

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

HISTORIC MRNS #17

Dr. C. B. Wilson, ^{House} Residence

AND/OR COMMON

Office of Fuller, Breslau, & Stinnett, Attorneys

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

235 S. Orange Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Sarasota

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

COUNTY

Sarasota

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDINGS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Law Office

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME William J. Fuller III
Deirdre C. Fuller

STREET & NUMBER

3921 Red Rock Way

CITY, TOWN

Sarasota

— VICINITY OF

STATE
Florida

ZIP CODE
33581

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sarasota County Court House Recording Department

STREET & NUMBER

Room 10, 2000 Main Street

P. O. Box 3079

CITY, TOWN

Sarasota

STATE

FL

ZIP CODE

33578

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

(Site not documented in FMSF 1977 Inventory)

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

The pressed stone and shingle, vernacular-style, free-standing structure, located at 235 South Orange Avenue, is a two-story former residence which was created in 1913¹ by the construction of a full one-story frame addition which was added to a one-story pressed stone building.² The two-story structure is characterized by the use of pressed or artificial stone, and gabled and dormered ends clad in wood shingles. Each wide gable overhang is supported on pierced wood brackets. The dormered second stories of the east and west elevations are pierced by four, double-hung-sashed wood windows. During the 1913 alteration construction, a generous screened entrance porch was added to the west elevation, with a sleeping porch above. Located at the south and northeast elevations the original chimneys, constructed of pale brick with a darker brick and pressed stone ornamentation, were retained during the 1913 addition which was referred to in the contemporary press as having "raised the roof . . ." ³ Although only a section of the chimney shaft is visible, the bands of ornamental dark brick and artificial stone are still visible. The former residence (and later office) of Dr. C. B. Wilson has been meticulously re-used as an attorney's office. The structure stands today as it did following the early 1913 addition, which provided a pantry, bathroom, and storeroom at the first floor level as well as a three-bedroom, bath, balcony and sleeping porch at the second story. The original layout of the interior has been respected and the only exterior alteration is the use of a metal-crimp roof surface, which although new, is sympathetic. In an area of creeping high-density commercialism, the Dr. C. B. Wilson residence with its naturalistic landscape and mature sweet gum tree (visible in the circa 1909 Photograph)⁴ is remarkable.

TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

An early photograph (attached) of the original appearance of 235 S. Orange Avenue in the collection of the Sarasota County Historical Archives shows Dr. C. B. Wilson, proud owner of a new automobile, in front of 235 S. Orange Avenue.⁵ The structure, circa 1906, was a 1-½ story, concrete block or pressed artificial stone structure with heavily rusticated-faced, large, artificial stone blocks and a high-pitched hipped roof covered with wood shingles. A shed-roofed dormer window appeared at the western elevation of this 1-½ story structure. In the early black-and-white photograph two brick chimneys are visible and appear to be constructed of a light-colored brick ornamented by a dark band of brick flanking two bands of cast stone rusticated blocks. The chimneys were and are at the south and northeast elevations of the building. One window visible in photograph L-65 is a double-hung-sash 1/1 window. Also visible in this circa 1909 photograph is a young sweet gum tree located in the yard on the west side of the property line.

By October, 1912 a Sarasota Times article referred to improvements being made on the property by Dr. C. B. Wilson; the first structure erected was a garage.⁶ By June of 1913 Dr. C. B. Wilson was building an addition to his home.⁷ The alteration was described as follows: "Dr. C. B. Wilson has raised the roof on his house, making it two stories in height and adding four rooms, sleeping porch and bathroom."⁸ Further description of the Wilson alterations occurred in August of 1913, "Dr. C. B. Wilson will have the alterations to his home on Orange Avenue completed this week. The first

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The location of this vernacular style pressed or artificial stone building is important. Located in the 200 block of S. Orange Avenue, the early structure is adjacent to the major artery of Ringling Boulevard. The area is becoming densely developed. The residence of Dr. C. B. Wilson which is now used as an attorney's office has been meticulously restored and maintained by the current owners. It is still set in naturalistic landscape of palm trees and the young sweet gum tree visible in the circa 1909¹¹ photograph of Dr. C. B. Wilson has thrived and still exists in the west parameter of the property. Even the original interior has been respected in the recent restoration, and the garage out building located at the northeast parameter of the property, remains.

