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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Blalock House
other names/site number S0505

2. Location

street & number 241 South Harbor Drive N/A not for publication
city, town Venice N/A vicinity
state Florida code FL county Sarasota code FL115 zip code 34293

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Venice Multiple Property Group

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature] State Historic Preservation Officer 2/13/89
Date
Florida State Historic Preservation Office, Bureau of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. Amy Schwager 4/12/89
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

SPANISH COLONIAL REVIVAL

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concretewalls woodstuccoroof concreteother wrought iron

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Social History

Architecture

Significant Person

N/A

Period of Significance

1925-1928

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Significant Dates

1925

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Bibliography of Venice Multiple Property Group Cover Nomination

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Bureau of Historic Preservation

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property less than one acre

UTM References

A 17 | 356280 | 2997830
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____ | _____ | _____

B _____ | _____ | _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____ | _____ | _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Gulf View Subdivision Block 59 Lots 13, 14, and north 15 feet of 15

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses that area originally plotted in town plan and is historically associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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The structure located at 241 South Harbor Drive, constructed in 1925, contributes to the Venice Multiple Property Group under Associated Property Type F1, Buildings of Venice. The two story residence is typical of the Housing Facilities, Category, Medium-sized Residence, Subcategory.

The structure located at 241 South Harbor Drive is a two story Mediterranean Revival style residence constructed of rough cast stucco over a wood frame. The three bay plan is rectangular with a side hall left entrance on a concrete foundation. The gable roof is clad in concrete barrel tile of the period. Windows are single and paired 6/6 double hung wood sash. A pair of arched windows is located at the first story of the front elevation in the right bay. At the second story of the same bay is a rectangular window with arched lintel imitating the lower level. The left bay is a two story entrance half-bay containing a wrought iron balconette. A interior slope chimney contains a rectangular cap. The structure is in good condition and has not been altered.

The property contains several sable palms planted at the time of construction. Overgrown border plants obstructs the view of the main elevation. The sidewalk and curbing on South Harbor Drive are also from the historic period.

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The Mediterranean Revival style residence at 241 South Harbor Drive is significant at the local level under Criterion C as a good example of the Mediterranean Revival style as applied to a medium-sized residence. The house contributes to the Venice Multiple Property Group under Associated Historic Context: Initial Period of Development of the City of Venice, Florida 1925-1928, and Associated Property Type-F1-Buildings of Venice under Category/Subcategory-Housing Facilities, Medium-sized Residences.

The residence built at 241 South Harbor Drive is one of the original medium-sized residences planned for Venice by John Nolen in 1925. The structure was built in the Mediterranean Revival style that was required by the developers of the plan, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Located between Venezia Park and Menendez Park (Armada Drive area), the Blalock House conforms to the standards imposed by both the city planner and the developer in the completion of residential neighborhoods for medium income families. Unlike the larger residences of the executive officers, the property lacks a garage and the more ornamental landscaping. In contrast, the lot provides a comfortable sized yard and is landscaped, unlike those found in the Edgewood Subdivision for the lower income families.

The property is a good example of the use of the Mediterranean Revival style and retains its historic integrity through location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Although not of high style, the residence reflects the ability of the style to conform to modest residences. This was part of the significance of the Nolen Plan in Venice as it was able to provide for comprehensive planning under the auspices of one universal architectural style. By doing so, the development of Venice was directly linked to the architectural style of the historic period and reflects the implementation of the Nolen Plan by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

PEORO STREET

SOUTH HARBOR DRIVE

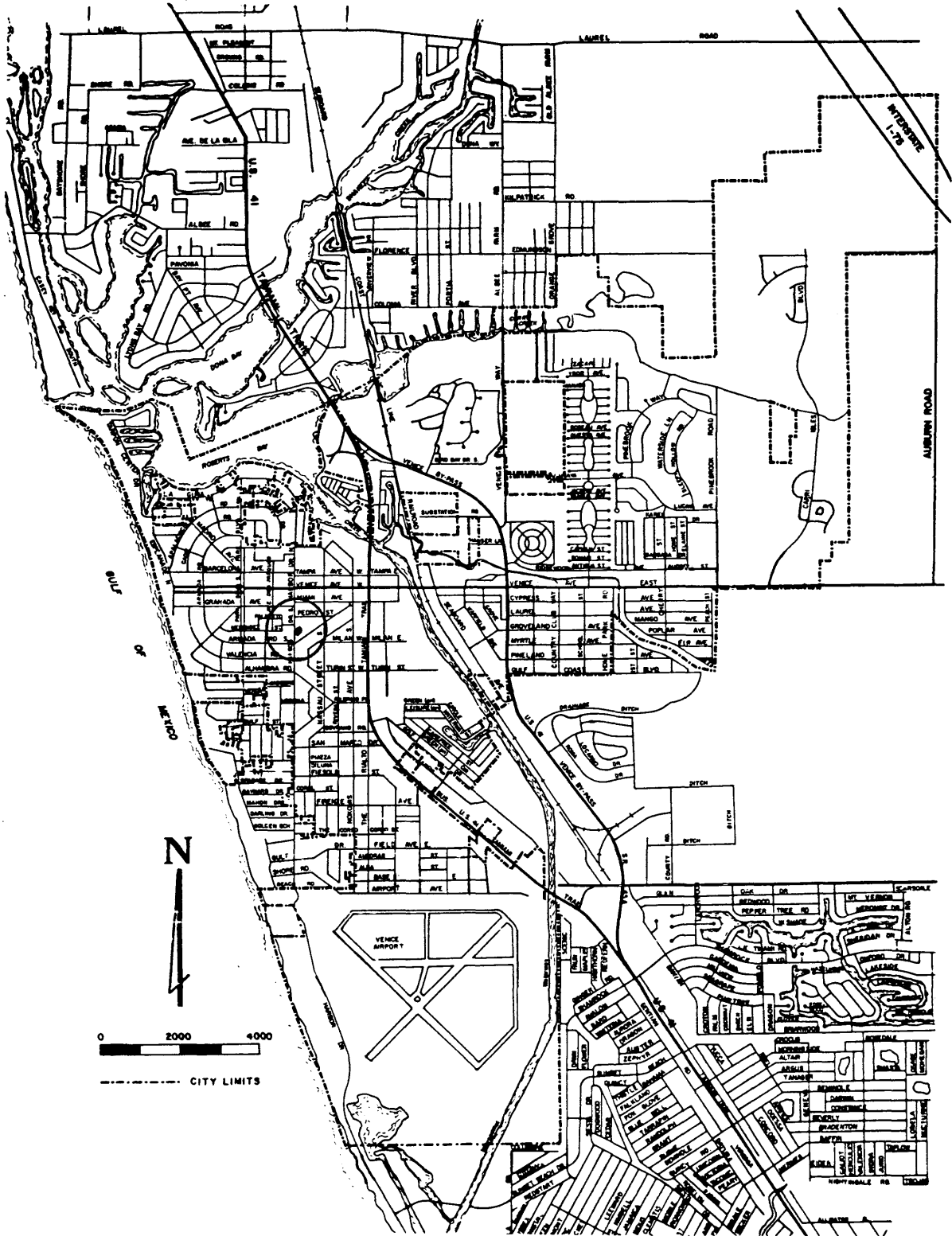
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