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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name 220 Blanca Avenue  
other names/site number N/A / 8 Hi 3351

2. Location

street & number 220 Blanca Avenue N/A  not for publication  
city, town Tampa N/A  vicinity  
state Florida code FL county Hillsborough code 057 zip code 33606

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>2</u>	<u>    </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Mediterranean Revival Style Buildings of Davis Islands  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.

*[Signature]* June 16, 1989  
Signature of certifying official Date  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

*[Signature]* Entered in the National Register 8/3/89  
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Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mediterranean Revival

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete Blockwalls Concrete BlockStuccoroof Terra Cottaother Concrete: Frontispiece

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See Continuation Sheet

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
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Period of Significance

1927-1932  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1927  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Schumacher, William & Winkler, George  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

City of Tampa. Division of Inspectional Services. Building Permit Ledgers, 1925-1932, Permit #42223.

Polk's Tampa City Directory. New York, R.L. Polk Publishing Co., 1925-1986.

Sanborn Insurance Maps of Tampa, Florida. New York, Sanborn Map Co., 1915-1931.

N/A  See continuation sheet

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one

**UTM References**

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Zone Easting Northing

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N/A  See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

Lots 164 & 165, Block 6, Hotel Section of Davis Islands

N/A  See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

All of the historic elements of this property are confined to the above described boundaries.

N/A  See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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Description

Located in the Hotel Section of Davis Islands, the house at 220 Blanca Avenue is one of several large residences originally intended to complement a large luxury hotel that was never undertaken. The east facing house is sited centrally on two lots. Sabal palms are scattered across the landscaped and well-maintained property. The house is a two-story, side gable dwelling of irregular plan with a one-story south wing. Built of concrete block with a rough stucco finish, it rests on a continuous concrete block foundation. Variegated mission tiles cover the gable roofs, which has narrow eaves in the Spanish Colonial tradition. The highlight of the house is the frontispiece surrounding the main entrance, which is located near the northeast corner of the three-bay facade.

The frontispiece is composed of an arched doorway executed in thin ashlar. The round headed arch has radiating voussoirs that rests upon staggered ashlar blocks rather than formal pilasters. The tympanum of the arch contains an urn and vine motif executed in sgraffito, and the spandrels are framed by a shaped molding anchored by pendants at the shoulders of the arch and crowned by a finial whose crest nearly touches the roof cornice. In the center of the frame, just above the large keystone of the arch, is a shallow shouldered niche. Flanking the head of the niche, immediately outside of the spandrel frame, are two molded circlets containing trefoil motifs.

A shaped molding also crowns the first story window in the center of the main block of the house. The top of the ogee arch formed by the molding is marked by a finial identical to the one found in the frontispiece of the main entrance, and the center of the arch contains a small circle executed in low relief embossed with a trefoil design. A wrought iron balcony is found on the second story at the southeast corner of the facade. Access to the balcony is gained by French doors flanked by quoins similar to those of the main entrance. The architrave above the French doors features a thin label molding.

Other small decorative touches are also found on the facade, such as the wrought iron lantern found immediately north of the main entrance, and the wooden grills that "protect" the wood paneled double doors of the main entrance and a small narrow window

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in the south wing of the house. The house has two porches: the small concrete stoop on the east facade and a two-story wooden porch on the north elevation. On the waterfront west elevation, a one-story arcaded terrace has been screened. A stuccoed chimney is located on the ridge at the south end of the main block of the house.

A detached garage with second floor apartment contributes to the site. It is constructed of the same materials as the main house. The interior of the house was not accessible, so no floor plans could be prepared.

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Photographs

1. 220 Blanca Avenue, Mediterranean Revival Style Buildings of Davis Islands
2. Tampa (Hillsborough County), Florida
3. Donna Hole
4. 1988
5. Historic Tampa/Hillsborough County Preservation Board
6. East Facade, Looking West
7. Photo No. 1 of 3

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6. East Facade (Detail), Looking West
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6. Garage, East Elevation, Looking West

