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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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Section number _____ Page _____

Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 100001390

Date Listed: 7/31/2017

Property Name: Sneads Community House and Old Pump (Florida's New Deal Resources MPS)

County: Jackson

State: FL

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper

7-31-2017
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 5: Category of Property

“Object” is hereby removed as a category. There can be only one category chosen, and the dominant resource for the property is the building.

Section 8: Areas of Significance

“Early Settlement” is not an area of significance; the proper category found in the National Register Bulletin “How to Complete the National Register Registration Form” is “EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT.” The nomination is hereby amended to reflect this change.

The Florida SHPO was notified of this amendment.

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National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

MP-1390



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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 any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." 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 Sneads Community House and Old Pump

other names/site number Sneads Log Cabin/JA01841

2. Location

street & number 8025 Old Spanish Trail

not for publication

city or town Sneads

vicinity

state Florida code FL county Jackson code 063 zip code 32460

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.)

Alissa Slade Hauer, Deputy SHPO 5/25/17
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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State or 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 See continuation sheet.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain) _____

Joe Walker
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

7-31-2017

5. Classification

<p>Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local <input type="checkbox"/> public-State <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal</p>	<p>Category of Property (Check only one box)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> buildings <input type="checkbox"/> district <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object</p>	<p>Number of Resources within Property (Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Contributing</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Noncontributing</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td>buildings</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td>sites</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>structures</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>objects</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>total</td> </tr> </table>	Contributing	Noncontributing		1	0	buildings	0	0	sites	0	2	structures	1	1	objects	2	3	total
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Name of related multiple property listings
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Florida's New Deal Resources MPS

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

<p>Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)</p> <p>SOCIAL: meeting hall SOCIAL: clubhouse GOVERNMENT: government office HEALTHCARE: clinic EDUCATION: school</p>	<p>Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)</p> <p>SOCIAL: meeting hall SOCIAL: civic SOCIAL: clubhouse</p>
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7. Description

<p>Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)</p> <p>OTHER: Rustic</p>	<p>Materials (Enter categories from instructions)</p> <p>foundation STONE walls WOOD STONE roof ASPHALT other BRICK CONCRETE</p>
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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 36) 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)

SOCIAL HISTORY

ARCHITECTURE

GOVERNMENT

EARLY SETTLEMENT

Period of Significance

1899-1967

Significant Dates

1899

1936

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Works Progress Administration, Builder

Red Jacket Manufacturing Company, Manufacturer

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of Repository

Sneads Community House and Old Pump
Name of Property

Jackson Co., FL
County and State

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

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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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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 Town of Sneads

street & number 2028 Third Avenue, PO Box 159 telephone 850-593-6636

city or town Sneads state FL zip code 32460

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Summary

The Sneads Community House and Old Pump are two historic resources located within the historic downtown of Sneads, Florida. The nomination consists of two contributing resources, the Community House and Old Pump, and three non-contributing resources, the gazebo, Old Pump shelter, and historic marker. The Community House is a circa 1936 Rustic Style log building with a distinctive rough-hewn stone chimney made from local limestone and heavy chinking between the logs. Most of the foundation is composed of limestone closely resembling the appearance of the chimney. The cross-gabled, one-story building also features an entry porch with an independent gabled roof supported by wood posts. The interior of the main core of the building is one single open space. The additions provide space for a kitchen, bathroom, and storage. There have been a number of changes to this building over the years, including two additions onto the rear, the replacement of the original wood windows with metal windows, the replacement of roofing materials, the replacement of portions of the foundations with brick, and the replacement of the original doors.

The Old Pump is a cast iron water well hand pump made by the Red Jacket Manufacturing Company of Davenport, Iowa. The pump measures roughly four feet in height. There is a cast concrete basin which was added sometime later which is considered a historic alteration. A small non-contributing wood shelter was erected over the pump to help protect it. There is a large octagonal wood gazebo erected on the property which rests on concrete block foundations and is surrounded by a wood fence. There is also a cast metal historic marker erected in 1976 by the Jackson County Historic Commission, which is considered non-contributing due to its age. Despite these changes, both the Community House and the Old Pump retain a fairly high degree of integrity.

