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Planning Division

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD STAFF REPORT

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

January 07, 2020

ITEM NO:

#3 under New Business

PROJECT NAME AND NUMBER:

HP-19-00112, 215 N. Main Street

APPLICATION TYPE:

Quasi-judicial: Review of building for local
landmark nomination

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends HPB review the application

CITY PROJECT CONTACT:

Jason Simmons

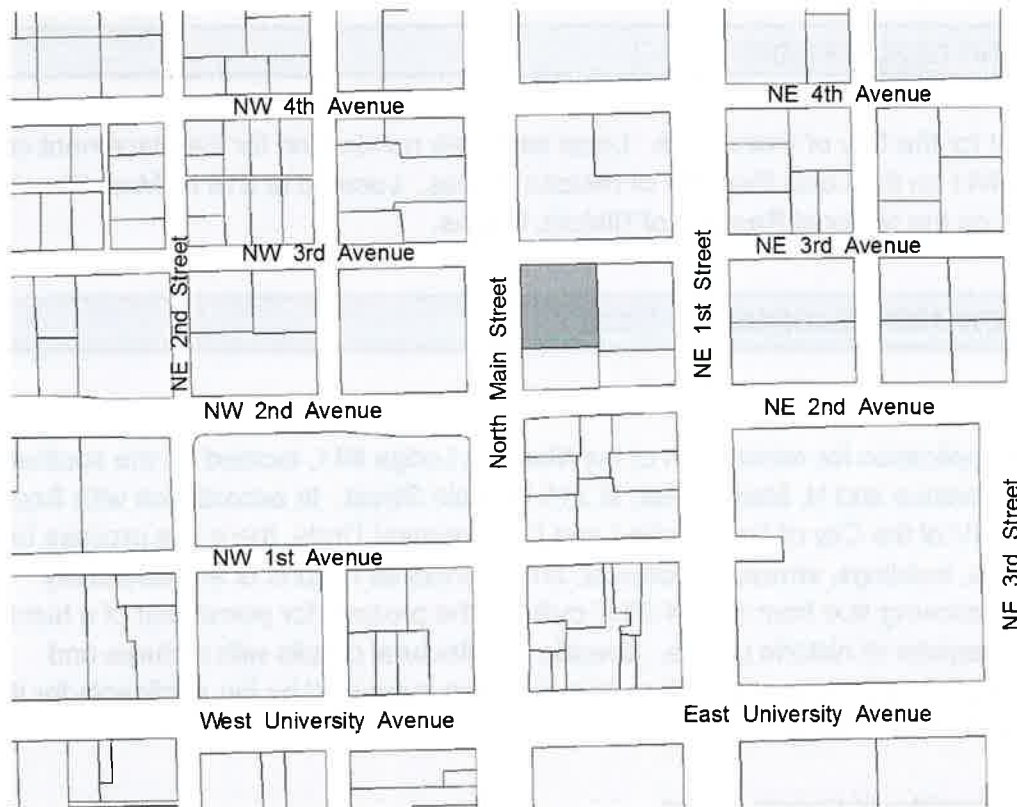


Figure 1: Location Map

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Agent/Applicant: Sarit Sela, agent for City of Gainesville
Property Owner(s): Gainesville Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons

SITE INFORMATION:

Address: 215 N. Main Street
Parcel Number(s): 14730-000-000
Existing Use(s): Masonic Lodge
Zoning Designation(s): Downtown (DT)
Historic District: NA
Historic District Status: NA
Date of construction: c. 1908 (National Register Nomination Form)

PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION:

Sarit Sela, agent for the City of Gainesville. Local landmark nomination for the placement of the Masonic Lodge #41 on the Local Register of Historic Places. Located at 215 N. Main Street. This building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:

EXISTING

Enclosed is the application for nomination of the Masonic Lodge #41, located on the southeast corner of NE 3rd Avenue and N. Main Street, at 215 N. Main Street. In accordance with Section-4.28.C. of Article IV of the City of Gainesville Land Development Code, there is a process for the placement of sites, buildings, structures, objects, and districts as historic or architecturally significant. The following text from Sec. 4.28.C outlines the process for placement of a building, etc. on the local register of historic places. Specific architectural details with pictures and illustrations are included with the registration form that was submitted by the applicants for the consideration of the nomination.

C. Local register of historic places.

1. *Creation.* A local register of historic places is hereby created as a means of identifying, classifying and protecting various sites, buildings, structures, objects, and districts as historic or architecturally significant.

2. *Process.*

- a. *Nomination.* The City Commission, the Historic Preservation Board, or the owner of a site, building, structure, or object may nominate such for placement on the local register by submitting a form provided by the city. Nominations of individually listed properties by the City Commission or the Historic Preservation Board shall have the consent of the property owner, or shall be approved with a six-sevenths vote of the City Commission and a six-ninths vote of the Historic Preservation Board.

During the November 7, 2019 City Commission meeting, the commission voted to have staff submit an application for nomination of the Masonic Lodge #41 for placement on the local register of historic places. The application has been submitted without the consent of the property owner, thus requiring a six-ninths vote of the Historic Preservation Board for approval of the nomination.

- b. Upon receipt of a completed nomination form, including necessary documentation, the City Manager or designee shall place the nomination on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Board.

The item has been placed on the January 7, 2020 Historic Preservation Board meeting agenda.

- c. The Historic Preservation Board shall, within 90 calendar days from the date of the meeting at which the nomination is first on the board's agenda, review the nomination and write a recommendation thereon.

The recommendation shall include specific findings and conclusions as to why the nomination does or does not meet the appropriate criteria for listing on the local register.

The recommendation shall also include any owner's objection to the listing.

- d. The nomination form and the board's recommendation shall be sent to the City Plan Board. The nomination shall then be handled as any other rezoning and the procedure for amendments to the Land Development Code set forth in this chapter shall be followed.

From the date the board recommends the nomination to the City Plan Board until the City Commission either approves or denies the amendment to the Land Development Code, or until one year has elapsed, whichever shall occur first, no permit for the demolition or relocation of a structure nominated for individual listing on the local register shall be issued unless the board follows the procedures and requirements for a certificate of appropriateness set forth in this section and finds that such a permit may be issued.

The board must make findings concerning why they approved or did not approve the nomination based on the appropriate criteria for listing on the local register. After the Historic Preservation Board votes on the matter the recommendation with the application materials will be sent to the City Plan Board for their consideration. The nomination shall then be handled like any other rezoning and the procedures for amendments to the Land Development Code shall be followed. If the Historic Preservation Board recommends the nomination of the building onto the local register, no

demolition permit or relocation of the structure shall be issued unless the process for a certificate of appropriateness is followed and the board finds that a permit may be issued.

3. *Review criteria.* In order to be listed on the local register, a site, building, object, structure, or district shall be determined to be significant and to possess integrity. To be significant, a building, object, structure, or district shall meet at least three of the criteria listed below, or if approved by at least six members of the Historic Preservation Board at least one of the criteria listed below. A site, building, object, structure, or district shall possess integrity as defined by the National Park Service in National Register Bulletin #15: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation. The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture is present in a district, site, building, structure, or object when the district, site, building, structure, or object:
 - a. Is associated with events that are significant to our local, state, or national history;
 - b. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction;
 - c. Represents the work of a master;
 - d. Possesses high artistic values; or
 - e. Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

These are the criteria the Historic Preservation Board will use to determine approval or disapproval of the nomination of the structure for placement on the local register of historic places.

4. *Recording.* Upon placement of a property or properties on the local register, the board shall cause this designation to be recorded in the official record books of the county.
5. *Certificate and signs.* The City Manager or designee shall issue an official certificate of historic significance to the owner of properties listed individually on the local register or judged as contributing to the character of a district listed on the local register. The City Manager or designee is additionally authorized to issue and place official signs denoting the geographic boundaries of each district listed on the local register.

The City Commission has the final vote concerning the placement of the building on the local register of historic places.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Historic Preservation Board review the information about the building in the application for local landmark nomination.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

- Exhibit 1** **Application for Nomination on Local Register, City Commission Final Minutes of November 7, 2019**
- Exhibit 2** **National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**



APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION ON LOCAL REGISTER

City of Gainesville
 Department of Doing
 306 NE 6th Ave
 Gainesville, FL 32601
 352.393.5023 | www.cityofgainesville.org

The City Commission, the Historic Preservation Board, or the owner of a site, building, structure, or object may nominate such for placement on the local register by submitting this form.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Completed application with all applicable signatures.
- Current color photos of all sides of the structure(s)/site
- Statement of Significance to include:
 - Architectural description
 - Narrative on how three (3) or more review criteria are met
 - Property history
- Map or survey of property.

PROPERTY INFORMATION: <i>(Information below applies to property for which historic designation is being requested.)</i>	
Proposed Landmark Name: Masonic Lodge #41	
Street address: 215 North Main Street Gainesville FL 32601	
Tax parcel no(s): 14730-000-000	
Legal description (use separate sheet, if needed): ORIG Gainesville DB H-383 N 2/3 pf W ½ OF BK 3 RG 6 OR 1905/2750	
Zoning District: DT: Downtown	Total acreage: 0.3754 ac
Listed on National Register? Yes	
Type of Structure: Masonic Lodge/Temple	Age of Structure: 1908
Existing Use of Property: Masonic Lodge	
City Commission District: 4	

Name of Owner(s) (please print)	
Name: Gainesville Lodge No. 41 Free and Accepted Masons	
Address: PO Box 142577 Gainesville FL 32614	
Phone: _____	Email: _____
<i>(If additional owners, please include on separate sheet)</i>	

Applicant(s)/Agent(s), if different from owner	
Name: City of Gainesville City Commission	
Address: _____	
Phone: _____	Email: _____

I hereby attest to the fact that the supplied parcel number(s) and legal description(s) is (are) the true and proper identification of the area for which the nomination is being requested. I have read, examined, and completed this application and know the information I have provided to be true and correct.

Signature of applicant/owner: See attached memo Date: _____

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the subject property or a person having a legal or equitable interest therein. I authorize the above listed agent to act on my behalf for the purposes of this application.

Property owner signature: See attached memo Date: _____

Review Criteria

Proposed nominations will be reviewed as outlined in the City of Gainesville's Land Development Code, Article IV, Division 5. Special Districts. Section 30-4.28 Historic Preservation/Conservation Overlay:

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structure, or object when the district, site, building, structure, or object:

- a. Is associated with events that are significant to our local, state, or national history;
- b. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction;
- c. Represents the work of a master;
- d. Possesses high artistic values; or
- e. Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

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Application initiated by:

Owner:	Date:
Historic Preservation Board:	Date:
City Commission: Yes	Date: 11/7/2019 (see attached memo)



City of Gainesville

City Manager Memorandum No. 19005

To: Chair & Members of the Historic Preservation Board

Chair & Members of the Plan Board

From: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Date: December 10, 2019

Re: Masonic Lodge #41: Project Recap

This Memo is to provide background information about the involvement of the City of Gainesville with the Masonic Lodge #41 in the past few months.

Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) Cultural Center project proposed a concept of developing a network of cultural amenities in the Gainesville downtown area. Amenities in the Cultural Network would be a combination of improved existing Cultural facilities, adaptive reuse of buildings into Cultural amenities, and new construction as needed to complement the network. The initial Cultural Center concept was presented at the General Policy Committee on January 10, 2019, and February 14, 2019. At the General Policy Committee August 22, 2019 meeting, Staff was directed to negotiate the purchase of the Masonic Lodge #41 at a "fair market value", which was estimated at \$450,000, per the 4/12/18 Emerson appraisal. In addition, the Commission approved the appropriation of \$1,950,000 of WSPP funds for the renovation and adaptive reuse of this building once acquired by the City.

Staff commissioned a property appraisal re-certification in September 2019. The new Emerson appraisal estimated the building value at \$525,000, which required Staff to go back to the Commission, to request permission to proceed negotiations with the updated fair market value. Prior to returning to the Commission, the Masons' Attorney informed Staff that (a) City's appraisal should be revised to include a scenario where the building is demolished and a residential tower with a garage was constructed to replace it, (b) that the Masons' have obtained a second-opinion appraisal, by Haynes Valuation Services, LLC, which valued the property at \$800,000 - \$875,000, (c) that an offer to purchase the building was received from a potential private buyer at \$700,000, and (d), that a \$525,000 offer would not be positively entertained. To date, Staff has not received the full Real Estate Appraisal Report of the Masonic Lodge Property, 215 N Main St, by Haynes Valuation Services, LLC, 11/5/19. See Appraisal Summary Letter attached.

At the [November 7, 2019, City Commission](#) meeting, and per the new information received, the City Commission moved to "*Add to Local Register of Historic Places*".

Attachments:

1. Appraisal of the Masonic Lodge, 215 N Main St, by Emerson Appraisal Company, Inc., 4/12/18
2. Appraisal of the Masonic Lodge, 215 N Main St, by Emerson Appraisal Company, Inc., 10/10/19
3. Appraisal Summary Letter, Real Estate Appraisal Report of the Masonic Lodge Property, 215 N Main St, by Haynes Valuation Services, LLC, 11/5/19

cc: Dan Hoffman, Assistant City Manager
Sean McDermott, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Andrew Persons, Department of Doing Interim Director
Steve Phillips, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Director
Sarit Sela, City Architect
Betsy Waite, Wild Spaces Public Places Director

PUBLIC NOTICE SIGNAGE AFFIDAVIT

Petition Name HP-19-00112

Applicant (Owner or Agent) City of Gainesville, Sarit Sela, City Architect

Tax parcel(s) 14730-000-000

Being duly sworn, I depose and say the following:

1. That I am the owner or authorized agent representing the application of the owner and the record title holder(s) of the property described by the tax parcel(s) listed above;
2. That this property constitutes the property for which the above noted petition is being made to the City Of Gainesville;
3. That this affidavit has been executed to serve as posting of the "Notice of Proposed Land Use Action" sign(s) which describes the nature of the development request, the name of the project, the anticipated hearing date, and the telephone number(s) where additional information can be obtained. In addition, the applicant has securely posted the sign(s) on the property along each street frontage, at intervals of not more than four hundred (400) feet, and set back no more than ten (10) feet from the street and visible from the street. If the property does not abut a public right-of-way, signs have been placed at the nearest public right-of-way with an indication of the location of the subject property.
4. That the applicant has posted the sign(s) at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled public hearing date; or for Historic Preservation Certificate of Appropriateness applications, at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled public hearing date.
5. That the applicant shall maintain the signs(s) as provided above until the conclusion of the development review and approval process and that the signs shall be removed within ten (10) days after the final action has been taken on the development application.
6. That I (we), the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

7. _____

8. _____

SARIT SELA

Applicant (print name)

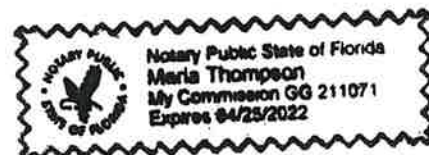
**STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF ALACHUA**

Before me the undersigned, an officer duly commissioned by the laws of the State of Florida, on this 18th day of December, 2019, personally appeared who having been first duly sworn deposes and says that he/she fully understands the contents of the affidavit that he/she signed.

Maria Thompson Notary Public

My Commission expires: 04/25/2022

RECORDING SPACE



Form revised on March 11, 2014. Form location: <http://www.cityofgainesville.org/PlanningDepartment.aspx>

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Petition Number HP-19-00112 Planner Jason Simmons

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

TO: [Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]

FROM: [Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]

SUBJECT: [Subject]

RE: [Subject]

DATE: [Date]

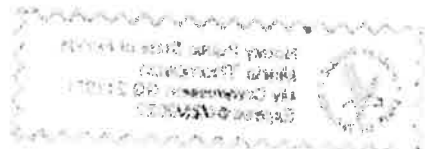
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What's going on?
Local landmark nomination for
placement on the Local Register of Historic Places

Project ID

HP-19-00112

Meeting Date/Time

January 26, 2020 5:30 PM

City Hall Auditorium
and first community meeting

HISTORIC

Alteration or Repair ☐ Demolition ☐
New Construction ☐ Non-Action ☒

Report to board: 1/27/20
HP-19-00112 - report to board 1/27/20



Galvestonville

Historic Landmark
Nomination Project



City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

November 7, 2019

1:00 PM

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)

Commissioner Helen Warren (At Large)

Commissioner Gail Johnson (At Large)

Commissioner Gigi Simmons (District 1)

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Harvey Ward (District 2)

Commissioner David Arreola (District 3)

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:02 PM**AGENDA STATEMENT****ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Warren was named Pro Tempore.

Present 6 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Absent 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

INVOCATION**PROPHET GEORGE YOUNG****ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS - GRU, General Government, Audit & Finance Committee and General Policy Committee Items**

Debbie Martinez and Nathan Skop spoke to the matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

190548.**City Commission Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission approve the minutes of October 17, October 21, October 22 and October 23, 2019.

Approved as Recommended

190492.**Appointments to City Commission Advisory Boards and Committees (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission appoint:
India Blachard to the student seat of the Bicycle Pedestrian Board for a term to expire 9/30/2022.*

*Lesly Jerome to the student seat term to expire 9/30/2020;
Corey Williams and Jessica Turner to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development for full terms to expire 11/1/2022.*

Sophia Corugedo to the student seat term to expire

9/30/2020; Stephanie Birch to the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board for a full term to expire 9/30/2022.

Hannah Gutner to the student seat term to expire 9/30/2020; Bruce Blackwell and Cindy Boulware to the Nature Centers Commission for full terms to expire 11/1/2022.

Evelyn Alfred to the student seat of the Regional Transit System Advisory Board for a term to expire 9/30/2021.

Kotryna Klizentyte as a Voting Student Member of the Student Community Relations Advisory Board for a term to expire 9/30/2020; Elizabeth Delaney and Carolyn Nath Komanski as Voting Non-Student Members terms to expire 9/30/2021.

Ryan Klein to the student seat of the Tree Advisory Board for a term to expire 9/30/2020.

Approved as Recommended

190543. Non-Compliance with Advisory Board Attendance Requirements (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve the removal of Matthew Burnette from the Public Recreation and Parks Board, effective immediately.*

Approved as Recommended

190560. Resignations of David Denslow from the Board of Trustees of the Consolidated Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan; Mary Alford and Michael Selvester from the Utility Advisory Board (B)

RECOMMENDATION *1. The City Commission accepts the resignation of David Denslow effective immediately,
2. The City Commission accepts the resignation of Mary Alford effective December 1, 2019.
3. The City Commission accepts the resignation of Michael Selvester, effective December 31, 2019.*

Approved as Recommended

190539. 2020 City Run-Off Election (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve the Supervisor of Elections Office, the Millhopper Library, University of Florida Reitz Union and Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Center as early voting sites for the 2020 Run-Off Election on April 28, 2020.*

Approved as Recommended

190555. City Commission Workshop on Solar Power (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission approve a Solar Power Workshop to be*

held on November 18, 2019, 3:00 pm, at the GRU
Multi-Purpose Room.

Approved as Recommended

190563. Proposed Name Change (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission review and approve request.*

Withdrawn

190294. Background Screening Services (NB)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) approve the funding of a selected background screening vendor.*

Approved as Recommended

190525. Recommendation for First Extension with Fleet Response (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission: 1) Award First Extension with Fleet Response and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the contract extension pending approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.*

Approved as Recommended

190528. The Florida Department of Transportation's Safety Office Subgrant Funding for the City of Gainesville Motorcycle/Scooter Safety and Education Program, the Gainesville Police Department Distracted Driver Program, and the City of Gainesville Safe Gator Program (B)

This is a request for the City Commission's approval to accept the grants through the Florida Department of Transportation Safety Office

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize 1) the City Manager to accept, execute the grant award subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality 2) approve the expenditure as outlined in the approved grant awards.*

Approved as Recommended

190542. Annual Purchase of Plant Mix Asphalt Concrete (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to authorize bid award to Preferred Materials Inc., as the primary vendor and V.E. Whitehurst and Sons Inc., as the secondary vendor.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorizes the City Manager to execute contracts and all related documents with Preferred Materials Inc., as the primary supplier and V.E. Whitehurst and Sons Inc., as the secondary supplier, subject to approval of the City*

Attorney as to form and legality.

Approved as Recommended

190608.

Security Guard Services for City Hall Complex, Thomas Center and Other City Sites as Needed (B)

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the ranking of the firms for security services and authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute a contract with the top-ranked security firm for services subject to City Attorney's approval as to form and legality. If negotiations with this firm are not successful, we request City staff be given authorization to negotiate with second-ranked firm. Additionally, we request the approval of funds up to \$175,203.00 from Fund Balance to cover the cost of the new contract for services and direct staff to include this item in future budgets.

Approved as Recommended

190480.

Acceptance of City Beautification Board Annual Report for FY 19 (B)

This is a request to have the FY19 Annual Report of the City Beautification Board accepted by the Clerk of the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission accepts the FY19 Annual Report of the City Beautification Board.

Approved as Recommended

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

Modifications: Approve Modifications and continue Item No. 180965 (Resolution Supporting HR 109 Commonly Know as the Green New Deal) and continue Item No. 190291 (Reclassify SW 2nd Street from a Storefront Street to a Local Street).

Debbie Martinez, Nathan Skop, Karen Arrington, Tana Silva, Wilbur Holloway, Gary Gordon and Don Fields spoke to the matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Adopted with Modifications. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen and not to exceed 30 minutes total

*Nathan Skop
Christina Fields
Debbie Martinez
Kali Blount
Jim Konish
Nicolle
Mark Sexton
Don Fields
Rich Lowery
Barry Gordon*

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - GRU and General Government items placed on the agenda by the Charter Officers or moved from Consent.

190435.

Non-Compliance with Advisory Board Attendance Requirements (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve the removal of Chanae Baker from the Public Recreation and Parks Board, effective immediately.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Simmons

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

180943.

City Commission Rules (B)

Motion: 1) Change the word "citizen" to "public" throughout the rules; 2) Change "Chair pro tem" to "Mayor pro tem"; 3) Add "Business Discussion Items" section to the evening agenda, before public hearings; 4) Page 3, line 15: Add Special Meetings to the list of times when meetings may be cancelled; 5) Page 5, line 10: Change makeup of Audit Finance committee to be "Mayor and Mayor pro tem"; 6) Page 8, line 34: add "on agenda items" to the end of the sentence; 7) Page 9, line 2: staff to return with language that will include referrals made during the meeting; 8) Page 9, line 5: add "general public comment and early public comment"; 9) Page 9, line 7: staff to return with policy

language proposal on timing of speaker registration; 10) Page 10, line 4: add "or public"; 11) Page 11: add "Members of the Commission may not advocate for or against anyone running for office. Members of the Commission may not advertise for-profit businesses."; 12) Rules around the substance of General Public Comment remain as is (no limits on the substance of the comments); 13) Early Public Comment will be situated on the agenda before General Public Comment in both the afternoon and evening sessions; 14) Early speaker registration is not required for items that were scheduled at the last minute or generated by Commissioner comment; and 15) Speaking at Early Public Comment does not waive the opportunity to speak on items that were scheduled at the last minute or generated by Commissioner comment. Motion passed 6-0 for every item except Nos. 7, 9, and 11 (7,9,11 were separate votes). Commissioner Ward absent.

Motion #7: Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Ward absent.

Motion #9: - Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Ward absent.

Motion #11: - Motion passed 4-2. Mayor Poe and Commissioner Arreola in dissent. Commissioner Ward absent.

Lisa Bennett, Assistant City Attorney gave a presentation.

Lindsay Hoffman, Public Policy Administrator gave a presentation.

Robert Mounts, Debbie Martinez, Bruce Blackwell, Dotty Faibisy, Jim Konish, Janice Gearing, David Ruiz, Wilbur Holloway, Gary Gordon, Jo Beaty, Tana Silva, Nathan Skop, Gabe Kaimowitz, Susan Bottcher, Warren Nielsen, Sharon Bauer and Sheila Payne spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear a presentation from the City Attorney's and Clerk's Offices and take any action deemed necessary.

Approved, as shown above

190562.

Proposed Revisions to Chapter 8 Titled "Discrimination" of the City Code of Ordinances (B)

Motion: Accept recommendation of draft ordinance to include language from County's Ordinances. Nicolle Shalley will work with EO.

Teneeshia Marshall, Equal Opportunity Director gave a presentation.

Reina Saco, Jeremiah Tattersall, Robert Carroll, Shelia Payne, Nathan Skop, Gabe Kaimowitz, Gladys Perkins and Gordon Klemes spoke to the matter.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Commissioner Warren to continue Item No.190564 and Item No.190632 to the November 21, 2019 meeting. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Ward absent.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss and determine whether to direct the City Attorney's Office to finalize this ordinance, and advertise it, for first reading.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Warren, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

190564.

Old Fire Station #1 Rental and Adaptive Reuse Draft Invitation to Negotiate (B)

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction/feedback regarding the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) criteria for Old Fire Station #1, 427 S Main St, Gainesville, FL 32601, Rental & Adaptive Reuse.

Continued to November 21, 2019.

190632.

Alachua County Event Center (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission discuss the Alachua County Event Center and take appropriate action.

Continued to November 21, 2019.

COMMISSION COMMENT

RECESS - 4:41 PM

RECONVENE - 5:34 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen and not to exceed 30 minutes total

Gabe Kaimowitz
Adele Franson
Mosses Reece

RESOLUTIONS - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

190544.

Resolution for 5310 Grant Application (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to pass a Resolution to allow the Regional Transit System (RTS) to apply for a 5310 Grant to purchase paratransit trips and a paratransit van to provide access to fixed route transportation for persons with disabilities and ADA service to the disabled citizens of Gainesville.

Malisa McCreedy, Director of Mobility spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) adopt the Resolution; and 2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute related Public Transportation Grant Agreement(s) with the Department of Transportation, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution) and Approved the Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

190545.

Resolution for Section 5311 Grant Application (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to adopt a Resolution to allow the Regional Transit System (RTS) to apply for a Section 5311 grant to provide rural transportation services to the citizens of Gainesville and Alachua County, and for the City Manager or designee to execute related Public Transportation Grant Agreement(s) with the Florida Department of Transportation.

Malisa McCreedy, Director of Mobility spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission: 1) adopt the Resolution to allow the Regional Transit System (RTS) to apply for a 5311 Grant; 2) allow RTS to continue to provide rural transportation services to the citizens of Gainesville; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute related Public Transportation Grant Agreement(s) with the Florida Department of Transportation, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted (Resolution) and Approved the Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

180965. **Resolution Supporting HR 109 Commonly Known as the Green New Deal (B)**

This is a request for the City Commission to adopt a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, imploring the U.S. Congress to pass House Resolution 109 and create a Green New Deal.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, imploring the U.S. Congress to pass House Resolution 109 and create a Green New Deal.*

Continued to November 21, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

190291. **Reclassify SW 2nd Street from a Storefront Street to a Local Street (B)**

Petition PB-19-72 ZON. CHW. Reclassify the Urban Zone Street designation of SW 2nd Street between SW 2nd Avenue and SW 4th Avenue from Storefront street to Local street.

RECOMMENDATION *Plan Board voted to deny 7-0. August 2019.*

Staff to City Commission-Staff recommends approval of Petition PB-19-72 ZON.

Staff to City Plan Board-Staff recommends approval of Petition PB-19-72 ZON.

Continued to November 21, 2019.

ORDINANCES, 2ND READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

ORDINANCES, 1ST READING - ROLL CALL REQUIRED

190171. **Text Change - Amending the Land Development Code to Clarify that Parking Structures Have No Max Limit on Parking Spaces (B)**

Ordinance No. 190171

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Section 30-7.3 of the Land Development Code (Chapter 30 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances) to clarify that parking structures have no maximum limit on the number of parking spaces allowed; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Brittany McMullen, City Planner gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that this Matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Simmons

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

190289.

Land Use Change - 20.74 Acres of Property Located at 6400 SW 20th Avenue (B)

Ordinance No. 190289

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use category of approximately 20.74 acres of property generally located at 6400 SW 20th Avenue, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from Alachua County High Density Residential to City of Gainesville Residential Medium-Density (RM); providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Juan Castillo, Planner gave a presentation.

Gregory Johnson spoke to the matter.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

190290.

Quasi-Judicial - Rezoning 20.74 Acres of Property Located at 6400 SW 20th Avenue (B)

Ordinance No. 190290

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Zoning Map Atlas by rezoning approximately 20.74 acres of property generally located at 6400 SW 20th Avenue, as more specifically described in this ordinance, from Alachua County Multiple-Family Medium-High Density (R-2a) district to City of Gainesville Multi-Family Residential (RMF-8) district; providing directions to the City Manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Juan Castillo, Planner gave a presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

190514.

Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges for Utilities Relating to Rental Fees for Public Streetlight Fixtures, Outdoor Light Fixtures, Public Streetlight Poles, and Poles Supporting Rental Light Fixtures (B)

Ordinance No. 190514

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges for Utilities; by amending the fees for rental of: public streetlight fixtures, outdoor light fixtures, public streetlight poles, and poles supporting rental light fixtures; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Adopted on First Reading (Ordinance). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS - GRU and General Government items placed on the agenda by the Charter Officers or moved from Consent.

190058.

City Commission Emails Posting Policy (B)

Motion: Accept staff recommendation with amendment that Commissioners can elect not to publish.

Paul Daignault, IT Manager gave a presentation.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Johnson: Stop publishing emails. Motion failed 2-4. Mayor Poe and Commissioners Warren, Arreola and Simmons in dissent.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hear a presentation from GRU and the Clerk's Office and take any action deemed necessary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Arreola, Commissioner Warren, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Simmons, Commissioner Hayes-Santos, and Mayor Poe

Absent: 1 - Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Ward

180555.

Wild Spaces and Public Places: Update on Masonic Lodge Purchase Negotiations (B)

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola: Add to Local Register of Historic Places. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Ward absent.

Sarit Sela, City Architect gave a presentation.

Dan Hoffman, Assistant City Manager spoke to the matter.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola: Offer \$525,000. Motion failed 2-4. Commissioners Arreola and Hayes-Santos in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos: Maintain same previous offer at \$450,000. Motion failed 3-3. Mayor Poe, Commissioner Arreola and Hayes-Santos in favor of the motion.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission reconsider previous direction to staff to negotiate fair market value purchase of the Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 41, located at 215 N Main Street.

Approved, as shown above

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - For items not on the agenda, limited to 3 minutes per citizen and not to exceed 30 minutes total

COMMISSION COMMENT

Commissioner Arreola thanked, welcomed the new City Manager.

Commissioner Simmons commented on invitation by 4A's to speak about Event Center. Mayor Poe responded - City Manager meet with staff and Commissioners on who will present. Mr. Feldman responded - will circulate presentation.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos asked about economic analysis for 8th and Waldo. Dan Hoffman responded.

Mayor Poe welcomed Mr. Feldman; thanked Deborah Bowie as Interim City Manager; thanked GPD officers.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:13 PM

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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 Masonic Temple

other names/site number Masonic Order Lodge #41/AL488

2. Location

street & number 215 North Main Street N/A ☐ not for publication

city or town Gainesville N/A ☐ vicinity

state FLORIDA code FL county Alachua code 001 zip code 32601

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.)

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official/Title

Apr. 17, 1998
Date

Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historical Resources
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) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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Name of Property

ALACHUA, FLORIDA

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- ☒ buildings
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing

Noncontributing

1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	total

Name of related multiple property listings

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/Meeting Hall

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/Meeting Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH & 20TH CENTURY REVIVAL/Italian Renaissance

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

Concrete

roof Tile

other Metal

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Name of Property

ALACHUA, FLORIDA

County and State

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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1908 - 1948

Significant Dates

1908

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Hawkins, J.H.W

Eddins Manufacturing Company

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of Repository

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MASONIC TEMPLE
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida

Summary

The Masonic Temple is locally significant under Criterion C as a fine example of Italian Renaissance Style architecture in Gainesville. The Temple is one of Gainesville's significant and prominent landmarks. The building has retained its architectural integrity to a high degree. The building is an excellent example of the ornate form of architecture used on public and civic buildings in the early 20th century. The membership of Lodge #41 has included some of the city's early leading politicians, businessmen, and developers whose efforts have been important in shaping the city. On September 9, 1908, in a grand ceremony, the cornerstone was placed.

Historic Context

During the territorial period, St. Augustine, Pensacola, Apalachicola, Tallahassee, and Key West were the principal towns in Florida (1821- 1844); other sections were either rural with a few scattered settlements or almost totally undeveloped. The greatest concentration of rural population extended across the northern portions of the territory, and cotton and naval stores were the chief commercial enterprises. Also the population tended to follow rivers inland and congregate about good harbors on the West Gulf and Upper Atlantic coasts. The remote peninsular areas were largely unexplored and dotted with a few Indian trading posts, sugar plantations and military posts.

The population of the state in 1857 is estimated to have been about 87,000, with forty-five percent of the people being either Indians or African slaves. Alachua County, ninth in order of organization, originally embraced the area from the Georgia state line on the north to Charlotte Harbor, and from the St. Johns River at Palatka to the Suwannee River on the west. It was a remote area.

The City of Gainesville was founded in 1854 when the Board of Commissioners of Alachua County decided to move the county seat from Newnansville to the right-of-way of the Florida Railroad. The railroad company was in the process of constructing the state's first major rail link between the east and west coasts, starting at the city of Fernandina on the Atlantic Ocean and terminating at Cedar Key on the Gulf of Mexico. Since there was a potential for local market centers to develop along the railway, the Florida Railroad Company decided to establish five depots along the route to accommodate the shipment of local agricultural products and to encourage new settlements that would be beneficial to the railroad. The depot site selected in Alachua County became the city of Gainesville.

The new settlement was named in honor of General Edmund P. Gaines, who had served in the War of 1812 and later commanded forces during the Seminole Wars in Florida. The new town site was roughly square and contained 103 acres. The interaction of the rail line and the original town plat provided a framework for the

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Summary

The Masonic Temple at 215 North Main Street is a rectangular, 2 story Italian Renaissance style building with a pedimented hip roof with wide overhanging eaves. The building, constructed in 1908, has survived without significant alterations, and most of the ornamental architecture has remained intact. The property is located in the core of downtown Gainesville and has served continually since its construction as the meeting hall of Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons.

Setting

The Masonic Temple is located two blocks north of the downtown intersection of University Avenue and Main Street. The Masonic Temple is surrounded on its immediate block by a city owned parking lot to the south, and a two-story, professional office building to the east. The neighboring blocks include a church and retail space to the south, a single story, professional office block to the north and east, and a bank across Main Street to the west. There are some palms and oaks on the site.

Physical Description

Exterior

The main entrance to the building is located in a raised portico on the centerline of the west (main) elevation. The portico has twelve Tuscan pre-cast concrete columns with a pre-cast concrete cornice and a decorative balustrade (Photo #1). Above the portico, on the second floor, there are three round arch windows with keystone consoles flanked by four Ionic columns (Photo #2). The balustrade has decorative openwork masonry (Photo #3). The building has a very bold cornice decorated with dentils which continues around the building above the second story fenestration (Photo #4). The hipped roof is covered with clay tile. Another architectural feature is a decorative capped chimney on the east side. There is a gabled pediment with a projecting cornice on the west side above the portico. Just below the peak of the pediment there is a decorative medallion indicating the date of construction (Photo #5). The first story of the main elevation features six flat arch windows, concrete steps and a wood double door with two sunburst transoms. With the exception of the east (rear) elevation, the second story fenestration is vertically arranged with the first story and features double-hung, one over one, arched windows with decorative keystone (Photo #6). Carved stone trim is used extensively around the exterior window surrounds. The decorative keystone at the top center of the arched windows is emblematic of the Royal Arch of Masonry. Except for the addition of a steel, emergency stairway on the south portion of the east elevation (Photo #7), the exterior remains unaltered from the original form since the cornerstone was positioned (Photo #8).

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Interior

The building features rooms of generous proportions. The first floor includes the entry foyer, a large meeting hall with wood support beams (Photo #9), a kitchen, library and a storage room. The interior has decorative pressed metal ceilings (Photo #10), the original heart pine flooring, doors and trim throughout the building. The main entrance features wide pine molding around the door frame and large wood doors with sunburst design transoms and original hardware (Photo #11). The second floor is devoted to the formal ceremonial meeting hall with a small preparation room across the hall. The building also contains many original pieces of symbolic furniture. The large meeting hall contains numerous decorative references to the primary themes of Masonry, including the seating areas and the ceremonial altar (Photos #12 - 13). The flooring in the main meeting hall on the second floor has been covered with carpet and tile (Photo #14). The second floor has high arched doorways along with original wood doors that feature brass hardware and Masonic symbolism in their design (Photo #15). The area below the first floor consists of storage space for mechanical equipment.

Alterations

The building has a few modest alterations, yet the original finishes, features, and windows remain intact. Minor changes involve the installation of a mechanical lift on the stairway (Photo #16), and the addition of tile and carpeting over the original hardwood floors in the second floor meeting room. Other interior modifications include: remodeling of the kitchen and the installation of an air conditioning and heating system which replaced the original coal burning furnace.

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future expansion of the community. The central business district of retail stores, offices, and hotels grew up around the courthouse square, with the first residences located nearby. To the south of the square, manufacturing concerns and warehouses took advantage of lots established for them along the railroad.

The Florida Railroad was completed in 1859, but Gainesville scarcely had time to enjoy the economic benefits brought by the new transportation route before the outbreak of the Civil War brought further development of the city to an end. The community did not experience its first real economic boom until the 1880s. Gainesville was only a village of 269 residents in 1860, but by 1890 the permanent population had grown to nearly 3,000 persons. Expansion of the city continued into the first decade of the 20th century, stimulated by the railroad which supported the shipment of local agricultural products, particularly cotton. Phosphate, timber, and naval stores also formed the basis for the local economy, as did the production of bricks and ironware.

The commercial center of Gainesville during the 1880s consisted largely of wooden buildings that had grown up around the courthouse square. These were subject to fires, and by the end of the century had been largely replaced by brick structures. The dilapidated old wooden warehouses along the railroad were also replaced by masonry structures. By the beginning of the second decade of the 20th century, Gainesville began to lose its importance as a regional shipping center. The growth of cotton waned in the area, and further expansion of Florida's rail network prompted the establishment of competing commercial centers in other parts of the state. The further expansion of Gainesville was assisted, in spite of this fact, by the establishment of the University of Florida, whose continued growth over the succeeding decades became the keystone of the local economy.

Masonry in Florida

Florida was created as a Territory, in 1821. It was only a few years after Florida became a territory of the United States that the first enduring Florida Lodge was established at Tallahassee. This was Jackson Lodge, organized under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, June 3, 1825 and chartered as Jackson Lodge #23 on December 19, 1825. It was named after Andrew Jackson, Florida's first Territorial governor who later served as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and President of the United States.

Historic Significance

In 1857, twelve years after Florida became a state and three after the founding of Gainesville, a group of 18 Gainesville Masons obtained a charter from the Grand Lodge of Florida and became Gainesville Lodge #41.

The Masons of Lodge #41 have always been at the center of fraternal life and have played a significant role in the development of the city of Gainesville. The Masonic Temple has served continually since its construction as the meeting hall of Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons. Lodge #41 was chartered on January 15, 1857 by the

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Grand Lodge of Tallahassee. The original 18 Masons met in a variety of buildings, including a frame structure on the corner of SE 2nd Avenue and SE 1st Street from 1869 to 1888. Lodge #41 then leased the third floor of H.F. Dutton's bank and stayed at that location until May 12, 1893, when the bank burned down. The site for a new permanent building on Main Street between NE 2nd and 3rd Avenues was purchased in 1903 from the Episcopal Church. In 1908, at the start of construction of the Masonic Temple, the membership of Lodge #41 totaled 88 members. The ceremonies of laying the cornerstone were held during the afternoon of Wednesday, September 9, 1908. Newspaper reports of *The Gainesville Sun* and the *Gainesville Elevator* for that time gave a very vivid description of the scheduled events and the formation of the parade held on that occasion. The membership of Lodge #41 reached a pinnacle of 359 men in 1928. Presently the members number slightly over 200.

Lodge #41 derives significance from the continued association with a number of active and influential community leaders who played important roles in the social, economic and political development of the city of Gainesville. Members of the lodge have in past years held numerous positions with the city, county, and state government. Notable among them are: Former United States Senator David L. Yulee; W. A. Shands, past President of the Florida Senate; former mayor and Gainesville native, William Ruben Thomas, and Dr. Albert A. Murphree, University of Florida President from 1909 to 1927. Lodge #41 also has had members who have distinguished themselves in Masonry to the extent that they were elected to the head of the Grand Body which they served. The lodge has produced three Grand Masters, three Grand High Priests, one Grand Eminent Commander, and two Grand Worthy Patrons.

Architectural Context

The Italian Renaissance style, directly inspired by the great Renaissance houses of Italy, was one of the most popular of the Beaux Arts design modes, lasting from the late 1800s until the 1920s. While the Victorian Italianate was essentially a loose interpretation of Italian architecture, drawn primarily from pattern books, the Italian Renaissance style took a much more academic approach, with design features often copied directly from actual Renaissance landmarks.

Primarily a style for architect-designed landmarks in major metropolitan areas prior to World War I, the Italian Renaissance style is found in early 20th century buildings throughout the country. Italian Renaissance was used as a domestic style in the 1880s and 1890s, but gained its widest use after masonry veneering techniques were perfected after World War I. Identifying features of this style include: a low-pitched hipped roof typically covered by ceramic tiles; widely overhanging eaves; arches above windows; symmetrical facade, recessed entry porches and classical door surrounds accented by small classical columns or pilasters. Typical roof-wall junctions are usually boxed. High style elaboration features arched openings, arcaded or colonnaded entries and second-story porches, usually recessed, and a prominent dentiled cornice.

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Architectural Significance

The Masonic Temple Lodge #41 with its symmetrical facades, raised, columned portico entry, arched windows, and decorative cornice, is significant architecturally as a fine example of Italian Renaissance architecture. The building is significant for its distinctive styling, excellent craftsmanship, and impressive size. The Temple was constructed by the Edding Manufacturing Company of sand brick masonry laid in a stretcher bond and pre-cast concrete made by the W. T. Hughes Company of Tampa. Detailing is of cast concrete, manufactured in nearby Campville by the Edding Manufacturing Company. The building was designed by architect J.H.W. Hawkins of Jacksonville, Florida. The building retains all the significant design qualities as when it was first constructed with no major alterations to the exterior and limited alterations to the interior. The Masonic Temple is one of two buildings in the city of Gainesville, that exemplify this distinctive architectural design and construction. The other building is the old post office, now the Hippodrome State Theater (NR 1979) also constructed in 1908-1909.

The fine craftsmanship of the building is especially evident on the exterior in its main entrance and west elevation. The interior is distinguished by carefully detailed woodwork, high arched doorways, and pressed metal ceilings. The Masonic Temple incorporates many of the standard features which are typical of the Italian Renaissance architectural style. The most notable features of the building are the Tuscan columns supporting the portico, the round arch windows with keystone consoles, and the bold cornice decorated with dentils. These features make the Masonic Temple one of the most distinctive buildings in Gainesville.

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Verbal boundary description:

North 2/3 of West 1/2 of Block 3, Range 6 which is bound by N. Main Street to the west, NE 2nd Avenue to the south, NE 3rd Avenue to the north and by NE 1st Street to the east.

Verbal boundary justification:

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Masonic Temple.

MASONIC TEMPLE
Name of Property

ALACHUA, FLORIDA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acrcage of Property LESS THAN ONE ACRE

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

name/title Mark H. Smith, Consultant; Gary V. Goodwin, Historic Preservation Planner

organization Bureau of Historic Preservation

date April, 1998

street & number R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street

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city or town Tallahassee

state Florida

zip code 32399-0250

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 Gainesville Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons

street & number 215 North Main Street

telephone (352) 372-9350

city or town Gainesville

state Florida

zip code 33601

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February 24, 1999

Lewis Wilks
Worshipful Master
Gainesville Masonic Lodge #41
14813 N. W 60th Avenue
Alachua, Florida 32615

Dear Mr. Wilks:

Congratulations! It is a pleasure to forward the enclosed certificate honoring the official listing of the Gainesville Masonic Lodge #41 in the National Register of Historic Places on May 29, 1998. This certificate is a replacement for the one issued October 16, 1998. This is a proper tribute to the historic significance of this property.

We hope that you will display this certificate in an appropriate location as a permanent reminder of the historical significance of this property. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the National Register program, and to work with you in any way we can to preserve this important cultural resource.

On behalf of Secretary of State Katherine Harris and our historic preservation staff, I salute you and the members of Lodge #41 on achieving this formal acknowledgment. We appreciate your interest in preserving this important element of Florida's cultural resources.

With every wish and warm regards,

Sincerely,

George W. Percy
State Historic Preservation Officer

GWP:gvg
Enclosure

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Richardson--Turner House,
1469 AR 1 N,
Lexa, 98000583,
LISTED, 5/29/98

ARKANSAS, WASHINGTON COUNTY,
Mineral Springs Community Building,
Cty Rd. 34, E of West Fork,
West Fork vicinity, 98000580,
LISTED, 5/29/98

COLORADO, ARAPAHOE COUNTY,
Little Estate,
1 Littleridge Ln.,
Cherry Hills Village, 98000610,
LISTED, 5/29/98

COLORADO, EL PASO COUNTY,
Cragmor Sanatorium,
1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy,
Colorado Springs, 98000586,
LISTED, 5/29/98

FLORIDA, ALACHUA COUNTY,
Masonic Temple,
215 N. Main St.,
Gainesville, 98000589,
LISTED, 5/29/98

FLORIDA, CITRUS COUNTY,
Crystal River Old City Hall,
532 N. Citrus Ave.,
Crystal River, 98000588,
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FLORIDA, MANATEE COUNTY,
Midway Subdivision Historic District,
7201 15th St. E,
Sarasota vicinity, 98000587,
LISTED, 5/29/98

KANSAS, MARION COUNTY,
Peabody Downtown Historic District,
Along Walnut St. between Division and First Sts.,
Peabody, 98000590,
LISTED, 5/29/98

KENTUCKY, BOYLE COUNTY,
Danville National Cemetery,
277 N. First St.,
Danville, 98000591,
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(Civil War Era National Cemeteries MPS)

KENTUCKY, PULASKI COUNTY,
Mill Springs National Cemetery,
9044 West Hwy 80,
Nancy, 98000592,
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LOUISIANA, ST. TAMMANY PARISH,
Jay House,
Facing the Tchefuncte R., within Fairview-Riverside State Park,
Madisonville vicinity, 98000593,
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MASSACHUSETTS, BARNSTABLE COUNTY,
Hinckley's Corner Historic District,
0, 25, and 40 Way #112,
WellFleet, 98000595,
LISTED, 5/29/98

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MASONIC TEMPLE
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida

PHOTOGRAPHIC INVENTORY

1. Masonic Temple, 215 North Main Street
2. Alachua County, Florida
3. Mark Herbert Smith
4. February, 1996
5. 725 NE 3rd Street, Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida
6. West (main) and north elevations, camera facing southeast
7. Photo #1 of 16

Items 1-5 are the same for the remaining photographs:

6. Detail: second story, pediment, camera facing east
7. Photo #2 of 16
6. Detail: second story, triple arched window openings, camera facing east
7. Photo #3 of 16
6. West and south elevations, camera facing northeast
7. Photo #4 of 16
6. Detail: west elevation, dentils, medallion, and pediment, camera facing east
7. Photo #5 of 16
6. South elevation, first and second story window alignment, camera facing north
7. Photo #6 of 16
6. East elevation, emergency stairway, capped chimney, camera facing west
7. Photo #7 of 16
6. Detail: cornerstone, camera facing east
7. Photo #8 of 16
6. Interior: first floor meeting/social hall, camera facing southwest
7. Photo #9 of 16

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MASONIC TEMPLE
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- 6. Detail: first floor pressed-metal ceiling, support beam
- 7. Photo #10 of 16

Items 1 - 2 are the same:

- 3. Gary V. Goodwin
- 4. September, 1997
- 5. Bureau of Historic Preservation, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida
- 6. Detail: main entrance, original wood double doors, sunburst transom, camera facing west
- 7. Photo #11 of 16

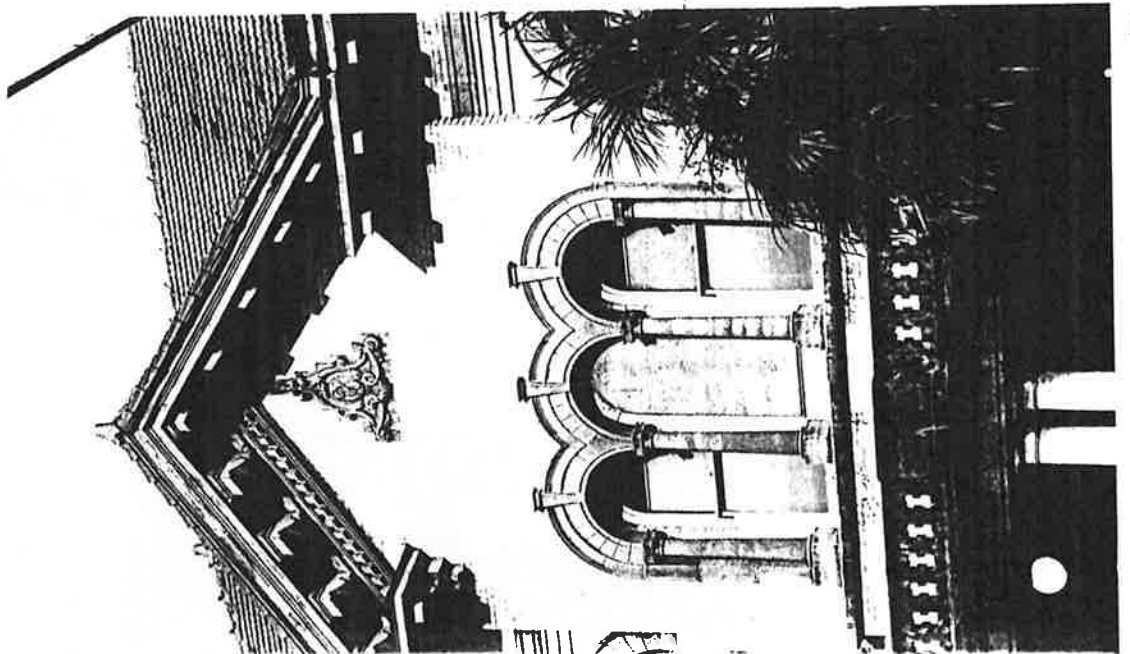
- 3. Mark Herbert Smith
- 4. February, 1996
- 5. 725 NE 3rd Street, Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida
- 6. Second floor formal meeting hall, camera facing northeast
- 7. Photo #12 of 16

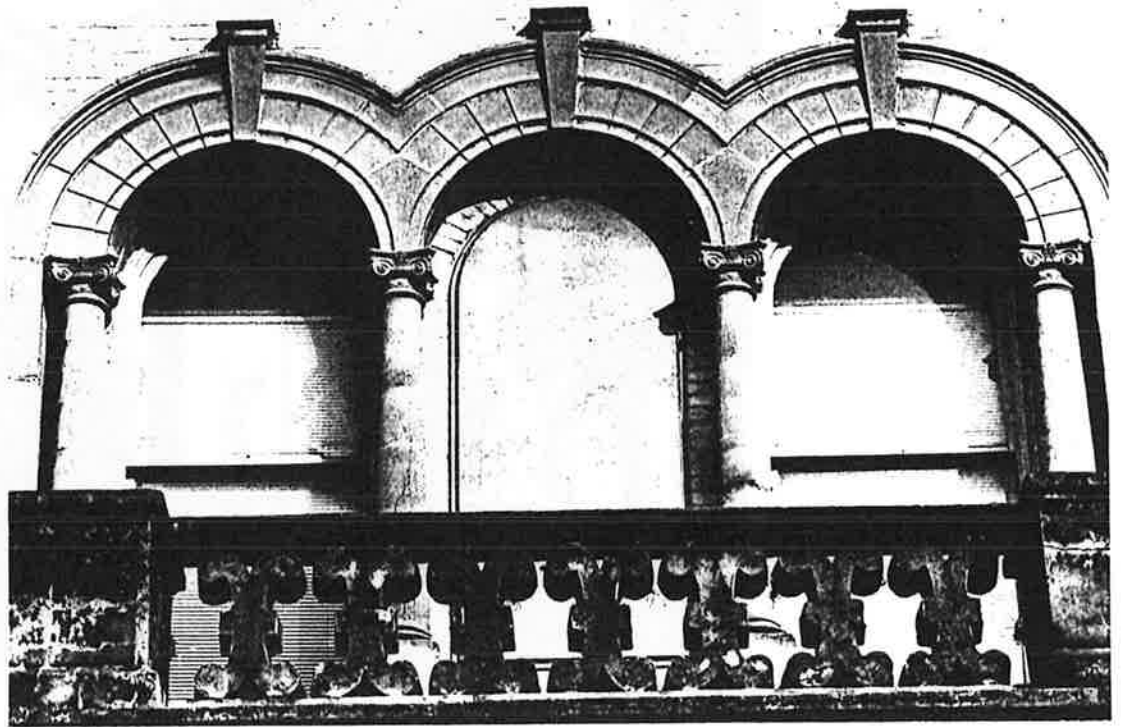
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- 7. Photo #13 of 16

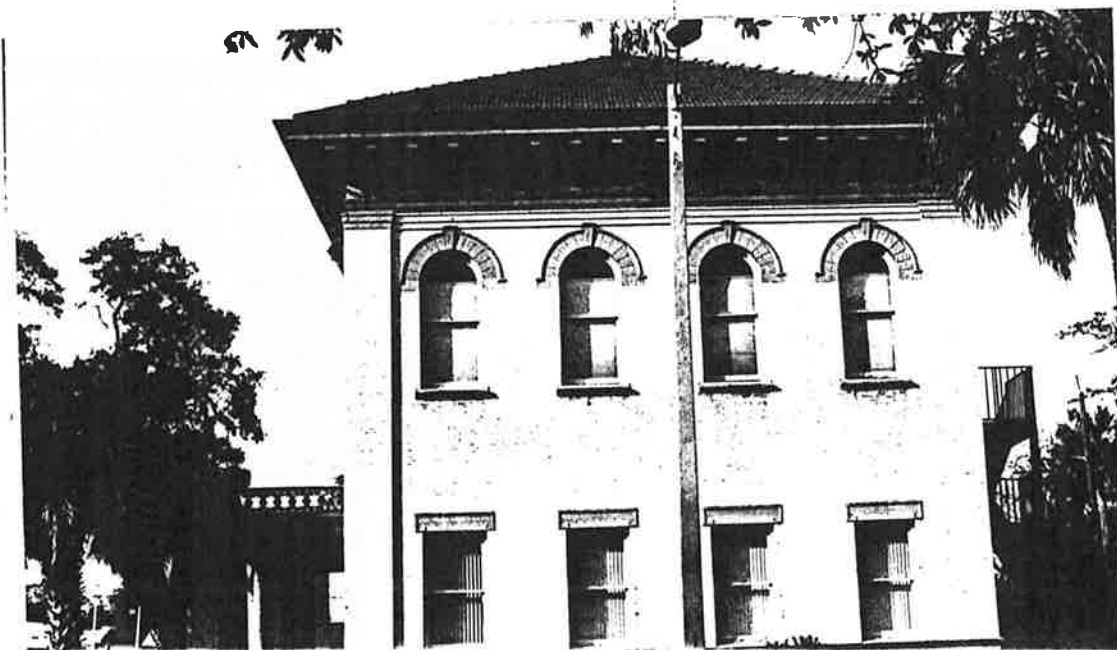
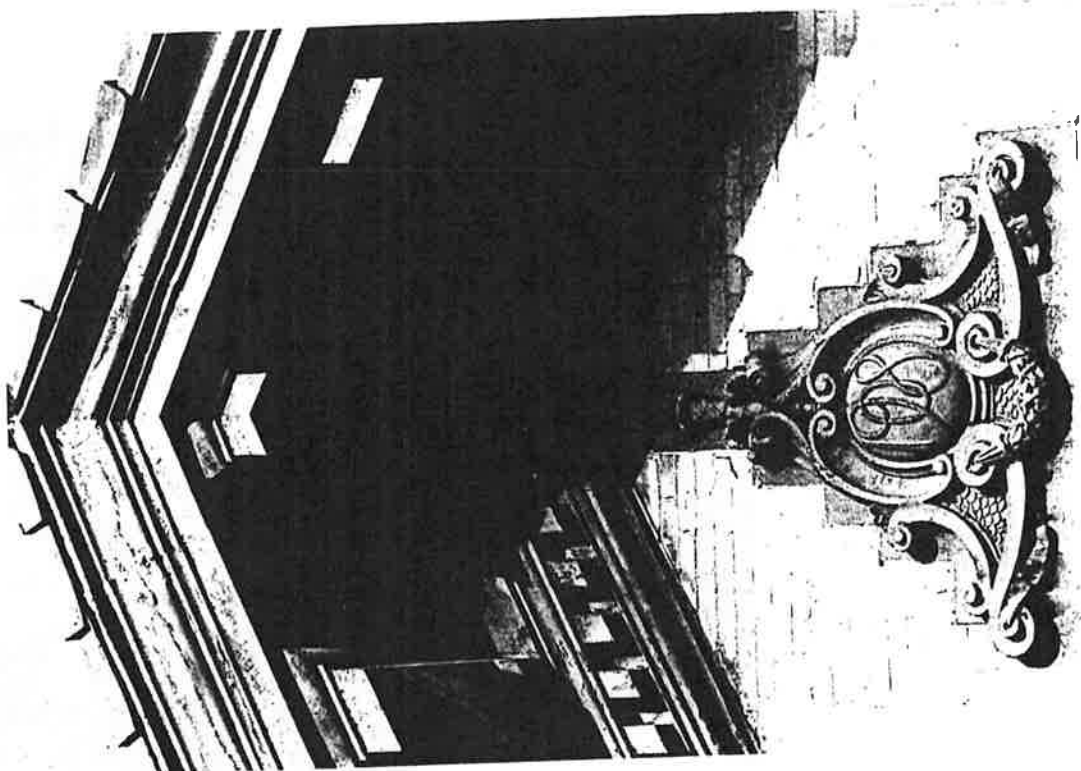
- 6. Second floor formal meeting hall, ceremonial furniture, carpet and tile flooring, camera facing southeast
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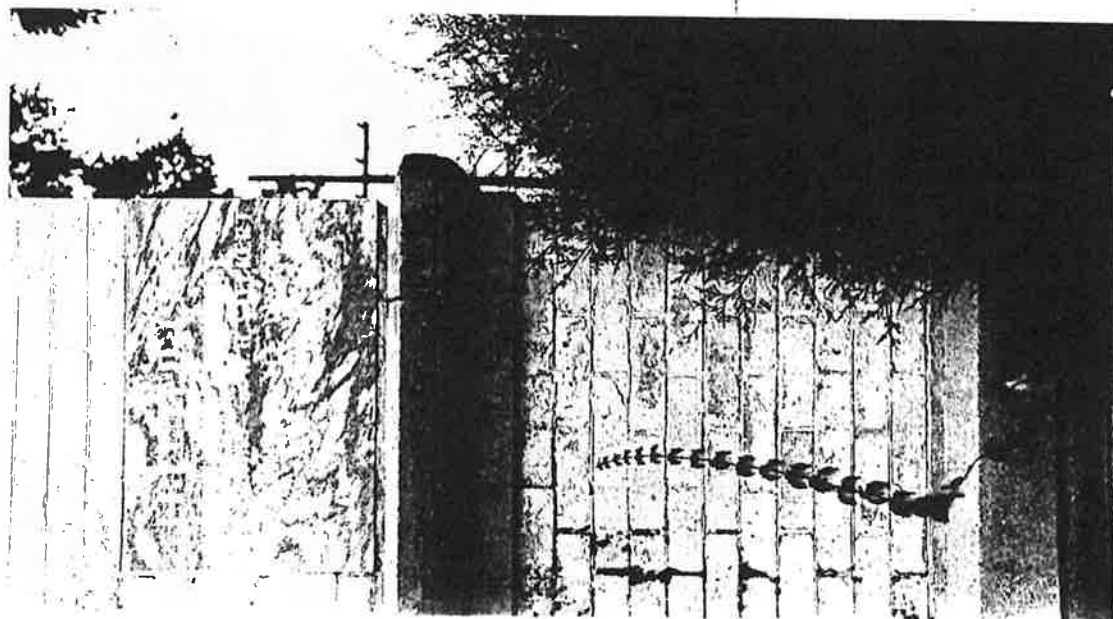
- 3. Gary V. Goodwin
- 4. September, 1997
- 5. Bureau of Historic Preservation, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida
- 6. Detail: second floor hall, original arched wood frame doorway with keystone, wood flooring
- 7. Photo #15 of 16

