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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 Venezia Park Historic District
other names/site number 8SO 1872

2. Location

street & number N/A not for publication
city, town Venice N/A vicinity
state Florida code FL county Sarasota code FL 115 zip code 34285

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>47</u>	<u>11</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>48</u>	<u>11</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Venice Multiple Property Group
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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] Date 10/30/89
Signature of certifying official State Historic Preservation Officer
Florida 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:) _____
Amy Federman 12/18/89

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single dwellingRECREATION & CULTURE/outdoor recreation

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single dwellingRECREATION & CULTURE/outdoor recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

SPANISH COLONIAL REVIVAL

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation poured concretewalls hollow clay tilewoodroof clay barrel tileother stucco

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
SOCIAL HISTORY
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Period of Significance

1925-1928

Significant Dates

1926, 1927

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.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See Cover Nomination

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 55 acres

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Venezia Park Historic District conforms as closely as possible to the historic neighborhood as to include as many contributing, and as few non-contributing, structures as possible. Historic resources outside the boundary were excluded as to limit the modern infill.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Venezia Park Historic District

SUMMARY

Venezia Park Historic District, designed around a large trapezoidal-shaped park, contributes to the Venice Multiple Property Group under Associated Property Types: F.1, Buildings of Venice, Florida 1925-1928; and F.2, Landscape Features of the Nolen Plan of Venice, Florida. The district contains 47 contributing and 11 non-contributing structures and a large central green space for a total of 48 contributing structures.

SETTING

The Venezia Park Historic District is a collection of moderately sized Spanish Colonial Revival style residences located on the streets radiating from a central, trapezoidal-shaped park. The park, heavily landscaped with native long-leaf pine and australian pine, and bounded by the intersecting streets of Palermo Place, Nassau, Salerno and Sorrento Streets, serves as the focal point for the neighborhood. The overall street design emphasizes visual and physical access to the park by all residents of the area. Houses are one and two story, hollow clay tile and stucco dwellings with clay, barrel-tiled roofs. Applied ceramic ornamentation and balconies add texture and variety to the residential neighborhood.

ORIGINAL AND PRESENT APPEARANCE

Venezia Park Historic District is part of John Nolen's 1925 comprehensive plan for Venice. The district contains a concentration of single family residences built during the initial period of development, 1925-1928. As required by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' (BLE) architectural design criteria, structures were built in the Mediterranean Revival style. The most elaborate of the houses front Venezia Park on Venezia Avenue. The majority of these houses are two story and characterized by a complexity of setbacks, ornate wood balconies and clay tiled multiple rooflines. Single story houses are found on Palermo Street and Nassau Avenue, and are also characterized by arched openings, deep setbacks and ornate wooden balconies.

In general, the structures tend to have irregular plans with patios, courtyards, or arcades having multiple facets in the form

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of one story projections, courtyards, projecting porticos, porte cocheres and walls. They are both hollow clay tile or wood framed structures with smooth or textured stucco finishing. There are multiple rooflines ranging from gable to hip which provide variety to the streetscape. Flat, parapeted roofs are limited to small wings or garages; all original main and pantile roofs are covered in clay barrel tile. The majority of roofs has rain gutters and little or no overhang.

The interiors of residential structures reflect the modest to elaborate exteriors. Beamed cathedral ceilings, ceramic tiled floors and ornamental details throughout demonstrate the quality and craftsmanship of Venice's builders and architects. Many details such as inlaid terracotta tile were imported from Tunisia and Spain. Such architectural features as arched doorways and attached columns are found in even the most modest of the medium-sized houses.

Houses are detached, each with a separate garage and, in many cases, an accessory apartment. The structures within the district are in excellent condition and are relatively unaltered with the exception of the replacement of steel casement windows with aluminum replacements. Such replacements are common in Florida to combat the sub-tropical environment and salt air corrosion.

Non-contributing structures are similar in scale, setback and materials, and do not detract from the observance of the historic resources of the buildings and park plan. While non-contributing structures within the district were constructed during the 1950s, they do not detract from the historical resources of the district itself. Modern infill is plain to offset any potential intrusion into the area's historic feeling and setting.

