

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Florida
COUNTY: Polk
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE APR 8 1975

* 1. NAME

COMMON:
(The Gables) - Benjamin Franklin (Holland) House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Roy Trent Gallemore House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
590 East Stanford

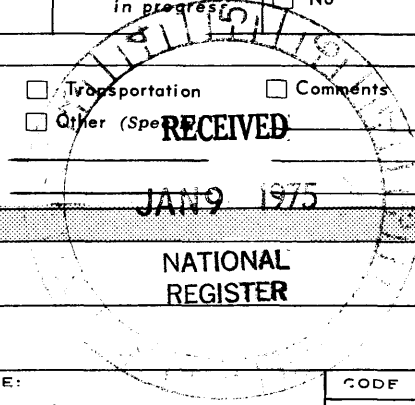
CITY OR TOWN:
Bartow

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Seventh

STATE: **Florida** CODE: **012** COUNTY: **Polk** CODE: **105**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Roy Trent Gallemore

STREET AND NUMBER:
590 East Stanford

CITY OR TOWN:
Bartow

STATE: **Florida** CODE: **012**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Polk County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Bartow

STATE: **Florida** CODE: **012**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
N/A

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Completely covered with an assortment of rectangular and beveled shingles, the B. F. Holland House portrays a feeling of spaciousness and individuality. The plan of the house is almost square with a projecting wing to the north. It is crowned by a gable roof which is interrupted by two brick chimneys and two round, metal ventilators. The brick chimneys are rectangular with beveled edged hoods supported by a single withe.

The south (main) facade is dominated by a large gable-roofed dormer containing a pair of windows between rounded, shingled piers which support an overhanging gable. One of the brick chimneys projects from the roof of the dormer. To the west of this main dormer is a smaller dormer with overhanging, gable roof and horizontal, rectangular window. The slope of the main roof continues down over a screened veranda. The entrance on the west end of the facade is defined by a cross gable supported by shingle-covered wood piers; the overhang of the pediment is supported by jetties and a wood awning covers the entry.

The east facade of the structure is distinguished by the gable end of the main roof which has a kicked overhang above the second floor. Another important feature of the facade is that the roof on the south veranda projects from the wall of the main dormer as a gable. The gable is penetrated by a small, circular window. The pediment of the main roof is pierced by three double-hung sash windows which are each flanked by curved brackets supporting a three-sided hood that projects from the peak of the gable. Fenestration on the second story is regular with one set of paired windows; all windows are double-hung sash. A two-story screened veranda completes the elevation, being located on the projecting north wing.

The west facade is dominated by a gable identical to the east one. This facade is marked by a projecting square bay, containing the interior stair landing, with narrow paired windows and a pent roof on the second story with a small cross gable.

The north facade contains a two-story projecting wing with cross gable. The pediment contains a small double-hung sash window and cornice returns. The north end of the east porch is enclosed on this facade. A hipped-roof dormer projects from the east of the roof on this elevation. Most of the north wing is an addition to the original house and dates from about 1910.

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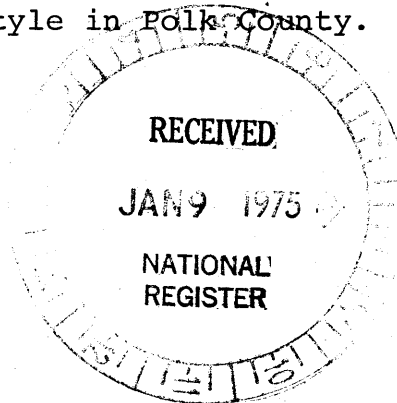
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Unlike most Shingle Style structures, the Holland House is not located on a large, spacious lot but on a modest corner location. The grounds are heavily landscaped with several large bushes which conceal much of the first story. A small frame stable is located at the rear (north) of the house.

This structure is a very interesting vernacular adaptation of the Shingle Style. The clean lines and lack of ornament on the exterior surface distinguishes the building from the Queen Anne Style which was much more popular in Bartow and Polk County. The dormers and roof lines sloping down to the first story over the south veranda, as well as the overhanging gables, are all characteristic of the style: The B. F. Holland House is the finest example of the Shingle Style in Polk County.



3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1895**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There is no structure in Polk County and very few in Florida which are as characteristic of the Shingle Style as the B. F. Holland House. Built and designed for Holland by E. R. Wharton, a local contractor, in 1895, the house is a rather late example of the style.

Its appearance in Florida and especially in Polk County is highly significant to the development of architecture in Florida. The building illustrates how Florida architecture borrowed styles from other areas and how it tended to stay behind the Northeast in adopting them. The Shingle Style was a uniquely American manifestation unlike the Queen Anne or Colonial Revival. These latter two styles were more common in Florida than the Shingle, but the presence of the Holland House shows that not all of Florida relied on the more eclectic styles. Indeed, this house proves that the trend toward more contemporary architecture was present in the 1890's in Florida.

While the significance of the structure is obviously architectural, historically the house is of major significance to Florida and Polk County. It was the boyhood home of the late Senator Spessard L. Holland who is considered to be one of the most important Senators from the state in this century. Holland lived in the house from 1895, when he was age three, to 1919.

Benjamin F. Holland, Spessard's father, was an important individual to Polk County himself. After coming to Bartow in 1881, he established the first abstract company in the county which eventually became the Polk County Abstract Company. Holland was active in citrus culture helping to establish the local branch of the Citrus Exchange, the statewide citrus grower's organization.

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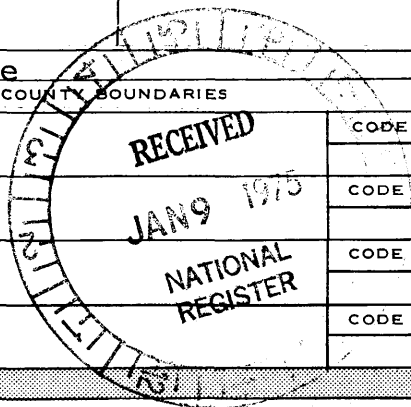
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J. Rodney Little, Historic Preservationist
Phillip A. Werndli, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Div. of Archives, History & Records Management DATE: 10-18-74

STREET AND NUMBER: Department of State, The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 012

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Robert Williams
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: December 16, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. R. Mortensen

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/2/75

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date: APR 2 1975

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