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floor has the addition of a pantry, store room, and bathroom, while the second has three bedrooms, bath, balcony and sleeping porch. Built-in china closets and book-cases are attractive features. The walls are plastered and finished in Mission. This will make another of Sarasota's attractive homes."⁹

The 1913 alterations described in the Sarasota Times article were carried out by Mr. C. B. Wilson, and it is the period of occupation by Dr. C. B. Wilson and his family and the associations thereof that are significant. Number 235 S. Orange stands today in a remarkably intact appearance from the 1913 period of early and significant alterations. When the second story elevation was added in 1913, the roof form became a gabled structure. At the west or entrance elevation, a cross gabled dormer is characterized by the use of shingle applied to the gable end surface and the use of pierced wooden brackets located at the eaves and at the roof apex. Four full double-hung sash windows provide light for this cross gabled dormered area. A wood-framed screened entrance porch was also provided at the west elevation during the 1913 enlargement. The porch is symmetrically massed, with a tripartite fascia and wood porch piers carried on rusticated artificial stone bases or pedestals. The artificial stone used at the pedestal bases resemble rusticated brick-sized coursing. The porch pedestals are connected visually by a plain wood slat porch railing. Multi-paned French windows were provided at the interior wall of the ground floor porch. According to information supplied by the 1929 Sanborn Insurance Map,¹⁰ Number 235 S. Orange Avenue was of concrete block construction on the first floor with a frame second story. The roof material indicated on the 1929 map is a shingled material. The one-story garage located at the northeastern section of the property boundaries was indicated in a red color signifying masonry construction and the roof surface was tile. Located at the north elevation a one-story wing constructed of pressed or artificial stone facade intersects at the gabled end of the two-story main block. The prominent gabled-end located at the north elevation is also shingle clad and is characterized by a wide overhang with open, pierced wooden brackets.

The east elevation of 235 S. Orange is marked by the appearance of a shed roofed, full-sized dormer area. Light is provided by four full double-hung-sashed windows at the east elevation of the main gabled roof structure. A screened and louvered porch with shed roof projects beyond the gabled main roof at the ground floor level. A wooden entry deck has been provided by the current owners.

When the second story was added to the building located at 235 S. Orange, the chimneys were retained but enclosed within the second story of the structure, visible only at the apex of the gabled roof. The upper bands of cast stone and dark red brick are still visible.

Alterations: The roof surfaces of both cross gable and major gabled roof are now covered in crimped metal surfacing. Although this is a new roof surface, it is extremely sympathetic in appearance and resembles a terne material. The pressed or artificial stone wall located at the interior of the porch, located at the entrance or west elevation has received a coat of white paint. A wood deck has been added to the east or rear elevation.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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SPECIFIC DATES		BUILDER/ARCHITECT		
circa 1906/June through August, 1913 early alteration				

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The two-story pressed or artificial stone and shingle vernacular-style structure, located at 235 South Orange Avenue was originally a 1-½ story pressed stone structure with massive shingle-clad hipped roof, built circa 1906.¹²⁻¹³ The original appearance is documented in a photograph c. 1909.¹⁴ The property having been purchased by Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Wilson in 1907,¹⁵ Dr. Wilson began improvements beginning in 1912 with the addition of a garage.¹⁶ As the residence of early Sarasota settlers and the office of a prominent local physician, 235 S. Orange Avenue is significant for its associations with the Wilson family; and as such, the major additions to the earlier structure which occurred beginning in 1913 are of primary concern. Beginning in June of 1913¹⁷ and continuing through August of 1913,¹⁸ the roof of the structure was raised and a wood-frame, full second story was added to the structure. In exterior and interior layout the C. B. Wilson Residence stands today much as it did upon completion of the 1913 alterations. Recently, the structure has been very sympathetically reused as an attorney's office. In an area of commercialism, the former C. B. Wilson Residence is an early structure which is remarkably intact and set within a naturalistic landscape which includes a mature sweet gum tree which is visible in the circa 1909 photograph¹⁹ of the western elevation of the property.

TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The two-story artificial or pressed stone and shingle vernacular-styled structure located at 235 S. Orange Avenue is set on property which was originally purchased from Col. & Mrs. J. H. Gillespie by Edgar and Florence Ferdon: the site represented as lots 2 and 4 of subdivision of lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of original block G.²⁰ In September of 1907, Dr. C. B. Wilson purchased the property from F. M. Ferdon.²¹ Edgar Ferdon was an architect practicing in Sarasota in the early part of the 20th century.²² The building located at 235 S. Orange Avenue was originally a 1-½ story structure probably built by Edgar Ferdon, circa 1906. The property was bought by Dr. C. B. Wilson from Florence May Ferdon and husband, Edgar Ferdon in September, 1907.²³ The original 1-½ story structure is visible in an early photograph of Dr. C. B. Wilson with his new automobile.²⁴ By 1912 a garage had been added to the property²⁵ and by June of 1913 major improvements and alterations to the 1-½ story building were being undertaken by Dr. C. B. Wilson and family. He raised the roof of the building, creating a two-story residence.²⁶ The significant and extensive alterations, planned and executed by Dr. C. B. Wilson, are extant in the structure today, and it is really the period beginning in 1913 with the alterations associated with the prominent local figure Dr. C. B. Wilson that is significant. The building is remarkably intact today and is used as the offices of the local law firm, Fuller, Breslau & Stinnett, Attorneys-at-Law. The Sarasota law firm, in

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particular the Fullers, executed a very sympathetic reuse of this early and significant pressed stone structure.

The period of significance is associated with Dr. Cullen Bryant Wilson, who was the son of Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Wilson. Born on July 11, 1878, Dr. Wilson was educated at the South Florida Military Academy, and at the University of Alabama Medical School. School.²⁷ According to Grismer, Dr. Wilson arrived in Sarasota in 1907, where he was a practicing physician until 1941.²⁸ He was also the owner of the first automobile in the Town of Sarasota and an early photograph (circa 1909) indeed depicts Dr. Wilson in his automobile.²⁹ In addition to a successful medical career, Dr. Wilson served as the president of the First Bank & Trust Company (1924-1925) and as president of the First Trust Company of Sarasota from 1925-1941³⁰ (please see MRNS #8). Mrs. Wilson, the former Frances Rebecca Reeves, was also an early pioneer of the Sarasota region, being the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Reeves of Fruitville. Mr. Reeves was a founder and first postmaster of Fruitville.³¹ As an avid automobilist, Dr. Wilson was among the Sarasotians who "plugged" the extension to Sarasota of the Tamiami Trail.³² He was a member of the Sarasota Male Quartet famous for his second bass voice.³³ From 1910-1913 Dr. C. B. Wilson had an interest in the Crescent Pharmacy on Main Street,³⁴ and he served in the year 1915 as the City Health Officer.³⁵ By 1924, Dr. C. B. Wilson, M.D.,'s professional card which appeared in the Sarasota Directory listed his office at 308½ Main Street and in later years he practiced out of his office at 235 S. Orange Avenue.³⁶ Dr. Wilson died February 24, 1941.³⁷

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¹Sarasota Times, June 19, 1913, p. 5, col. 1.

²Sarasota County Historical Commission. Photograph #L-65, Sarasota County Historical Archives.

³Sarasota Times, June 26, 1913, p. 5, col. 1.

⁴Sarasota County Historical Commission. Photograph #L-65, Sarasota County Historical Archives.

⁵Ibid.

⁶Sarasota Times, October 3, 1912.

⁷Sarasota Times, June 19, 1913.

⁸Sarasota Times, June 26, 1913, p. 5, col. 1

⁹Sarasota Times, August 14, 1913, p. 5, col. 3.

¹⁰Sanborn Insurance Map, Sanborn Company, New York, 1929, Sheet 5.

¹¹Sarasota County Historical Commission. Photograph #L-65, Sarasota County Historical Archives.

¹²Manatee County. Deeds, Liber 12, p. 373, December 15, 1905.

¹³Manatee County. Deeds, Liber 17, pp. 28-29, September 11, 1907, microfilm located Sarasota County Historical Archives, Sarasota, Florida.

¹⁴Sarasota County Historical Commission. Photograph #L-65, Sarasota County Historical Archives.

¹⁵Manatee County. Deeds, Liber 17, pp. 28-29, September 11, 1907.

¹⁶Sarasota Times, October 3, 1912.

¹⁷Sarasota Times, June 19, 1913.

¹⁸Sarasota Times, August 14, 1913, p. 5, col. 3.

¹⁹Sarasota County Historical Commission. Photograph #L-65, Sarasota County Historical Archives.

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²⁰Manatee County. Deeds, Liber 12, p. 373, December 15, 1905.

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²³Manatee County. Deeds, Liber 17, pp. 28-29, September 11, 1907.