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ADDRESS	C	N-C	TOTAL
409 South Harbor Drive	1	0	1
501 South Harbor Drive	2	0	2
505 South Harbor Drive	2	0	2
509 South Harbor Drive	0	1	1
517 South Harbor Drive	0	1	1
519 South Harbor Drive	1	0	1
521 South Harbor Drive	2	0	2
405 South Nassau Street	1	0	1
409 South Nassau Street	1	0	1
413 South Nassau Street	2	0	2
417 South Nassau Street	2	0	2
421 South Nassau Street	2	0	2
425 South Nassau Street	0	1	1
429 South Nassau Street	2	0	2
500 South Nassau Street	1	0	1
504 South Nassau Street	1	0	1
200 Palmero Place	2	0	2
204 Palmero Place	2	0	2
208 Palmero Place	2	0	2
212 Palmero Place	2	0	2
214 Palermo Place	0	1	1
224 Palmero Place	1	0	1
520 Riviera Street	1	0	1
309 Sorrento Street	2	0	2
313 Sorrento Street	0	1	1
315 Sorrento Street	0	1	1
317 Sorrento Street	0	1	1
324 Sorrento Street	0	1	1
325 Sorrento Street	1	0	1
328 Sorrento Street	1	0	1
333 Sorrento Street	1	0	1
408 Venezia	4	0	4
412 Venezia	2	0	2
420 Venezia	0	1	1

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500	Venezia	0	1	1
504	Venezia	2	0	2
508	Venezia	2	0	2
512	Venezia	2	0	2
516	Venezia	0	1	1
	Park	1	0	1
	TOTAL	48	11	59

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SUMMARY

The Venezia Park Historic District is significant at the local level under Criterion C as an excellent collection of medium-sized Mediterranean Revival style residences constructed in 1926-1927 in Venice, Florida. It is also significant under Criterion A at the local level in the areas of Social History and Community Planning and Development. The district 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 Types: F.1 Buildings of Venice, Category Residential/Medium-sized Houses; and F.2 Landscape Features of the Nolen Plan for Venice, Florida.

The developers of the Nolen Plan for Venice, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, encouraged substantial building activity in Venice to provide adequate housing for all income ranges. The Venezia Park Subdivision of the Plan was designed for moderate to high income residents. The Venezia Park Historic District of Venice represents that portion of the 1925 Nolen Plan calling for the provision of medium income housing. The character and design of the district are significant elements of the framework of development in Venice.

The contributing houses of Venezia Park generally conform to the required architectural criteria of the Venice Company, as described in the associated property type. Houses are larger than those found in the Edgewood Subdivision, but are substantially less ornate or elaborate than those large-sized residences constructed in the West Venice Avenue area. Houses are one or two story in height and designed in the Mediterranean Revival style. Houses are designed on medium sized lots and houses are oriented away from the adjacent properties to provide the maximum amount of privacy possible within a planned subdivision. In addition, vegetation such as native long-leaf pine was used to provide noise and privacy buffers. The architectural uniqueness of each house shows a concerted effort on the part of the developers of Venice to provide the highest possible standard of living for the middle income class.

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Architectural standards were strictly applied to construction in Venezia Park, resulting in a cohesive neighborhood relating in both setting and architectural design. The structures contribute to the district architecturally through the ornamental design qualities and careful placement surrounding the park itself.

The district is a significant element of the comprehensive plan for the City of Venice as created by city planner John Nolen. The large park provides a green setting for medium-sized Mediterranean Revival style houses. The overall street pattern surrounding the park is visually interesting and connects to the many fine residences of the district. The district is significant for the overall plan layout as well as the architectural merits of the individual structures.

The social history and community planning and development of Venice during the initial period of development are closely related in the Venezia Park Historic District. Because the plan for Venice was designed around social status, the district, as a successful component of the plan, shows the development of a residential neighborhood specifically designed to meet the needs of the middle class.

The central park in this district also contributes to the social and planned development of Venice. The neighborhood is named for the green space, "Venezia Park", and clearly indicates the significance green spaces and parks had on the quality of life in the fledgling town as described in the associated property type. The park and landscape vegetation were provided by Prentiss French and the Landscape Department of the City of Venice. The designed green spaces and mature plantings from the historic period distinguish Venezia Park from later surrounding development.