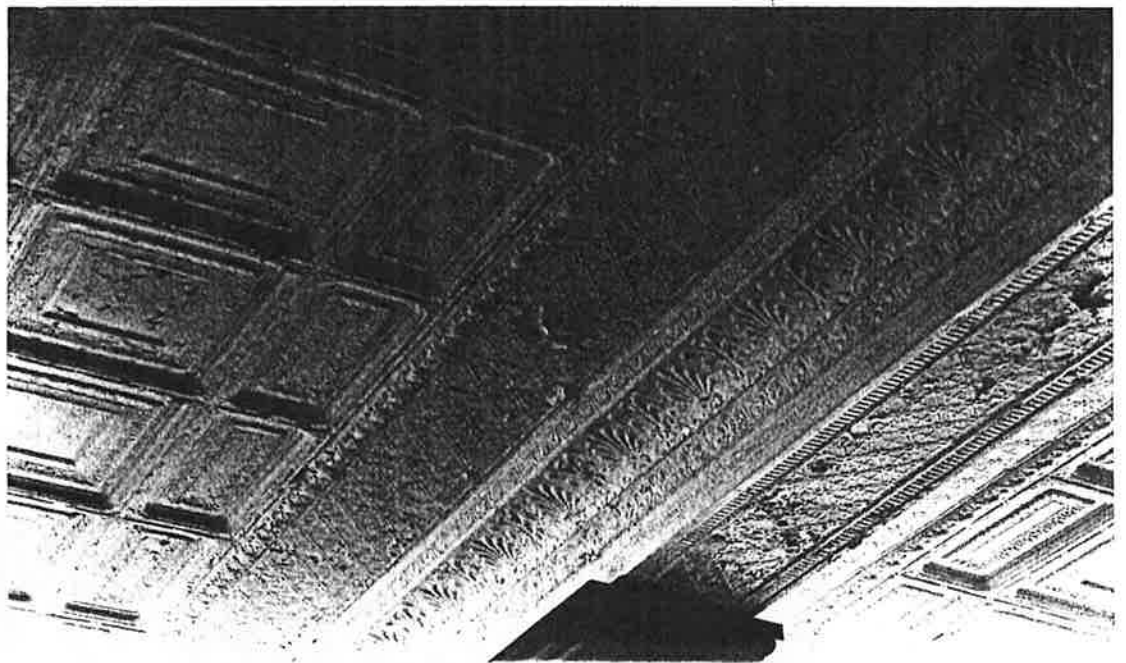
- 6. Detail: original wood stairway with added mechanical lift
- 7. Photo #16 of 16

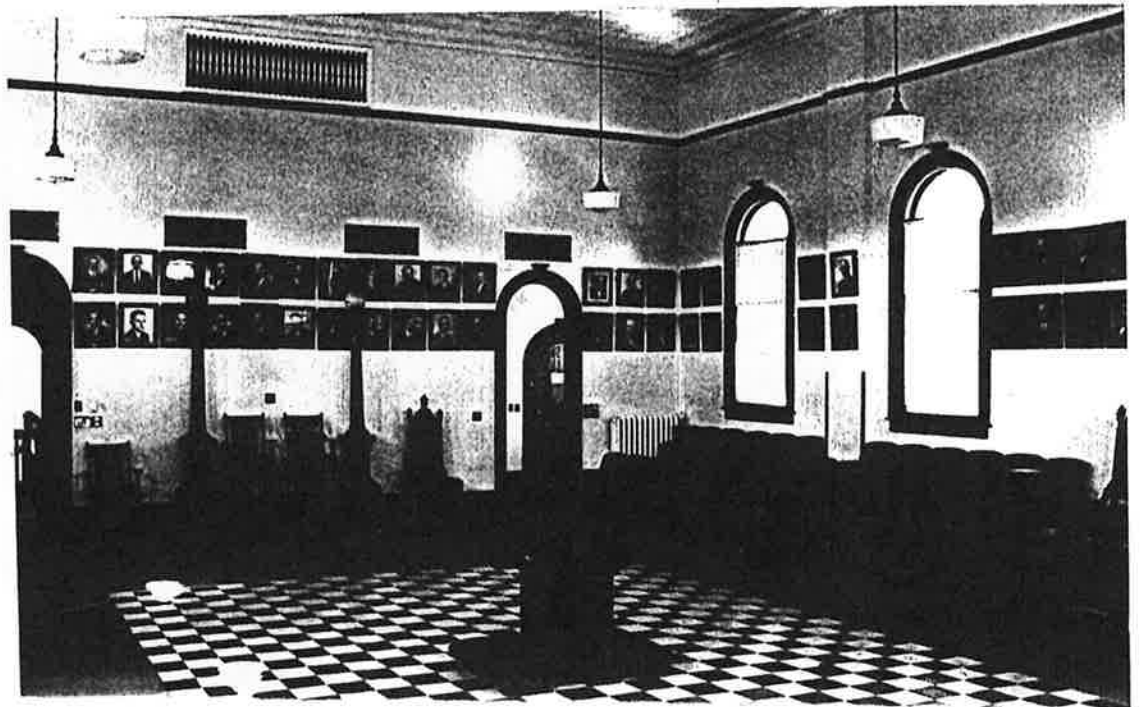
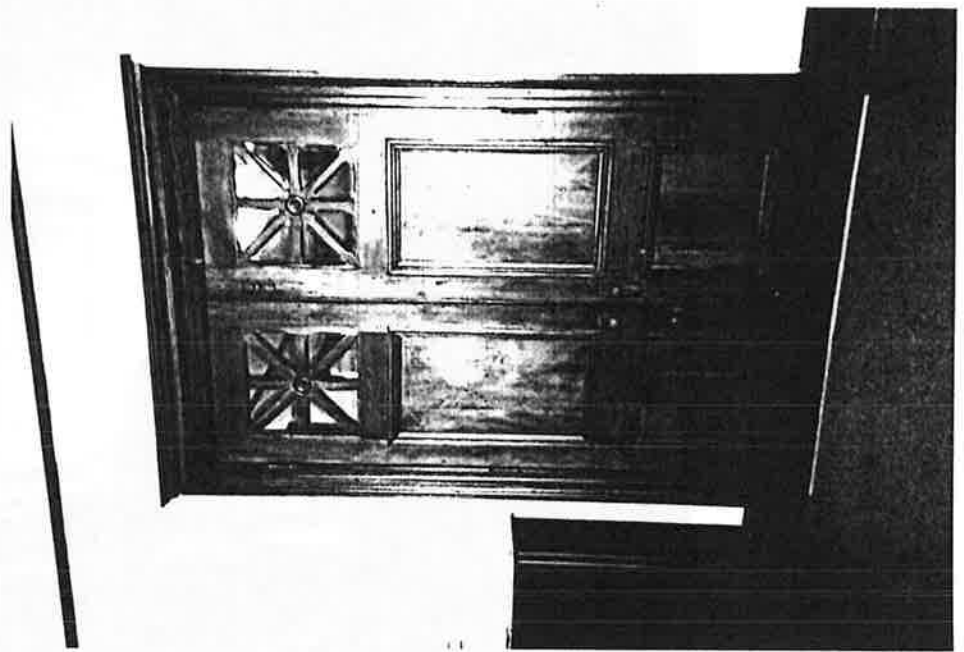


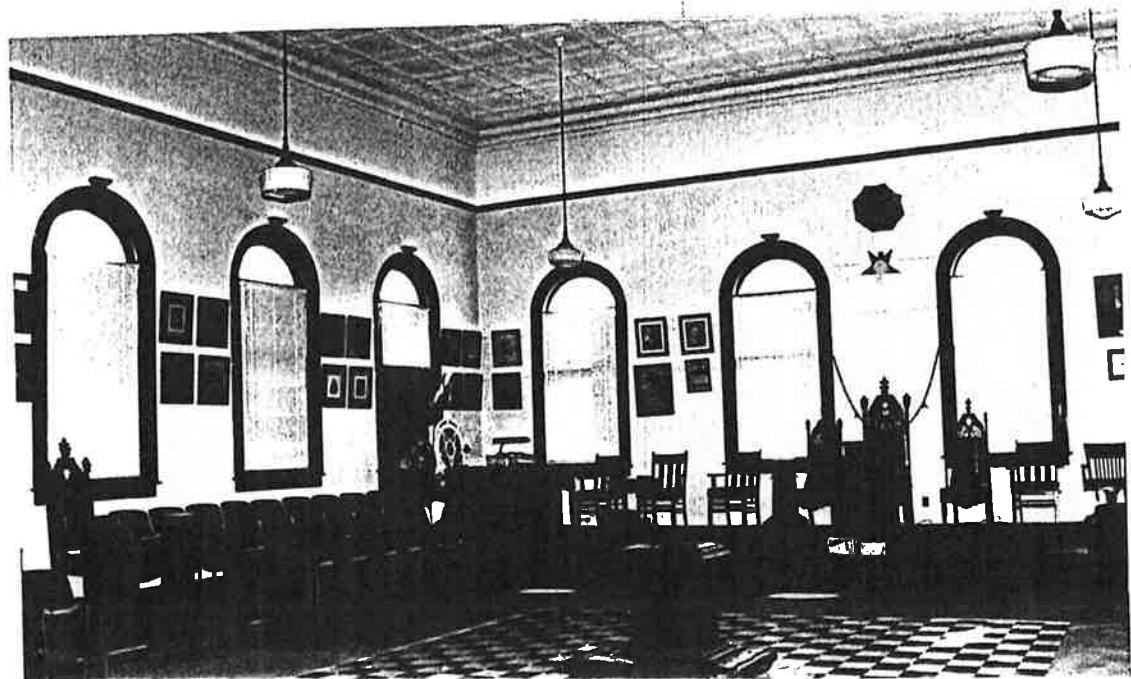
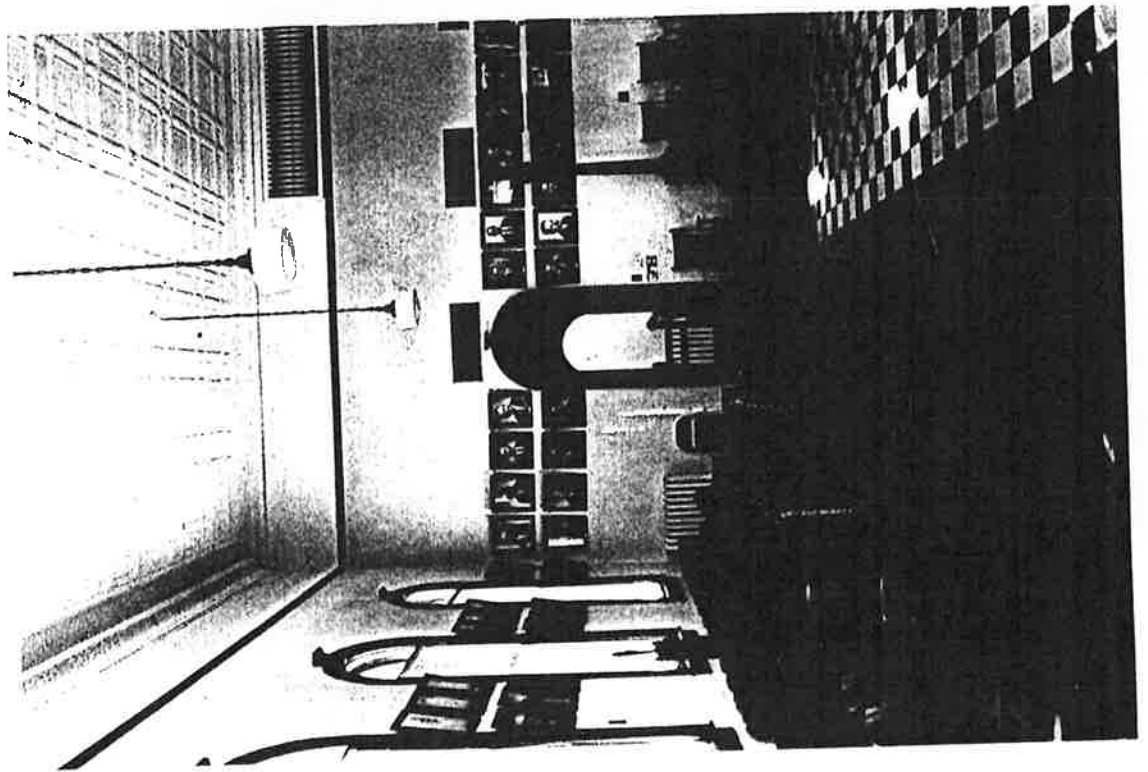


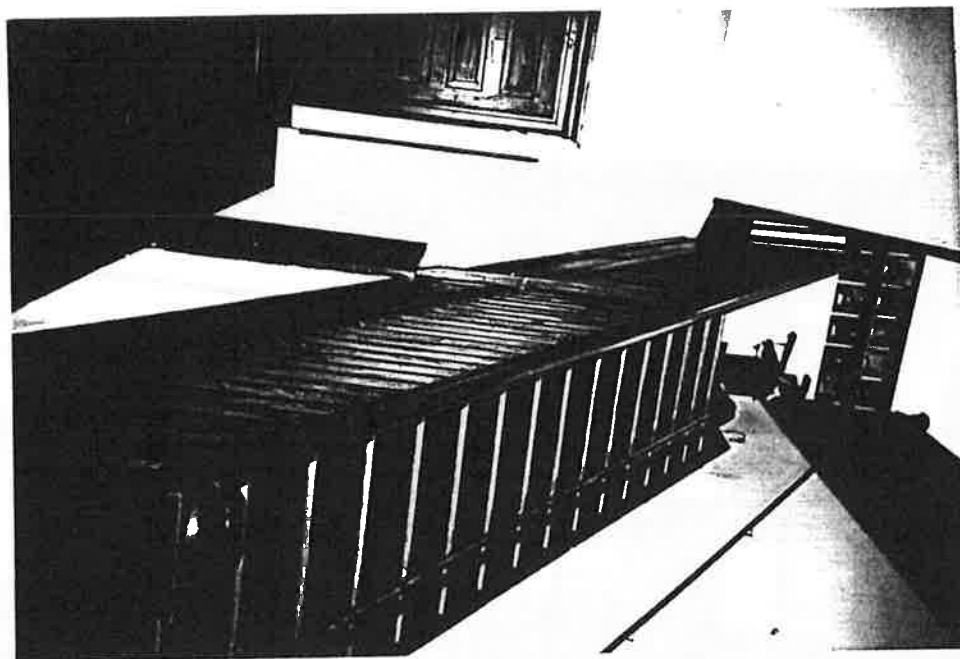
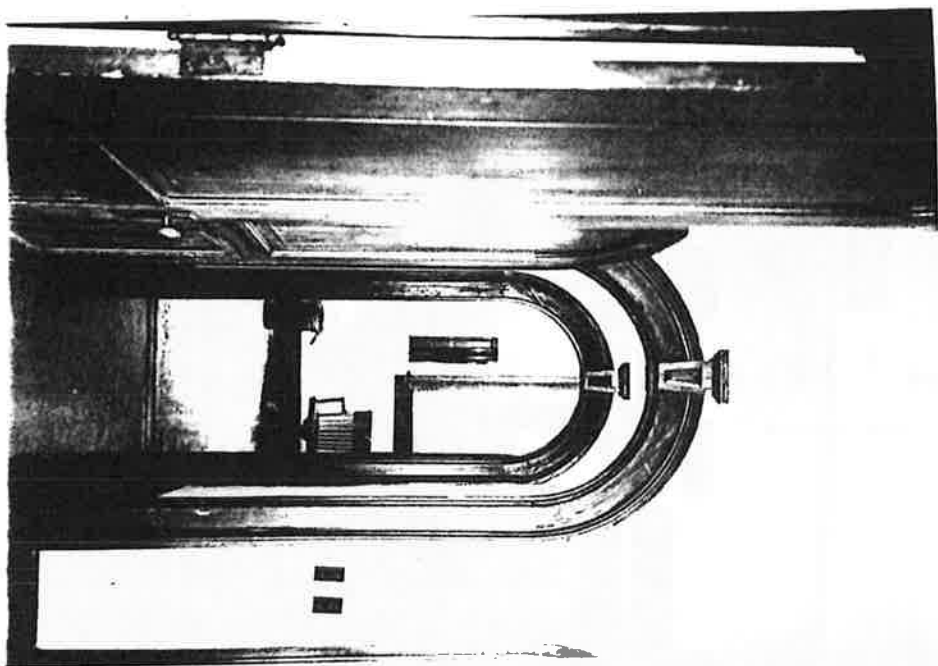


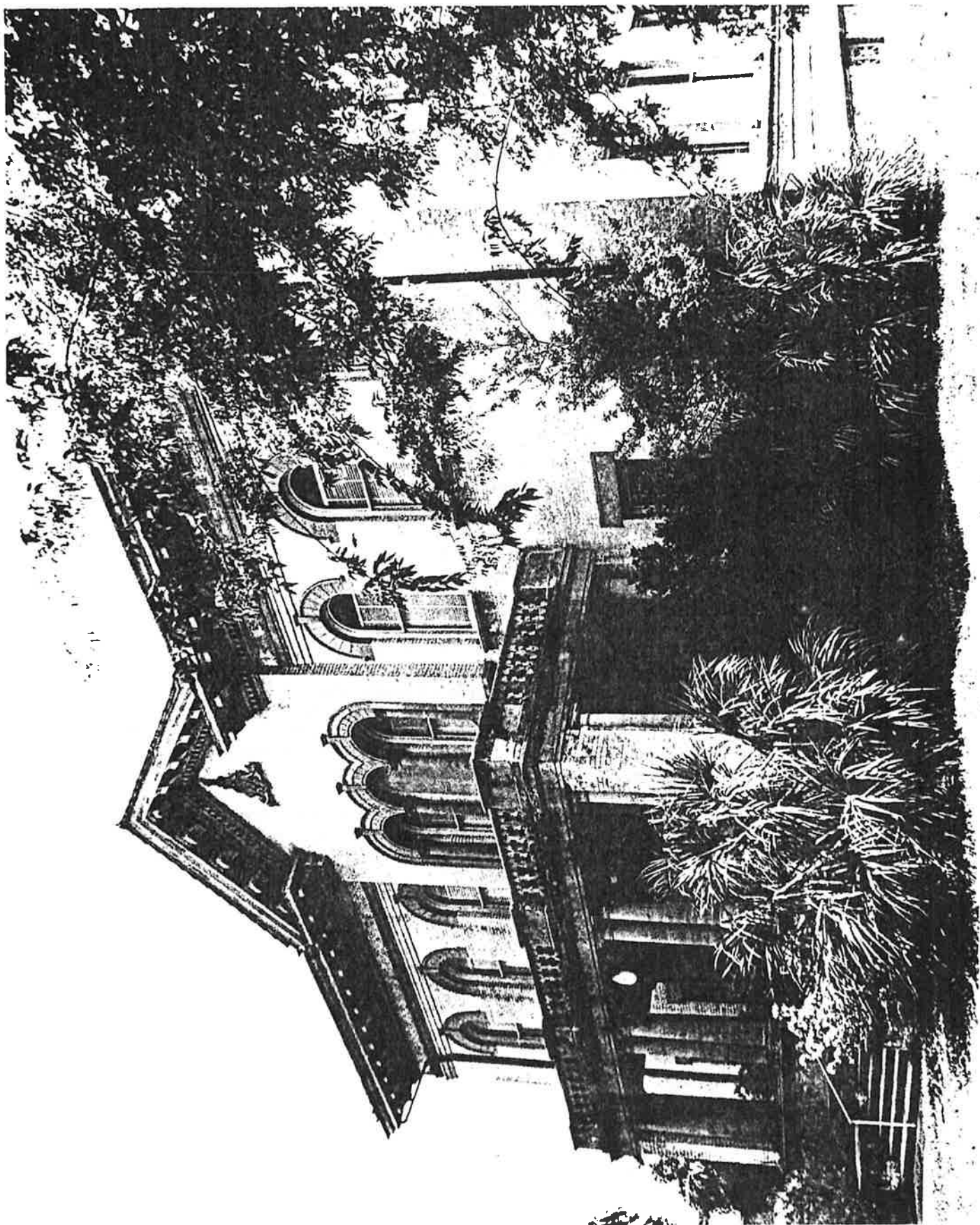












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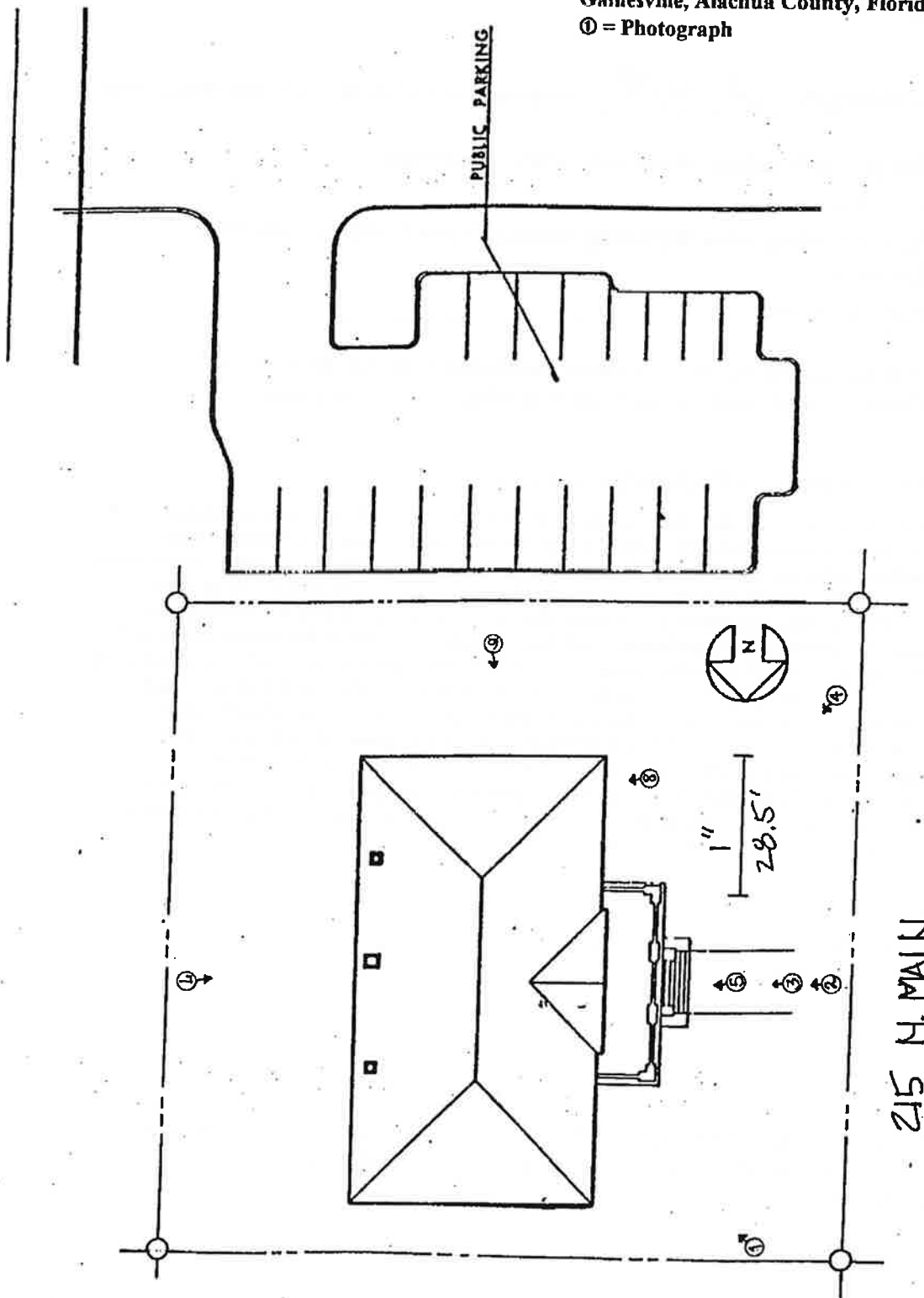


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Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida
 ⓐ = Photograph

Drawn by Donald Kino 1987



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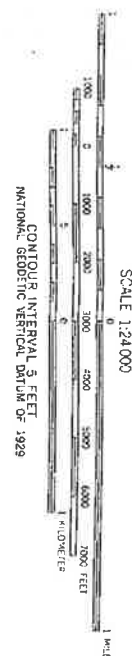


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Medium duty - - - - Unimproved dirt - - - -
U.S. Route ——— State Route ○



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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 MASONIC TEMPLE

other names/site number Masonic Order Lodge #41

AL 488

2. Location

street & number 215 North Main Street

N/A ☐ not for publication

city or town Gainesville

N/A ☐ vicinity

state FLORIDA code FL county Alachua code 001 zip code 32601

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.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, Florida Division of Historical Resources

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)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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MASONIC TEMPLE
Name of Property

ALACHUA, FLORIDA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- ☒ buildings
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	total

Name of related multiple property listings
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/Meeting Hall

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/Meeting Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH & 20TH CENTURY REVIVAL/Italian Renaissance

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

Concrete

roof Tile

other Metal

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuations sheets.)

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MASONIC TEMPLE
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida

Summary

The Masonic Temple at 215 North Main Street is a rectangular 2 ½ story Italian Renaissance style building constructed in 1909. The property is located in the core of downtown Gainesville and served continually since its construction as the meeting hall of Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons. The property is sited in its original location with very few changes since its construction.