Setting

The Community House and Old Pump are located in the historic center of Sneads, a small town located in the eastern section of Jackson County, Florida. The town of Sneads is a small incorporated community located on the west side of the Apalachicola River just across from the town of Chattahoochee. Both towns are located just south of the confluence of the Flint and Chattahoochee rivers. The population of Sneads in 2010 was a

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little under 2,000 people. The parcel on which the Community House and Old Pump is situated adjacent to the historic downtown of Sneads. It occupies roughly half a block between the Old Spanish Trail to the north, Gloster Avenue to the east, Railroad Lane to the south, and Taylor Avenue to the west. The immediate area is a combination commercial/residential area, with historic brick commercial buildings located along Gloster Avenue. To the north and west of the property there are residential buildings while to the south of the building is the CSX railroad line, formerly the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad. The Community Building's primary access is a paved circular driveway on the north side of the property.

Physical Description

Community House

The Community House is a one-story, cross-gabled Rustic Style log building (Photo 1). The exterior fabric of the building is primarily composed of wood logs with distinctive heavy chinking. The building features a distinctive rough-hewn limestone stone chimney topped with a metal cap extending from its main (north) façade (Photo 2). The foundations are mostly limestone similar in appearance to that used in the chimney, with brick and concrete block piers in several areas as well (Photo 3). The windows are mostly metal 6/6 double hung sash (Photo 4), with 1/1 double hung sash in the southeast addition. The roof materials, which would have been originally wood shingles, have been replaced with asphalt shingles.

Exterior

The main (North) façade of the building features a paneled single wood door accessed via an entrance porch with an independent gabled roof supported by wood log posts (Photo 5). There is a small, two-step masonry stoop with concrete steps, rough-hewn stone flanking walls, and metal railings. Fenestration consists of four 6/6 double hung sash windows identical to most of the windows found on the rest of the building. The distinctive stone chimney is visible from this elevation, extending along the wall between the two windows on the west side. There is also a wood handicapped ramp installed on this side.

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On the east elevation of the building, there is a wood single door with a two-step masonry stoop providing secondary access into the building (Photo 6). The stoop is similar in appearance to the one found on the main façade but narrower, with rough-hewn limestone walls, concrete steps, and metal support railings. A small non-historic gabled roof extension shelters the entrance. There are two windows matching the windows found on the main façade flanking the door and a vent on the gable end. The side of the southeast addition is visible on this elevation. The foundation brick resting on stone is mostly obscured, but is still discernable.

The rear (south) elevation is where the two additions are most visible (Photos 7-8). The historic kitchen addition is similar in appearance to the other gable ends, with matching log style construction, heavy chinking, two 6/6 double hung sash windows, and a vent in the gable end. There is some interruptions in the rough-hewn stone foundations on this elevation, most noticeably with the placement of concrete block piers on the side of the kitchen and southeast addition (Photo 9). There are also some interruptions in the foundations along with southwest corner of this elevation, with the brick exposed and gaps in rough-hewn stone foundations. Other than this, the kitchen addition is nearly identical to the historic core of the building. The southeast addition looks very different from the rest of the building, with concrete block pier foundations, wood siding, 1/1 windows, and an independent shed roof.

The west elevation of the building is similar in appearance to the other gable ends, with three 6/6 double hung sash windows and a vent in the gable end (Photo 10). The visible elements of the foundation on this end are brick, giving it a slightly different appearance to much of the rest of the building, which have highly visible rough-hewn stone foundations.

Interior

The interior of the main core of the building possesses a high degree of integrity. It still remains a single open space with wood floors, wood walls, wood support brackets (Photos 11-13). A wood drop ceiling with roof vents and ceiling fans has been installed (Photos 14-15). On the west end of the floor is a brick and rough-hewn stone fireplace (Photo 16). There is a secondary entrance into the building on the east end. There are two doors on the

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rear of this room, one in the center which accesses the kitchen and the second on the east end which accesses the southeast rear addition.

The kitchen is located in the center rear addition (Photo 17). It is a historic addition to the building. The kitchen has seen some changes, with linoleum flooring, drop ceiling with vents, and a partition wall creating closet and shelf space (Photos 18-19).

The southeast addition is non-historic and consists of two bathrooms accessed via a small hallway (Photos 20-21). It features linoleum flooring and wood siding out of character from the rest of the building.

