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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

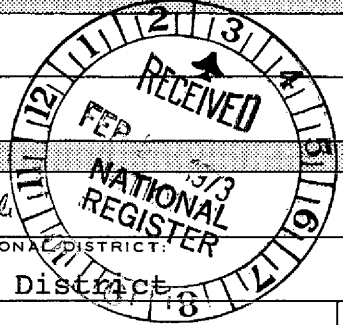
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STATE:
Florida

COUNTY:
Baker

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ENTRY DATE
MAY 7 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Carl Brown House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Burnsed Blockhouse

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 1 N of Sanderson off Madisonville Rd.

CITY OR TOWN:
Sanderson via

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second District

STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Baker CODE: 003

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 Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. J. B. Altman

STREET AND NUMBER:
Baldwin

CITY OR TOWN:
Baldwin

STATE: Florida CODE: 12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
U. S. 90 East

CITY OR TOWN:
Macclenny

STATE: Florida CODE: 12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Florida Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1940 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Dept. of State, Div. of Archives, History, & Records Mgt.

STREET AND NUMBER:
The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN:
Tallahassee

STATE: Florida CODE: 12

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Burnsed Blockhouse, known locally as the Carl Brown House, is situated on 160 acres of land located approximately 16 miles north of Glen St. Mary in Baker County. The house is completely isolated from other structures and it is entirely surrounded by its own fields and orchards.

A blockhouse, in general, possesses the same qualities as a log cabin which make it a superior form of construction for the pioneer. That is, both can be constructed out of available materials with some degree of ease and speed. The blockhouse, of course, is more sophisticated to build and requires tools and a degree of skill which the log cabin does not. Blockhouses were common in the United States by the mid-eighteenth century and they are seen in Florida from the time of the Indian Wars. Not only did they provide shelter for the pioneer family, but they also afforded protection from Indian attacks. This particular blockhouse has peepholes and openings from which to fire a rifle.

The Burnsed Blockhouse is constructed entirely of local pine. All boards are laid horizontally and are flush. Corner joints are full dovetail, the most sophisticated method of joining in this type of construction. Doors are batten, there being two on the front of the house leading onto a porch. Porch roof is pent. Windows are placed high in the original portion of the building and they consist of square or rectangular openings with a solid, hinged covering. A room was added in 1970 to the southwest side of the house, and in this portion windows are lower and larger.

The house is two stories in height, with only the lower section being lived in. The upper portion is a loft with ladder access and it is now used for storage. Originally it was probably sleeping quarters. There are three large rooms downstairs, two of which are used as sleeping rooms. The date of construction of the one-story addition at the rear is unknown, but it now serves as one of the sleeping rooms. The kitchen is a one-story detached structure behind the house with a covered walkway connecting the two. Both house and kitchen are covered by steeply pitched roofs. The chimney which occurs in the north wall of the main house, has been repaired in recent years and is presently the only source of heat. The entire structure rests on solid pine blocks and the roof is covered with wood shingles.

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8. 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) 1837

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

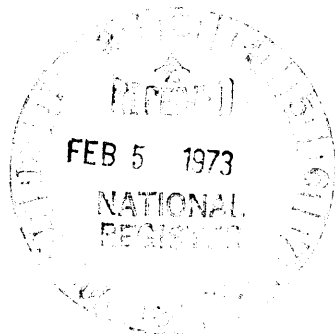
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Insofar as Florida's comprehensive on-the-ground site survey has progressed, the Burnsed Blockhouse is the earliest and best preserved example of this type of building known in the State. The house is believed to date from the period of the Indian Wars, having been built in 1837 by the Burnsed family.

Legal records on file in Baker County indicate that the property passed into the ownership of five families since it was deeded by the State of Florida in 1863. Legal documentation prior to this date is unavailable, although it is believed that the house did exist in the late 1830's.

Regardless of the date of construction, the house is one of the finest existing examples of a hand hewn structure in Florida and it gives much insight into this particular method of frontier building.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Morrison, Hugh. Early American Architecture. New York: Oxford University Press, 1952.

The Florida State Planning Board. Florida Historic Sites Survey. A Report on Work Projects Administration. Tallahassee, Florida: The Florida State Planning Board, 1940.

