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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A". For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name BUTLER, JAMES D. AND ALICE, HOUSE

other names/site number SITE # BD130

2. Location

street & number 380 East Hillshoro Boulevard n/a  not for publication

city or town Deerfield Beach n/a  vicinity

state Florida code FL county Broward code 011 zip code 33441

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Suzanne P. Walker / Deputy SHPO 6/22/95  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

**Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historical Resources**  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the 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:)

Edson B. Beall Signature of the Keeper  
Entered in the National Register 7-28-95 Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property  
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal
- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register

N/A

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ Single Dwelling

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7. Description

Architectural Classification  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials  
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS/  
Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

foundation Stucco  
walls Stucco

roof Clay Tile

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

**EXPLORATION AND SETTLEMENT**  
**AGRICULTURE**

**Period of Significance**

**1923-1945**

**Significant Dates**

**1923**

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

**BUTLER, JAMES D.**

**BUTLER, ALICE**  
Cultural Affiliation

**N/A**

**Architect/Builder**

**Unknown**

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Butler, James D. and Alice, House**  
Name of Property

**Broward Co., Fl.**  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreeage of Property** less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing  
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Zone Easting Northing  
4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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organization Bureau of Historic Preservation date June 1995

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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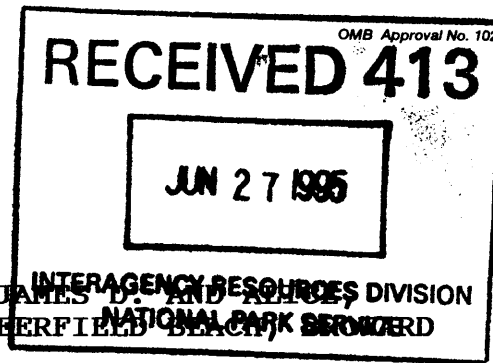
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BUTLER, JAMES D. AND ALICE,  
HOUSE, DEERFIELD BEACH, BROWARD  
CO., FL.



The Butler House is located at 380 E. Hillsboro Boulevard, Deerfield Beach, Florida. The Mediterranean Revival style home is two stories in height, with one story projections on the north, east and south elevations. The house has an irregular plan and rests on a reinforced concrete slab. The walls are constructed of hollow, clay tiles and finished with stucco. Barrel tile covers the hip roof of the two-story portion of the house. The flat roofs of the one-story projections are surfaced with tar paper. An interior chimney is located on the north roof slope. An exterior, stucco-covered furnace flue is located on the south wall of the second floor and extends through the tile roof.

## SETTING

The Butler House occupies a corner lot at the intersection of Hillsboro Boulevard and S.E. 4th Avenue. When the house was constructed in 1923, what is now Hillsboro Boulevard was a narrow, sand road. Since that time, Hillsboro Boulevard (SR 810) has become a major east/west thoroughfare through Deerfield Beach, and in 1977-78 was widened to six lanes. Four blocks to the west is a major north/south corridor, Dixie Highway. It is sited on three and 1/2 lots, comprising almost half an acre. Within the last few years Hillsboro Boulevard has been zoned for business. Several of the residences along the boulevard have been adapted for commercial and office use.

The Butler House property is well landscaped. Cabbage palms border the east side of the house. The front yard has a rock garden and flagpole. Foundation plantings consist of ferns, hibiscus, and other shrubs. A large ficus tree is located on the west lawn.

## EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The house was designed with the primary facade on the east. However, the north facade now functions as the primary facade. The north facade fronts onto Hillsboro Boulevard (photo 1). This elevation steps back in three stages. The lowest portion (and the narrowest) is a one-story, enclosed porch. The flat roof of this porch is concealed by a parapet which terminates in a plaster cap. This porch was enclosed in the 1930s to create a

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sun room extension to the living room. The middle section is slightly taller than the porch section. Behind that is the two-story main block of the house. The primary entrance is centrally located on the north facade and is flanked by 6/1 double hung, sash windows. Rectangular brick panels are below the windows. The side walls of the porch have 6/1, double hung, sash windows. Double hung, sash windows are used on the second story windows on the main block.

The east elevation, originally the main facade, faces onto S.E. 4th Avenue. It features a projecting one story porch with a flat roof and a parapet that matches that of the north facade (photo 2). The porch is screened across the front; jalousie windows are on the side walls.

