

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
San Jose Country Club

AND/OR COMMON
San Jose Country Club

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
7529 San Jose Boulevard

CITY, TOWN
Jacksonville

STATE
Florida

COUNTY
Duval

N/A -- VICINITY OF

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 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"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

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San Jose Country Club

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7529 San Jose Boulevard

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STATE
Florida

ZIP CODE
32217

N/A -- VICINITY OF

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

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
San Jose Estates Preservation, Inc.

CITY, TOWN
Jacksonville

STATE
Florida

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 San Jose Country Club is set at the northern edge of a regulation 18 hole golf course which is landscaped with native ground cover, shrubs and trees indigenous to the northeast Florida, including oak, magnolia, cypress, palm, azalea, yew and podacarpous. Around the clubhouse and parking lot, flower beds are rotated with the seasons. A grass island extends from the porte cochere about 100 yards north to a hedge row. The island is defined on either side by a row of tall cabbage palms. The area surrounded by the hedge is parking. The area to the immediate east of the building contains a swimming pool, nine tennis courts and their requisite maintenance buildings. A pond with areation fountain is to the north of the swimming pool.

TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a Spanish Revival structure of heavy stucco over hollow clay tile. There is a two-story central square block with a one-story rectangular lateral wing on its east and west sides. A one-story lateral wing runs north to south perpendicular to the central wing. At the end of the west wing another wing extends to the south from the central block. A long L-shaped wing with a hip roof extends from the back (south) portion of this wing almost to San Jose Boulevard. The wings are covered with gable roofs clad in clay barrel tile. Several glazed extensions between the wings have flat roofs.

The back (south) roof of the central block is flat with a stucco railing which gives access to a bell tower in the northeast quadrant. The northwest quadrant has a shed roof over a clerestory which houses a stairwell. The tower has a porch on the north. Its round-headed arches have been enclosed with fixed glass. A porte cochere extends from this porch. Both have gable roofs of clay barrel tile. A single story wing with a gable roof extends south of the tower block.

On the southeast end of the building overlooking the pool there is a three-sided bay with square stucco pillars, fixed glass walls and clay barrel tile roof. The bay is attached to a barrel tile gable-roofed wing of six bays of fixed glass divided by stucco pillars. This wing intersects with the wing which extends from the south of the tower block. Three three-sided bays extend from this wing. The area between the wing and its parallel wing to the west has a flat roof infill with eight glass bays with metal supports. A canvas awning covers a walkway along this facade.

West of this is a hip roof rectangle covered with barrel tile. Eight bays of glass and metal extend west of a glass and metal door set in a stucco wall. Another six glass bays make up the west wall. An L-shaped wing of painted concrete, brick and barrel tile with intersecting gable roofs extends to the western edge of the property. This houses the pro shop and the services of the golf course and kitchen area. This is the major addition made during the 1960's which expanded the size of the San Jose Country Club by about three times. All the additions and remodelings were designed by Marsh and Saxelbye or its successor firm Saxelbye, Powell, Roberts and Ponder and are in keeping with the stylistic vocabulary of the Spanish Revival style. The kitchen and service areas are masked by a brick wall of concrete, brick and grille-like boxes. The west lateral wing is composed of three bays formed by flat stucco pillars with splayed capitals of pebbled concrete set on a low stucco wall. The impost line is marked by a line of stones. The

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7. DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

window areas between are six-lite panes of fixed glass set in wood. A chimney with a tile covered gable rises above the intersection of this wing and the service wing. There is a low wall buttress where the two wings come together and another from the margin of the clerestory. The flooring of this area is of broken concrete tiles and is surrounded by small shrubs.

This bay is matched on the other (eastern) side of the central block. They are identical save the eastern one has six rather than three bays. A wall advances from the eastern edge parallel to the central porch. Two arches through the wall lead to the swimming pool. The wall buttress is capped by a pent roof of clay barrel tile and a bird house with a blind niche. The courtyard formed here is enclosed by a low stucco wall and is laid out in the formal European manner with concrete tile flooring and small shrubs.

The gable roofed porte cochere has a stucco cartouche in the gable end. This is set over a round-headed arch which is flanked by two smaller arches. Behind this is an arch set in a wall with steep parapets and reversed volute concrete caps and an urn-shaped finial. Leading to the door are three arched openings on each side of the passage. The passage ceiling is formed with four boxed beams of pecky cypress with ogee brackets and panels made of cypress planks. There are two hanging lanterns of amber glass. The door is an eight panel round-headed door with wood surround all made of pecky cypress.

A tower rises above the entrance door. The second story windows in the tower are eight-lite casements in wood frames with stone sills. They are set in groups of three on the east and north walls. A four over four double hung sash on the east wall is located to the south of the three casements. Clerestory windows are eight-lite round-headed casements in wood frames.

The tower is square with chamfered corners. Chamfers have vertical openings with triangular pents of barrel tile beneath them. A double arch divided by a twisted column with Corinthian capitals and impost points is located on each of the four walls. Stucco corbels support a wrought iron railing beneath the arches. Beneath a cavette moulded cornice line is arcaded corbeling. The clay barrel tile roof is octagonal. See photo #22.

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 Saxelby

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The San Jose Country Club was built for use by patrons of the San Jose Hotel. When the hotel went into foreclosure, the golf course remained in continuous use and the country club was used as a semi-private club. In the 1930's the students of Florida Military Academy used the club's facilities for their golf club. In 1946 Stockton Whatley Davin and Company bought all of San Jose Estates original land holdings from Ed Ball, the trustee of the Alfred I. DuPont estate except those owned by O. P. Woodcock and a few other private owners. The clubhouse had a ballroom, small locker room, pro shop and home type kitchen and approximately 135 acres of land plus the golf course.

TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1947 the building was chartered as a privately owned club and a lease purchase arrangement was made through Mr. Ball. In 1951, the San Jose Country Club purchased the property and began a series of additions and interior alterations to accommodate the growth of the club whose membership had grown from an original 224 to nearly 500. The San Jose clubhouse and its facilities have been expanded to meet the needs of this growing membership, and they reflect the needs of the 1980's which include larger dining facilities, tennis courts, a swimming pool, golf services and air conditioned interiors. All additions have been done by the original architectural firm. It has been the scene of important local and national events including a state visit by Egyptian President Sadat and President Gerald Ford.

9 BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See cover nomination bibliography.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Site Size (Approx. Acreage of Property):

Less than one acre,

UTM Coordinates:

1,7	43,99,0,0	3,34,55,6,0
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

Township	Range	Section
3S	27E	43

LOCATION SKETCH OR MAP

N

See attached map.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Pt. Lots 1 to 5, 22 to 25 S/D Z Kingsley Grant Section 43-35-27E &
Pt. J. M. Hanson Grant Sec 44-35-27E Recd. D. Bk. 1533-427, O/A Bk. 304-385
(Ex Pt Recd O/R Bk. 744-592).

This area includes only the Country Club building.

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 Zimny, Historic Site Specialist~~

ORGANIZATION

San Jose Estates Preservation, Inc.

DATE

1984

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