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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Turnbull-Ritter House

AND/OR COMMON
Sunrise Plantation

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North of State Road 158 approximately 1 mile west of inter-
section of 158 and U. S. 19

NW of Lamont off U.S. 19 NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Lamont VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Second

STATE Florida CODE 012 COUNTY Jefferson CODE 065

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Milton Ritter

STREET & NUMBER Route 1, Box 108

CITY, TOWN Lamont VICINITY OF Florida STATE 32336

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER U. S. 90

CITY, TOWN Monticello Florida STATE 32344

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Jefferson County Survey

DATE 1975 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management

CITY, TOWN Tallahassee STATE Florida

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Turnbull-Ritter House is a five-bay, 2½ story Classic Revival structure with double pile, central hall plan. The house is of wood frame construction on brick piers and is covered with weatherboard. Originally there were four brick exterior-end chimneys, however, only the two on the east end remain. On the north and south (entrance) facades there are one-story porches extending across all bays.

The gable roof with shallow eaves has a boxed cornice. There are no windows at the attic level. The first story windows are 9/9 double hung sash and those of the second floor are 6/6 double hung sash. All windows have plain surrounds with drip molds. Some exterior blinds remain on the second story. The entrance consists of double, panelled wood doors with sidelights. Each sidelight contains a panel of two rows of five panes.

The house is sited on a slight rise. To the northeast is an associated private cemetery.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1856

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Turnbull-Ritter House is a rare example of an unaltered 2½ story Classic Revival house built in antebellum Florida. In addition, the Turnbull family who owned the house for 60 years, were prominent in the affairs of Jefferson County.

The Turnbull-Ritter House is an unusual example of a relatively plain two story Classic Revival house. Most frame two story houses of the period in North Florida had incised two story porches and interior end chimneys. Although many of the present features of the porches are replacements, it appears that the building has always had one-story porches across the entire North and South facades. In addition the four exterior end chimneys serving fireplaces on both levels are unusual.

The earliest Turnbull to be associated with the house was Dr. Theodore Turnbull who is said to have moved to the county with his family in the 1830s.¹ However, it was not until 1856 that Theodore Turnbull Jr. actually acquired the property on which his family appears to have been residing for some years.² In 1900 the property was still owned by a Turnbull.³ From 1913 until the present the property has been owned by the Ritter family.

¹R. C. Simpson, History of Jefferson County, Florida (Monticello: Federal Emergency Relief Act, 1935), p. 126.

²Jefferson County, Florida, Deed Records, Book H, p. 299, Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, Florida.

³Jefferson County, Florida, Deed Records, Book X, p. 561, Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, Florida.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jefferson County, Florida. Deed Records. Books H, X. Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, Florida.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10

UTM REFERENCES UTM's not available; please see continuation sheet

A	_____	_____	_____
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
C	_____	_____	_____

B	_____	_____	_____
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
D	_____	_____	_____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Commence at the intersection of the north right of way line of State Road 158B and the western boundary of Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, Jefferson County, Florida and run thence north 0 degrees 51'25" east 544.74 feet along the western boundary of section 23 to a point in the center of a graded county road, thence run south 45°53' East 94.8 feet along the center of said road to the point of beginning, run thence north 0 degrees 51'25" east 1058.56 feet to a point, run thence east

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Elizabeth B. Monroe, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management

DATE

3/17/78

STREET & NUMBER

Department of State, The Capitol

TELEPHONE

904/487-2333

CITY OR TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida 32304

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



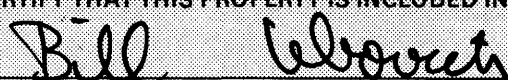
DATE

8/6/78

TITLE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DATE

July 18, 1979

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:



DATE

7/18/79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Turnbull-Ritter House

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Simpson, R.C. History of Jefferson County, Florida. Monticello: Federal
Emergency Relief Act, 1935.

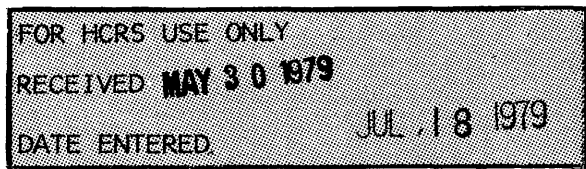
Item Number 10 Continued

Latitude	Longitude
A. 30°28'34"N	83°54'21"W
B. 30°28'32"N	83°54'15"W
C. 30°28'21"N	83°54'16"W
D. 30°28'25"N	83°54'21"W

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492.74 feet to a point, run thence south 210.0 feet to a point, run thence west 106.0 feet to a point in the center of a graded county road, run thence south 6°43' west 1099.84 feet along the center of said road to its intersection with the center of another county graded road, run thence North 50°01' west 214.33 feet along the center of said road to a point, run thence north 45°53' west 152.8 feet along the center of said road to the point of beginning. Containing 10.0 acres more or less and being part of the western 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 4 East.



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As is often the case where funds are lacking, deterioration has effected the fabric of the Turnbull-Ritter House. In 1965 the two west chimneys were lost in a storm. However, lack of funds has also prevented this building from suffering the fate of loss of integrity due to "Williamsburgizing," an all too frequent occurrence. Structural damage to this building is minimal.

The outbuilding (shed) visible in Photo #1 is of 20th century construction and does not relate to the significance of this site.

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The Greek Revival style which appeared in America in the 1820's is an adaptation of ancient Greek architecture. Initially designs were modeled on the temple form. However, in Florida many liberties were taken with the proportions and details of Classical forms. Because Florida builders "watered down" the precise designs of pattern books, Florida Greek Revival buildings are in large measure vernacular.

See answer to Number 7. The alteration of the portches has not affected the integrity of the building.

The current owners are farmers without sufficient means to maintain the property, although they certainly seem to care for it, having lived there (the present owner I understand was born there) for 66 years.

Exploration/settlement was checked as an area of significance because the earliest settlements of the American period in this part of Florida were made in the 1820's. The Turnbull family have been prominent in the county since the 1830's. While they did not acquire the property until 1856, they had been residing on it for some years prior to that date.

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U.S.G.S. map does not accurately represent area or roads as of this date (note date of map). Interstate 10 (which this office had rerouted to avoid this site) has been in use for 4-5 years and runs through section 14 just north of the site. All county roads in the area were rerouted. The present boundaries represent, to the best of our ability to determine, the parcel of property identified in Jefferson County Deed Book H, p. 299, which is quoted as the boundary description. It does include the cemetery.

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Photographs represent the present condition of the building. No significant changes have occurred since the photos were taken.

We are trying to interest the owner in a grant if you will list the property, however, he is hard pressed to come up with his 50%.