines. During a 1914 sales trip to Florida, he decided to stay and work for the Indian River Farms Company. By 1917 he was an independent citrus farmer, setting out 10,000 orange trees his first year. The following year he married Elsebeth Martens. The couple had four children. Sexton became a civic leader and was instrumental in furthering the citrus, cattle and tourism industries of Indian River County.

In addition to owning several citrus groves, Sexton operated Indian River Products Company, a grove maintenance service; was president of the Oslo Citrus Growers Association, a co-operative packing house; helped organized the Indian River Citrus League; was one of the first exhibitors of Indian River Citrus at the Tampa State Fair; and developed three varieties of avocados, one of which was named "Sexton" by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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In 1924 Sexton established the Vero Beach Dairy, the first dairy in Indian River County. He was a pioneer in crossing the Guinea bull with Brahman cows, attempting to produce an animal that required little in feed and that would be able to withstand Florida's heat and insects. During the depression years he was one of the members of the Florida Production Credit Association. This organization made short term loans to farmers to enable them to plant their crops.

Tourism and land development were also important facets of Sexton's accomplishments. He became one of Indian River County's biggest developers and an enthusiastic supporter of Vero Beach. Sexton established the Vero Beach Realty Company in 1914. In 1923 Sexton was one of the organizers of the Vero Beach Real Estate Board and served as its president for a number of years. He was a partner in the McKee Sexton Land Company and the Royal Park Company. Sexton selected the vistas for the first nine holes of the Royal Park Golf Course. He also served as president of the Vero National Farm Loan Association, a local group that processed loans for the Langwick Land Company Corporation, owners of a Vero Beach subdivision. He was a partner with Arthur McKee in McKee's Jungle Garden and was reportedly the "idea man" for the early 1930s tourist attraction. In the late 1930s he opened his Driftwood Inn for guests and in 1947 added a restaurant. The Driftwood Inn and Restaurant were the keystones which transformed a small ocean-side community of Vero Beach into a tourist mecca. By 1991 the Driftwood Resort was generating \$2 million annually for the local economy.

Sexton was honored as "one of Indian River County's outstanding citizens" in 1958 with a "Waldo Sexton Day" in Vero Beach. Events of the day included a parade in his honor, an organ concert, a band concert, a free barbecue dinner for the 5,000 in attendance, a street dance, and dedication of Sexton Plaza. A more recent recognition of Sexton's contributions to Vero Beach was the presentation by the Indian River Chapter of the American Institute of Architects of "1992-1993 Ambiance Award," honoring Sexton's Breezeway, Ocean Grill, Patio, and Turf Club as making Vero Beach what it is today.

Sexton was apparently adept at advertising and at generating publicity. A historic photo shows a gathering at the Driftwood Inn in 1939 to mark a city beautification day. Parked so it can not be missed by the crowd is a car bearing advertising for the

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McKee Jungle Gardens. Another historic photo (Photo 20) shows a sign erected by Sexton at the corner of Route A1A and Beachland Boulevard. Consisting of an ensemblage of grill work, bell, and paneled wood doors, it advertises "luncheon by the sea" at the Driftwood Inn. The sign is no longer extant.

No account of Sexton's life lacks an attempt at describing the personality of the man. He has variously been called "one of the most colorful persons that Florida has ever known," an "imaginative entrepreneur," an "outrageous, old-time eccentric," and an "irresponsible screw-ball." Not surprisingly, anecdotal stories of spirits and ghosts inhabiting the Driftwood Inn are common local lore. Sexton died in 1967 at the age of eight-two.

Other buildings in Vero Beach are associated with Waldo Sexton, but they have been altered. The Patio, on 21st street close to the downtown area, was built in the 1930s and was leased as one of the original Howard Johnson ice cream parlors. Later it was used as a gift shop/fruit stand and as the location of Sexton's real estate office. In 1941 Sexton built the Ocean Grill, 1050 Sexton Plaza. Sexton also built the Turf Club on 43rd Avenue in the late 1950s. The only other property associated with Sexton that might have National Register eligibility is McKee's Jungle Gardens, a popular tourist attraction of the 1930 which was closed in the 1970s. Its integrity is currently unknown. Thus, the Driftwood Inn and Restaurant are the best known, most representative, and least altered examples of Waldo Sexton's Vero Beach enterprises.