A bay window with 6/1 sash windows and a barrel tile shed roof projects from the west elevation (photo 3). The eave is bracketed, matching the main roof of the house. The second floor is fenestrated with a triple band of 6/1, double hung sash windows. The second floor is cantilevered slightly over the first floor, and supported by decorative brackets that flank the bay window projection.

The rear (south) elevation projects forward in two segments, similar to the main facade (photo 4). The segment adjacent to the main block of the house has a flat roof. In front of this is a service porch with a barrel tile hip roof that wraps around the corner along the south end of the west elevation. The porch is screened above a stucco knee wall.

#### INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

An entry foyer, accessed from the east porch, is designed around a central, quarter-turn staircase with plain balusters (photo 5). To the north of the stairway is a living room with beamed ceiling. The brick fireplace in this room has a simple oak mantel and a tile hearth (photo 6). The living room connects to the dining room, located directly behind the staircase. South of the central entry hall is a kitchen (photo 7), eating nook (photo 8), bath, and bedroom. The upper floor contains two bedrooms and a bath.

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**OUTBUILDINGS**

A non-contributing, frame storage shed is located on the southwest side of the house near the property line (photo 9). The small shed is partially hidden by Brazilian pepper bushes along the property line.

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The James D. and Alice Butler House, at 380 East Hillsboro Boulevard in Deerfield Beach, Florida, was built in 1923. The residence meets National Register criteria A and B for its significance as the home of early settlers and community leaders, James D. and Alice Butler.

**HISTORIC CONTEXT**

Because of its relative isolation, the Deerfield Beach area, near the mouth of the Hillsboro River, was among the last parts of extreme southeast Florida to be extensively settled. In the 1890s, a small farming settlement formed and eventually evolved into the community of Deerfield. The population growth in south Florida and the desire for greater local representation resulted in the creation of smaller, new counties out of former larger counties. Over the years, Deerfield has belonged to three different counties. Until 1909, Deerfield was in Dade County, from 1909 until 1915 it was in Palm Beach County, and from 1915 to the present it has been in Broward County. The hamlet had no solid economic basis until 1896 when Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railroad was laid through the community. The railroad enabled the local farmers to ship their produce, consisting primarily of pineapples, peppers, beans, corn, eggplant and tomatoes. The community was little more than a railroad crossing. By June 1898, however, the population had grown to about twenty families and a post office was secured.

In 1911 the Hillsboro River was dredged to become a canal, connecting the coastal waterway with Lake Okeechobee. In 1914, Deerfield obtained a telephone system. By the following year the population reached 150. At that time, the only paved road in the community was the twelve-foot wide Dixie Highway. The first bridge over the waterway to connect the beach area with the mainland was built in 1917. Even though only a few houses were located near the beach in 1923, Boca Raton, a community to the immediate north, threatened to annex the beach area. Community leaders, including James D. Butler, foiled this plan in 1925, by successfully petitioning to have the town incorporated. George E. Butler, James Butler's brother, was chosen as mayor in the first city elections. One of the first measures passed by the new government was a \$300,000 bond issue for capital improvements such as the construction of sidewalks, a jail, city hall, and waterworks. In 1925, the population was approximately 1,300.



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Disaster struck the fledgling community in September 1926, when a hurricane roared up from the Florida Keys. A second hurricane hit in September 1928. These storms severely damaged practically every home and store in the town. Further difficulties for the city were brought on by the Great Depression, and growth stalled. In 1939, in an effort to increase its tax base, the city expanded its boundaries to include the residents of the beach area and changed its name to Deerfield Beach. The population was 1,850 in 1940. When nearby Boca Raton acquired an air base during World War II, military personnel sought housing in Deerfield Beach. This marked the resurgence of growth for the community and the beginning of a viable tourism industry.

**HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE**

Deerfield gained two new citizens in 1910 who would have a lasting impact on the community. James D. Butler and his wife, Alice, came from Texas to visit relatives in Deerfield and liked the area so much they decided to stay.

James D. Butler was born in Mitchell County, Georgia, in 1877. He later moved to Carthage, Texas to work in an uncle's dry goods store. He met Alice Wood in Mineral Wells, Texas, and the couple married in 1906. Alice Wood Butler was born in Ohio in 1884. In 1900 she had moved to Corpus Christi, Texas to live with an aunt and uncle following the death of her mother.