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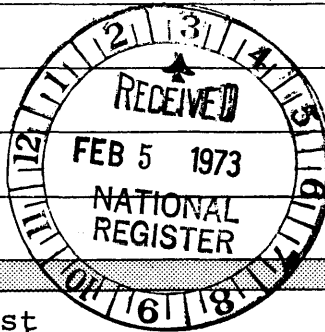
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 160 acres

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: Diane D. Greer, Historic Sites Specialist
Mary K. Evans, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Division of Archives, History, & Records Mgt. DATE: 9/8/71

STREET AND NUMBER: Department of State, The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

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 William*

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 1/3/73

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

Robert W. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/7/73

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4 30 73

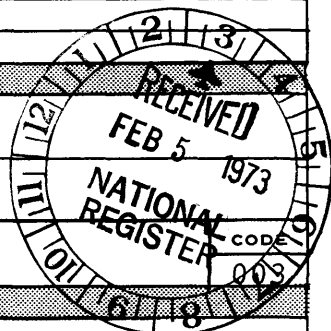
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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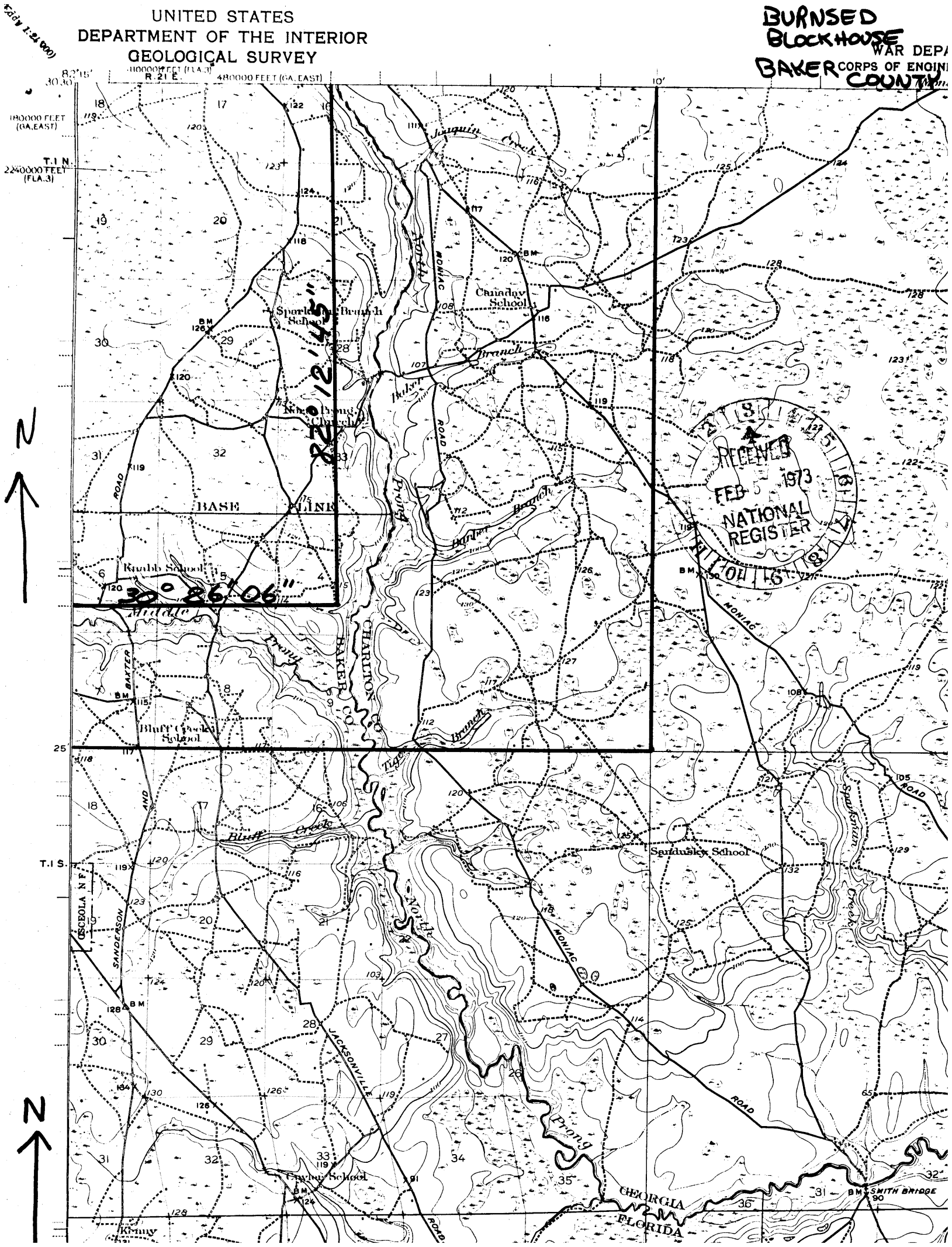
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3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE: USGS Florida-Georgia Macclenny Quad.		
SCALE: ^{1/5} 7.5 minutes series		
DATE: 1917		
4. REQUIREMENTS		
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Property boundaries where required.2. North arrow.3. Latitude and longitude reference.		



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