Setting

The Masonic Temple is on its original site, two blocks north of the downtown intersection of University Avenue and Main Street. The Masonic Temple is surrounded on its immediate block by a city owned parking lot to the south, and a two story, professional office building to the east. The neighboring blocks include a church, and retail space to the south, also, a single story, professional office block to the north and east, with a bank across Main Street to the west.

Physical Description

The building has a raised portico on the centerline of the west elevation (Photo #1) constructed of twelve Tuscan pre-cast concrete columns with a pre-cast concrete cornice and decorative balustrade (Photo #4) which serves as the main entrance. There are Doric columns on either side of the front door. Eight massive Doric masonry columns surround the brick porch and support the porch above. Above the portico on the second floor, there are three round arch windows flanked by four columns with Ionic capitals (Photos #10 & 11). There is a gabled pediment with a metal cornice above the portico (Photo #10). The building has a red tile hip roof. Just below the peak of the pediment there is a decorative medallion (Photo #12) indicating the date of construction. There is a total of nine arched, with a decorative keystone, double-hung, single-pane windows on the second floor of the west facade (Photo #1), and six flat arch windows, and a double wood door with two star-burst transoms on the first floor. The exterior remains unaltered from the original form with the exception of a steel, emergency stair on the south portion of the east facade (Photo #3), added in the 1960s. The cornerstone for the building was laid September 9, 1908 (Photo #13).

The interior has the original doors and trim throughout. The second floor has arched doorways. John R. Eddins, a Gainesville lumberman and mason, supplied the heart pine used for the doors, trim, and flooring. The flooring in the main meeting hall on the second floor has been covered with carpet and tile (Photo #5). The ceiling in the meeting hall on the second and the ceilings on the first floor are stamped decorative tin (Photo #9). The door hardware is brass and uses Masonic symbolism in its design. The building also contains many original pieces of

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symbolic furniture. Interior modifications include: remodeling of the kitchen, the installation of an air conditioning system and the addition of a mechanical lift on the stairway.

MASONIC TEMPLE

Name of Property

ALACHUA, FLORIDA

County and State

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 road 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 of 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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1908 - 1947

Significant Dates

1908

1909

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Edging Manufacturing Company

Primary location of additional data:

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

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**MASONIC TEMPLE
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida**

Summary

The Masonic Temple is significant under Criterion C at the local level in the area of Architecture as an excellent example of the Italian Renaissance style. The Masonic Temple is one of Gainesville's significant and prominent landmarks. The building has retained its architectural integrity to a high degree. The building is an excellent example of the ornate form of architecture used on public and civic buildings in the early 20th century, inspired by designs at the Chicago World Exposition in 1893. In addition, the Temple is also significant to Gainesville's social history as its membership included some of the city's early leading politicians, businessmen, and developers whose efforts have been important in shaping the city.

Historic Context

It was not until Florida had become a territory of the United States that Masonry was able to take its proper place in the scheme of social and moral uplift of advancing civilization and a growing nation. Florida was created as a Territory, March 3, 1821, with Andrew Jackson as Governor of the Province of Florida. Later, Jackson became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee as well as President of the United States. It was only a few years after Florida became a territory of the United States that the first enduring Florida Lodge was established at Tallahassee. This was Jackson Lodge organized under authority of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, June 3, 1825 and chartered as Jackson Lodge #23 on December 19, 1825. During the period of Territorial Government, St. Augustine, Pensacola, Apalachicola, Tallahassee, and Key West were the principal towns, other sections were either rural with a few scattered settlements or almost totally undeveloped. The greatest concentration of rural population extended across the northern portions of the Territory with cotton and naval stores the chief commercial crops. Also the population tended to follow rivers inland and congregate about good harbors on the West Gulf and Upper Atlantic Coasts. The remote peninsular areas were largely unexplored and dotted with a few Indian trading posts, sugar plantations and military posts. Thus the site of Gainesville was in a section which was comparatively late to start its development.

Florida was admitted to the Union as a state, March 3, 1845. In 1857, twelve years after Florida became a state, a group of 18 Gainesville Masons obtained a charter from the Grand Lodge of Florida and became Gainesville Lodge #41. The circumstances and mode of living during that period created the urge for Masonry in Gainesville. The population of the entire State of Florida in 1857 is estimated to have been about 87,000. It is also estimated that forty-five percent of the people were either Indians or African slaves. Alachua County, ninth in order of organization, originally embraced the area from the Georgia state line on the north to Charlotte Harbor and from the St. Johns River at Palatka to the Suwannee River on the west. The interior of Florida was at that time, except for a few Indian Trading Posts, an unreclaimed wilderness. Into this environment came the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida.

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MASONIC TEMPLE
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida

Historic Significance

The Masons of Lodge #41 have always been at the center of fraternal life and have played a significant role in the development of the City of Gainesville. The Masonic Temple has served continually since its construction as the meeting hall of Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons. Lodge #41 was chartered on January 15, 1857 by the Grand Lodge of Tallahassee. The original 18 Masons met in a variety of buildings, including a frame structure on the corner of SE 2nd Avenue and SE 1st Street from 1869 to 1888. Lodge #41 then leased the third floor of H.F. Dutton's bank and stayed at that location until May 12, 1893, when the bank burned down. The site for a new permanent building on Main Street between NE 2nd and 3rd Avenues was purchased in 1903 from the Episcopal Church for \$2,500. In 1908, at the start of construction of the Masonic Temple, the membership of Lodge #41 totaled 88 members. The ceremonies of laying the cornerstone were held during the afternoon of Wednesday, September 9, 1908. Newspaper reports of *The Gainesville Sun* and the *Gainesville Elevator* for that time gave a very vivid description of the scheduled events and the formation of the parade held on that occasion. The total cost of the new building and furniture was \$16,850. Much of this original furniture still exist and is in use by Lodge #41. The membership of Lodge #41 reached a pinnacle of 359 men in 1928 and present membership stands at 230.

Architectural Context

Primarily a style for architect-designed landmarks in major metropolitan areas prior to World War I, the Italian Renaissance style is found in early 20th century buildings throughout the country. Identifying features of this style include: a low-pitched hipped roof typically covered by ceramic tiles; widely overhanging eaves; arches above windows; symmetrical facade, and entrance accented by small classical columns or pilasters. Typical roof-wall junctions are usually boxed. High-style elaborations feature arched openings, arcaded or colonnaded entry and second-story porches, usually recessed, and a prominent dentiled cornice.

Architectural Significance

The Masonic Temple was constructed by the Edding Manufacturing Company of sand brick masonry laid in a stretcher bond and pre-cast concrete made by the W.T. Hughes Company of Tampa. The brick used is pressed concrete, manufactured in nearby Campville. The architect is unknown. The building retains all the significant design qualities as when it was first constructed with no major alterations to the exterior and limited alterations to the interior. The Masonic Temple is one of two buildings in the City of Gainesville, that exemplify this distinctive architectural design and construction. The other building is the old post office, now the Hippodrome State Theater (NR 1979) also constructed in 1908-1909.

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MASONIC TEMPLE
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida

Verbal boundary description:

North 2/3 of West 1/2 of Block 3, Range 6 which is bound by N. Main Street to the west, NE 2nd Avenue to the south, NE 3rd Avenue to the north and by NE 1st Street to the east.

Verbal boundary justification:

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Masonic Temple.

THE CHARLES E. PETERSON PRIZE IS AN ANNUAL STUDENT COMPETITION TO PRODUCE HAND MEASURED DRAWINGS SPONSORED BY THE HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE ATHENAEUM OF PHILADELPHIA. THIS SET OF DRAWINGS WAS AWARDED A HONORABLE MENTION IN 1987.

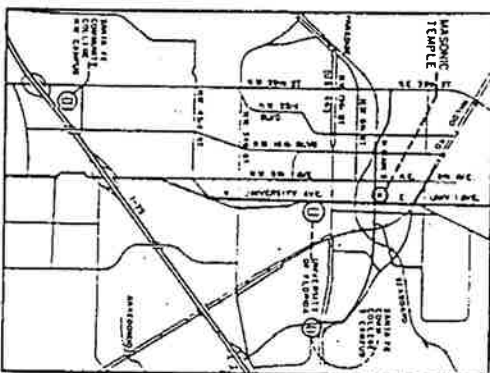
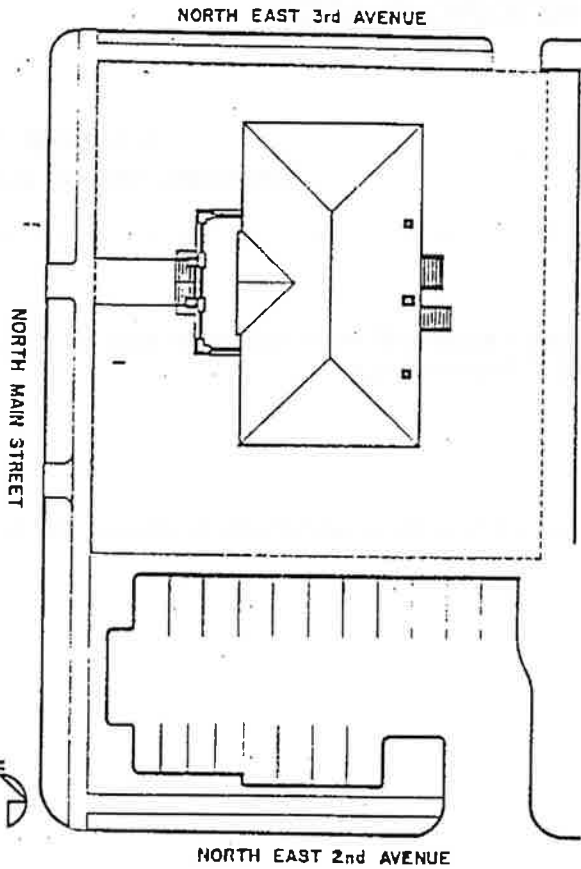
THE MASONIC TEMPLE

THE MASONIC TEMPLE, LODGE F. & A.M. NO. 41 OF THE SOCIETY OF FREE MASONS, LOCATED AT 218 N. MAIN ST., GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, WAS DESIGNED BY ARCHITECT J.M.W. HAWKINS OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, AND CONSTRUCTED BY THE EDWARDS MANUFACTURING COMPANY IN 1908.

THIS STRUCTURE WITH ITS SYMMETRICAL FACADES, RAISED COLUMNS, PORTICO ENTRY, ARCHED WINDOWS, AND DECORATIVE METAL CORNICE, IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF NEO-CLASSICAL ARCHITECTURE. THE BUILDING IS

OCCUPIED BY THE MASONIC ORDER.

THESE DRAWINGS WERE PART OF COURSE WORK OF THE PRESERVATION OPTION OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA. THE PROJECT WAS SUPERVISED BY PROFESSOR F. BLAIR REEVES FAIA AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR HERSCHEL SHEPHERD FAIA. TEAM MEMBERS WERE TIMOTHY M. DODGE, MARK C. CURTISON, JEFFREY A. TURNER AND DONALD E. KINO.



SITE PLAN

LOCATION MAP

DESIGNED BY
TIMOTHY M. DODGE
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
ARCHITECTURE

218 NORTH MAIN STREET

THE MASONIC TEMPLE
GAINESVILLE
ALACHUA COUNTY

FLORIDA

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MASONIC TEMPLE
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida

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Name of Property

ALACHUA, FLORIDA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

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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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zip code

32399-0250

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 Gainesville Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons

street & number 215 North Main Street

telephone (352) 372-9350

city or town Gainesvillestate Florida

zip code

33601

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- ☐ Drawings/diagrams depicting internal layout and/or structural elements
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- ☐ Other, explain _____

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- ☐ Other, explain _____

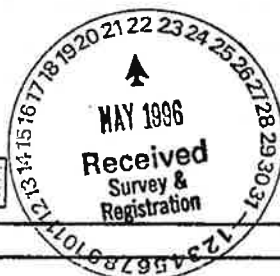
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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

Adapted for the
PROPOSAL
of Properties in Florida for
Nomination to the National Register
of Historic Places

Grayed Areas for Use by Staff



1. Name of Property

historic name Masonic Temple

other names Masonic Order Lodge #41

FMSF Number

2. Location

street & number 215 North Main St.

☐ not for publication

city or town Gainesville, Fl.

☐ vicinity

state FLORIDA code FL county Alachua code _____ zip code 32601

3. Owner Awareness Statement

As the owner, or official representative of the owner, of the property identified above, I am aware of this proposal for its nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. I have been advised of the procedures for review of the proposal by the State Historic Preservation Office and the Florida National Register Review Board, and for the formal nomination of the property at the discretion of the State Historic Preservation Officer. I understand that I will be notified of the date and place of the public meeting at which the proposal will be considered by the Florida National Register Review Board, and that I will be given an opportunity to submit written comments and to appear in person in support of or opposition to the nomination of the property. At this time I ☒ support ☐ oppose ☐ reserve opinion on this proposal.

David B. Smith
Signature of property owner or representative

21 Feb 96
Date

4. Legal Description of Property (according to county property appraiser's office)

ORIG GAINESVILLE DB H-383 N 2/3 OF W 1/2 OF BK 3 RG 6
OR 1905/2750

Attach continuation sheet if necessary

Masonic Temple
Name of property

Alachua Florida
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	building(s)
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

Social- Meeting Hall

Current Functions

Social- Meeting Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Beaux Arts Classicism

Exterior Materials

foundation Brick

walls Sand brick and pre-cast concrete

roof Red tile

other Tin cornice

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation)

Masonic Temple
Name of property

Alachua Florida
County and State

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 last 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.)

Areas of Significance

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | Industry |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | Maritime History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology | Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning | Politics/Govt. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | x Social History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Settlement | Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medicine | Other: _____ |

Period of Significance

1908-Present

Significant Dates

Cornerstone laid Sept. 9, 1908

Dedication April 28, 1909

Significant Person (if proposed under category 8)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation (for archaeological sites only)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Architect Unknown

Builder: Edding Manufacturing

Company

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**Masonic Temple
Alachua, Fl.**

7. Narrative Description

The Masonic Temple at 215 N. Main St. is a rectangular 2 1/2 story building built in the Beaux Arts Classical style. This property is located in the core of downtown Gainesville and has served continually since its construction in 1908-1909 as the meeting hall of Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons. The property is sited in its original location with very few changes since its construction.

The Masonic Temple was constructed by the Edding Manufacturing Company of sand brick masonry laid in a stretcher bond and pre-cast concrete made by the W.T. Hughes Company of Tampa.¹ As of this time the architect is unknown. The building has a raised portico on the centerline of the west elevation constructed of twelve Tuscan pre-cast concrete columns with a pre-cast concrete cornice and decorative balustrade which serves as the main entrance. Above the portico on the second floor there are three round arch windows flanked by four columns with Ionic capitals. There is a gabled pediment with a tin modillion cornice above the portico. The building has a red tile hip roof. Just below the peak of the pediment there is a decorative medallion indicating the date of construction. There is a total of nine arched double-hung single-pane windows on the second floor of the west facade and six flat arch windows and a double wood door with two star-burst transoms on the first floor. The exterior remains unaltered from the original form

¹Craig, Myrtice Historic Gainesville Inc. Research Committee

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**Masonic Temple
Alachua, Fl.**

Narrative Description (continued)

except for the addition in the 1960's of a emergency steel fire stair on the south portion of the east facade.

The interior has the original doors and trim throughout. John R. Eddins, a Gainesville lumberman and mason supplied the heart pine used for the doors, trim and flooring.² The flooring in the main meeting hall on the second floor has been covered with carpet and tile. The ceiling in the meeting hall on the second and the ceilings in the first floor are stamped decorative tin. The door hardware is brass and uses Masonic symbolism in its design. The building also contains many original pieces of symbolic furniture. The interior modifications include: the remodeling of the kitchen, the installation of an air conditioning system and the addition of a mechanical lift on the stairway.

The building is on its original site, two blocks north of the downtown intersection of University and Main. Today the Masonic Temple is surrounded on its immediate block by a city owned parking lot to the south and a professional 2 story office building to the east. The neighboring blocks include a church and retail space to the south, a 1 story professional office block to the north and east, and a bank across Main St. to the west.

The Masonic Temple is in need of some maintenance work. The gutter system has failed, causing erosion to the tin cornice and the sand brick masonry walls. Cracks have occurred where the portico is

²Ibid.

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**Masonic Temple
Alachua, Fl.**

Narrative Description (continued)

attached to the main structure and the emergency fire stair is separating from the building. The window sash needs to be painted. However, overall the Masonic Temple is in good general repair.

8. Statement of Significance

The Masonic Temple meets National Register Criterion C in the area of Architecture as an excellent example of Beaux Arts Classicism. This property retains all the significant design qualities as when it was first constructed with no major alterations to the exterior and limited alterations to the interior. The Masonic Temple is one of only two examples of a Beaux Arts structure in Gainesville, the other being the old Post Office, now the Hippodrome State Theater. The Old Post Office was also constructed in 1908 and was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. On

The Masonic Temple has served continually since its construction as the meeting hall of Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons. Lodge #41 was chartered on January 15, 1857 by the Grand Lodge in Tallahassee.³ The original 18 Masons met in a variety of buildings, including a frame

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Masonic Temple Alachua, Fl.

Statement of Significance (continued)

structure on the corner of SE 2 Ave. and SE 1st St. from 1869 to 1888. Lodge #41 then leased the third floor of H.F. Dutton's bank and stayed at this location until May 12, 1893 when the bank burned down.⁴ The site for the a new permanent building on Main Street between NE 2nd and 3rd Aves. was purchased in 1903 from the Episcopal Church for \$2,500. In 1908, at the start of construction of the Masonic Temple, the membership of Lodge #41 stood at 88 members. The total cost of the new building and furniture was \$16,850.⁵ Much of this original furniture still exist and is in use by Lodge #41. The membership of Lodge #41 reached a pinnacle of 359 men in 1928 and today's membership stands at 230.⁶ The Masons of Lodge #41 have always been at the center of fraternal life and have played a significant role in the development of Gainesville.

⁴Ibid p.31

⁵Ibid p.31

⁶Ibid p.35

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Alachua, Fl.

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Masonic Temple
Name of property

Alachua Florida
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1	Zone	Easting	Northing
2	Zone	Easting	Northing

3	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	Zone	Easting	Northing

☐ 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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organization Graduate student Univ. of Florida date February 20, 1996
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city or town Gainesville state Fl. zip code 33601

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets (All information on continuation sheets must be typed.)

Maps

A. **USGS map** (7.5 minute series) Do not write upon or attach labels to this map.

A **Sketch map** (Clearly show the location of the property in relation to streets, roads, or other identifiable landmarks.)

Photographs

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.
(Do not write upon or attach permanent labels to the photographs.)

Additional items

(Check with area Historic Sites Specialist at [904] 487-2333 for any additional items.)

Property Owner

name Gainesville Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons
street & number 215 N. Main St. telephone (352) 372-9350
city or town Gainesville state Fl. zip code 33601

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Masonic Temple
Alachua, Fl.

10. Geographical Data

Verbal boundary description:

North 2/3 of West 1/2 of Block 3, Range 6 which is bound by N. Main St. to the west, NE 2nd Ave. to the south, NE 3rd Ave. to the north and by NE 1st. St. to the west.

Verbal boundary justification:

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Masonic Temple.

FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE
HISTORIC SITE DATA SHEET

SEE SITE FILE STAFF FOR
ORIGINAL PHOTO(S) OR MAP(S)

	Site No.	8A1488	FDAHRM	802==
				1009==
	Site Name	Masonic Lodge		830==
Other Name(s) for Site				930==
Other Nos. for Site				906==
NR Classification Category:	building			916==
County	Alachua			808==
Instruction for locating (or address)	²¹⁵ 315 N. Main St.			
	Gainesville, Fl.			
				813==
Location:				868==
	subdivision name	block no.	lot no.	
Owner of Site: Name:	Masonic Lodge #41			
Address:	315 N. Main St.			902==
	Gainesville, Fl.			902==
Occupant, Tenant, or Manager:				
Name:	same as owner			
Address:				
				904==
Reporter (or local contact):				
Name:	Craig, Myrtice			
Address:	H.G.I. Research Committee			
	Box 466 Gainesville, Fl.			816==
Recorder:				
Name & Title:	Marshall, Jean			
Address:	H.G.I. Research Committee			
	Box 466 Gainesville, Fl.			818==
Survey Date	7203	820==	Type of Ownership	private 848==
Inventory Status				914==
Previous Survey(s): (enter activity/title of survey/name/date/repository)				
				839==
Recording Station	HPS			804==
Specimens (Inventory Numbers)				870==
Date of Visit to Site		828==	Recording Date	832==
Photographic Record Numbers	77-N-02-14 #19			
				860==

Location of Site (Specific):

Map Reference (incl. scale & date) USGS GAINESVILLE EAST 7.5' 1968 809==

Township	Range	Section	¼ Sec.	¼ ¼ Sec.	¼ ¼ ¼ Sec.	
T10S	R20E	S05				812==

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OR

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES						
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UTM Coordinates: 17 371760 3281000 890==
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Description of Site:

Site Size (approx. acreage of property) LT 1 833==

Condition of Site: Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent 863== <input type="checkbox"/> Good 863== <input type="checkbox"/> Fair 863== <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated 863== <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins 863== <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed 863== <input type="checkbox"/> Redeposited 863==	Integrity of Site: Check one or more <input type="checkbox"/> Altered 850== <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered 858== <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed 858== <input type="checkbox"/> Restored () Date: 858== <input type="checkbox"/> Moved () Date: 858== <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site 858==
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Condition of Site (Remarks): () The Masonic Lodge has remained in excellent condition and has had little modification during its 68 years. The first Episcopal church was originally on this site. () 863==

Threats to Site:

Check one or more

<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning () 878==	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation () 878==
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other (See Remarks below): 878==	

Threats to Site (Remarks):

878==

HISTORIC SITE DATA SUPPLEMENT

Site No. _____

Site Name Masonic Lodge

Present Use (check one or more as appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural 850== | <input type="checkbox"/> Government 850== | <input type="checkbox"/> Park 850== | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation 850== |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational 850== | <input type="checkbox"/> Military 850== | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious 850== | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fraternal 850== |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment 850== | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum 850== | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific 850== | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 850== |

Original Use (check one or more as appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment 838== | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum 838== | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific 838== | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 838== |

Cultural Classification: _____ Specific Dates: Beginning +1908 844==

Culture/Phase American 840==

Developmental Stage 20th century 842==

Period (check one or more as appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian 845== | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century 845== | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century 845== | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century 845== |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century 845== | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century 845== | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century 845== | |

Areas of Significance (check one or more as appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal 910== | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning 910== | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture 910== | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture 910== |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology Prehistoric 910== | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation 910== | <input type="checkbox"/> Law 910== | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian 910== |
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Remarks & Recommendations:

The lodge served as a social and fraternal organization for members of the early Gainesville community.

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Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary)

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Present & Original Physical Appearance (use continuation sheet if necessary) (935==):

The Masonic Lodge at 215 N. Main Street is a rectangular 2½ story building in the classical style. It was constructed in 1908-09 of artificial stone made by the W.T. Hughes Company of Tampa. John R. Eddins, a Mason and local lumberman furnished all the wood (heart Pine) for the floors and woodwork.

The building has a raised columned portico on the west elevation as its main entrance. Above the portico is a balustrade and above this on the second level are 3 arched windows with pilaster columns flanking them. There is a gabled pediment at the center roof line on the west elevation. The red tile roof is flat with a gable in the center.

The balustrade over the entrance portico has decorative openwork masonry on three sides. Nine arched windows (approx. 9 feet high) are across the front on the second floor. Four Ionic columns support or implement these arches.

There are Doric columns on either side of the front door. Eight massive Doric masonry columns surround the brick porch and support the porch above.

The interior has the original doors and hardware throughout. The doors are quite elaborate, with a sunburst design which has some masonic significance. The second floor has arched openings in place of wooden doorways. The original Masonic furniture remains. A decorated plaster ceiling is found in the second story meeting room.

Exceptionally wide pine molding (8-9") is found around the floors. Four arched windows with a decorative keystone at the top center is emblematic of the Royal Arch of Masonry. The building was



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PRELIMINARY SITE INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE - JIM SMITH - SECRETARY OF STATE

This questionnaire is intended only to provide preliminary information about the property to the Bureau of Historic Preservation.

INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PROPERTY WITH THIS PRELIMINARY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name and Location (County) of Property
Gainesville Masonic Temple
Gainesville, Alachua County,
Florida
2. Name and Address of Owner
Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 41,
F. & A.M., 215 N. Main Street
Gainesville, Fl. 32614-0667
3. Date of Construction or Significant Historic Associations Date of Construction- 1908
4. Type of Property:
☐ Archaeological Site
☐ Residential Building
☐ Public Building
☐ Commercial Building
☒ Other (Describe) To accommodate Masonic bodies.
5. Original Use: For the meetings of the Masonic bodies.
6. Present Use: As above.
7. Physical Description (Indicate Basic Design and Construction, and General Condition at Present Time)
A two story brick building of neo-classical design, heart of pine flooring and woodwork. The brick is cement pressed and was manufactured in nearby Campville. At the present time the building is in need of extensive repair.
8. Why is the Property Significant:
Aside from the age of the building it represents a distinctive architectural design and construction. The Masonic Temple is one Gainesville's significant and prominent landmarks.
9. Enclosures:
☒ Photos
☒ Location Map
10. Name and Address of Person Submitting:
William B. Grene; Worshipful Master
Gainesville Lodge No. 41, F. & A.M.
P.O. Box 140667, Gainesville, Fl.
32614-0667
11. Telephone Number (904) 377-0599



Date: November 14, 1994

Signature: William B. Grene

BUREAU OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION - R. A. GRAY BUILDING
500 SOUTH BRONOUGH STREET - TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0250
TELEPHONE (904) 487-2333

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HISTORIC BUILDING SURVEY FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Name:

MASONIC LODGE

Location:

St. No.:

Street:

Town:

315 NORTH MAIN STREET, GAINESVILLE

Owner of Record - Name and Address:

MASONIC ORDER LODGE (EXEMPT)

Tax Assessor's No.:

14730 (EXEMPT)

Modifications:

NONE EXCEPT FOR MODERN WINDOWS.

Physical Condition:

EXCELLENT

Building Type:

Fraternal Organization

Original Use:

MASONIC TEMPLE

Present Use:

MASONIC TEMPLE

Architectural Data:

- RECTANGULAR, TWO (2) STORY WITH ATTIC, SAND BRICK MASONRY BUILDING.
- FLAT ROOF WITH GABLE ON CENTER, RED TILES ON GABLE.
- COLUMNED PORTICO AS ENTRANCE ON WEST SIDE; BALUSTRADE ON PORTICO ROOF & THREE (3) ARCHED WINDOWS WITH PROJECTING COLUMNS ABOVE PORTICO.
- ARCHED PEDIMENT ABOVE WINDOWS.
- CARVED WOOD & METAL OVERHANG AROUND ENTIRE BUILDING.

Historic Data:

- SITE OF FIRST EPISCOPAL CHURCH BUILDING.
- SITE BOUGHT 1903; BUILT OF ARTIFICIAL STONE MADE BY W.T. HUGHES CO. OF TAMPA. BUILT BY EDDING MANUFACTURING CO. IN 1908 (G. SUN CENT. 1954)
- CORNERSTONE: SEPT. 9, 1908
- BUILDING & FURNISHINGS COST \$16,500 DEDICATED APRIL 28, 1909

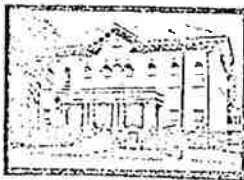
Interior Characteristics:

2ND FLOOR HAS ARCHED OPENINGS FOR EVERY DOORWAY; ORIGINAL DOORS THRU OUT; ORIGINAL FURNITURE REMAINS; DECORATED PLASTER CEILING ON 2ND FLOOR MEETING ROOM.

Location:



Photos:



W. EL.

Architectural Significance:

Historic Significance:

Prepared by: BIER, BOWMAN & ORRISON

Date: 5/12/71

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Site#/Manuscript# AL 488 contained one or more of the following items:

- ☐ Blueprints/building plans/schematic drawings
- ☒ Floor Plans
- ☐ Drawings/diagrams depicting internal layout and/or structural elements
- ☐ Other, explain _____

The Site File has determined that the above marked material may be Restricted.
Restricted material is defined by one of the following marked categories:

- ☒ Florida Statute 119.07 (3) (ee), which states:

Building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout and structural elements of a building, arena, stadium, water treatment facility, or other structure owned or operated by an agency as defined in s. 119.011 are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption applies to building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout and structural elements of a building, arena, stadium, water treatment facility, or other structure owned or operated by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of this act. Information made exempt by this paragraph may be disclosed to another governmental entity if disclosure is necessary for the receiving entity to perform its duties and responsibilities; to a licensed architect, engineer, or contractor who is performing work on or related to the building, arena, stadium, water treatment facility, or other structure owned or operated by an agency; or upon a showing of good cause before a court of competent jurisdiction. The entities or persons receiving such information shall maintain the exempt status of the information.

