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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 Vinson, Paul L., House
other names/site number 8 HG 096

2. Location

street & number 309 North Lake View Drive N/A not for publication
city, town Sebring N/A vicinity
state Florida code FL county Highlands code FL 055 zip code 33870

3. Classification

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

Name of related multiple property listing:
Multiple Resources of Sebring, FL

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] 6/21/89
Signature of certifying official State Historic Preservation Officer Date
FL Dept. of State - 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.
 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] 8/14/89
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)

Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls wood

stucco

roof composition, rolled

other terra-cotta tile

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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1920

Significant Dates

1920

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
unknown

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please See Cover Nomination: Multiple Resources of Sebring, FL

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

Acreage of property approximately two acres

UTM References

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 Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Town of Sebring, Trans Book PG-6, S 1/2 of Lot 4, Block 99.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary follows the legal boundary description historically associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Paul L. Vinson House

The Paul L. Vinson House is a highly distinctive example of Mission style architecture. The one story residential building with a partial second story located above the southwest (left) side of the structure. It is located on a lake front lot at 309 North Lake View Drive in Sebring, Florida. The main facade is dominated by a massive, three porch with the center bay providing access by means of three concrete steps. The porch bays are arched with pent roofs with stepped feet. The front elevation contains irregular fenestration with an off-center main entrance. Fenestration includes a three sectioned bay window, a vertical multipane casement, and two vertical "sidelights" flanking the single-paned entrance door. A porte cochere at the left side of the main block leads to the rear of the property. Roofing is flat with Mission style influenced arched parapets, clay barrel tiled pent roofs, and second story concrete balustrades. The balustrades are broken by square piers and an entrance parapet over the porch entrance. The upper half story of the main block has barrel tile pent roofs and ribbons of casement windows on each its four sides. Ceramic tiles in rectangular, square, and diamond patterns are set in the stucco finish. The building has been unaltered and retains all original exterior features.

Photographs and Sanborn Maps indicate a structure to the rear of the house. However, as access to the property is restricted, no physical description is possible. For this reason, the building is listed as non-contributing in the 1987 Survey of Sebring, Florida.

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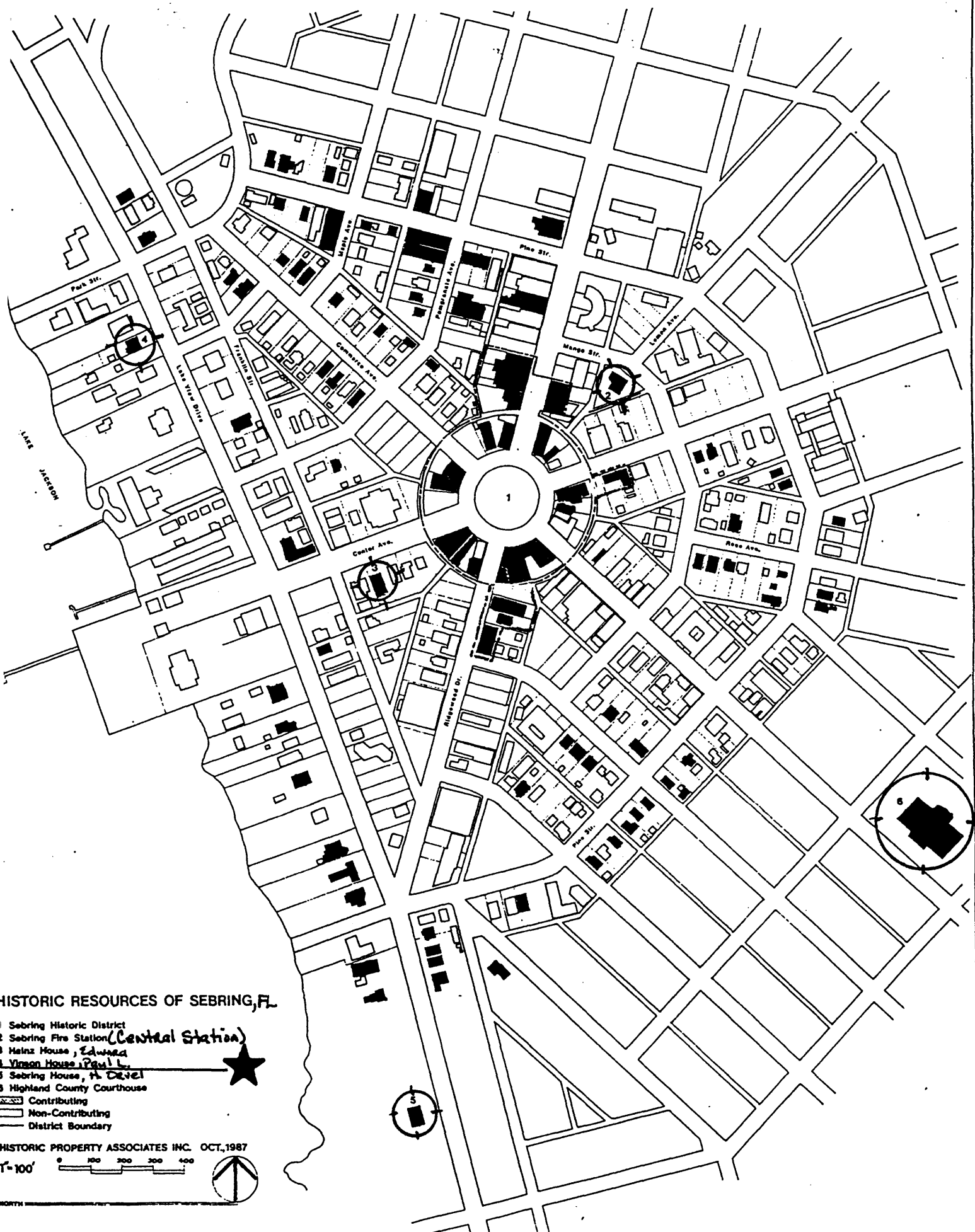
Paul L. Vinson House