The couple settled in Carthage, Texas, where the first of their three children was born. None of the children lived past infancy. In 1909, the Butlers traveled east to visit relatives, first visiting Mr. Butler's parents in Georgia, then traveling on to visit his sister in Deerfield. At the end of this trip, they had planned to move to McAllister, Oklahoma, where Mr. Butler had secured a job. Apparently the couple decided their prospects were better in Florida, for they decided to remain in Deerfield. They quickly became involved in the commercial and civic life of the community. Butler entered the grocery business in 1910. In 1913, the couple became charter members of the First Baptist Church.

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By 1912, James Butler had decided to try his hand at farming. He was joined in this venture by his younger brother, George Emory Butler, in 1915. They owned 640 acres, known as Butler Farms, at the intersection of Route 441 and Wiles Road. The primary crop was beans. They later expanded their property, so that about 800 acres were in cultivation yearly. Most of their produce was shipped by rail, but some was transported by the Clyde Steamship Line out of Jacksonville, and later through the port of Miami. The partnership was incorporated as Butler Farms, Inc. in 1937. The Butler brothers were noted for permitting blacks to share crop at a time when most other growers would hire them only as laborers. James Butler continued to farm until his death in 1965.

Both James and Alice Butler were active in civic affairs. Mr. Butler was a member of the first School Board of Broward County, serving from July 1915 to July 1919. In March 1923, he was appointed to the County Commission and served that body through 1928. From 1925-1927 he was also a member of the City Commission of Deerfield, and in 1935 and 1936 he served as mayor. Mrs. Butler was a charter member of the Deerfield Woman's Club which formed in 1919. She served as president of the organization in 1927 and 1929. Both continued to be active in the First Baptist Church.

The Butlers built a home on Hillsboro Boulevard, approximately one-quarter mile south of the Hillsboro River, in 1923. The house was reportedly based on plans they had ordered from the September, 1923 issue of Ladies Home Journal, which were than modified by Mrs. Butler. An article in that issue by Sarasota architect Dwight James Baum, describes and illustrates a two-story Mediterranean Revival house. It is quite different in exterior appearance from the Butler house, but there is a marked similarity in plan and room arrangement. The house was built at a cost of \$10,000 and constructed by the Gulfstream Lumber Company of Delray Beach, Florida.

The Butlers lived in this house until their deaths. He died in 1965; she died in 1976. The Butlers were active participants in the early years of Deerfield's growth. In addition, they made a lasting contribution to their community through a bequest which left their home to the Deerfield Beach Historical Society, and by the establishment of a \$6.4 million trust fund for scholarships for graduates of Deerfield Beach High School.

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Town of Deerfield 5-31 PB Lot 1 less N 30 and less pt inc in ext area formed by 12 rad arc Tang to E/L and Tang to line 30 S of and para to N/L lot 1, lots 2, 3, & 4 E 28.22, less N 30 thereof Blk 6.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The nominated property, shown by the dotted line on the Site Plan, is the parcel historically associated with the James D. and Alice Butler House.

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1. Butler, James D. and Alice, House, 380 E. Hillsboro Boulevard
2. Deerfield Beach, Broward County, Florida
3. Barbara Briggs Guenther
4. August 1992
5. 541 S.E. 18th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, Fl., 33441
6. Main (north) facade on left, west elevation on right; view looking southeast
7. Photo 1 of 9

Numbers 1-5 are the same for the remaining photographs

6. Main (north) facade on right, east elevation on left; view looking southwest
7. Photo 2 of 9
6. West elevation, view looking northeast
7. Photo 3 of 9
6. Rear (south) elevation, view looking north
7. Photo 4 of 9
6. Interior detail, entry hall; view looking west
7. Photo 5 of 9
6. Interior detail, living room fireplace; view looking southeast
7. Photo 6 of 9
6. Interior detail, kitchen; view looking southwest
7. Photo 7 of 9
6. Interior detail, breakfast nook; view looking southwest
7. Photo 8 of 9
6. West elevation on left, non-contributing storage shed on right; view looking southeast
7. Photo 9 of 9

BUTLER, JAMES D. AND ALICE, HOUSE

Deerfield Beach, Broward Co., FL

Site Plan

Approx. Scale: 0.5"-29'