- ☐ Other, explain _____

Materials indicated have been removed from the paper file and are either housed in a secure location or available to authorized persons in the EDMS. If you need these materials, please see Site File staff.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State
DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

October 16, 1998

Tom Kennedy
2306 N. W. 71ST Place
Gainesville, Florida 32653

Re: Masonic Temple, 215 North Main Street, Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

It is a pleasure to forward the enclosed certificate honoring the listing of the above referenced property in the National Register of Historic Places as of May 29, 1998.

On behalf of Secretary of State Sandra B. Mortham and our historic preservation staff, I congratulate you on achieving this formal recognition of the historic significance of this property. We appreciate your interest in preserving this important element of Florida's cultural resources.

With every good wish and warm regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George W. Percy".

George W. Percy
State Historic Preservation Officer

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sandra B. Mortham

Secretary of State

12 June 1998

Mr. Tom Kennedy
2306 N.W. 71ST Place
Gainesville, Florida 32653

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Re: Masonic Temple, 215 North Main Street, Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida.

We have been informed by the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D.C., that the property referenced above, was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places on May 29, 1998. Let me be one of the first to congratulate you on this distinction. Florida has much to offer with regard to historic preservation and I appreciate your efforts in continuing this legacy.

You will be receiving more information from our Division of Historical Resources and a certificate will be mailed to you for recognition of your achievements.

If this office may be of assistance to you in the future, please let me know.

Again, congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Mortham".

Secretary of State

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17 June 1998

Barbara Mattick
Historic Preservationist
Supervisor
(850) 487-2333 or
1-800-847-7278

Mr. Tom Kennedy
2306 N.W. 71ST Place
Gainesville, Florida 32653

Re: Masonic Temple, 215 North Main Street, Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Recently, you were notified by Secretary of State Sandra Mortham that the property named above was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on May 29, 1998. The enclosed fact sheet outlines the results of listing in the National Register. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the staff member named above.

On behalf of our historic preservation staff, I congratulate you on achieving this formal recognition of the historic significance of this property. We appreciate your interest in preserving this important element of Florida's cultural resources.

With every good wish and warm regards,

Sincerely,

George W. Percy
State Historic Preservation Officer

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April 16, 1998

Tom Kennedy
2306 N.W. 71ST Place
Gainesville, Florida 32653

RE: Masonic Temple, 215 N Maine Street, Gainesville, Alachua, County

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Many thanks to you and the members of Gainesville Lodge #41 for the valuable assistance each provided in preparing the National Register Nomination for the property referenced above. I am returning a copy of the book: The First Century of Gainesville Lodge #41 F. & A.M., borrowed from the Lodge library while drafting the nomination. We will now forward the formal nomination to Washington D. C. for final determination of eligibility and listing.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions about the nomination process, or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to call me at 1 800 847-7278.

Sincerely,

Gary V. Goodwin
Historic Preservation Planner

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Secretary of State
DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

August 28, 1997

Honorable Bruce Delaney
Mayor
City of Gainesville
Post Office Box 490
Gainesville, Florida 32602

Re: Masonic Temple, 215 North Main Street, Gainesville, Alachua County,
Florida.

Dear Mayor Delaney:

It is a pleasure to advise you that the Florida National Register Review Board has recommended that the above referenced property be formally nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This action was taken by the Board at its regular meeting on August 22, 1997. We are now in the process of preparing a formal nomination of the property for submission to the Keeper of the National Register in accordance with 36 CFR Part 60.6.

When the formal nomination has been submitted to and received by the Keeper of the National Register, that office will have forty-five days in which to approve or disapprove the nomination. If the nomination is approved, the property will be listed as of the date of approval. The forty-five day review period may be extended, however, if the National Register staff finds technical deficiencies in the nomination requiring correction in our office.

If the nomination is disapproved, the National Register staff will notify us and explain the reasons for disapproval. We will in turn notify you of any action that may be taken to pursue the matter further.

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Mayor Bruce Delaney
August 28, 1997
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Any person or organization interested in the nomination may petition the Keeper of the National Register during the nomination process either to accept or reject the nomination. Comments regarding the nomination may be addressed to:

Keeper, National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20420

At such time as we receive notification of the final action of the Keeper of the National Register, we will advise you accordingly. In the meantime, please let us know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara C. Mattick

for George W. Percy
State Historic
Preservation Officer

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FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE
HISTORIC SITE DATA SHEET

Site No.	<u>AL488</u>	FDAHRM	802==
			1009==
Site Name	<u>Masonic Lodge</u>		830==
Other Name(s) for Site			930==
Other Nos. for Site			906==
NR Classification Category:	<u>Building</u>		916==
County	<u>Alachua, Fl</u>		808==
Instruction for locating (or address)	<u>315 N. Main St.</u>		
	<u>Gainesville, Fl</u>		
			813==
Location:	<u>Original Gainesville, Fl</u>		868==
	<small>subdivision name</small>	<small>block no.</small>	<small>lot no.</small>
Owner of Site: Name:	<u>Masonic Lodge #41</u>		
Address:	<u>315 N. Main St.</u>		902==
	<u>Gainesville, Fl</u>		902==
Occupant, Tenant, or Manager:			
Name:			
Address:			
			904==
Reporter (or local contact):			
Name:	<u>Craig, Mrs. Myrtice</u>		
Address:	<u>Historic Gainesville, Inc. Research Committee</u>		
	<u>Box 466 Gainesville, Fl</u>		816==
Recorder:			
Name & Title:	<u>Marshall, Mrs. Jean</u>		
Address:	<u>Historic Gainesville, Inc.</u>		
	<u>BOX 466 Gainesville, Fl</u>		818==
Survey Date	<u>+72-3</u>	820==	Type of Ownership <u>Private Organization</u>
			<u>XXXXXXXXXX</u> 848==
Inventory Status			914==
Previous Survey(s): (enter activity/title of survey/name/date/repository)			
			839==
Recording Station			804==
Specimens (Inventory Numbers)			870==
Date of Visit to Site		828==	Recording Date
			832==
Photographic Record Numbers			860==



Location of Site (Specific):

Map Reference (incl. scale & date) USGS Gainesville East, Fl 7.5 min +1966 809==

Township	Range	Section	¼ Sec.	¼ ¼ Sec.	¼ ¼ ¼ Sec.	
T105	R20E					812==

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UTM Coordinates:

Zone Easting Northing

890==

Description of Site:

Site Size (approx. acreage of property) LT 1

833==

Condition of Site:

Check one

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Check one or more

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Continuation of Significant Site (use continuation) CONTINUATION SHEET

originally centrally heated by coal. Air conditioning was added approx. 15 years ago. The Masonic Lodge has remained in excellent condition and has had little modification during its 68 years.

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Cornerstone for the present building was laid Sept. 9, 1908. The building was constructed by the Edding Manufacturing Company of artificial stone made by the W.T. Hughes Company of Tampa. John R. Eddins, a local lumberman and lodge officer, furnished the wood for the floors and all woodwork. It was handpicked heart pine. The building was dedicated April 28, 1909 with proper Masonic ceremony. The building and furnishings cost \$16,500.

The lodge moved to its present location in 1909 and has since been a part of the early development of the city.

Staff Comments on N.R. Proposals for the August 22, 1997 Florida Review Board Meeting

Brooksville Residential Historic District, Brooksville, Hernando County—Gary Goodwin

The Brooksville Residential Historic District consist of a collection of resources located near the downtown commercial area. There are a total of 22 resources in the district, including 17 contributing buildings, and 5 non-contributing buildings. The period of significance extends from 1901 to 1944. The district is nominated under Criterion C at the local level for its significant representation of architectural styles. The district represents the strongest concentration of intact architectural styles in Hernando County, representing trends of development from 1901 to 1944. Architectural styles include Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Classical Revival, and Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival.

Green-Richman Arcade, St. Petersburg, Pinellas County—Goodwin

The Green-Richman Arcade, originally constructed in 1924 is a restored, two-story, masonry, Mediterranean Revival style retail/office complex located at 689 Central Avenue. The ground floor has an open central hall with retail shops facing onto it. The second floor contains small offices laid out in similar fashion. The building has two visible facades, the south (front) and the north (rear). The roof parapet is divided into three parts, and the central section has a bell-cast profile. All sections of the parapet have ornamental stucco moldings. Windows on the second floor are arched, double hung wooden sashes with one over one lights.

Lake County Courthouse, Tavares, Lake County—Goodwin

The Lake County Courthouse, originally constructed between 1923 and 1926 is a five-story, Neo-Classical Revival style, sandstone brick building. The building is located at 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Lake County, Florida. The reconstructed building is being nominated under Criteria A and C at the local level in the areas of Politics and Government, and Architecture; with Criterion Consideration E. Among the distinguishing features are the triple-arched entry with quoins around the openings; fluted Ionic columns; casement windows with fanlights; and a stepped parapet roofline. Additionally, a commemorative flag-base monument, erected in 1937, is a contributing structure on the site.

Masonic Temple, Gainesville, Alachua County—Goodwin

The Masonic Temple at 215 N. Main Street, Gainesville, Alachua County, is a rectangular, 2 ½ story, Italian Renaissance style building constructed in 1909. The building has a raised portico constructed of 12 Tuscan pre-cast concrete columns with

a pre-cast concrete cornice and decorative balustrade. Above the portico on the second floor there are three round arch windows flanked by four columns with Ionic capitals. The building has a red tile hip roof. The flat first floor windows are complimented by the arched second floor windows and the double wood door on the first floor has two star-burst transoms. The building is on its original site, two blocks north of University Avenue. The Temple is being nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture at the local level. The Masonic Temple has served continually as the meeting hall of Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons, chartered in 1857.

Winter Park High School (Huntington Avenue Campus), Winter Park, Orange County—Goodwin

The Winter Park High School Huntington Avenue Campus includes the contributing, 1927 Mediterranean Revival administration building, an adjacent classroom building, and the 1939 Art Deco/Art Moderne industrial arts building. Non-contributing resources include the gymnasium, rebuilt auditorium, and cafeteria with two additional classroom buildings. The Winter Park High School Huntington Avenue Campus is the oldest surviving public school in Winter Park and the only public educational building that features Mediterranean Revival, and Art Deco/Art Moderne architecture. The contributing buildings are being nominated under Criterion C in the area of architecture at the local level.

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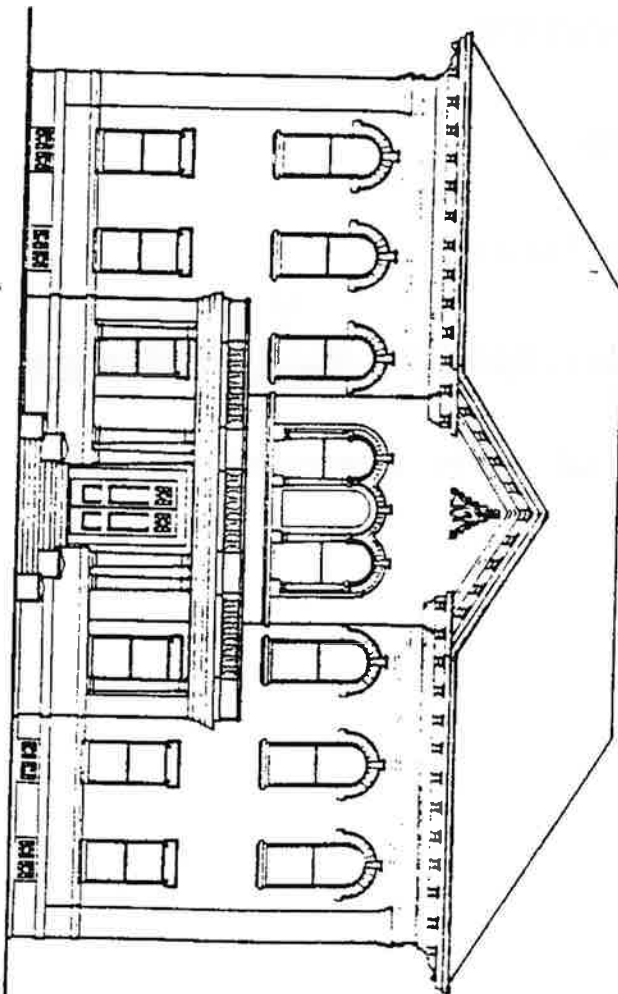
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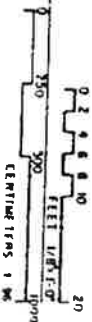
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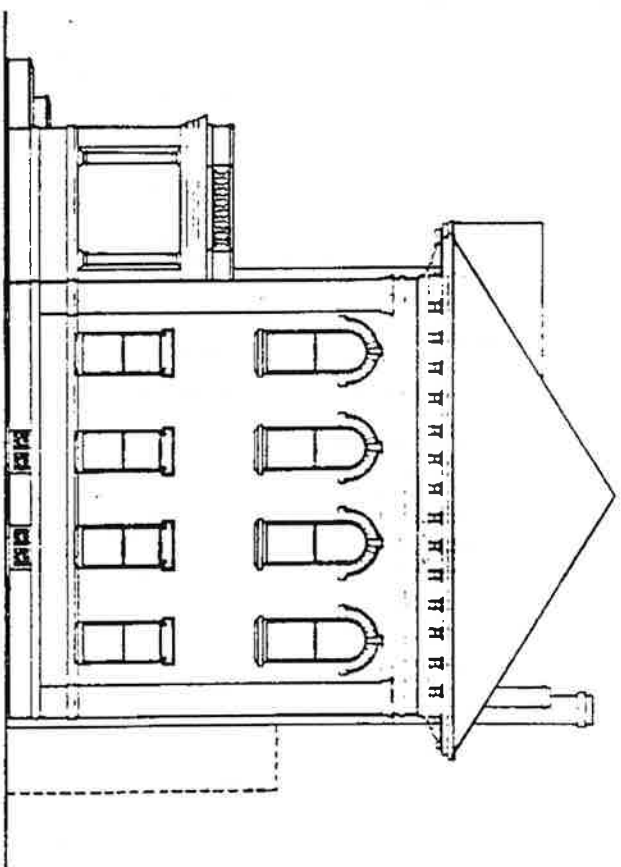
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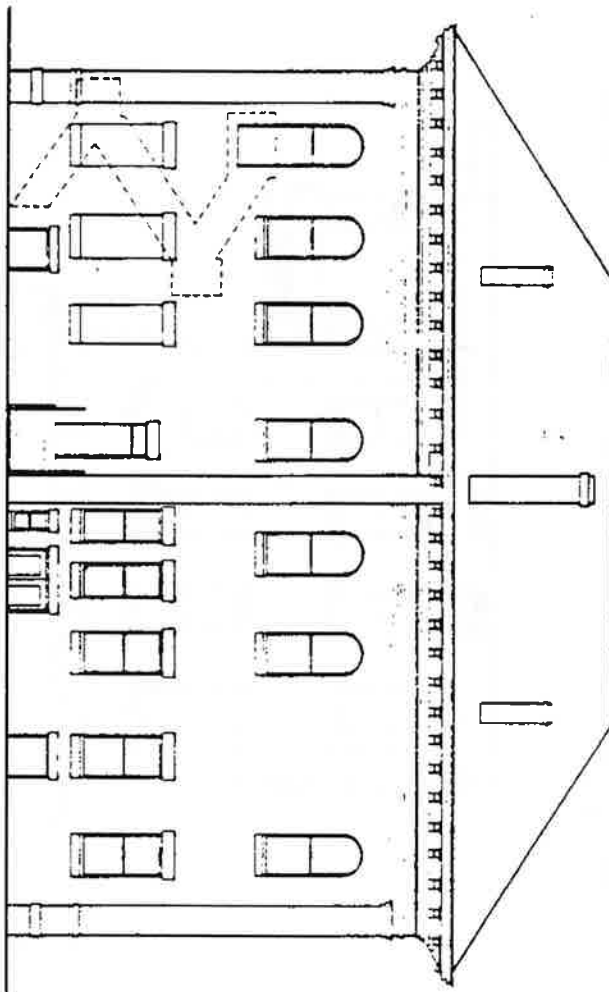
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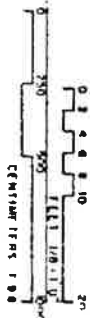
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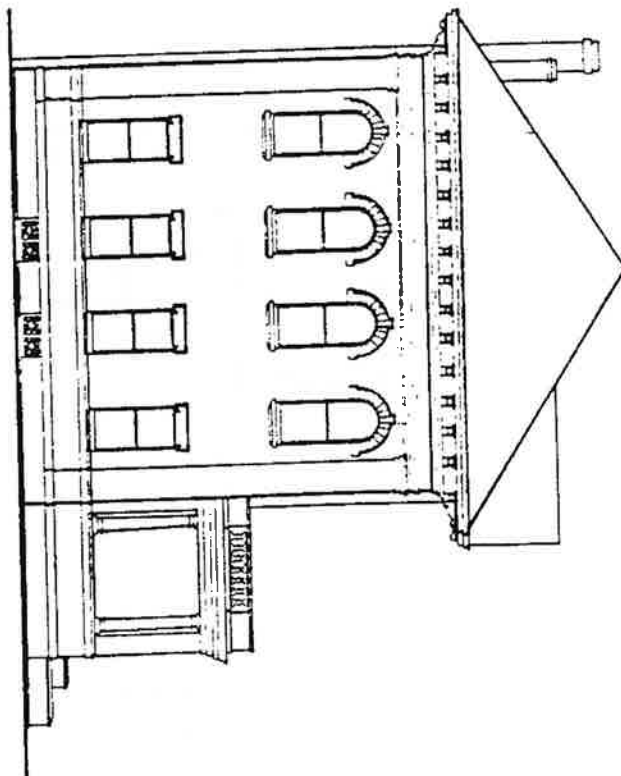
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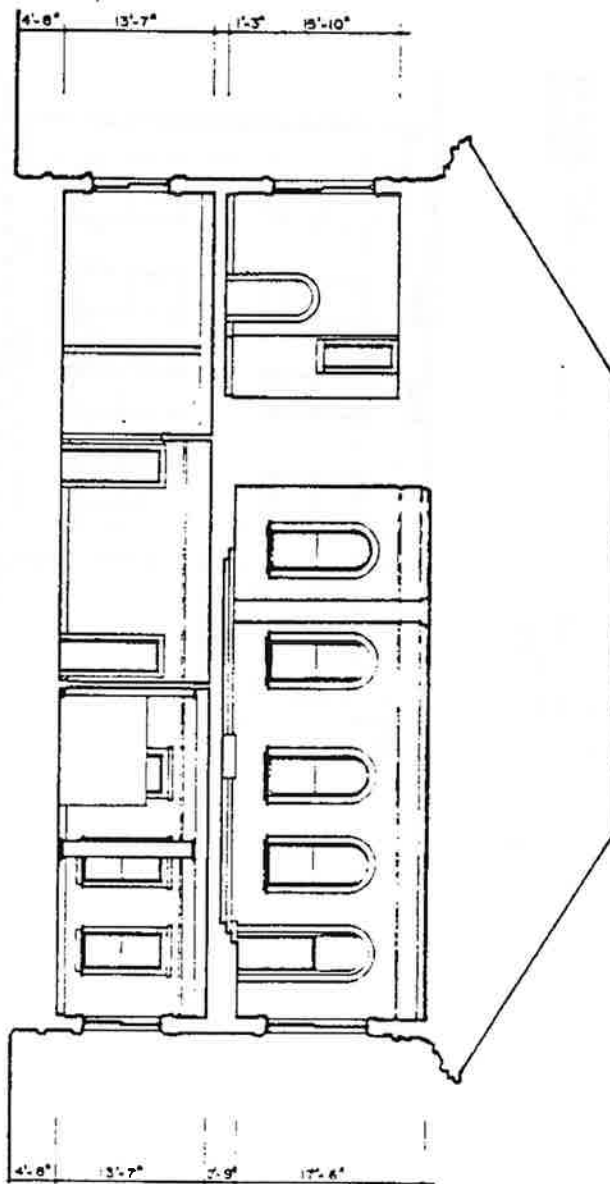
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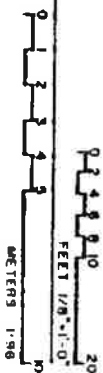
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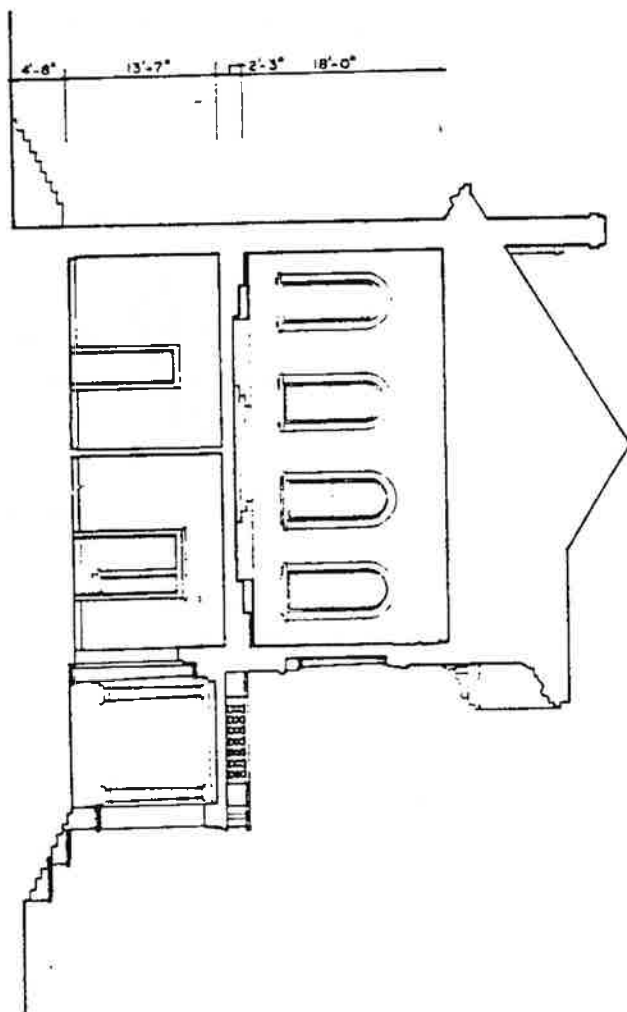
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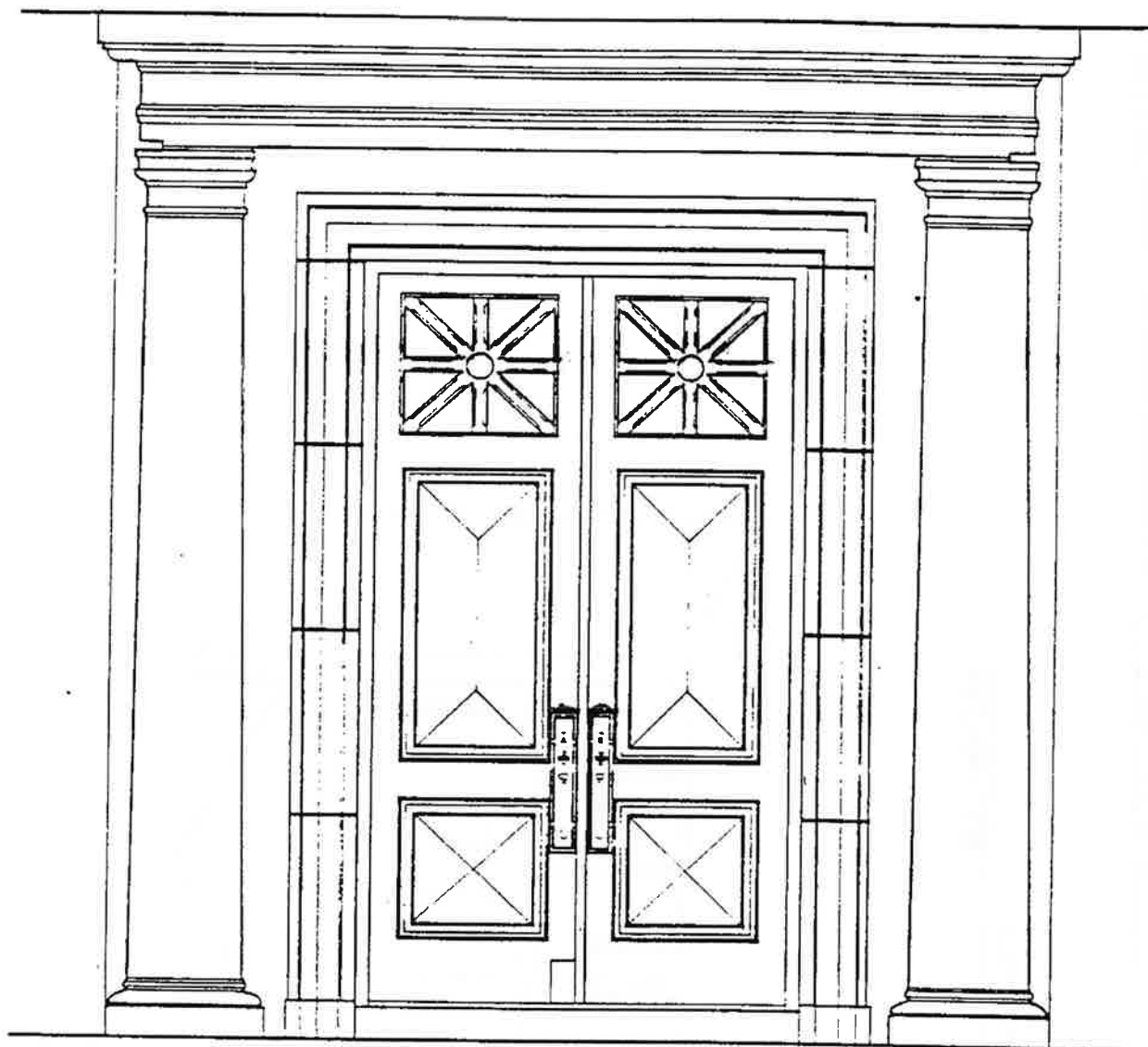
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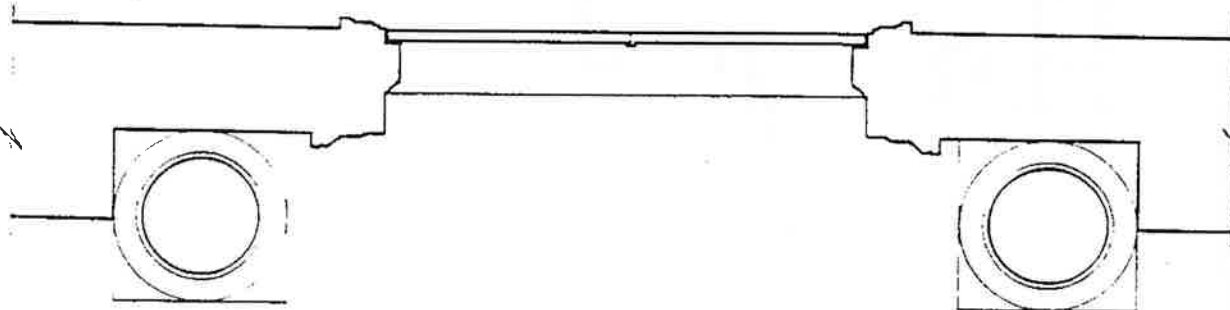
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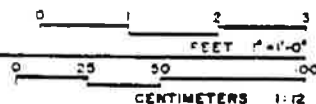