Alterations

The Community House has seen a number of changes in the course of its history. The rear central kitchen addition was added on shortly after the construction of the original core of the building and is considered a historic alteration. The exterior doors have been replaced (Photo 22). All of the windows, which would have originally been wood, were replaced with the current metal windows sometime after the period of significance (Photo 4). The roof, which was originally wood shingle, likely cedar, was replaced by the current asphalt shingle. The southeast addition on the rear was added to provide additional space for restrooms. This addition is small and set in the back, not visible from the main façade, architecturally distinguishable from the rest of the building and not overwhelming the historic core of the building. A small gabled extension over the secondary entrance and a wheelchair ramp on the main elevation were also added.

On the interior, the main core of the building retains a high degree of integrity. In addition to the changes in the windows and doors that affect both the exterior and interior views of the house, there was also a drop ceiling with vents and ceiling fans added into this area. The historic kitchen addition has a partition wall, linoleum flooring, and a drop ceiling added sometime after the period of significance.

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Old Pump

The Old Pump is a cast iron water well hand pump that measures roughly four feet in height (Photos 23-24). The pump is painted red in color and has the "Red Jacket" lettering down the shaft (Photo 25). Although it is no longer functional, the pump itself still retains a high degree of integrity and has undergone minimal change. A poured concrete base and basin was added sometime during the period of significance before 1967. It is considered a historic alteration.

Non-Contributing

There are three non-contributing resources to this nomination: the gazebo, the Old Pump shelter, and a historic marker. The gazebo is an octagonal wood structure with wood latticework near the roofline (Photo 26). The flooring is a concrete slab resting on concrete block foundations. The Old Pump shelter is a simple pyramidal roof structure with wood shingles supported by wood posts. A circa 1976 metal historic marker which details both the history of the Old Pump and the Town of Sneads is located on the property near the gazebo. Due to their respective ages, all three resources are considered non-contributing to the nomination.

Integrity

Despite the changes that have taken place since its construction circa 1936, the Sneads Community House retains enough integrity to qualify for listing in the National Register. It is still in its original location adjacent to the commercial core of the Sneads and the railroad and is still on the same parcel of land that has been set aside by the Town of Sneads for public purposes back in the 1890s. So it retains its integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association. Despite the changes, the design, materials, and workmanship are still clearly evident. The non-historic southeast addition is not visible from the main façade, is easily distinguishable from the historic core of the building, and does not overwhelm the primary architectural features. Although the replacement of the windows, doors, and roof affect its integrity, the key elements of the building's historic fabric, which include the wood log construction with heavy chinking, the rough-hewn stone chimney, and interior finishes are still present. The main core of the building is still a one single

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open space with wood flooring and rough-hewn stone fireplace. The drop ceiling, air conditioning vents, and ceiling fans do not adversely affect the integrity of the interior space. The linoleum flooring in the kitchen addition as well as the partition wall can be removed without damaging the historic fabric of the building.

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The Sneads Community House and Old Pump is locally significant under Criterion A in the areas of Social History, Government, and Early Settlement, and under Criterion C for Architecture. The period of significance extends from ca. 1899, when the Old Pump was installed, to 1967. The Old Pump is a cast iron water well hand pump made by the Red Jacket Manufacturing Company of Davenport, Iowa. One of the first such water pumps installed in the county, its installation played a crucial role in the town's decision to acquire the lot for public usage in the 1890s. It was used to water the horses and mules of merchants, farmers, and travelers conducting business in the town. It was a local landmark, used as a spot for local gatherings and became part of the town's lore.

The Sneads Community House is a locally significant example of New Deal era Rustic Architecture. Constructed by the WPA in 1936, it has served a variety of functions for the community. It was originally the clubhouse of the Sneads Woman's Civic Club and hosted a variety of other groups including the Boy Scouts. It was used to host events such as local school proms. During World War II, civil defense classes were conducted in the building. For much of its history, the building was used by the Town of Sneads for municipal offices, with the City Clerk's office housed in the eastern portion. For many years, city elections were held in this building as well.

The Community House contributes to the Florida's New Deal Resources MPS under Associated Historic Contexts: The New Deal in Florida, 1933-1943 and Associated Property Type F.1 Buildings.