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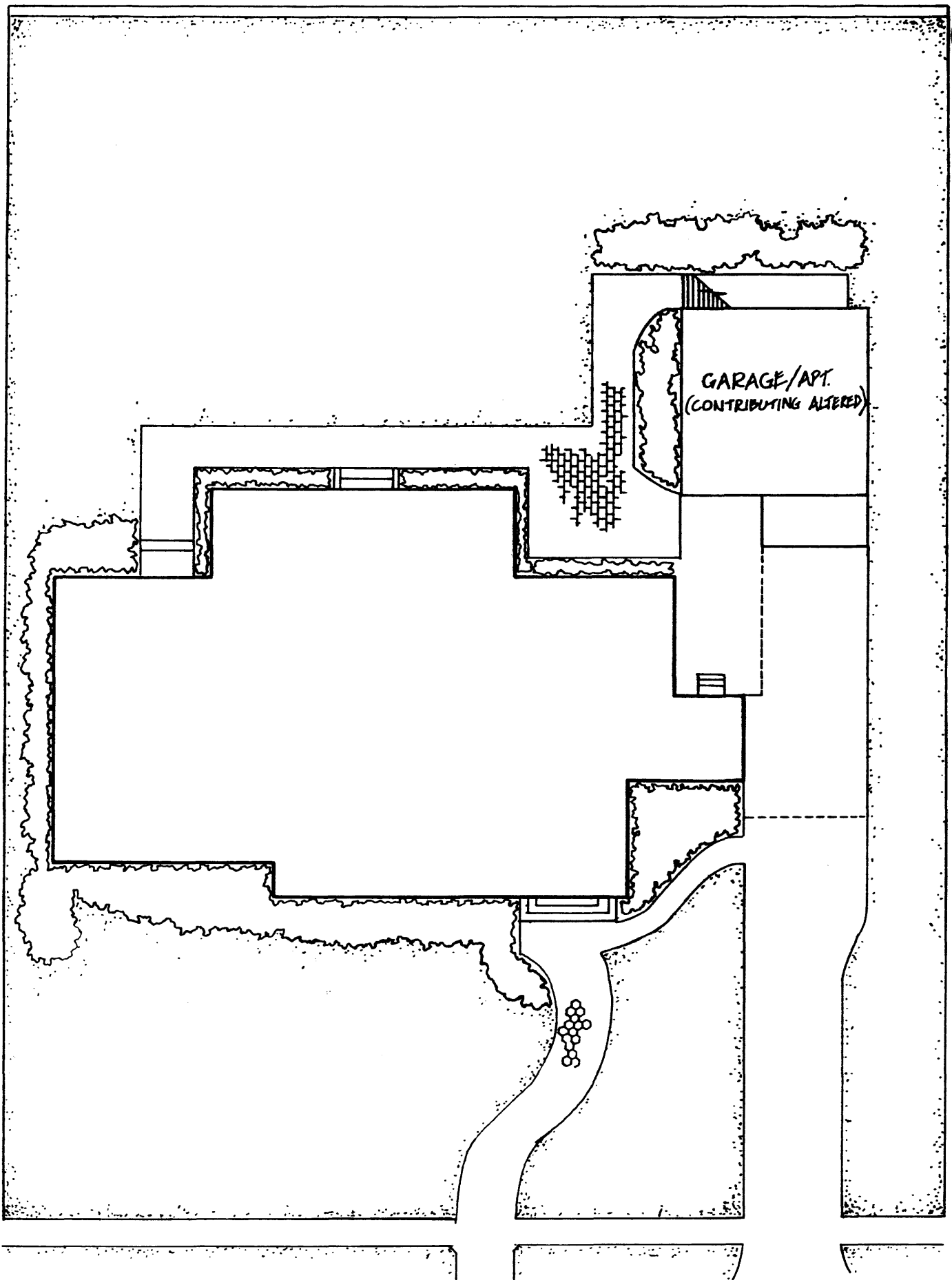
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Statement of Significance

This house is architecturally significant because it demonstrates the great variety of architectural types and details of the Mediterranean Revival vocabulary employed by the architectural firm of Schumacher and Winkler in their designs for Davis Islands residences. In many ways it is similar to their design for the house at 202 Blanca Avenue in being a straightforward masonry building encrusted with fanciful and elaborate details taken from Spanish and Italian architecture from a period spanning the fifteenth to the eighteenth centuries.

Constructed in 1927 after the Davis Islands frenzy had peaked, this house nevertheless demonstrated a continuing interest in the project by businessmen who continued to purchase property in the subdivision in expectation that prosperity would soon return to the real estate market. John F. Weissinger, manager of a local sawmill, had the house constructed as his own residence. The building permit for the structure listed its value at \$18,650. Weissinger lived in the house until 1945. At that time the house was purchased by James A. Turner, founder of the Turner Armature Works. The house still remains the property of the Turner family.



220 BLANCA AVENUE  
NOT TO SCALE

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