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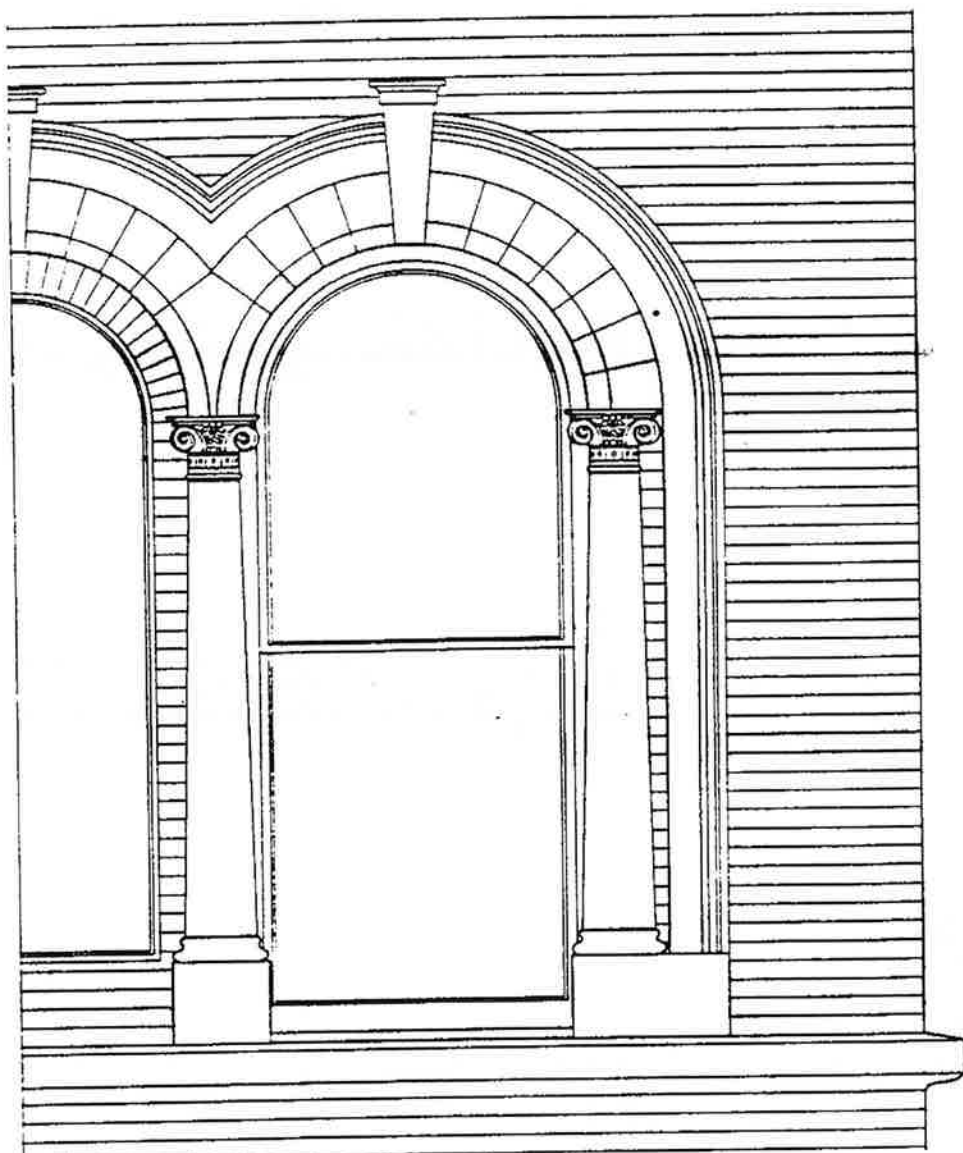
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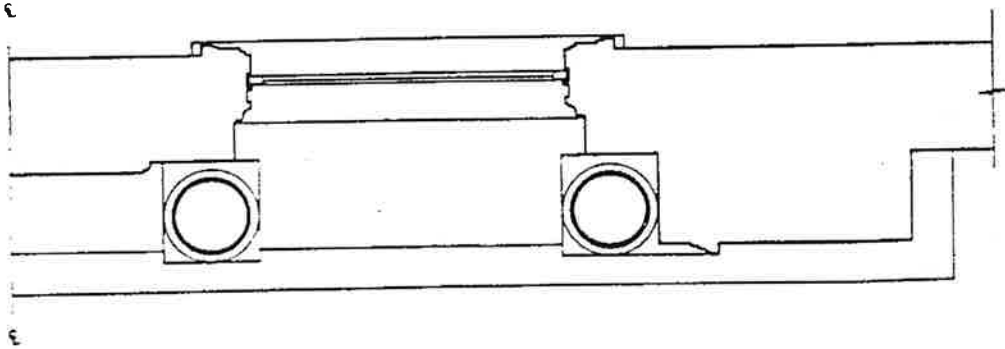
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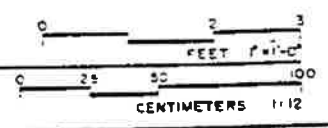


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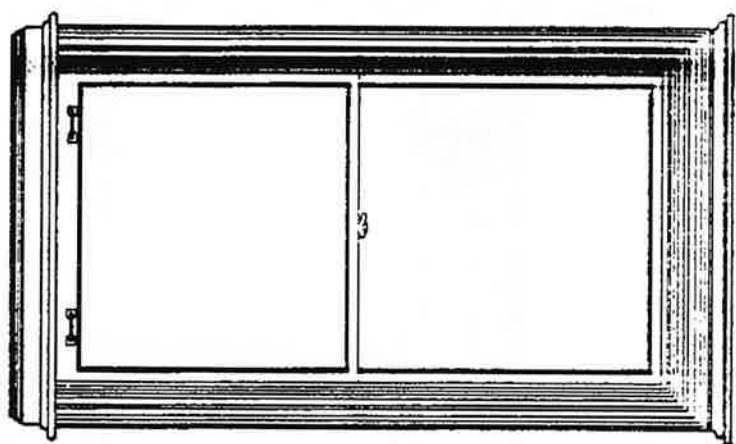
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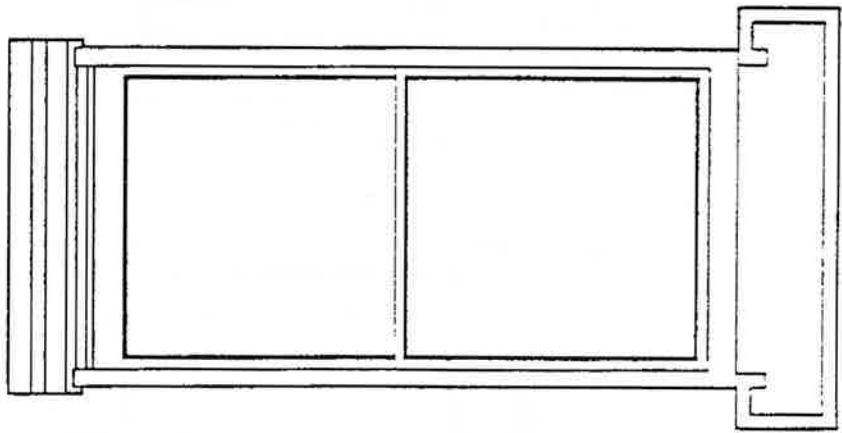


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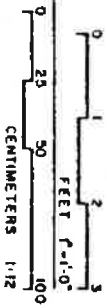


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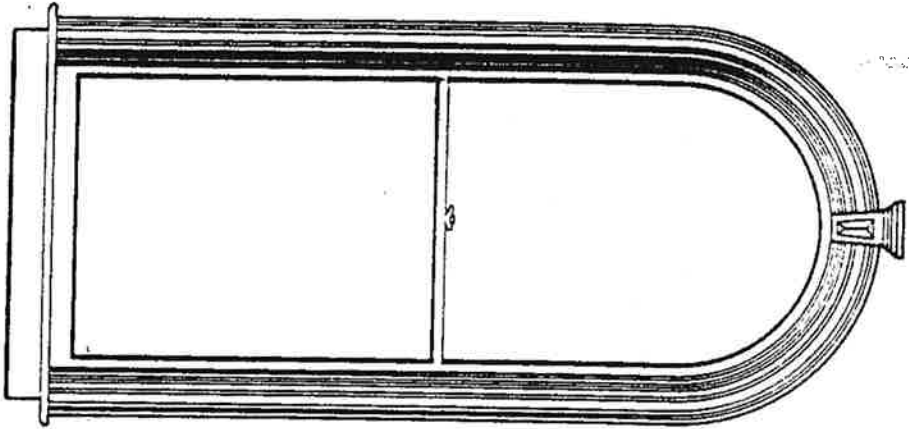
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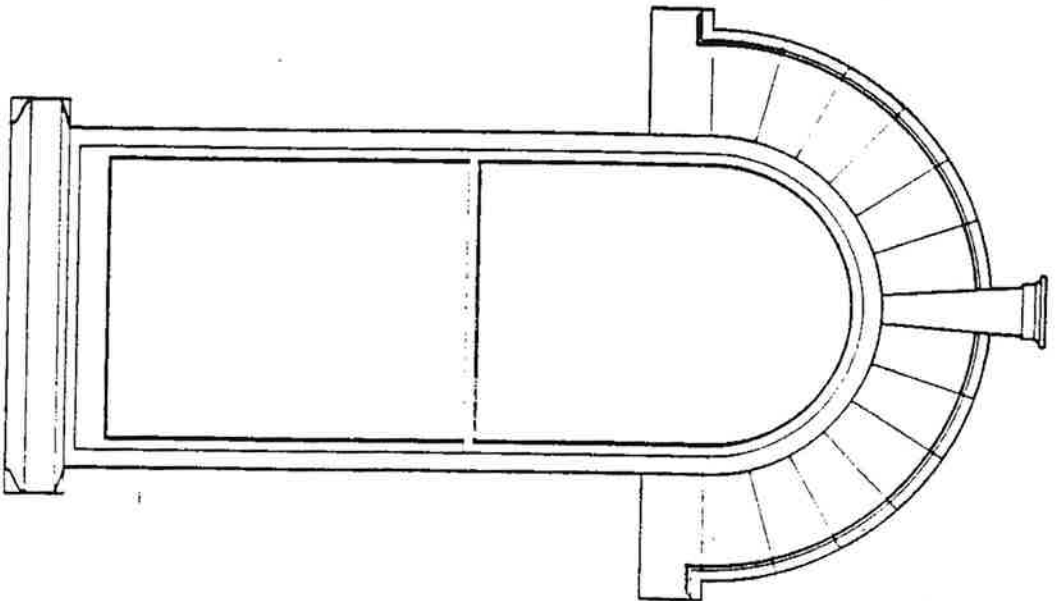
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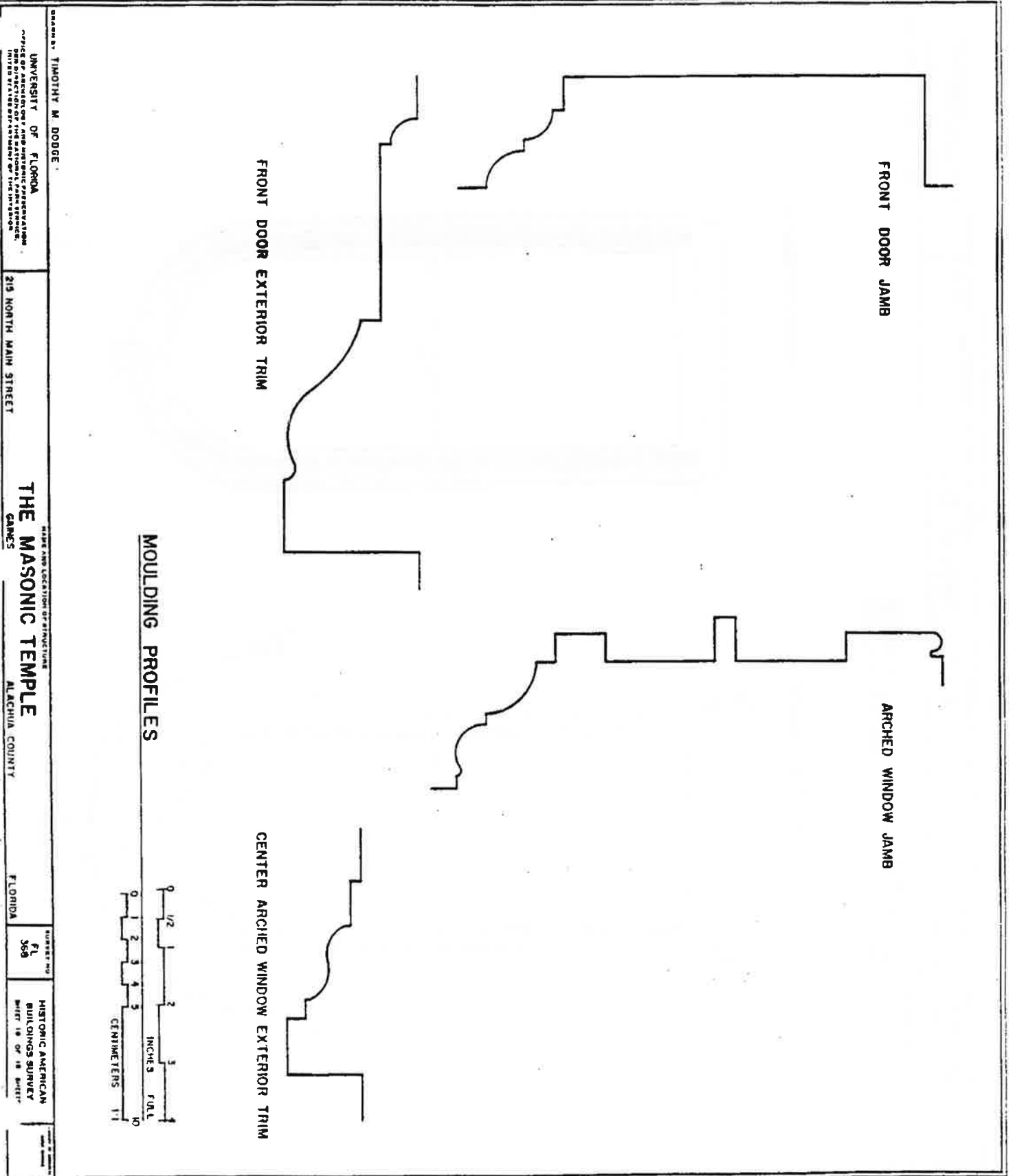
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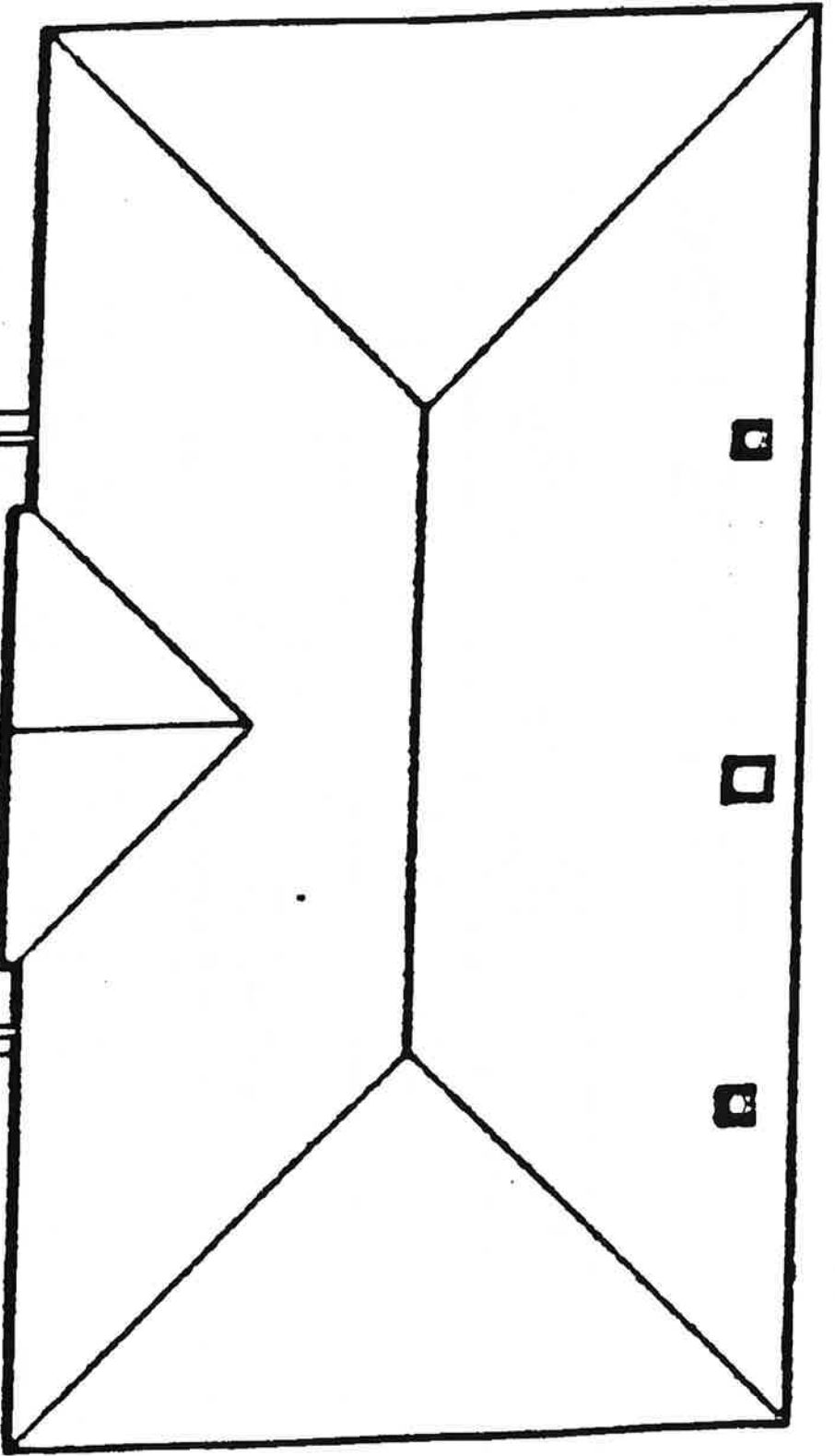
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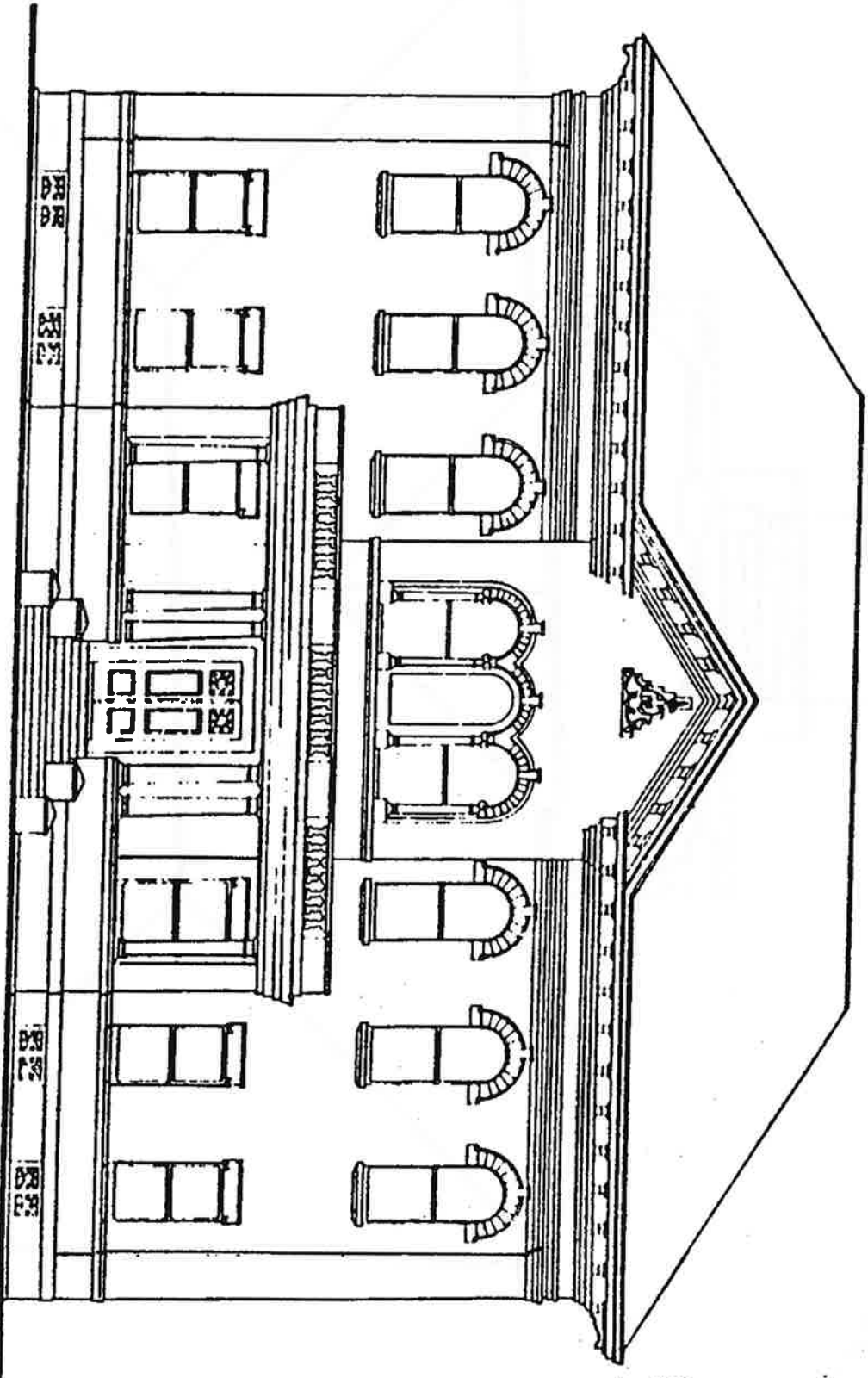


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THE NEW HOME

Direct Temple Which Will
a Credit to the Order.

HAVE SOCIAL FEATURE

Only at Corner West Main and
Streets Has Been Secured, and
Work on New Temple Will Begin as
Plans Are Accepted.

A Masonic fraternity of Gainesville determined not to be outdone by other secret fraternity, propose to build a Masonic temple here which will be a credit to not only the order of the city, but the State as well. They have jointly purchased the property, and the plans are being discussed. In the next few weeks, if the plan is true, work will begin on a magnificent structure.

Masonic fraternities have purchased the lot upon which is located Trinity Episcopal Church. This property is situated on the corner of Main street N. and East Court, and is a roomy lot, consisting of half block.

As no "blow" has been made, Masonic lodges of the city have quietly working, with the result they have almost decided upon a plan.

During the next few days a committee, consisting of one member from each lodge, will be appointed, when plans will be submitted. If accepted, the contract will be let, and work will begin.

It has been said by a well known Mason in this city who is in a position to know that the building when completed will be a marvel of perfection. It will be of brick, with massive stone columns, and will occupy the entire lot. The building will be two stories, the lower floor being for social features, while the upper floor will be used as a lodge.

Completed this temple will be a credit to Gainesville's magnificent Masons. It will prove a big asset to the city, and the matter of how it will be built.

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The following were the characters:
require Hawkins, a large crowd
Josiah Brown, from the
Albert Reade, not heard
Fred Dullier, a young man
And
Francis, a descendant of
Mrs. Hawkins, the head of
Miss
Stella Brown, able to take
Miss
Lillian Hawkins, the "Queen"
Miss F.

This play is guaranteed to be the best ever seen in Gainesville. The probability is that the crowd will be large.

After the play the audience will have plenty of amusement. The refreshment stand will be open.

PRIZES

Alterations in the
and
Several prizes will be given to the winners of the contest.

NEW BUILDING PERMITS

Will Soon be the Order of the Day in
Our New Suburb.

The College Park Company reports that their sale of lots in their new residential subdivision was a glorious success—the best people in Gainesville being among the purchasers, which assures a good tone to the new neighborhood.

Probably one-third of the purchasers expected to be in the neighborhood, and the sale was a success.

The "blue" has been made, and the lodges of the city have quietly working, with the result they have almost decided upon a plan. During the next few days a committee, consisting of one from each lodge, will be appointed, when plans will be submitted. If accepted, the contract will be let, and actual work will begin.

It has been said by a well-known Mason in this city who is in a position to know that the building when completed will be a marvel of perfection. It will be of brick, with massive stone columns, and will occupy half the lot. The building will be two stories, the lower floor being for social features, while the upper story will be used as a lodge.

When completed this temple will be one of Gainesville's magnificent buildings, which will prove a big advantage to the matter of her growth.

Build a Fine Home

Gainesville, which has enjoyed a reputation of the progress in the past of the city, will soon have a fine residence. Sam T. Roper decided to build a nice home at a corner of Roper avenue and Main street.

The building will be two stories, with rooms, and up-to-date in every way. It will be a credit to the city and that section of the city.

Found at Last

Wm. of Lisimore, West Virginia. "At last I have found the medicine that never disappoints me; it is the benefit of others afflicted with liver and chronic constipation. take Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed satisfactory results."

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We have just received a consignment of the Celebrated **WARD CLEANABLE** **PLAIN LINED REFRIGERATORS** and can call

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NEW BUILDING PERMITS

Will Soon be the Order of the Day in Our New Suburbs

The College Park Company, recently organized, has a plan for a new residential suburb. It was a group of people who were interested in building among the farmers, who would secure a good home to the new neighborhood.

Probably one-third of those making purchases expressed their intention of purchasing building operations at once, and it is safe to say that this day will witness some work in that line—in fact, plans have already been submitted for a beautiful eight-room residence to occupy one of the lots near the center of the tract, on College Park avenue, and this house will be commenced as soon as the necessary arrangements for material and labor can be made.

The company is giving its hearty co-operation in all matters of this sort, and this is evidently being much appreciated by those wishing to make their homes in this congenial community.

BREAKING AND ENTERING

Five Prisoners Brought to Gainesville and Placed in Prison.

Constable J. D. Sifford of Newberry arrived in the city Wednesday with five prisoners, Baisey H. H. Houch, Watson, Mathew Holt, Wade Stagers and Sydney McKeechen, all charged with breaking and entering box cars of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and taken freight to the train.

In default of bond the prisoners were brought to jail here and will be arraigned before the grand jury at the next term of the circuit court. Baisey H. H. is a female.

Open A. G. Meeting

Our Waters, the colored people who seem to get more and more out of a musical organ. All other musical instruments are discarded.

PHILES

Alterations in the

and Features of the new building. Several weeks ago when the new building was first planned, the plan was for a two-story building. But for some reason, the plan was changed, and the building will be a one-story building. The plan was changed, and the building will be a one-story building. The plan was changed, and the building will be a one-story building.

The front of the store will be a new entrance, and it is expected to furnish new window frames, and the new bank will business within the new building.

This will be what the "poor man's bank," in which class may deposit their living expenses each, whether small, these are the specialties of the bank.

An advertisement for the bank will appear at the bank.

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Drugs, Laxative for the liver and the system and clears of pimples and blotches. Laxative for women and is mild and pleasant. Gripes or sickens. Ors prior to pills, special ordinary cathartics irritate the stomach. W. McCollum & Co.

Tennessee Corn

Nashville, Tenn. The corn crop of Tennessee is estimated to be 1,000,000 bushels. The loss is estimated at 1,000,000 bushels.

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March 13, 1997

Address Reply to:
Gary V. Goodwin
Historic Preservation Planner
(904) 487-2333

Edward A. Crapo
Property Appraiser
12 S. E. First Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mr. Crapo:

The property identified below is being proposed for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Federal regulations pertaining to the National Register program, contained in 36 CFR Part 60, require that we provide written notification of this proposal to the owner. We are further required to obtain verification of ownership from the local land recordation or tax office within 90 days prior to our notice to the owner.

Please verify the name and address of the property owner of the following property. We need to have this information by April 11, 1997.

Property to be nominated:

Masonic Temple
215 North Main Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Orig Gainesville DB H-383 North 2/3 of
West 1/2 of Block 3 RG 6 OR 1905/2750

Owner:

Gainesville Lodge #41
Free and Accepted Masons
Post Office Box 140667
Gainesville, Florida 32614

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Mattick

for George W. Percy
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Alachua County
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1	7700	CLUB/LDG/UNION HALL	CCD	133.00	120.00	15960.00	S	.36	5.00		LAND TOTAL	79800

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Name of Property Masonic Lodge, Gainesville

PART I. Initial Review Comments:

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Identification and descriptive information

☐ adequately defines and describes the property
☐ needs

please do not use ambiguous terms like "massive" RATHER relate it to the height of the building or some other immediate context

Significance information

☐ adequately identifies and explains areas of significance
☐ needs

Boundary description and Justification

☐ adequately delineates the resource(s) to be nominated
☐ needs

Documentation

☐ includes adequate photos, maps, bibliography and other supporting documents

☐ needs *The bibliography is sparse - nothing to draw w/ style -*

PART II. Final Recommendations and Comments:

After formal consideration of the nomination proposal, it is my recommendation that:

☐ the property be nominated under NR Criteria ☒ A, ☐ B, ☒ C, ☐ D at the ☐ Local ☐ State ☐ National level of significance.

☐ does not meet the eligibility criteria due to
☐ lack of documented historically significant associations
☐ loss of historic integrity

COMMENTS:

Italian Renaissance style ?? I think it conveys a much greater sense of the Romanesque, particularly because of the building material (i.e. brick) how about looking at H.H. Richardson's stuff !!

Elly Queen
Signature of Board Member

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February 13, 1997

Mark Herbert Smith
725 NE 3rd Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Re: Masonic Temple, 215 N Maine Street, Gainesville, Alachua County

Dear Mr. Smith:

I trust together we can prepare this nomination for presentation to the Review Board. I have reviewed the Nomination Proposal for the above referenced property, and offer the following comments:

- Narrative descriptions should begin with a brief summary paragraph that describes the property and its surroundings.
- Interior description should include the arrangement and use of spaces and any significant structural or architectural features.
- Provide an additional set of prints; a photographic inventory, and maps that indicate view and direction of photograph.
- Describe in the text the Beaux Arts Classicism architectural style.
- Discuss historic significance and give historic context.
- Site map should identify streets and complete site boundary.
- Please refer to Guidelines for the Preparation of the Florida National Register Nomination Proposal.