Historic Context

History of Sneads

The settlement of what became Sneads dates back into the 1820s, when it was known as Gloucester. Its location along to the Apalachicola River across from the town of Chattahoochee was crucial to its growth. Both towns are located just south of where the Flint and Chattahoochee rivers join to form the Apalachicola River. The main state road connecting Tallahassee to Pensacola was rerouted through Chattahoochee in the 1820s. By

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this time, the area known as Middle Florida developed into a plantation economy evolving around cotton growing. With the absence of railroads and reliable highways, river systems such as the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Basin served as the primary means of planters in the area to ship their products to larger markets such as New Orleans or New York. The Apalachicola River in particular saw considerable ship traffic. At its height, the city of Apalachicola, which is situated at the mouth of the Apalachicola River, was the third largest American port on the Gulf of Mexico. The settlement of Gloucester remained relatively unchanged for most of the 19th century.¹

The development of the Town of Sneads started in 1883, when the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad (P&A) passed through the area. The arrival of the P&A into Jackson County was viewed with much excitement and relief from the local population. Up until the 1880s, West Florida remained cut off from the rest of the state. Frustrations with the slow pace of railroad construction resulted in a very vocal effort to annex West Florida to Alabama. Over 13,000 acres of land per mile was granted to the P&A in Jackson County alone in 1881. Pensacola magnate William D. Chipley, the namesake of Chipley, Florida, was the founder of the railroad. It was absorbed into the Louisville and Nashville Railroad (L&N) by the end of the 19th century. The railroad was constructed from Pensacola west to Chattahoochee, where it linked with the Florida Central and Western Railroad. By the 1880s, the lumber and naval stores industry became big business in North Florida, particularly in West Florida. It became a major source of income for the P&A. The shipment of lumber and naval stores became the primary function of many of its stations.²

The P&A established a station in the town of Sneads, which was the easternmost station on the line with the exception of Chattahoochee. Sneads was the last station on the line heading eastbound before reaching the Apalachicola River. It was named for a local dentist by the name of W.R. Sneads. At its founding in 1883, there were approximately 200 residents. A post office was established there on March 18, 1883. The Sneads depot primarily handled cotton, lumber, and watermelons, and the town itself steadily grew. The

¹ Jerrell H. Shofner, *Jackson County, Florida – A History* (Marianna, FL: The Jackson County Heritage Association, 1985), 47-52, 185, 348; Historic Property Associates, Inc., *Historic Properties Survey of Graceville, Malone, Bascom, Sneads and Grand Ridge* (St. Augustine, FL, Sept. 1991), 5-6.

² Shofner, *Jackson County, Florida – A History*, 339-350; Historic Property Associates, Inc., *Historic Properties Survey*, 5-8.

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small downtown sprang up around the station. By 1886, there was an express office, five stores, two steam sawmills, two gristmills, two cotton gins, a hotel, two churches, and a school. By 1894, the Town of Sneads was formally incorporated. Gabriel Smith was named as the first mayor. Starting in 1915, the Old Spanish Trail Association was formed with the goal of mapping out a transcontinental highway from Florida to California. The road, known as Florida State Road Number One, passed through Sneads. This road is now known as U.S. Highway 90.³

Starting around 1915, the boll weevil infestation hit Jackson County, nearly wiping out the cotton industry. Countywide, cotton output went from over 23,000 bales in 1913 to just 2,000 bales three years later. For a town like Sneads, which relied heavily on cotton shipments, this would have been a major blow to the local economy. Lumber came to the forefront by this time. During World War I, there was a brief period of prosperity in the town, but by the 1920s, the explosive growth taking place in South Florida largely bypassed Jackson County. The lumber industry, particularly naval stores, gradually dried up by the early 20th century. The growth of the automobile in the 1910s and 1920s as a preferred method of transportation also negatively affected the railroad industry. Although the tracks through the town are still in use today, the railroad depot, which once served as the lifeline of the community, was discontinued.⁴

The arrival of what is now the Apalachee State Correctional Institution in the area after World War II essentially saved the town. The subsequent construction of the Woodruff Dam and Three Rivers State Park brought a level of development and recreation into the immediate vicinity of Sneads that did not exist before. Today, the town's economy relies heavily on the employment and revenue generated by the prisons, the utilities, and the state park.⁵

³ Shofner, *Jackson County – A History*, 348-349, 390-391; Historic Property Associates, Inc., *Historic Properties Survey*, 5-8; *Florida State Gazetteer and Business Directory 1883-1884* (Jacksonville, FL: Cushing & Appleyard, 1882), 189-190; Ross A. Smith, *Florida State Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1884-1885* (Charleston, SC: Lucas & Richardson, 1884), 437; John R. Richards, *Florida State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, Vol. I (New York: South Publishing Company, 1886), 410-411.