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VENEZIA PARK

Commence at the southwest corner of Nokomis Avenue and Palermo Place, thence west to the northwest corner of Riviera Street and Palermo Place, thence south to the southeast corner of Lot 18, Block 102, Venezia Park, thence along the south and west boundary of said lot to the southeast side of Sorrento Street, thence southwest to the southwest corner of Sorrento Street and Nassau Street, thence south to the southeast corner of Lot 2, Block 100, Venezia Park, thence west to the southeast corner of Lot 22, Block 100, Venezia Park, thence southwest along the centerline of said block to the south corner of Lot 15, said block, thence west to the east corner of South Harbor Drive, thence north to the northwest corner of Lot 13, said block, thence southeasterly to the west corner of Lot 16, said block, thence northeasterly to the northeast side of Salerno Street, thence southeasterly to the east corner of Nassau Street South and Salerno Street, thence north to the southeast corner of Nassau Street and Turin Street, thence east to the northeast corner of Lot 21, Block 91, Venezia Park, thence south to the northeast corner of Lot 14, said block, thence southeasterly to the northwest corner of Lot 11, said block, thence west to the west side of Nokomis Avenue, thence south to the point of beginning.

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5. Florida Dept. of State
6. Venezia Park facing west
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2. Venice, Florida
3. Vicki L. Welcher
4. February, 1989
5. Florida Dept. of State
6. Venezia Park at corner of Sorrento and Salerno Sts. facing northwest
7. Photo 2 of 21