Thank you for your consideration. I may be contacted at the address below, or you may telephone me at 904/487-2333.

Sincerely,

Gary V. Goodwin
Historic Preservation Planner

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August 28, 1997

William B. Greene, Worshipful Master
Gainesville Lodge #41
Free and Accepted Masons
Post Office Box 140667
Gainesville, Florida 32614

Re: Masonic Temple, 215 North Main Street, Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida.

Dear Mr. Greene:

It is a pleasure to advise you that the Florida National Register Review Board has recommended that the above referenced property be nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This recommendation was made at the August 22, 1997 meeting of the Board and is based on its review and evaluation of the nomination proposal.

The Board has returned the nomination proposal, with the review comments and suggestions of the individual members, to our Survey and Registration staff. The staff will review the comments of the Board and prepare a formal nomination to be submitted to the Keeper of the National Register for final consideration.

It may be necessary in preparing the formal nomination to ask you to revise some elements of the written material, or to provide some additional information or documentation. If so, Gary V. Goodwin, the Historic Preservation Planner who is handling this nomination, will let you know what is needed.

When the formal nomination has been submitted to and received by the Keeper of the National Register, that office will have forty-five days in which to approve or disapprove the nomination. If the nomination is approved, the property will be listed in the National Register as of the date of approval. The forty-five day review period may be extended, however, if the National Register staff finds technical deficiencies in the nomination requiring correction by our office.

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If the nomination is disapproved, the National Register staff will notify us and explain the reasons for disapproval. We will in turn notify you and advise you of any action that may be taken to pursue the matter further.

Any person or organization interested in a nomination may petition the Keeper of the National Register during the nomination process either to accept or to reject the nomination. Comments regarding the nomination should be addressed to:

Keeper, National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

On behalf of Secretary of State Sandra B. Mortham and the Historic Preservation staff, we appreciate your interest in Florida's historic heritage. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the nomination process, or if we can be of any other assistance.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Mattick

for George W. Percy
State Historic
Preservation Officer

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April 17, 1997

Address Reply to:
Gary V. Goodwin
Historic Preservation Planner
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Mr. William B. Grene, Worshipful Master
Gainesville Lodge #41
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Post Office Box 140667
Gainesville, Florida 32614

Re: Masonic Temple, 215 N Main Street, Gainesville, Florida

Dear Property Owner:

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It is very important to us that you understand the purpose of listing properties in the National Register and what this will mean to you as the owner of a listed property. In addition, you should be aware of your right to object to the listing of your property and how to register that objection if you desire to do so.

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- 1) to provide official recognition of its historic significance and encourage consideration of its historic value in future development planning,

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3) to make the property eligible for Federal financial incentives for historic preservation.

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If you wish to object to the listing of your property, you may do so by sending a notarized statement addressed to me as State Historic Preservation Officer by May 30, 1997. The statement must certify that you are the sole or part owner, as appropriate, of the property in question and that you object to its listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is not necessary to state the reason for your objection, but we would appreciate having that information if you wish to include it.

If the property in question is privately owned, and you as sole owner, or a majority of the partial owners, object to the listing of your property, it will not be listed. However, the nomination will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of eligibility of the property for listing in the National Register. A copy of your statement objecting to the listing of the property will be included. If the property is then determined eligible for listing, the protection from Federally funded, licensed, or assisted activities outlined above will become effective, but the property will not be eligible for the financial incentives for preservation.

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We would certainly like to have your active support for the nomination of your property, as we feel it reflects an important part of Florida's historic heritage. However, any comment you may wish to send me will be appreciated. We also hope that you may be able to attend the Review Board meeting on May 30, 1997.

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In the meantime, please do not hesitate to write or call me or Gary V. Goodwin, Historic Preservation Planner, on my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara C. Matlock

for George W. Percy
State Historic
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cc: Mr. Mark Herbert Smith

City of Gainesville

Department of
Community Development
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March 18, 1997



Gainesville Masonic Lodge #41
215 N Main Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

Re: Nomination of Masonic Temple @ 215 N Main Street to National Register of Historic Places

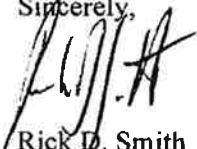
Dear Sir(s):

The City of Gainesville has been notified by the Florida Division of Historic Resources (DHR) that a nomination has been prepared for the Masonic Temple. As required by state law, before the nomination can be heard by the Florida National Register Review Board, it first must be reviewed and approved by the City of Gainesville Historic Preservation Board and the City Commission. This process is designed to ensure local involvement in the National Register process, enable public input, ensure the nomination's technical completeness and elicit the opinion of the property owner(s). Please note that this process will not list the Masonic Temple on the Gainesville Local Register of Historic Places. Local Register listing would require a hearing before the Historic Preservation Board, Plan Board and City Commission and require the preparation of an ordinance amending the zoning map.

The meeting for which the nomination will be heard by the Historic Preservation Board has been tentatively scheduled for May 6, 1997. I would appreciate a letter supporting or objecting to the nomination by April 16, 1997 so that the HPB and the City Commission can consider this in their deliberations.

If you have any questions, please call me at (352)334-5000,x5692.

Sincerely,



Rick D. Smith

Historic Preservation Planner

cc: Mayor-Commissioner Ed Jennings
City Commissioner Sande Calkins
City Commissioner Bruce Delaney
City Commissioner Paula Delaney
City Commissioner Pegeen Hanrahan
George Percy, Director, Division of Historic Resources
Bobby Summers, Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners

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March 13, 1997

Address Reply to:
Gary V. Goodwin
Historic Preservation Planner
(904) 487-2333

Edward A. Crapo
Property Appraiser
12 S. E. First Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mr. Crapo:

The property identified below is being proposed for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Federal regulations pertaining to the National Register program, contained in 36 CFR Part 60, require that we provide written notification of this proposal to the owner. We are further required to obtain verification of ownership from the local land recordation or tax office within 90 days prior to our notice to the owner.

Please verify the name and address of the property owner of the following property. We need to have this information by April 11, 1997.

Property to be nominated:

Masonic Temple
215 North Main Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Orig Gainesville DB H-383 North 2/3 of
West 1/2 of Block 3 RG 6 OR 1905/2750

Owner:

Gainesville Lodge #41
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Post Office Box 140667
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Mattick

for

George W. Percy
State Historic Preservation Officer

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VIA FACSIMILE: (904) 488-3353

Mr. George W. Percy, State Historic Preservation Officer
Division of Historical Resources
Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

RE: Masonic Temple, 215 N. Main Street, Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Percy:

We are pleased to support the nomination of the above referenced property for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The property appears to meet the criteria and considerations for nomination.

We appreciate that the listing would provide recognition that the property is deemed by the federal and state government to be significant in the history of our community, and that it would be carefully considered by city, state and federal planners when developing projects. We also understand that listing would require review by the State Historic Preservation Office and the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for projects receiving federal or state funds that may affect the property, such as road construction or improvements, or other federal or state-assisted undertakings.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kurt Larsen, Director, Alachua County Department of Growth Management at (352) 374-5249, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Summers, Chairman
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

RS/as

xc: Bruce Delaney, Mayor, City of Gainesville
Rick Smith, Historic Planner, City of Gainesville



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March 5, 1997

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Gainesville Historic Preservation Board
c/o Rick D. Smith
Department of Community Development
City of Gainesville
Post Office Box 490
Gainesville, Florida 32602

Re: Masonic Temple, 215 N Main Street, Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida.

Dear Mr. Smith:

A Florida National Register Nomination Proposal for the above referenced property has been received by the State Historic Preservation Officer. We are soliciting your review and recommendation concerning the eligibility of this property in accordance with the procedures established by the National Historic Preservation Act [Title I, Section 101 (16 U.S.C. 470a) (c)(2)] which created the basis for the participation of Certified Local Governments in the Florida National Register of Historic Places nomination process.

Those procedures specify that before a property within the jurisdiction of the certified local government may be considered by the State to be nominated to the Secretary of the Interior for inclusion in the National Register, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall notify the owner, the applicable chief local elected official, and the local historic preservation commission. The commission, after reasonable opportunity for public comment, shall prepare a report as to whether or not such property, in its opinion, meets the eligibility criteria for listing in the National Register. Within sixty days of the notice from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the chief local elected official shall transmit the report of the commission and his recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer. If no such report and recommendation are received within sixty days, the State shall proceed with the nomination process.

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If either the preservation agency or the appropriate local officials support the nomination of the property, the proposal will be scheduled for consideration by the Florida National Register Review Board. If both the commission and the chief local elected official recommend that a property not be nominated to the National Register, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall take no further action, unless within thirty days of the receipt of such recommendation by the State Historic Preservation Officer an appeal is filed with the State. Any party may file an appeal with the State Historic Preservation Officer. If the State Historic Preservation Officer, after hearing the appeal, determines that the property is eligible, he shall proceed with the nomination process. The State Historic Preservation Officer shall include any reports and recommendations from any party along with the nomination submitted to the Keeper of the Register.

We look forward to your recommendation and comments regarding this property. If we can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Mattick

for George W. Percy
State Historic Preservation Officer

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July 30, 1997

Mr. George Percy, Director
Division of Historical Resources
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Nomination of the Masonic Temple in Gainesville, Florida to the National Register of Historic Places

Dear Mr. Percy:

I am writing in reference to your letter of July 11, 1997 to Rick Smith, in order to provide additional comments, as you requested. On May 27, 1997, the Gainesville City Commission voted unanimously to recommend listing the Masonic Temple at 215 N. Main Street to the National Register of Historic Places. Its architectural significance, which has not been undermined by character-defining alterations, is apparent to all. The Masonic Temple and the Hippodrome State Theater (also known as the Old Post Office) are Gainesville's only remaining examples of the ornate form of architecture used on public and civic buildings in the early 20th century, inspired by designs at the Chicago World Exposition in 1893. In addition, the Temple is also significant to Gainesville's social history as its membership included some of our early leading politicians, businessmen and developers whose efforts have been important in shaping the City.

The Gainesville City Commission heartily endorses the nomination of this worthy structure to the National Register of Historic Places and urges the Florida National Register Review Board to approve the request.

Sincerely,



Thomas D. Saunders
Director of Community Development

cc: Wayne Bowers, City Manager
Kimberley Trombly, Assistant City Manager
Rick Smith, Historic Preservation Planner



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July 11, 1997

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Post Office Box 140667
Gainesville, Florida 32614

Re: Masonic Temple, 215 N. Main Street, Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida

Dear Property Owner:

We are pleased to advise you that the above referenced site has been proposed for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The nomination proposal will be reviewed by the Florida National Register Review Board in a public meeting at 8:30 a.m. on August 22, 1997, in the auditorium of the R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida. A copy of the meeting agenda is enclosed. If the Review Board finds that this property meets the criteria for such listing, a formal nomination will be submitted to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington D.C., who will make the final decision whether or not to list the property.

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Mr. William B. Greene
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In the meantime, please do not hesitate to write or call me or Gary V. Goodwin, Historic Preservation Planner, on my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara C. Matlack

for George W. Percy
State Historic
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July 11, 1997

Honorable Bruce Delaney
Mayor
City of Gainesville
Post Office Box 490
Gainesville, Florida 32602

Re: Masonic Temple, 215 N. Main Street, Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mayor Delaney:

We are pleased to advise you that the above referenced property has been proposed for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The nomination proposal will be reviewed by the Florida National Register Review Board in a public meeting on August 22, 1997. A copy of the meeting agenda is enclosed. If the Review Board finds that this property meets the criteria for listing established by the National Register, a formal nomination will be submitted to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D.C., who will make the final decision.

The enclosed fact sheets explain the criteria for listing and the results of listing in the National Register, with references to the major laws and Federal regulations relating to listed properties. A copy of the nomination and additional information on the protection provisions, financial incentives, or other aspects of the National Register program may be obtained by calling our Survey and Registration Section at (904) 487-2333.

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Mayor Bruce Delaney
July 11, 1997
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If you wish to comment on whether or not this property should be nominated for listing in the National Register, please send me your comments by August 22, 1997.

Sincerely,

Barbara C. Mottick

for George W. Percy
State Historic
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April 17, 1997

Gainesville Historic Preservation Board
c/o Mr. Rick D. Smith
Department of Community Development
City of Gainesville
Post Office Box 490
Gainesville, Florida 32602

Re: Masonic Temple, 215 N Main Street, Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are pleased to advise you that the above referenced property has been proposed for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The nomination proposal will be reviewed by the Florida National Register Review Board in a public meeting on May 30, 1997. A copy of the meeting agenda is enclosed. If the Review Board finds that this property meets the criteria for listing established by the National Register, a formal nomination will be submitted to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D.C., who will make the final decision.

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Mr. Rick D. Smith
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Sincerely,

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for George W. Percy
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September 4, 1996

Mark Herbert Smith
725 NE 3rd Street
Gainesville, Florida ~~33601~~ 32601

RE: Masonic Temple, 215 N Maine Street, Gainesville, Alachua, County

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have reviewed the Nomination Proposal for the above referenced property, and offer the following comments:

- Narrative description should begin with a brief summary paragraph that describes the property and its surroundings.
- Interior description should include the arrangement and use of spaces and any significant structural or architectural features.
- Provide an additional set of prints; a photographic inventory and maps that indicate view and direction of photograph.
- Describe the Beaux Arts Classicism architectural style.
- Discuss historic significance and give historic context.
- Site map should identify streets and complete site boundary.
- Please refer to Guidelines for the Preparation of the Florida National Register Nomination Proposal.

I trust together we can prepare this nomination for presentation to the Review Board. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary V. Goodwin
Historic Preservation Planner

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December 17, 1996

Address Reply to:
Gary V. Goodwin
Historic Preservation Planner
(904)487-2333

Edward A. Crapo
Property Appraiser
12 S.E. First Street
Second Floor
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mr. Crapo:

The property identified below is being proposed for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Federal regulations pertaining to the National Register program, contained in 36 CFR Part 60, require that we provide written notification of this proposal to the owner. We are further required to obtain verification of ownership from the local land recordation or tax office within 90 days prior to our notice to the owner.

Please provide us with the name(s) and address(es) of the owner(s) of the following property. We need to have this information by January 17, 1997.

Property to be nominated:

Masonic Temple
215 North Main Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Orig Gainesville DB H-383 North 2/3 of West 1/2 of Block 3 RG 6 OR 1905/2750

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Mr. William B. Grene, Worshipful Master
Gainesville Lodge No. 41, F&AM
p.o. bOX 140667
Gainesville, FL 32614-0667

Re: Gainesville Masonic Temple

Dear Mr. Grene:

Thank you for the Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire on the above referenced property. Based on the information you have provided, it is our opinion that this property should be considered for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

I have enclosed a Florida National Register Proposal form and instructions for its preparation. Also included is an example of a completed National Register Proposal that you can use as a model.

You should study both the form and the instructions carefully before you attempt to fill out any information. It is essential that you understand what kind of information is required and how it is recorded in order to avoid wasted time and effort. There are several points that must be emphasized.

First is the need for complete and accurate documentation. This applies to the physical description as well as the statement of significance. We need as much specific information as you can provide regarding original construction, alterations, and uses of the property, as well as the historical events, developments, and persons with whom it has been associated.

Second, graphics can be extremely helpful. Current photographs, including overall views and close up shots of important details are required. Historic photographs should be included whenever they are available. Sketch plans or diagrams of sites, interior floor plans, etc., should be carefully and accurately drawn, although not necessarily to scale.

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William Grene
December 13, 1994
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Third, site location and boundary information must be precise and accurate. Where street addresses are not applicable, location should be indicated by specific references to identifiable landmarks. Site boundaries should encompass only the site or property specifically identified and described in the nomination proposal.

Finally, the eligibility of the property for National Register listing depends on two essential points: 1) its "site integrity" or the extent to which the property retains the physical character and appearance of its period of significance, and 2) its association with significant historic events, developments, or personalities as reflected in its present condition and appearance.

Obviously, preparation of the nomination proposal will require detailed investigation of both the physical development of the property itself and the broader historic context in which that development occurred. The information obtained must then be incorporated into narrative texts in the physical description and significance statement sections of the proposal form. While this is not a simple task, I am sure that the instruction booklet will provide ample guidance in most cases. However, should you need additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to call me. I will be happy to help in any way I can.

A single copy of the proposal should be submitted to us as soon as you have it completed in draft form. Footnotes, photographs, and site and floor plans should accompany the draft proposal. This will enable us to give you our comments and to suggest any revisions that we feel may be necessary before you prepare the final document and make the copies of the proposal necessary for distribution to the Review Board. At that point, we should also be able to schedule the proposal for presentation to the Review Board.

We appreciate your interest in nominating this property and look forward to receiving the nomination proposal.

Sincerely,



W. Carl Shiver
Historic Preservation Planner

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Mr. William B. Grene
Gainesville Masonic Lodge
No. 41 F. & A.M.
Post Office Box 140667
Gainesville, Florida 32614-0667

Dear Mr. Grene:

Thank you for your request for information on the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed information sheets will describe the program in general terms and provide an outline of the criteria for eligibility and the procedures for nominating properties for National Register listing.

I have also enclosed a Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire. If you feel, after reviewing the information sheets, that the property in question may meet the eligibility criteria, please complete and return the Questionnaire with at least one photograph showing the general appearance and condition of the property and a sketch map indicating its general location and setting. This will enable us to make an initial evaluation as to its potential eligibility for listing.

If the information received in the Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire indicates that the property may be worthy of further consideration, I will send you the forms and instructions for the preparation of the Florida Nomination Proposal. I will also be happy to provide any guidance and assistance I can in preparing the proposal. Please bear in mind, however, that the nomination process involves detailed research and documentation and review at several levels prior to the final determination by the Keeper of the National Register and usually takes up to six months to complete. As the final decision is made by the National Register, we can not guarantee that a particular property will be accepted for listing.

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Mr. William B. Grene
June 29, 1994
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If the property does not appear to merit National Register listing, we may be able to suggest other means of attaining appropriate recognition, or provide information that will be helpful in your preservation efforts. In any event, we look forward to receiving the completed Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire, and to working with you in any way we can. In the meantime, please write or call me at (904) 487-2333 if you have any questions.

On behalf of Secretary of State Jim Smith, we appreciate your interest in Florida's historic heritage.

Sincerely,



W. Carl Shiver
Historic Sites Specialist

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GAINESVILLE LODGE NO. 41, F. & A. M.

CHARTERED
JANUARY 15
1857



REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS
SECOND AND FOURTH
TUESDAY NIGHTS

P.O. BOX 140667
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA
32614-0667

June 17, 1994

Suzanne Walker; Chief
Historic Preservation Bureau
Historical Resources Division

Dear Ms. Walker,

I am writing on behalf of Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 41 F. & A. M., Gainesville, Florida requesting all pertinent information relating to our Lodge building being registered as a national historic site.

The membership of Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 41 have expressed an interest in finding out what steps must be taken to obtain the status of a national historic site, and what must be done to retain this status once it is obtained. We have been lead to understand that financial grants are available to assist in obtaining this historic site designation, please provide what information you can as to how we may qualify for such a grant.

Thank you very much, we shall be looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William B. Grene".

William B. Grene; Worshipful Master



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GAINESVILLE LODGE NO. 41, F. & A. M.

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REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS
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P.O. BOX 140667
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November 11, 1994

Mr. W. Carl Shiver;
Historic Site Specialist
Florida Department Of State
Division Of Historical Resources
Historic Preservation Bureau



Dear Mr. Shiver,

Initially I want to thank you for your prompt response of June 29, 1994, to my letter of June 17, 1994, sent on behalf of Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 41. Inadvertant circumstances did not enable me to respond sooner.

Enclosed you will find the completed Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire that you have provided, along with photos showing different views of the building. We have also enclosed for your review and consideration copies of a series of architectural drawings made in 1987 by students of the University Of Florida School Of Architecture. These drawings are on file in the Library Of Congress, Washington, D.C. .

The members of the Lodge have raised some questions they would like to have answered if possible. In the information you provided it stated that preservation funds were not presently available, do you at this time have any indication as to when funding might be available? Should we be fortunate enough to be the recipient of a grant would the Lodge be expected to put up a proportionate share of the restoration costs? If the Lodge was the recipient of a grant for the restoration and preservation of our building what obligations or conditions would be set forth by the grantor regarding our acceptance? Also, if a grant is awarded can these funds be used to restore the interior as well as the exterior of the building? Any answers that you can provide at this time to the preceding questions will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

William B. Greene

William B. Greene; Worshipful Master

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Masons offer a look inside

Lodge No. 41 hosts open house Wednesday



STAFF PHOTOS BY EMICA BROUGH

TOP: The Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 41. The downtown lodge has more than 200 members and is one of two lodges in Gainesville. **ABOVE:** A Bible on the altar of the lodge room at the Gainesville Masonic Lodge. The Masons are not a religious order, but members are required to believe in a supreme being.

By Patrick Annesly
Correspondent

Ask someone what the Masons represent and the answers can range from satanic rituals and animal sacrifice to world domination.

"It's amusing to hear," said Ray M. Davis Jr., a former Gainesville lodge presiding officer, or "worshipful master," as the position is referred to among the Masons.

On Wednesday, members of Gainesville Lodge No. 41 hope to shed some light on the organization by offering area residents a rare look inside the building at 215 N. Main St. for an informational program. The open house, scheduled for 7 p.m., could help debunk the many myths surrounding the organization.

"We are putting this on so people know exactly what we are," said Davis, who points to author Dan



Ray M. Davis Jr., a member of the Gainesville Masonic Lodge, points out important books in the building's library.



Online extras

For more pictures of the Masonic Lodge, visit www.gainesville.com

under 200, Davis said.

At its peak during the 1940s and 1950s, the downtown lodge, which is on the National Register of

One of Gainesville's oldest buildings is up for sale



By WCJB Staff | Posted: Tue 6:14 AM, Sep 17, 2019 | Updated: Tue 11:25 AM, Sep 17, 2019

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (WCJB) -- One of Gainesville's oldest buildings is up for sale.

Located on North Main Street in downtown Gainesville, Masonic Lodge No. 41 is on the market for \$950,000.

Officials with the organization said they're selling the place due to its financial upkeep and their concerns that the upkeep will exceed their financial capabilities.

The group has been occupying the building since 1908, and it's listed on the U.S. historical registry.

Now they're looking for a buyer willing to partner with them, so they can continue to host public events at the location.

Garret Sutcliffe, the organization's president, said he's most concerned with the building's preservation. The money will go toward events and scholarship programs, Sutcliffe said.

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Gainesville Looks To Add Masonic Lodge To Local Historical Registry

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River Wells



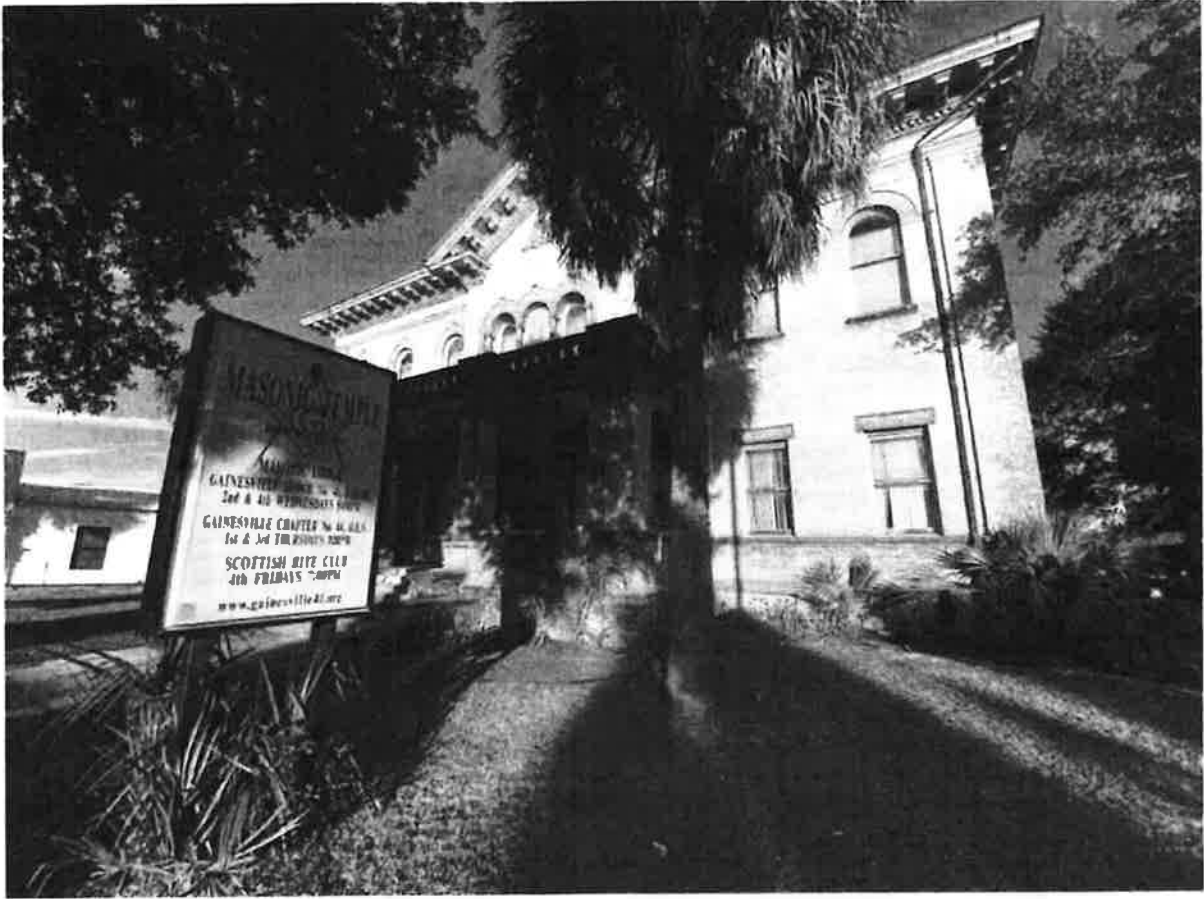
In an evening session on Thursday, the Gainesville City Commission motioned to begin the process of adding the Masonic Lodge to the local historical registry, though a majority of the commission shut down a motion to make a bid on the property for \$525,000.

The lodge, at 215 N. Main St., was built in 1908 and is a part of the U.S National Register of Historical Places. It has been a topic of discussion for the commission since August, as city government has considered purchasing the building to create a "Gainesville Cultural Center," according to city architect Sarit Sela, which would "meet community needs for unique performance and gathering spaces."

Sela and Assistant City Manager Dan Hoffman told the commission that, while the building was initially appraised at a value of \$450,000, the number had jumped to \$525,000 after a re-appraisal. They also informed the commission that the Masons who own the building told them that they had received a written proposal for \$700,000.

The numbers put off some members of the commission, in part due to the high estimated cost (nearly \$2 million) of renovating the building once it was purchased. Commissioner David Arreola said that, while he was interested in purchasing the property, he did not want to try and outbid the offer that the Masons had received on it.

"I believe these (renovation) estimates are conservative," Arreola said. "So it could be even more."



The Masonic Lodge, or Masonic Temple as it's known on the sign out front, dates to 1908 and is located two blocks north of University Avenue on Main Street. (River Wells/WUFT News)

Though the commissioners disagreed on what price would be acceptable to buy the property, they all agreed that they did not want to risk the demolition of the lodge. Despite being on the U.S National Register of Historical Places, it is not on the Local Register of Historic Places, meaning that the building would not be protected from demolition. Hoffman explained to the commission that demolition costs may have been included in the appraisal, but that they did not know for certain.

The commission voted unanimously in favor of beginning the process of adding the lodge to the Local Register of Historic Places, which would protect it from being torn down in the event of a sale.



City Architect Sarit Sela presented commissioners with an update on the Lodge's appraisals. (River Wells/WUFT News)

"Knocking down that building, I think, would be a tragedy," Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos said. "(It) is a truly historic building in our city."

Hayes-Santos did express his interest in offering \$525,000 for the property, believing that the Masons would perhaps want to sell it to the city at a lower price. When the motion was voted on, however, it failed 2-4, with Mayor Lauren Poe, Commissioner Gigi Simmons and commissioners-at-large Helen Warren and Gail Johnson voting against the motion.

While the city has passed on buying the property for now, Hoffman stated that the commission would next month be given an "updated financial outlook" on the property's value.