⁴ Historic Property Associates, Inc., *Historic Properties Survey*, 8-9.

⁵ Pat Crisp, "Sneads Still Growing," *Jackson County Times*, January 10, 2015.

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Historic Significance

Old Town Pump

The land on which the Community House and Old Pump are located was deeded over to the town by F.A. and Mittie Brown in February 1899. Mayor Gabriel Smith was credited with installing the Old Pump, which occurred shortly after the town acquired the land circa 1899. It is generally considered to be the second such mechanical pump installed in the county. In an era before running water was widely available, the local residents and travelers quickly came to rely upon this pump for their water supply.⁶ Shortly after the installation of the pump, a shelter was erected over it. The pump itself became a local landmark. The surrounding plot of land served as a popular meeting spot for members of the community. According to local folklore, anyone who drank water from the well would always return. A local wedding tradition arose where non-local grooms were dunked in the water from the well as a way of encouraging them to return.⁷ The parcel surrounding the pump remained largely open until the 1930s, when the Woman's Civic Club of Sneads began actively pushing for the construction of a community building.

Sneads Community House

The Works Progress Administration (WPA) first established itself in Jackson County in January 1935. Seeing an opportunity, the women of the Civic Club, with the help of E. B. Liddon, actively pushed for funding for the construction of a new community building. They were hardly alone, however. By the end of the year, the WPA approved for the construction of community buildings in Malone, Sneads, Alford, and Graceville as well as the construction of an airport in Marianna.⁸

Construction on the Sneads Community House began around 1935. In keeping with WPA guidelines, the logs and stone used for construction were locally procured to minimize

⁶ Pat Crisp, "Sneads, a River Town with a Rich History," *Jackson County Times*, January 10, 2015; Jackson County Historic Commission, *Sneads Historical Marker Text*, 1976.

⁷ Dale Cox, "Sneads," <http://www.exploresouthernhistory.com/sneads.html>; Dale Cox Interview, February 27, 2017.

⁸ Shofner, *Jackson County, Florida – A History*, 484-485.

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transportation costs. The logs used in the building were provided by Will Hinson and Will Wester. The women from the Civic Club provided landscaping. The original core of the building was complete by 1936. A cross-gabled kitchen addition on the back was added on circa 1940. By the beginning of World War II, the building took on its essential form.⁹

The building saw immediate use for a variety of community functions. It was the clubhouse for the Women's Civic Club. The Jackson County Public Health Department provided services to the community once a week out of the building. During the Depression, the building was used to distribute provisions to the need. The town clerk's office was based out of the building and local court cases were heard here once a week. For many years, municipal elections were held here and members of the community gathered here to vote.¹⁰

In the late 1930s, after the community's school burned down, the Community House served as an emergency school while a new school was built. The new school, built with the aid of WPA funds, was finished in 1940. The building hosted other school functions, including proms and was a gathering place for youth organizations such as the Boy Scouts.¹¹

By the 1960s, as the city completed a new city hall building and a jail, the city clerk's office and public health department moved out of the community house. The building functioned for a brief period as a storage building before catching the attention of the Sneads Carlisle Rose Garden Club, who took the lead in restoring the old building. Aided by a \$1,000 appropriation from the town government, the Rose Garden Club received additional support from a number of other local groups in the community and were successful in restoring the building.¹²

Since its restoration in the 1970s, the Community House has continued to serve as a community building. There have been a number of changes that have taken place to the

⁹ Maggie Pate, "The Old Log Cabin," in *Sneads Memories* (Sneads, FL: Sneads High School Foundation, 1998), 55-56; Katie Walters, "History: Sneads Community House," [undated article].

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Ibid.; Ann Bakkalapulo, "Sneads School Burns," *Tallahassee Democrat*, March 3, 1991.

¹² Pate, "The Old Log Cabin"; Walters, "History: Sneads Community House."