²⁴Sarasota County Historical Commission. Photograph #L-65, Sarasota County Historical Archives.

²⁵Sarasota Times, October 3, 1912.

²⁶Sarasota Times, June 26, 1913, p. 5, col. 1.

²⁷Grismer, The Story of Sarasota, p. 302.

²⁸Ibid.

²⁹Sarasota County Historical Commission. Photograph #L-65, Sarasota County Historical Archives.

³⁰Grismer, p. 302.

³¹Grismer, p. 299

³²Grismer, p. 230.

³³Sarasota Times, October 13, 1910.

³⁴Sarasota Times, December 4, 1913.

³⁵Sarasota Times, March 25, 1915.

³⁶Polk's Sarasota City Directory, 1924, p. 22.

³⁷Grismer, p. 302.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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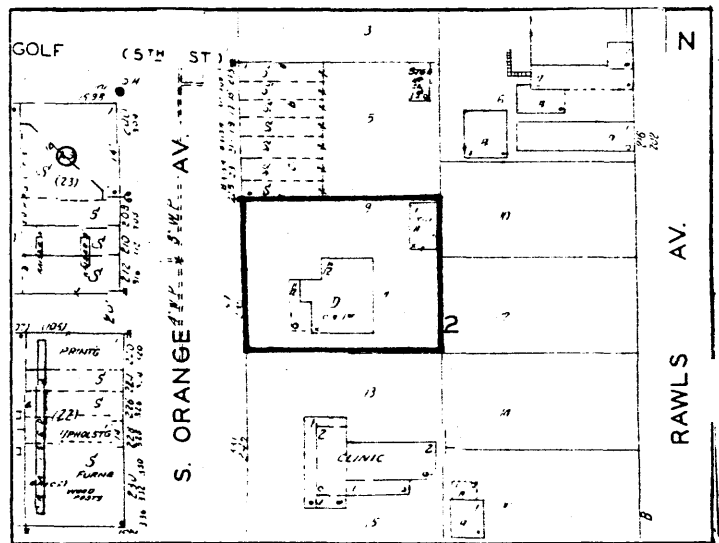
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ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

USGS Sarasota 7.5 1973

Township	Range	Section
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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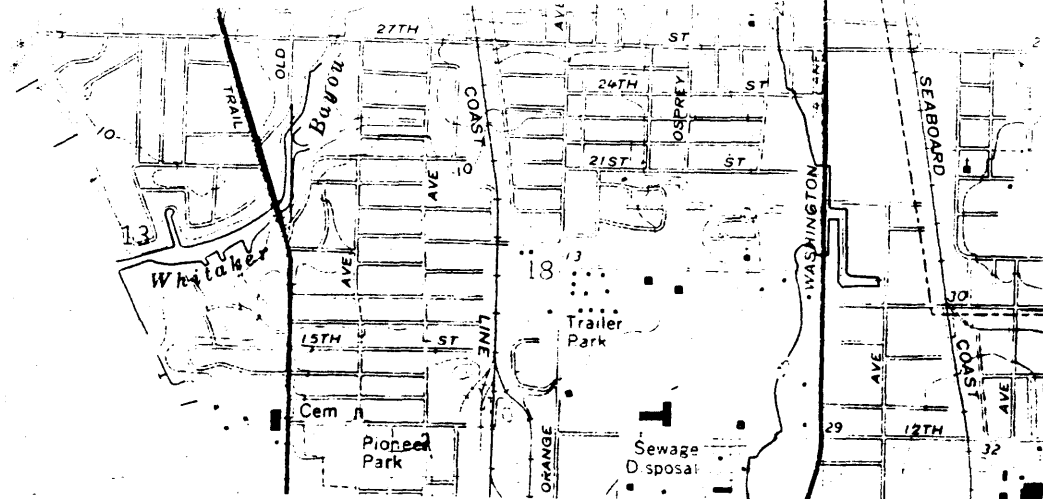
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE		DATE	
Sarah Latham Kearns / Preservation Consultant, City of Sarasota		May 1983	
ORGANIZATION		TELEPHONE	
c/o Planning Department		(813) 365-2200 Ext. 2	
STREET & NUMBER		STATE	
City Hall P.O. Box 1058		Florida	
CITY OR TOWN		ZIP CODE	
Sarasota		33578	

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Payne Tern
MRNS #17: 235 South Orange Avenue
SARASOTA, FLORIDA
FMSF # Not surveyed

Radio Towers (WSPB)



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