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2. Venice, Florida
3. Vicki L. Welcher
4. February, 1989
5. Florida Dept. of State
6. Venezia Park at corner of Venezia Park and Sorrento St. facing northeast
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1. Venezia Park, Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. Phillip A. Werndli
4. September, 1985
5. Venice Area Historical Collection
6. Intersection of Palmero, Sorrento and Salerno facing northwest
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1. 429 Nassau Street, Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. Vicki L. Welcher
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5. Florida Dept. of State
6. Front elevation facing northeast
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3. Vicki L. Welcher
4. February, 1989
5. Florida Dept. of State
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1. 413 S. Nassau Street-Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. Unknown
4. 1926
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1. 212 Palmero Place (Street)-Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. Vicki L. Welcher
4. February, 1989
5. Florida Dept. of State
6. Front elevation facing northeast
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1. 208, 204 Palmero Place (Street)-Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. Vicki L. Welcher
4. February, 1989
5. Florida Dept. of State
6. Front elevation facing northeast
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1. 309 Sorrento Street and 500 Nassau Street-Venezia Park HD
2. Venice, Florida
3. Vicki L. Welcher
4. February, 1989
5. Florida Dept. of State
6. Front and side elevations facing southeast
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1. 313, 315, 317 Sorrento Street-Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. Phillip A. Werndli
4. September, 1985
5. Venice Area Historical Society
6. Streetscape facing southeast
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1. 408, 412 Venezia Park-Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. Vicki L. Welcher
4. February, 1989
5. Florida Dept. of State
6. Front elevations from across Venezia Park facing southwest
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1. 504, 508, 512 Venezia Park-Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. Vicki L. Welcher
4. February, 1989
5. Florida Dept. of State
6. Front elevations facing southwest
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1. 504 Venezia Park-Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. John McCarthy
4. July, 1985
5. Venice Planning Department
6. Front elevation facing west
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1. 508 Venezia Park-Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. Vicki L. Welcher
4. February, 1989
5. Florida Dept. of State
6. Front elevation and outbuilding facing northwest
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2. Venice, Florida
3. John McCarthy
4. July, 1985
5. Venice Planning Department
6. Front elevation facing west
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1. 412 Venezia Park-Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. John McCarthy
4. July, 1985
5. Venice Planning Department
6. Front elevation facing west
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1. 501 S. Harbor Drive-Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. Vicki L. Welcher
4. February, 1989
5. Florida Dept. of State
6. Side elevation facing south
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1. 501, 505 S. Harbor Drive-Venezia Park Historic District
6. Front elevations facing northeast
2. Venice, Florida
3. Vicki L. Welcher
4. February, 1989
5. Florida Dept. of State
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1. 517, 519 S. Harbor Drive-Venezia Park Historic District
2. Venice, Florida
3. Vicki L. Welcher
4. February, 1989
5. Florida Dept. of State
6. Front elevations facing south-southeast
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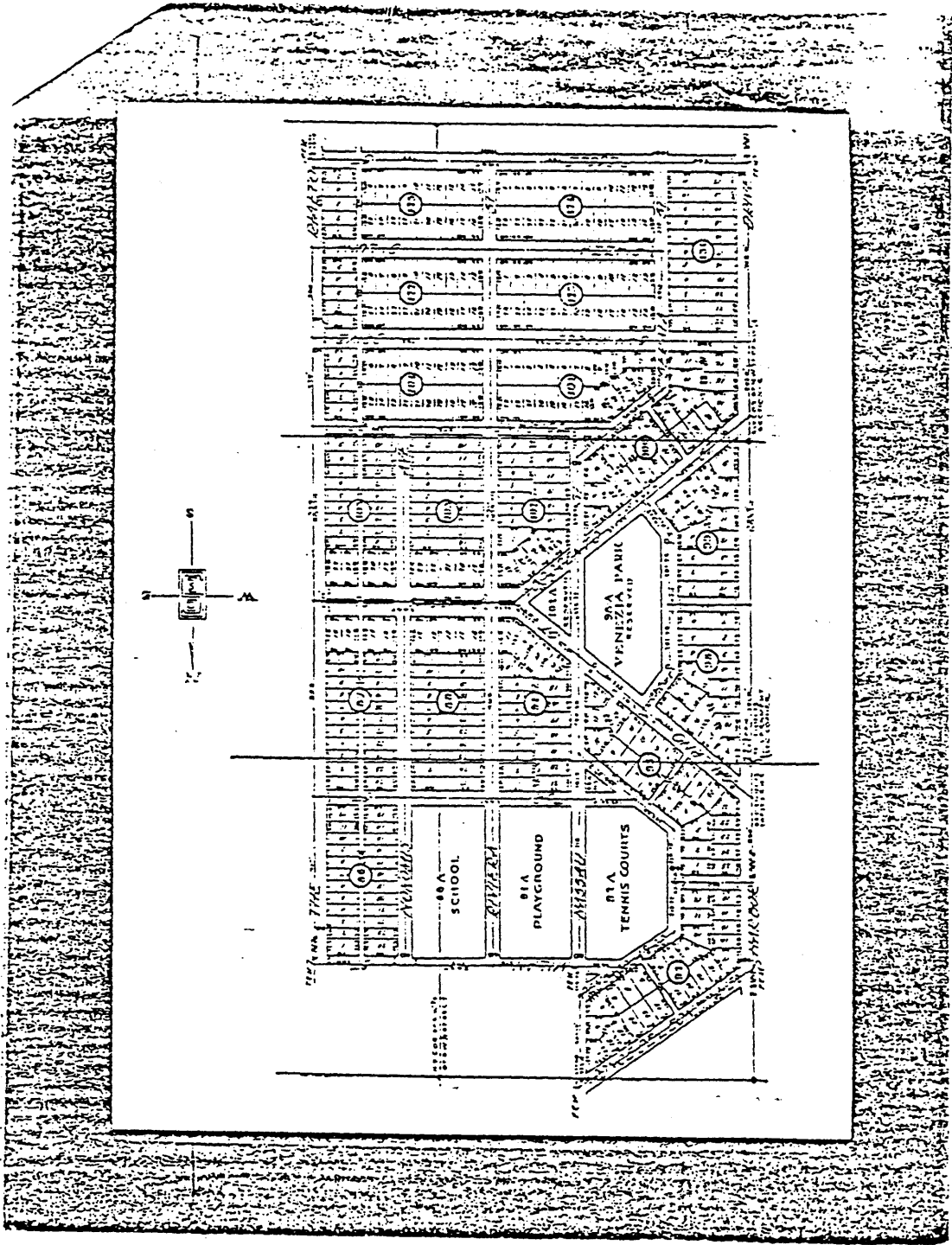
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3. Unknown
4. 1926
5. Venice Area Historical Collection
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