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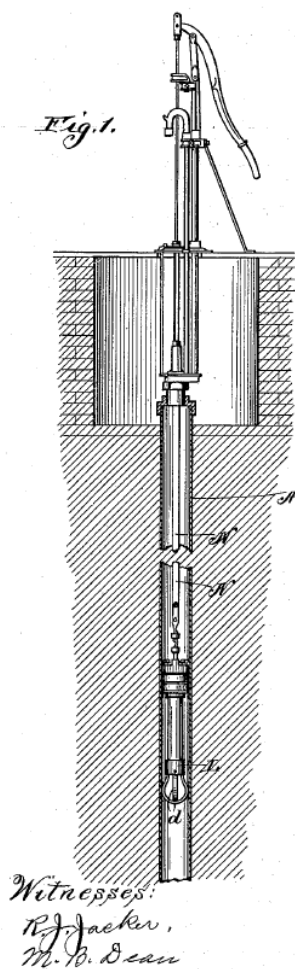
building, including the small one-story southeast addition, the replacement of the windows and roof, and the partitioning of the historic kitchen. In 1976, the Jackson County Historic Commission erected a historic marker for the town of Sneads on the property near the Old Pump. Sometime in the 1980s, the large gazebo was added to the north of the property. Despite these changes, the building and pump retain their integrity. The visual connection between the two major resources, the Old Pump and the Community House is maintained and both resources remain in their original locations.

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Engineering Context



Cross section diagram of a well pump structure. This image was taken from a patent application filed by the Red Jacket Manufacturing Company in 1895 and would have been similar in design to the Old Pump.

The technology for mechanical water pumps actually goes back several centuries. Mechanical pumps such as the Old Pump had extensive belowground apparatuses. The Old Pump is a type of piston pump, which utilizes positive and negative pressure generated through a tube by a plunger attached to an above-ground handle. The water was usually

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secured by first drilling a hole into the ground and emplacing a well-casing or tube. A smaller cylinder is then inserted into the well-casing and it is through this smaller cylinder that the plunger uses suction to force the water up. The mechanical advantage gained through the long pump arm eases the amount of force needed to extract the water upwards. The first piston pumps were made in England in the 1600s and were made entirely of wood. The first cast iron piston pumps, which were usually mounted to wood planks, date to the 1830s. These earlier models relied heavily on wider dug wells and proved unsuitable for deeper wells. In the 1870s, the mass production of all-metal water pumps, with their use of narrower cylinders, greatly improved the efficiency and reliability of well water extraction.¹³

Red Jacket Manufacturing Company

The Old Pump was made by the Red Jacket Manufacturing Company of Davenport, Iowa. The company was created in 1878 as a result of a merger between three smaller companies. The name of the company came from Chief Red Jacket, a leader of the Seneca tribe in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The principal owner and founder of the company was Robert Lafferty. The company was revolutionary for its time, as it was one of the first to become involved in the largescale production of all-metal manual water pumps. As most of the country lacked running water and relied heavily on wells, having an efficient and durable method of retrieving the water was highly sought after. Mechanical pumps such as that made by the Red Jacket Manufacturing Company was particularly well-suited for the extraction of water from deep wells. By the end of the 19th century, the company had a national presence, advertising across the country, including in the south. The company eventually expanded into gasoline pumps and was among the leading innovators in this field. In 1981, they merged with the Hydromatic Pump Company to form Marley Pump. The Marley company, which continued using the Red Jacket product line, was acquired first by United Dominion Industries in 1993, then by SPX Corporation in 2001. The Red

¹³ Bernard M. Eubanks, *The Story of the Pump, and Its Relatives* (Salem, OR: Bernard M. Eubanks, 1971), 45-49, 166-168; Timothy Stebbins, 1895, Pump, US Patent 654,811, filed Oct. 16, 1895, and issued July 31, 1900.

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Jacket gasoline and water pump lines were later split up between Veeder-Root Company and Xylem, who continue to manufacture products under the Red Jacket name.¹⁴

Architecture Context

The description and context for the Rustic Style is already discussed in the Florida's New Deal Resources MPS, p. F 94-95.

