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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Florida
COUNTY: Hillsborough
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE JUL 24 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Johnson-Wolff House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
6823 ~~South~~ DeSoto Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Tampa

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Sixth

STATE:
Florida

CODE:
12

COUNTY:
Hillsborough

CODE:
057

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Ethel L. Wolff

STREET AND NUMBER:
6824 Fitzgerald Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Tampa

STATE:
Florida

CODE:
12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Hillsborough County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Tampa

STATE:
Florida

CODE:
12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
N/A

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local

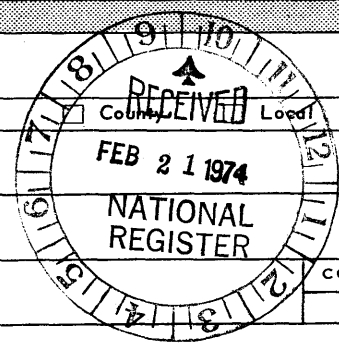
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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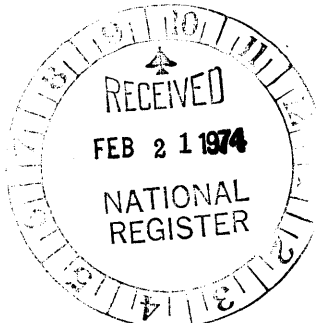
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In original condition this building had a flat roofline and wrought iron balconies at the second floor windows. The Wolff House is now an extremely fine masonry building (the date of which is undetermined) which has nearly Georgian proportions. It is completely symmetrical on all sides in fenestration and detail. Windows are double-hung sash with panelled wooden surrounds, radiating brick voussoirs and stone sills. There are nine windows on the main facade in addition to the single entranceway with transom above. The roof is a hip of steep pitch with a small gable at the front centrally placed. The gable contains a louvered opening probably to allow light and air to enter the attic space. Chimneys are of brick and located on the extreme north and south sides of the roof. The house has a wide veranda extending the entire length of the east facade and extending back two-thirds of the way on the north and south sides. The veranda runs between the slender square supporting posts chamfered on the upper portions, and bracketed to the roof at the top. The pattern of the balustrade is a plain spindle post and the veranda is five bays wide across the front. The house rests on brick piers only a few inches above the ground level and the stair to the veranda is only two steps high. The brickwork is laid in common band with a random pattern of glazed stretchers; there is, however, a set pattern of their placement in the voussoirs.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) C. 1885

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The character of the Johnson-Wolff House changed with its ownership in 1893. Having been constructed approximately eight years earlier during the ownership of Leon Lopez (1883-1885) for use as employee housing by the Plant Steamship Company, the building was awkward in appearance with a flat roof and traces of Latin influence in the exterior ornamentation. In 1893, with its purchase by Johnson, a high hipped roof and central pediment were added, some of the ornamentation was removed and the appearance of the building was generally chastened. His somewhat minor alterations changed an undistinguished building into a dignified residence which remains virtually unchanged today.

Captain Henry L. Johnson, a Norwegian seaman sailing out of Boston, came to Port Tampa in 1893. Previously the captain of his own four-masted schooner, Johnson became a pilot in the Tampa Bay area and saw service during the Spanish-American War. During Captain Johnson's lifetime, the house became a center for social activity and entertaining in Port Tampa. Johnson was also a charter member of the Calumet Club, one of the earliest civic and social clubs in Tampa. Captain Johnson died somewhat of a hero's death: during the influenza epidemic of 1917, Johnson insisted on using his automobile to carry victims to the hospital and repeated warnings finally bore fruit when he succumbed to the disease.

The Johnson-Wolff House has remained in the same family since 1893 (the present owner, Ethel Wolff is Capt. Johnson's daughter). None of the changes made by Captain Johnson added to or were necessitated by functional requirements; rather his alterations were motivated by the New Englander's taste which he brought with him. Although there were once many fine residences in Port Tampa, this is one of the few remaining examples.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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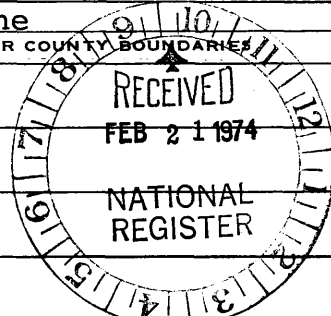
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Diane D. Greer, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: **Div. of Archives, History and Records Management** DATE: **June, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of State, The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: **Tallahassee** STATE: **Florida** CODE: **12**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Robert Williams*
Title: Historic Preservation Officer

Date: February 6, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Arthur ...
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/24/74

ATTEST:
Ronald M. Greenberg
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7/22/74