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Owner: Vaughn Street  
P. O. Box 476  
Point Clear, Al. 36564

Historic Name: Street House

Common Name: Street House

Location: East side County 3, end Wood Acres Rd., Point Clear

Verbal Boundary Description:

Begin at a point 1217 feet east of County Road 3 on the south side of Farm Road. Proceed east 440.3 feet to a point, thence south 488.24 feet to a point, thence west 440.3 feet to a point, thence north 488.24 feet to the point of beginning.

Acreage: 4.5

UTM: A-16/413/770/3370/400

Date of Construction: 1906

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance

Criterion C-Architecture:

The Street House is a classic example of the Gulf Coast Cottage style of architecture with it's central hall plan, gable roof, dormers, recessed porch and slight elevation. In addition, the attached "rain porch" is a significant local adaptation common on Point Clear houses. The feature, providing protection from sun and rain, represents a still finer adjustment to what was already a style most suitable to the Gulf Coast. The Street House is also significant because it was constructed as a year round residence inland, not as a summer or vacation house along the bay as were most Point Clear houses.

Integrity:

The Street House retains its integrity of location, materials and plan. The central hall arrangement, with two rooms on either side is unaltered. A bedroom wing was added on the south rear of the house in February of 1985. This one story, gable roof, one by one bay addition is sympathetically constructed of similar materials to the main house. A rear bath was added in 1945, partially filling the back porch. The rest of the back porch was filled in for a breakfast room in 1984. The downstairs interior is unaltered except for ceiling moldings added in 1984. The upstairs rooms were remodeled in 1984 with carpet and sheetrock. None of these changes have altered the original understanding of the house form.

Description:

The Street House is a one and a half story, frame, three bay Gulf Coast Cottage resting on ornamental concrete block piers. The gable roof has two pedimented dormers, each with one 6/6 window. The recessed porch covers the full facade and has turned posts and balustrade. An attached, shed roof "rain porch" covers the full facade and wraps around each end to the body of the house. This is supported on square posts which meet the ground on concrete cones. A single shaft brick chimney with a corbeled cap is on the south end. A one story, gable roof, one by one bay bedroom is attached at the south rear, added in 1985.

The interior plan of the Street House is intact. A central hall runs the width of the house with two rooms on either side. The south, front room has its original mantel, a simple affair with paired brackets each side. Four panel wooden doors and baseboards are original throughout. The hall is constructed of beaded board on the walls and ceiling. The stairway begins in the front hall, runs up to a landing and back to the half story. Chamfered newel post and balusters are original. The upstairs was finished in 1984 with carpet and the garreted ceilings were sheetrocked.

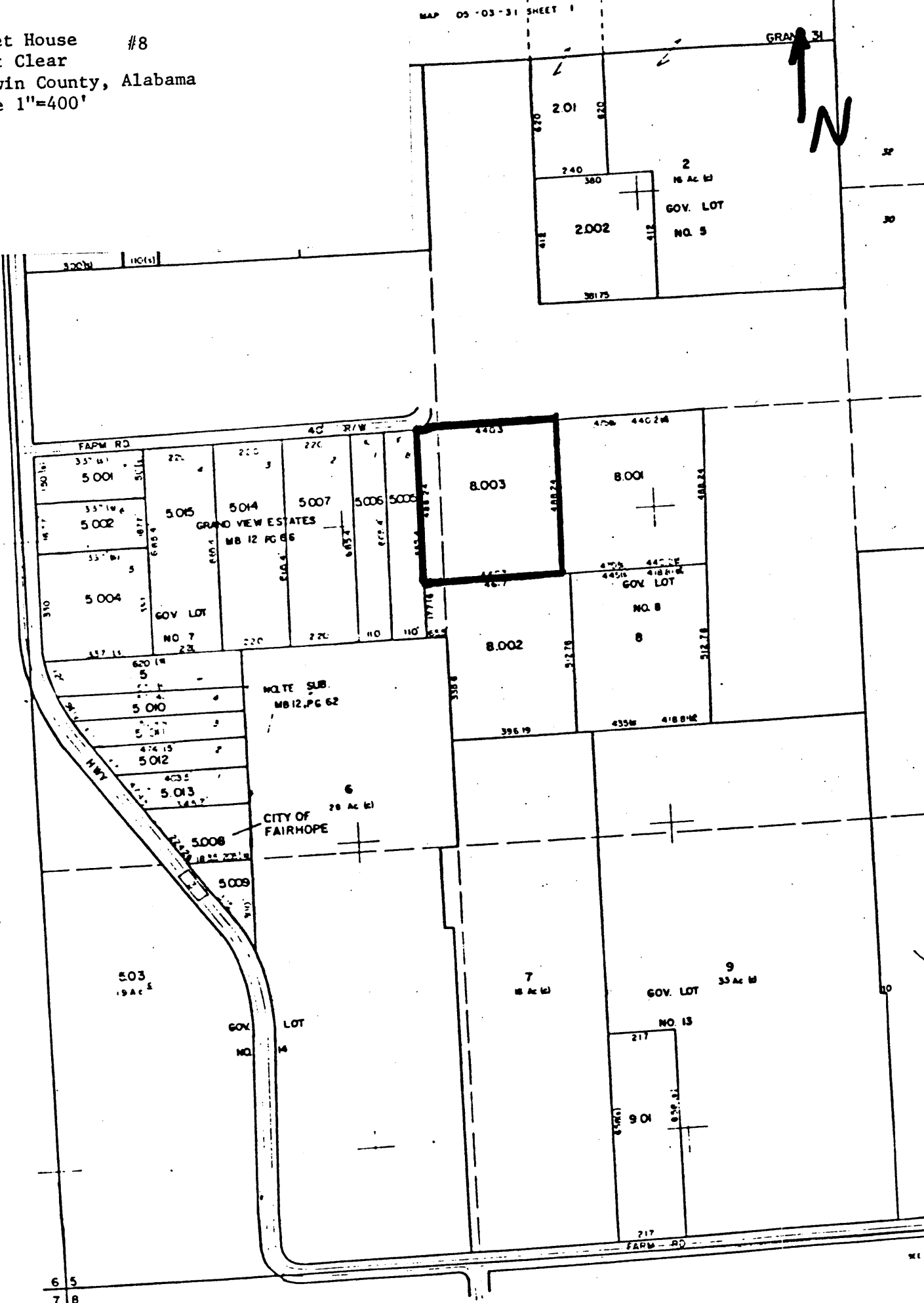
Historical Summary:

In September of 1906 the Mobile Bay area was devastated by a hurricane. Damage to the communities along the Eastern Shore and the bays and bayous of Baldwin County was extensive. Among the many displaced families was that of William Street, a farmer whose residence on Weeks Bay was destroyed. William moved his wife and children into a new residence less than a mile from Mobile Bay in Point Clear. Most of the residents of Point Clear lived immediately on the shore line or very near it. The land to the east was suitable for agriculture, resulting in the establishment of farms in this location, particularly after the turn of the century. Street's sons Charles, 19 and Luther, 16, helped their father farm the land until his death shortly after 1906. The family continued to reside in the house and in the late 1920s Charles married. Though the house was vacant from 1960 to 1985, it remained in the family and was renovated by the present owner, H. Vaughn Street, III in 1984.

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 Point Clear  
 Baldwin County, Alabama  
 Scale 1"=400'

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