

# NOMINATION PROPOSAL - FLORIDA

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, HISTORY AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

### 1 NAME SJT 21

HISTORIC

3685 Via De La Reina

AND/OR COMMON

Seaborne House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3685 Via De La Reina

CITY, TOWN

Jacksonville

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

COUNTY

Duval

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

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

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Noble and Neta F. Seaborne

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3685 Via De La Reina

CITY, TOWN

Jacksonville

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

ZIP CODE

32217

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Duval County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

330 East Bay Street

CITY, TOWN

Jacksonville, Florida 32202

STATE

ZIP CODE

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Thematic Survey, San Jose Estates Subdivision

DATE

1983

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
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			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
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# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

## SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

3685 Via De La Reina is a two-story Spanish-styled building constructed of stucco over hollow tile. Basically L-shaped, it has stair step extensions from east to west with a one-story wing at the east end. The gable roofs of barrel tile have slopes of unequal pitch which extend to cover the stepped extensions. There are bullseye vents with decorative surrounds at the gable ends. A deck with tile capped railing over the east wing provides access to the interior. Two pair of five-lite wood french doors give access to the house from a small terrace at the south face; one into the wing and one into the main block of the house. Windows are six-lite wood casements set over stone sills. Most have aluminum awning covers as does the deck. There are two pairs of ten-lite round-headed casements, one on the south and on the east face of the middle step at the second story. The south window is set over a casement window with a cast stone surround. The main entrance door on the south facade is of cypress boards with a small window of

## TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

beveled glass. The door surround is a round broken pediment with globe and base at the center. The lintel is supported by a moulded concrete cap. Half columns of papyrus-shaped segments flank the entrance. There is a small casement window with a decorative wrought iron grille over the door. See photo #21.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 1925 BUILDER/ARCHITECT O. P. Woodcock/Marsh and Saxelbye

## SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

3685 Via De La Reina is significant as one of 25 remaining structures built as part of the San Jose Estates development, a planned, self-contained suburban community developed in 1925 by a group of Jacksonville businessmen during the height of the Florida Land Boom. As do the majority of the original San Jose structures, the building reflects the Spanish or Mediterranean Revival style of architecture developed for the subdivision by the Jacksonville architects Marsh and Saxelbye. The building possesses sufficient architectural integrity and historic significance through association with the San Jose development to be individually eligible for nomination as part of the accompanying thematic nomination.

## TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

3685 Via De La Reina is one of 18 homes built in 1925 on lots owned by the builder of the San Jose development, O. P. Woodcock, with mortgage retained by the San Jose Estates Corporation. The original selling price of this lot was \$4,500.00. In 1926, a number of liens and mortgage transfers were initiated involving the following: San Jose Eastates, O. P. Woodcock Company, Charles Polachuch and Company, the Florida National Bank and R. B. Middleton. Title was finally cleared in a suit brought by the Christopher Point Company in 1934. In 1939, L. H. Mainey purchased the house and in 1955 sold it to R. L. Barksdale. The present owners purchased the house from the Barksdales. The house is one of the more ornate San Jose structures and is in almost its original condition. The present owners are in possession of the original blue prints for the building and are using them to meticulously restore the house.

# BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See cover nomination bibliography.

## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Site Size (Approx. Acreage of Property):

Less than one acre.

UTM Coordinates:

17	440300	3345680
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

Township	Range	Section
3 S	27 E	43

LOCATION SKETCH OR MAP

N

See attached map.

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Section B. San Jose Lot 10 Bk. 110

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

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N/A			

## FORM PREPARED BY

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