#### ARCHITECTURAL CONTEXT:

The Driftwood Inn is a unique example of vernacular architecture in which Sexton was able to express his exuberant personality. Originally built as a four-room summer beach house for his family, the structure was enlarged within a few years to accommodate paying guests. Sexton reportedly built the house without a master plan or blueprints. Instead, construction proceeded based on "shouted verbal orders" from Sexton to the builders. The overall result is a pair of exotic and unorthodox structures. Published reports have described the Driftwood Inn as a "hotel of flotsam and jetsam," and as "the damndest place you ever saw."

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Sexton was a world traveler and a passionate collector. His accumulation included antiques, cannons, mosaics, paintings, bells, furniture, and relief sculpture. He incorporated into the buildings and grounds of the Driftwood hundreds of artifacts that he obtained from various trips, from dismantled Palm Beach estates, and from flotsam and driftwood that he found washed up on the beach. The visual display of these items was the exuberant Sexton's way of sharing his collection of the beautiful and unusual. Part of the timber used to build the Driftwood reportedly was salvaged by Sexton from a barn blown down in a hurricane. Sexton was especially fond of bells and amassed a collection of 250 of various types and sizes, from various places such as churches, trains, ships, and schools. They dominate the exterior of the buildings and have always been a special part of the Driftwood Inn tradition. They were used to welcome guests on their arrival, and to ring out a farewell on their departure.

Because no restaurant was in the vicinity of the Driftwood Inn, Mrs. Sexton began to cook breakfast for guests in the family kitchen. This success led eventually to the founding of the adjacent restaurant.

#### Subsequent History

Sexton continued to expand the Driftwood complex after erecting the Inn and Restaurant. A small office was built in 1949. In that year Sexton also moved in a row of fishing shacks that were used for guest rooms and later for small shops. They have since been altered. In 1963 a 15-unit apartment building was added, west of the Driftwood. In 1965 Sexton's son, Ralph, erected the four-story Cervantes Apartment Building to the south. Two more apartment buildings were added further to the south in 1968. All of these buildings are now part of the Driftwood Resort, but are outside the nomination boundaries. The Driftwood Resord was converted to a time share resort in 1979.

#### Criteria Consideration G:

The period of significance for these buildings extends from ca. 1935, when the Driftwood Inn was constructed, through 1947, the date of construction of the restaurant. The restaurant utilizes the same unique construction methods, architectural

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character, and materials as the Driftwood Inn. The addition of the restaurant building in 1947 marks the completion of the initial development of the property as a privately owned public hostelry featuring a distinctive rustic "beachcomber" ambiance. While structures of similar style may be found elsewhere in Florida, few were comparable in scale or complexity of detail. The two buildings are unique in the Vero Beach area and continue to serve their historic function of providing accommodations and amenities for tourists. Both were conceived by and operated by Waldo Sexton.

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Interviews by Anthony Masi:

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The approximate eastern 170 feet of lot 7 and the approximate eastern 145 feet of lot 8, Block 19, Vero Beach Estates Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 5, page 8, public records of St. Lucie County, Florida.

### BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

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The boundary of the Driftwood Inn and Restaurant is shown as the dotted line on the accompanying site plans. The boundary incorporates the two properties associated with Waldo Sexton that maintain their historic integrity. The parcel that extends eastward to Ocean Drive has been excluded because it has been developed into a modern condominium complex.

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6)	Entrance gate with Driftwood Inn in background; view looking east
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1) 2) 3) 4)	Driftwood Inn and Restaurant Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida Paul T. Grange February 1994
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3)	Unknown
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6)	Billboard at Northwest corner of Route A1A and Route 60 (Beachland Boulevard)
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