Community Buildings

The Rustic Style during this period was perhaps best identified with the National Park Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps. Many of the same concepts that drove Rustic construction in the parks, particularly minimizing costs, made Rustic buildings an attractive option for small communities such as Sneads, which had easy access to lumber. Architect Albert H. Good's 1938 publication *Park and Recreation Structures* served as a guide for future National Park Service construction. Among the building types laid out was community buildings. These buildings were to be designed in a way in which they required minimal lighting in the daytime, plenty of ventilation in case of crowded conditions, wood floors of good grade, and prominent chimneys. The buildings were also designed with a variety of functions in mind, including social gatherings, dances, museum displays, movie projections, lectures, and educational purposes. Despite these multiple functions, Good was very particular with the proper approach taken on constructing the community buildings: "It is not intended... to impute to the average community building the characteristics of an auditorium. It should stop with being an all-purpose assembly room, nicely scaled to the number of persons likely to make normal use of it in its several uses."¹⁵

¹⁴ Eubanks, *The Story of the Pump, and Its Relatives*, 116-118; Chris Youngquist, "Marley Move Will Cost Q-C 150 Jobs," *Quad-City Times*, August 29, 2001.

¹⁵ Albert H. Good, *Park and Recreation Structures: Part III-D Community Buildings* (Washington: United States Government Printing Office, 1938), http://npshistory.com/publications/park_recreation_structures/part3d.htm.

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Architectural Significance

The Community House is a locally significant example of New Deal Era Rustic Architecture. The building's incorporation of chinked logs, natural stone, articulated foundations, and interior woodwork are all hallmarks of the Rustic Style. The wood and stone used in the building were all from local sources. The building itself possesses a number of the hallmarks of a New Deal era community building, with its large single open interior space with prominent wood floors, windows arranged to maximize natural light, and a natural stone chimney.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Boundary encompasses all of Parcel Number 34-4N-07-0000-0850-0000 in the Jackson County, Florida, Property Appraiser's Office.

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses all property historically associated with the Old Pump and Community House.


Sneads Community House and Old Pump

8025 Old Spanish Trail
Sneads, Jackson Co., FL

UTM:
16R 698690 3399054

Datum: WGS84

Legend

 Proposed National Register Boundary

Date: 3/2/2017

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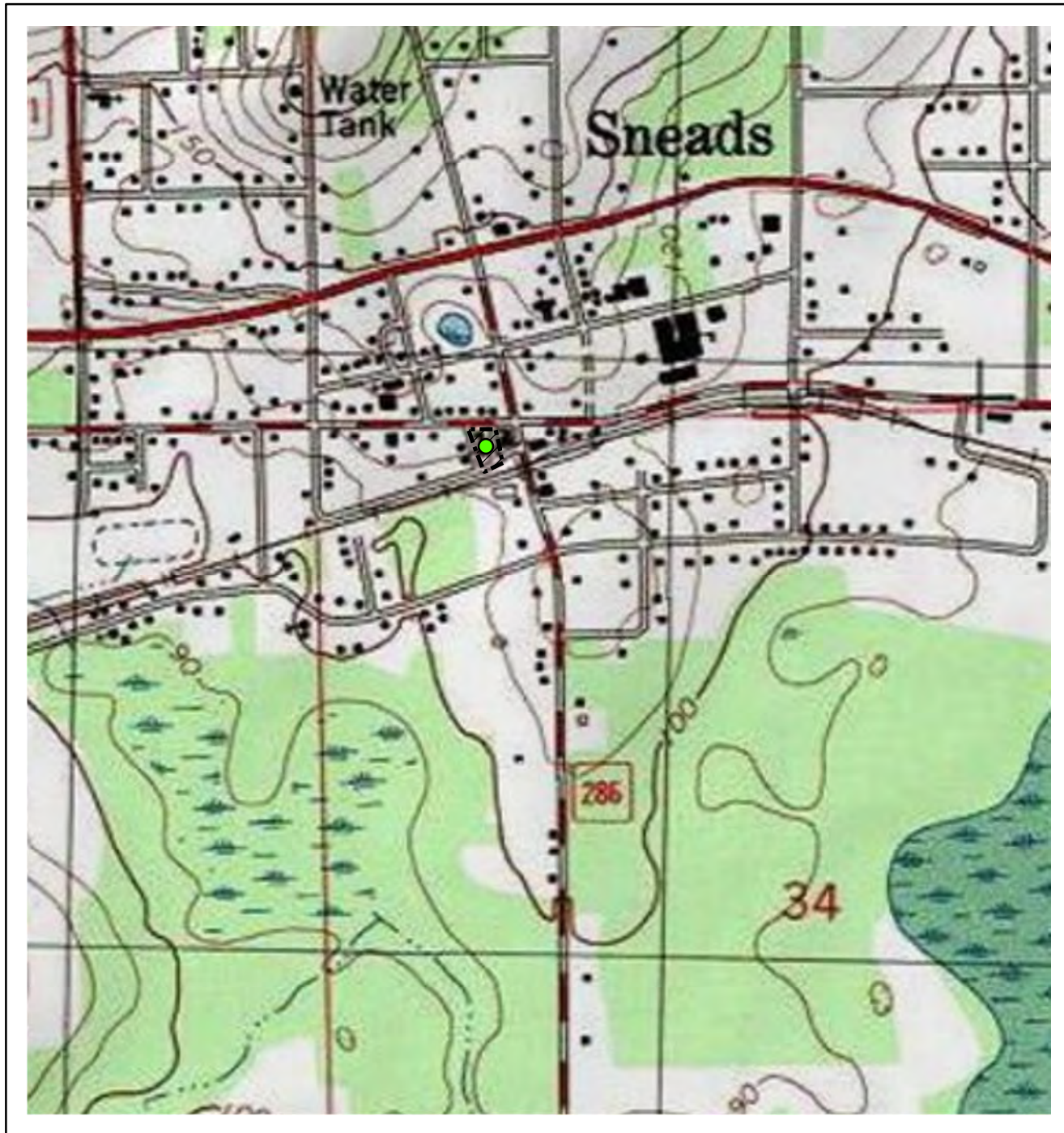
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SNEADS