Photo Direction 

HILLSBORO BLVD

NORTH SIDE OF  
HILLSBORO BLVD PRIMARILY  
COMMERCIAL/OFFICE

PUBLIC SIDEWALK W/  
BRICK EDGING & SMALL PALMS

S.E. 3RD AVENUE

S.E. 4TH AVENUE

S.E. 1ST STREET

MEDICAL OFFICES

RETAINING WALL

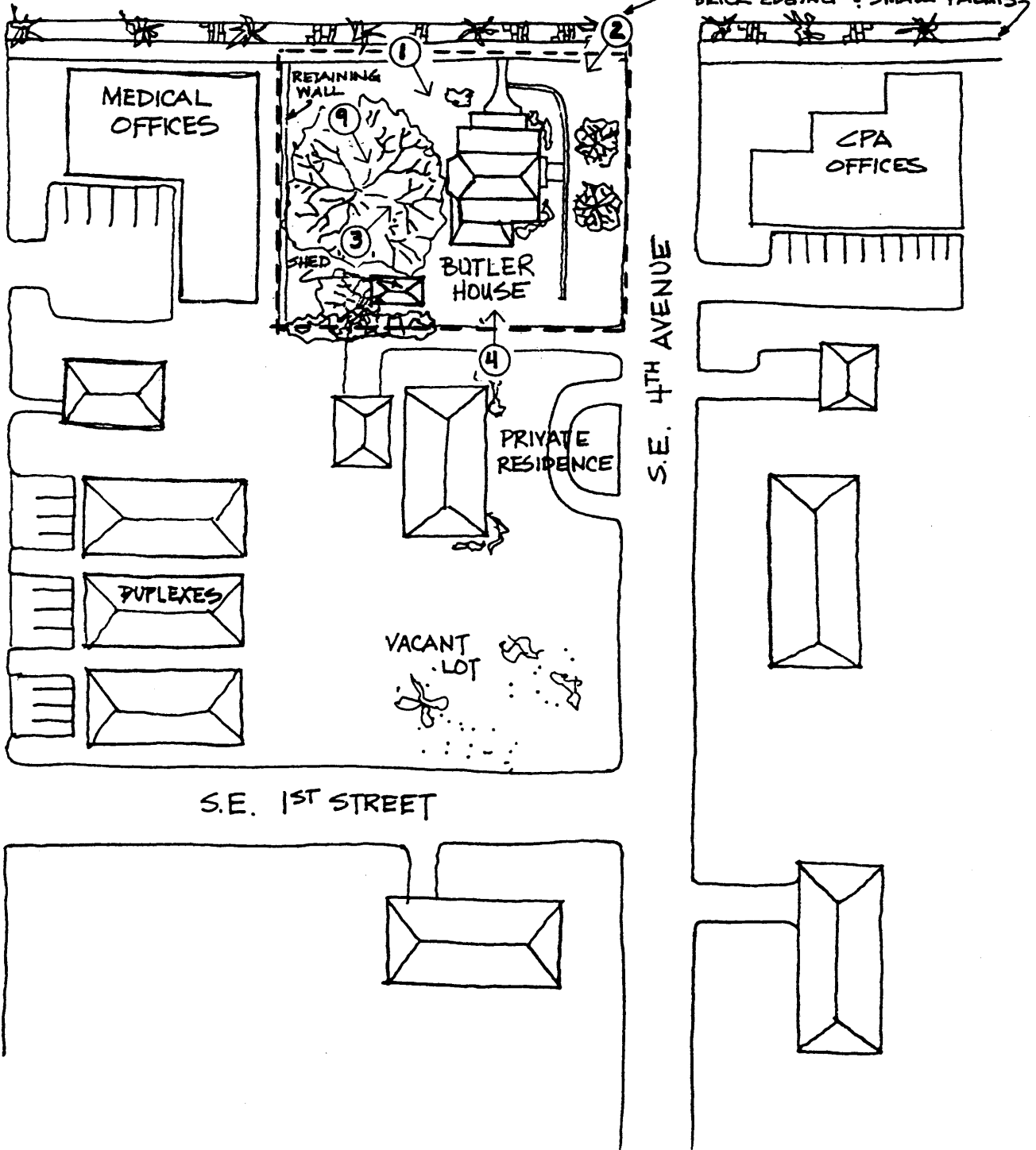
BUTLER HOUSE

