

NOMINATION PROPOSAL - FLORIDA

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, HISTORY AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

1 NAME SJT 20

HISTORIC
3609 Via De La Reina

AND/OR COMMON
Cooper House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
3609 Via De La Reina

CITY, TOWN
Jacksonville

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE
Florida

COUNTY
Duval

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
William G. and Mallory D. Cooper

STREET & NUMBER
3609 Via De La Reina

CITY, TOWN
Jacksonville

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE
Florida

ZIP CODE
32217

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Duval County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
330 East Bay Street

CITY, TOWN
Jacksonville

STATE
Florida

ZIP CODE
32202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Thematic Survey, San Jose Estates Subdivision

DATE
1983

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
San Jose Estates Preservation, Inc.

CITY, TOWN
Jacksonville

STATE
Florida

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

3609 De La Reina is a two-story stucco over hollow tile Spanish Revival styled residence. The building is basically rectangular in plan with a one-story porch to the west. The hip on hip roof is barrel tile. Two stucco chimnies on the northwest wall have barrel tile caps and keyhole openings on each side. Windows are six over six double hung wood sash with stone sills. The deck over the porch has a brick and stone ballustrade. The chimney slope offsets two pairs of five-lite french doors. The doors have awnings and screed doors which allow access to the second story interior. There is a six-lite casement window with a lyre-shaped wrought iron railing cover on the chimney wall. The porch has seven bays of six-lite wood casement windows with top and side lites set in frames of segmental arches and divided by stone columns which have acanthus leaf capitals.

TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A terrace on the front (south) facade has a railing of pierced brick divided by stucco piers. Access to the terrace is from the entrance bay on the east. The one-story bay has two arched openings on the south and west. It has a moulded stone coping and a short railing of concrete capped pierced brick. Between the entrance bay and terrace is a Moorish arch. The south arch at the entrance has carved impost brackets. The spandrel above is outlined in red glazed tile infilled with orange glazed tile. The same glazed tiles alternate around the entrance door which is constructed of horizontal cypress planks. The window above the entrance bay has a wrought iron grille. Four pairs of wood five-lite casement windows overlook the terrace. They have triangular fixed lite transoms and the whole is framed by a single line of brick. The cornice line is composed of bricks with headers in a billeted pattern. The building is in excellent condition and is the most decorative of the original San Jose residences.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1925

BUILDER/ARCHITECT O. P. Woodcock/Marsh and Saxelbye

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

3609 Via De La Reina is significant as one of 25 remaining structures built as part of the San Jose Estates subdivision, a planned, self-contained suburban community developed in 1925 by a group of Jacksonville businessmen as the height of the Florida Land Boom. As do the majority of the original San Jose structures, the building reflects the Spanish or Mediterranean Revival style of architecture developed for the subdivision by the Jacksonville architects Marsh and Saxelbye. The building possesses sufficient architectural integrity and historic significance through association with the San Jose development to be individually eligible for nomination as part of the accompanying thematic nomination.

TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

3609 Via De La Reina is one of 18 houses built in 1925 on lots owned by the builder of the San Jose development, O. P. Woodcock, with mortgage retained by the San Jose Estates Corporation. Public records state that, like each of the 18 houses, it was deeded to Woodcock in 1934 after several years of litigation involving Woodcock's company, the San Jose Estates, the Florida National Bank, and Charles Polochuck Company. Clear title was established after a suit brought by the Christopher Point Company. The house is larger and more ornate than the other residences with features such as a stencil marble living room floor, "Italianate" metal lighting fixtures and extensive use of decorative tile on the exterior. It may have been intended for a particular owner or as a "Show House". Woodcock sold this house to Mr. and Mrs. Norris in 1944. The Norris's divorced in 1961 and after some litigation the house was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harrison who modernized the mechanical systems and the kitchen and bath. The house was recently purchased by William and Mallory Cooper who previously lived in another original San Jose Estates residence on San Jose Boulevard.

9 BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See cover nomination bibliography.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Site Size (Approx. Acreage of Property):

Less than one acre.

UTM Coordinates:

17	439930	3345830
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

Township	Range	Section
3 S	27 E	43

LOCATION SKETCH OR MAP

N

See attached map.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Section B San Jose Lot 17 Bk. 110

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			
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N/A			

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

Carol Truman, Sally Austin/Michael Zimnh, Historic Stie Specialist

ORGANIZATION

San Jose Estates Preservation, Inc.

DATE

1984

STREET & NUMBER

7246 St, Augustine Road

TELEPHONE

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