The Paul L. Vinson House is significant at the local level under Criterion C as a rare, distinctive example of Mission style architecture in Sebring, Florida.

The Vinson House is located in the Town of Sebring and was built in 1920 for Paul L. Vinson, a local plumbing contractor. Vinson was one of the early settlers of Sebring and installed the original plumbing in the Kennilworth Hotel and the Hainz Building located at 134-138 North Ridgewood Drive. He also built and operated the Sebring Movie Theater at 206-210 North Circle Drive. It is surmised that Paul Vinson built the house for himself using his extensive knowledge of construction techniques acquired through years of installing plumbing in new commercial and residential structures.


The Vinson House is an excellent example of an eclectic, Mission styled residence in Sebring. In Florida the Mission style dates primarily from the 1920s and is closely associated with the Florida Land Boom. The Mission style was a variation of the Spanish Colonial style. Like the latter, it incorporated stuccoed walls and clay barrel tiled roofing and numerous arched bays. The Mission Style, however, was generally simpler in form, revealing curvilinear parapets and more, conspicuous round arches.

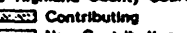
While there are numerous examples of the Mission style in Sebring, the Vinson House uses it in an extremely eclectic fashion. Although it expresses the Mission style through its curvilinear parapet and coping, open eaves, porch roof supported by large square piers, arched openings, patterned tile, and cantilevered pent roofs, it has been combined in such a fashion as to no longer reflect the Spanish mission churches of the Southwest. Instead, the use of these details has been integrated into a residential structure that is distinctive unto itself. By design or coincidence, the placement of the decorative tiles in a vertical pattern on vertical pillars capped with domes has resulted in the suggestion of the Art Deco style. The resulting configurations creates a residential structure with an eclectic style unique and individual to Sebring and South Florida.





HISTORIC RESOURCES OF SEBRING, FL.

- 1 Sebring Historic District
- 2 Sebring Fire Station (Central Station)
- 3 Heinz House, Edward
- 4 Vinson House, Paul L.
- 5 Sebring House, H. Devel
- 6 Highland County Courthouse



 Contributing

 Non-Contributing

 District Boundary

HISTORIC PROPERTY ASSOCIATES INC. OCT. 1987

 1" = 100'