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

CPA OFFICES

DUPLEXES

VACANT LOT



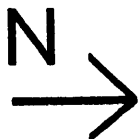
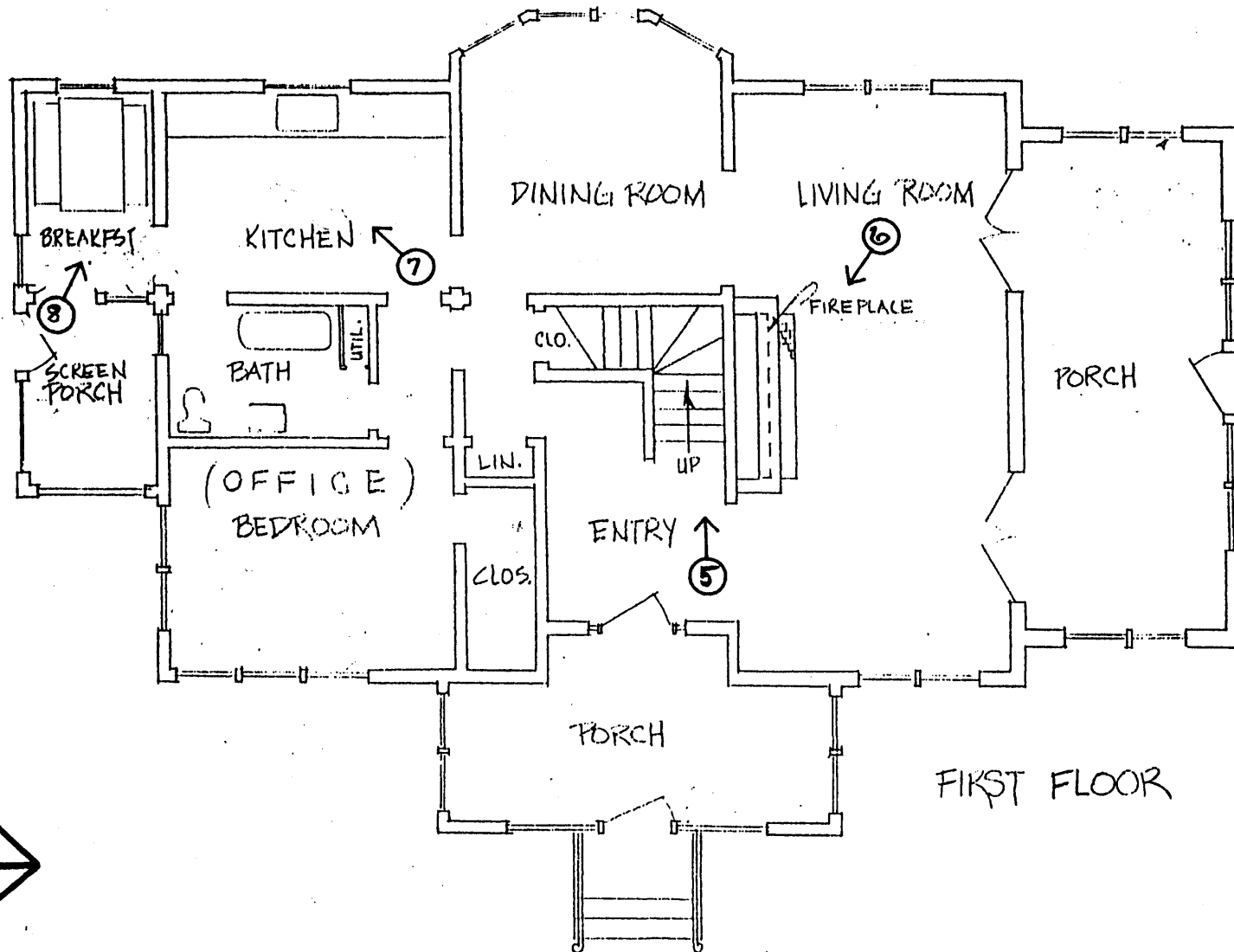
BUTLER, JAMES D. AND ALICE. HOUSE

First Floor Plan

Deerfield Beach, Broward Co., Fl.

Approx. Scale: 1/8"=1'

Photo Direction ○→



FIRST FLOOR