"HE WHO DRINKS FROM THIS PUMP WILL ALWAYS RETURN" WAS THE BELIEF OF THE PIONEER FAMILIES OF SNEADS.

THIS PUMP WAS BUILT FOR THE TOWN OF SNEADS BY GABRIEL SMITH IN 1891. IN 1900 AND IT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE SECOND MECHANICAL PUMP IN THE AREA. 1.5772 ACRES OF LAND WAS DEEDED TO THE CITY OF SNEADS IN THE COUNTY OF JACKSON, ON 18 FEBRUARY, 1900, FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00 BY F. A. AND MITTIE BROWN.

THE VILLAGE WAS FIRST CALLED GLOUCESTER AND THE SNEADS POST OFFICE HAD ITS BEGINNING IN MISS HARRIETT POPE'S PARLOR HALLWAY, AND WAS DERIVED IN FROM CHATTANOOCHEE ON HORSEBACK.

THE TOWN OF SNEADS WAS INCORPORATED ON OCTOBER 20, 1894, WITH 37 CITIZENS. 31 VOTED FOR AND 7 AGAINST INCORPORATION. ADAM WHITE Laid OUT THE PLAN OF THE TOWN. THE SITE WAS CHOSEN NEAR THE RIVER, THE PRIMARY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. GABRIEL SMITH BECAME THE FIRST MAYOR IN 1899 AND LEWIS TAYLOR WAS THE FIRST POSTMASTER. SMITH AND TAYLOR ARE CREDITED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN. ITS PRESENT NAME HONORED DR. W. H. SNEAD, THE FIRST DENTIST TO SETTLE IN THE AREA.

THE PUMP WAS RESTORED IN THE SUMMER OF 1974 BY THE EARLESE ROSE CARDE CLUB AND THE TOWN COUNCIL.

JACKSON COUNTY HISTORIC COMMISSION
1974

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Nomination

Property Name: Sneads Community House and Old Pump

Multiple Name: Florida's New Deal Resources MPS

State & County: FLORIDA, Jackson

Date Received: 6/16/2017 Date of Pending List: 7/18/2017 Date of 16th Day: 8/2/2017 Date of 45th Day: 7/31/2017 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: MP100001390

Nominator: State

Reason For Review:

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Accept Return Reject 7/31/2017 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: The "Old Pump" is looked at in context of the settlement of the town and its importance as a water source; the community house served both important government and social functions in the community. It was also a New Deal project, meeting the registration requirements of the MPS

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept / A 7 C

Reviewer Jim Gabbert Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275 Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : **Yes**

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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June 5, 2017

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief,
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Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Loether:

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct copy of the nomination for the **Sneads Community House and Old Pump (FMSF#: 8JA01841), in Jackson County**, to the National Register of Historic Places. The related materials (digital images, maps, and site plan) are included.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 245-6364 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Ruben A. Acosta
Supervisor, Survey & Registration
Bureau of Historic Preservation

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