2nd Floor meeting hall



2nd Floor meeting hall



Preparation room



2nd Floor hallway area

Glimpses of the 111-year-old building's interior can be seen in the city's appraisal. (Courtesy of the City of Gainesville)

In other news Thursday night, the commission voted to allow individual city commissioners to determine whether or not their emails would be published online. The initially proposed plan to have a universal seven-day buffer period between emails being published failed to be passed.













Front & north view of
building





Second floor front
view of building



Front & south view of
building

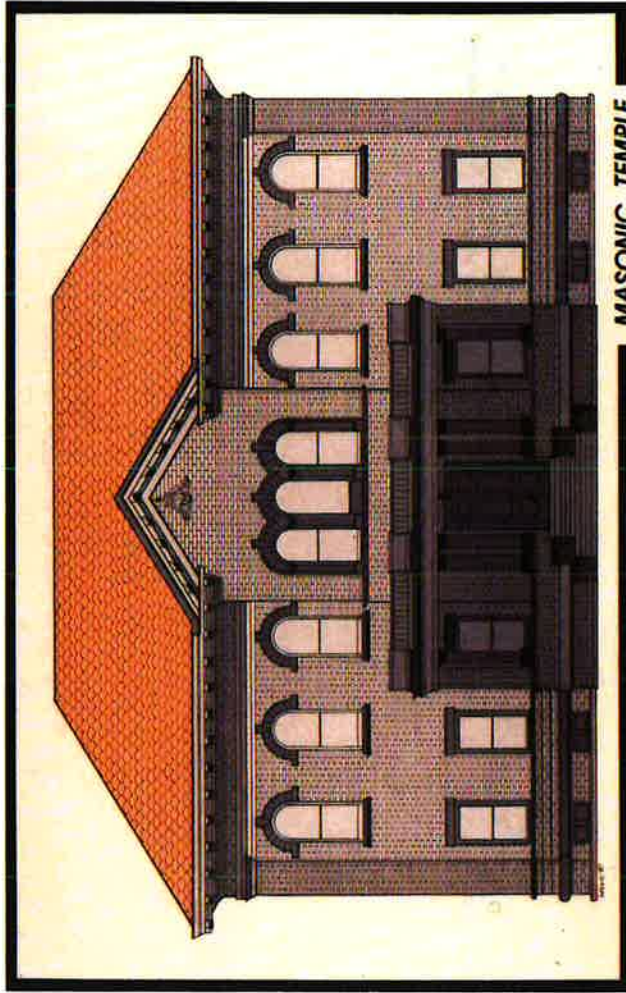


North side of building





East side (back) of building



MASONIC TEMPLE
Gainesville Lodge No. 41, Gainesville, Florida

THIS HISTORIC BUILDING, ERECTED IN 1908, IS CONSTRUCTED OF RED BRICK WITH AN OUTER LAYER OF LOCALLY MADE SANDSTONE BRICK. THE MATERIALS AND FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP INSIDE AND OUTSIDE REFLECT A DESIGN RARELY FOUND IN MODERN TIMES. IT STILL SERVES TODAY AS A MEETING PLACE FOR THE MASONIC BODIES OF THE GAINESVILLE AREA. GAINESVILLE LODGE NO. 41 F. & A.M. MEETS HERE ON THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY NIGHTS EACH MONTH.







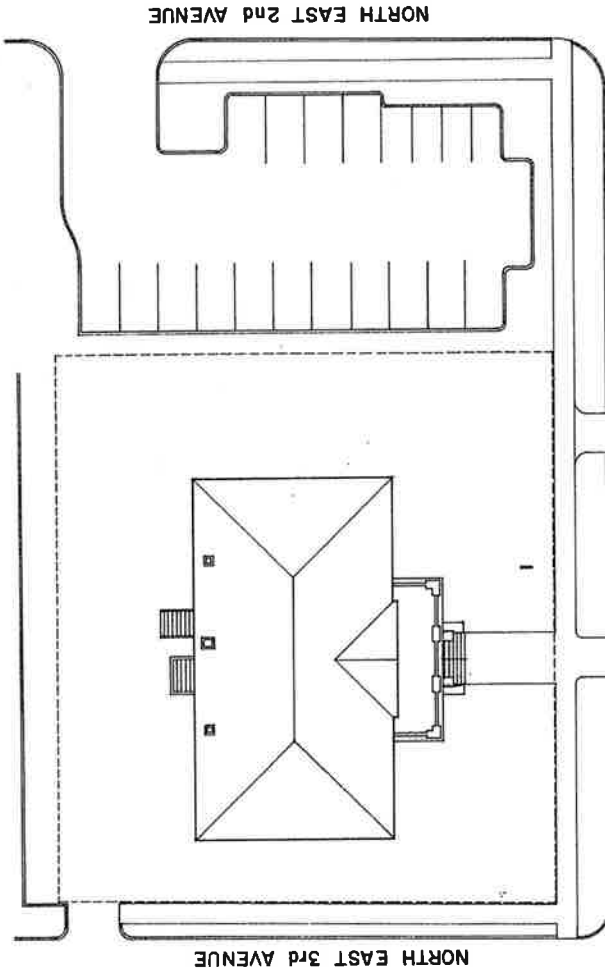
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THE MASONIC TEMPLE, LODGE F. & A.M. NO. 41 OF THE SOCIETY OF FREE MASONS, LOCATED AT 215 N. MAIN ST., GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, WAS DESIGNED BY ARCHITECT J.H.W. HAWKINS OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, AND CONSTRUCTED BY THE EDDINS MANUFACTURING COMPANY IN 1908.

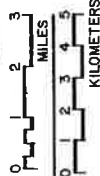
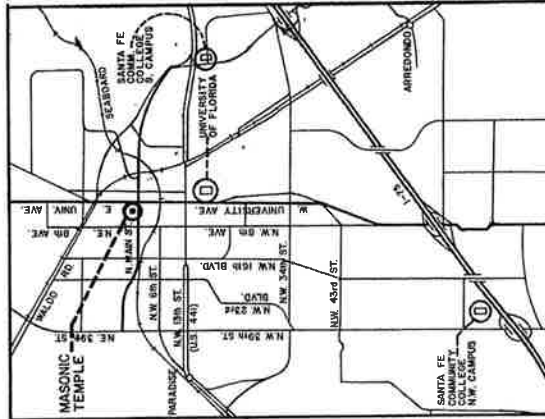
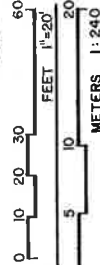
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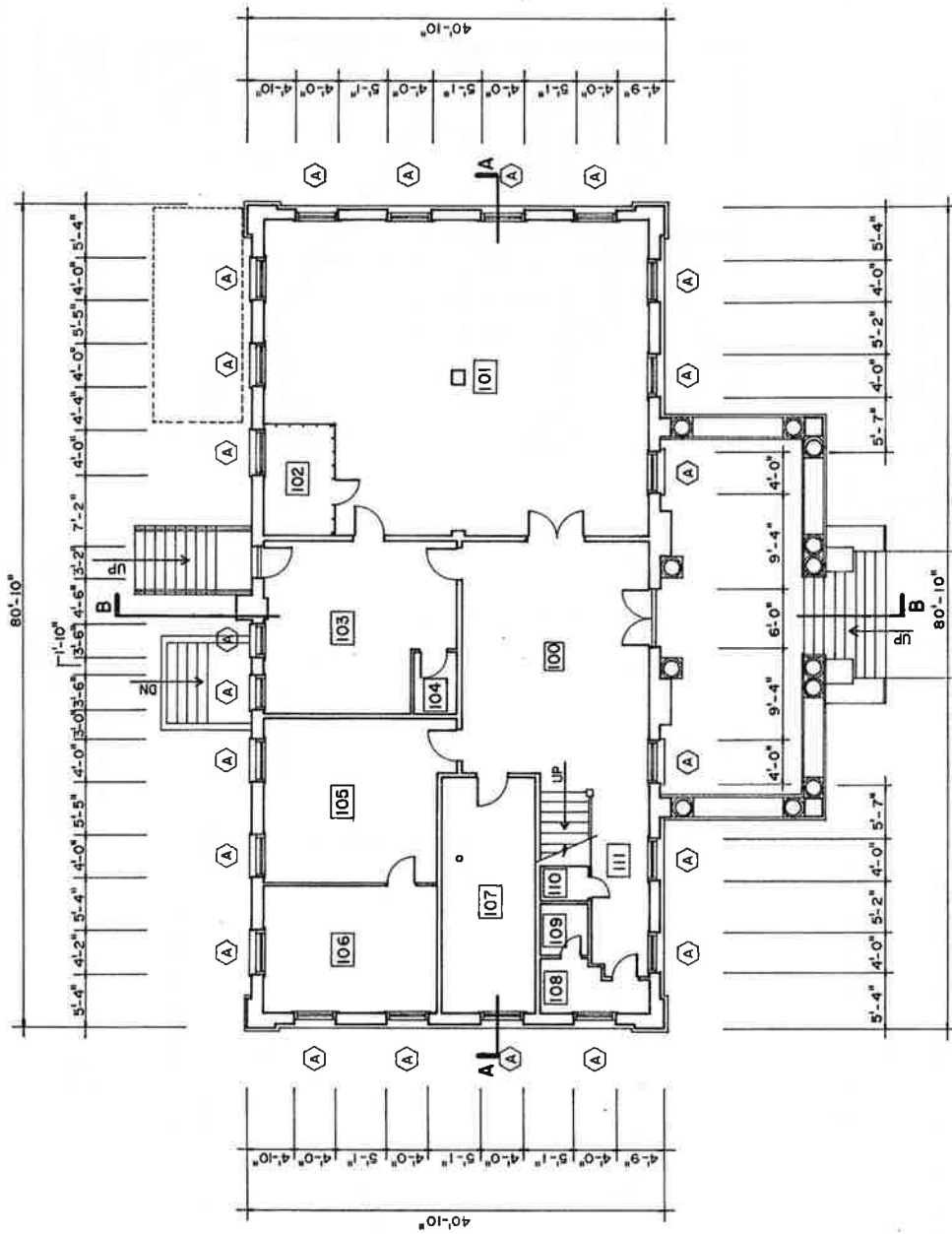


SITE PLAN



LOCATION MAP

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0 2 4 6 8 10 20
FEET 1/8" = 1'-0"
0 2 3 4 5 10
METERS 1:96

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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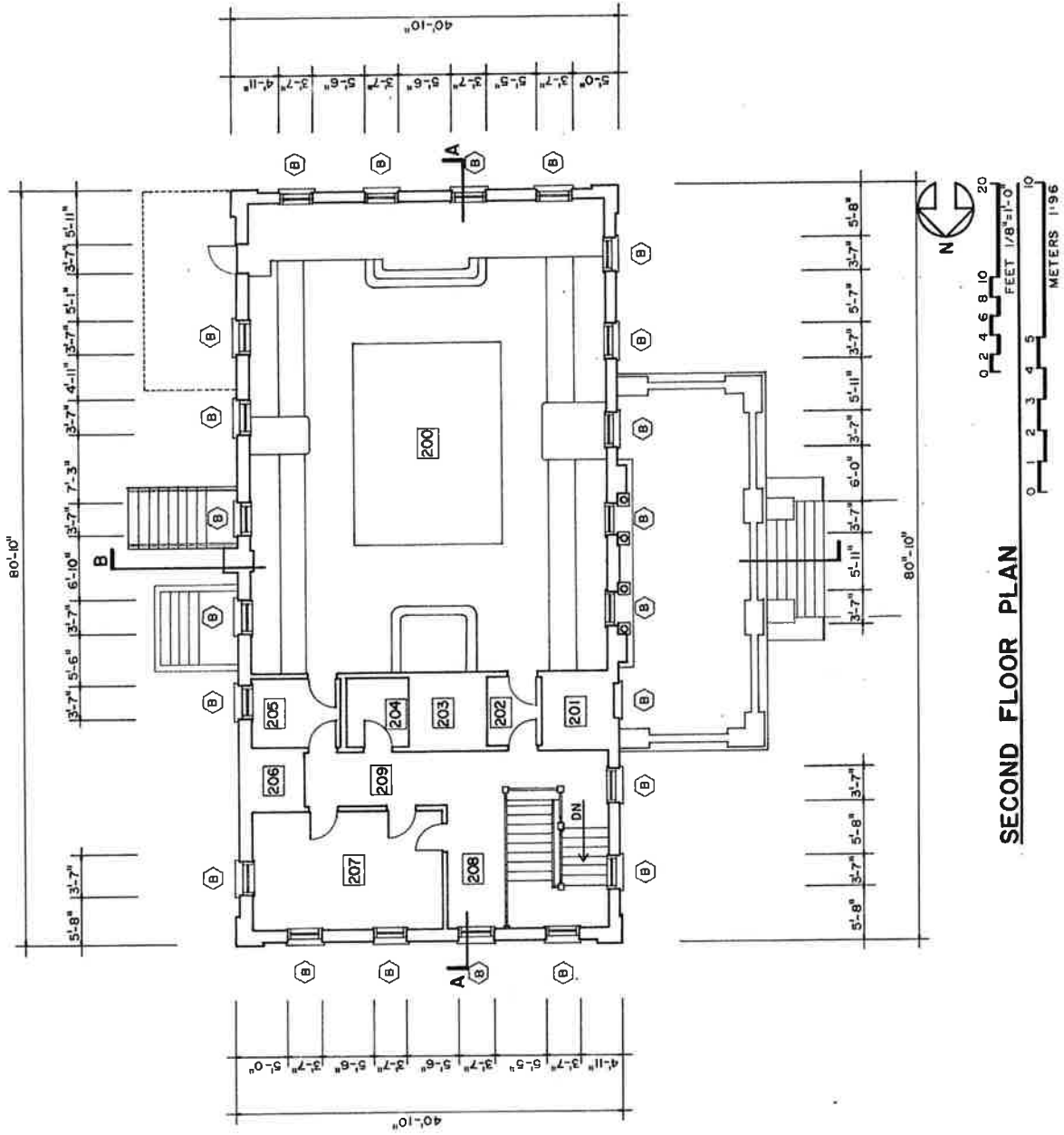
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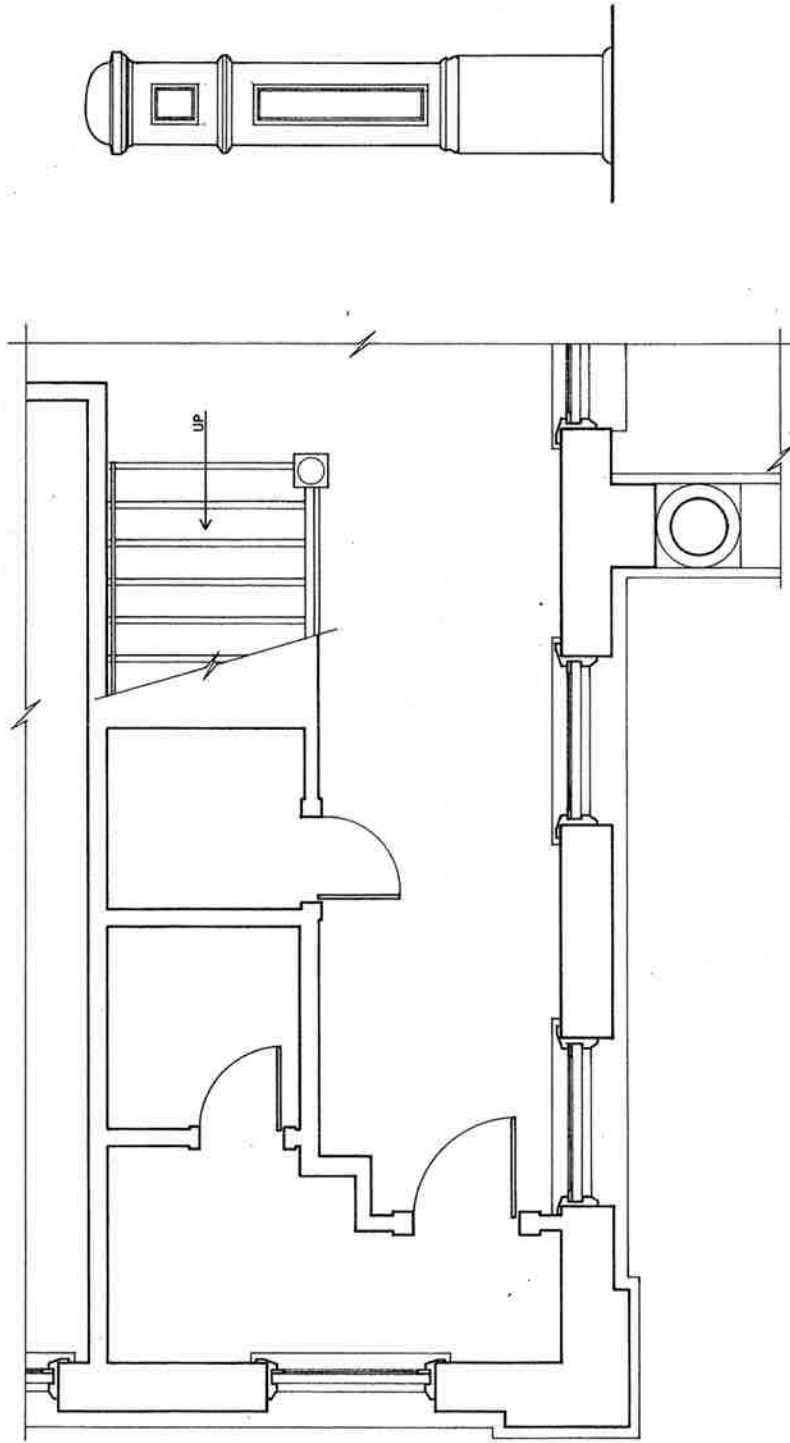
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FIRST FLOOR STAIR PLAN

NEWEL

0 1 2 3 4 5
FEET 1/2"=1'-0"
0 50 100 150 200
CENTIMETERS 1:24

0 3 6 12
INCHES 1 1/2"=1'-0"
0 10 20 30
CENTIMETERS 1:8

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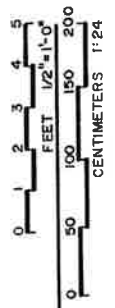
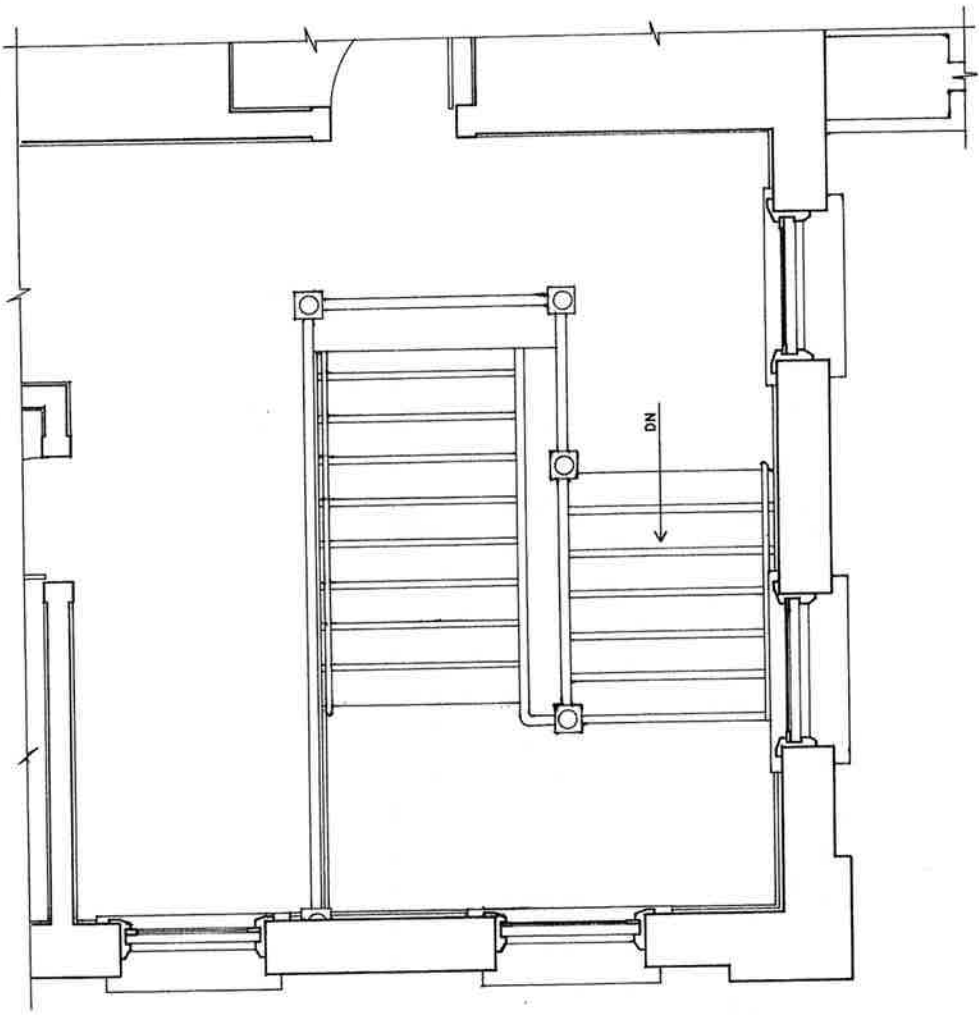
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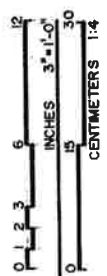
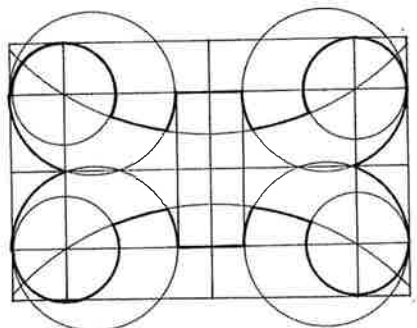
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TRIM LINE



SECOND FLOOR STAIR PLAN



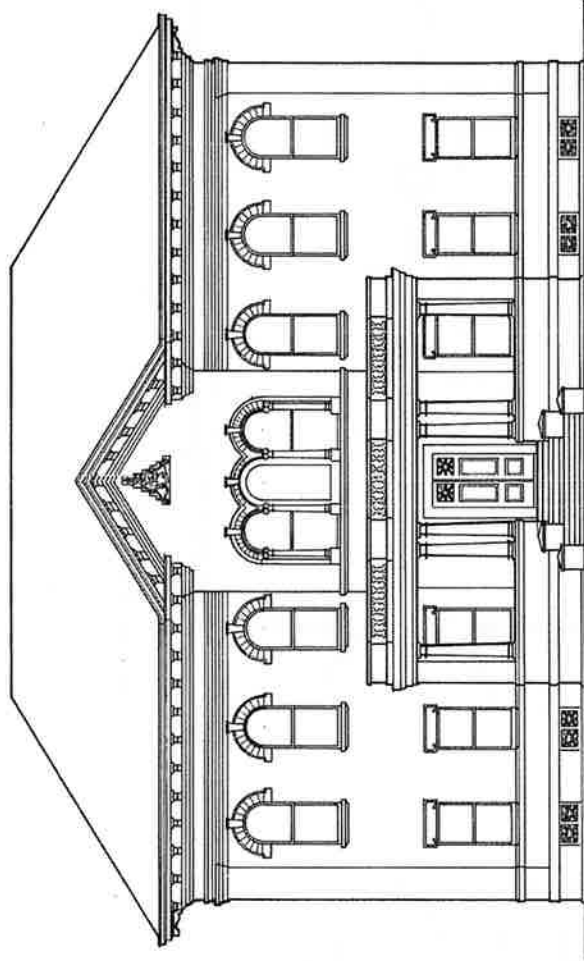
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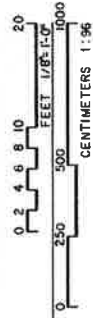
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TRIM LINE

FROM LINE



WEST
ELEVATION



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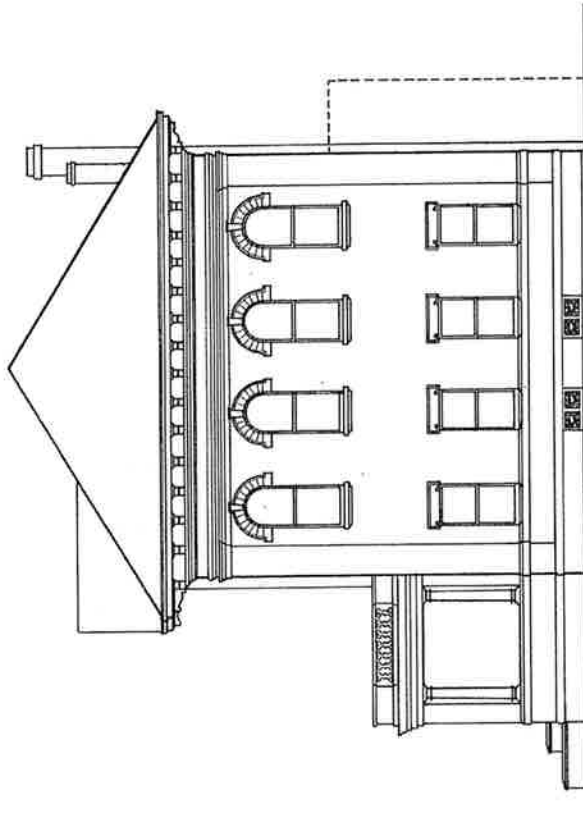
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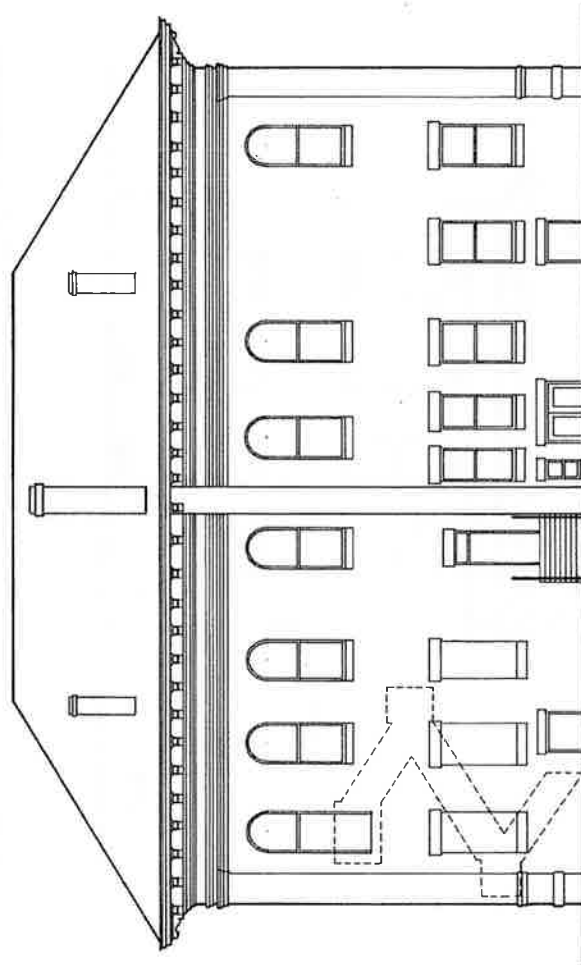


SOUTH
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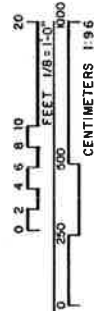
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EAST
ELEVATION



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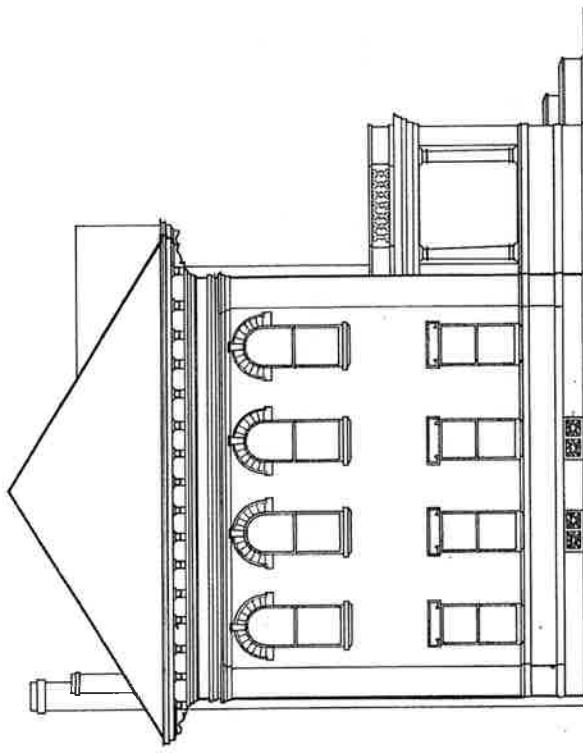
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NORTH
ELEVATION

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FEET 1/8" = 1'-0"
0 250 500 1000
CENTIMETERS 1:36

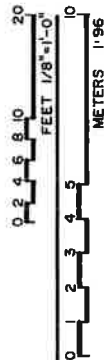
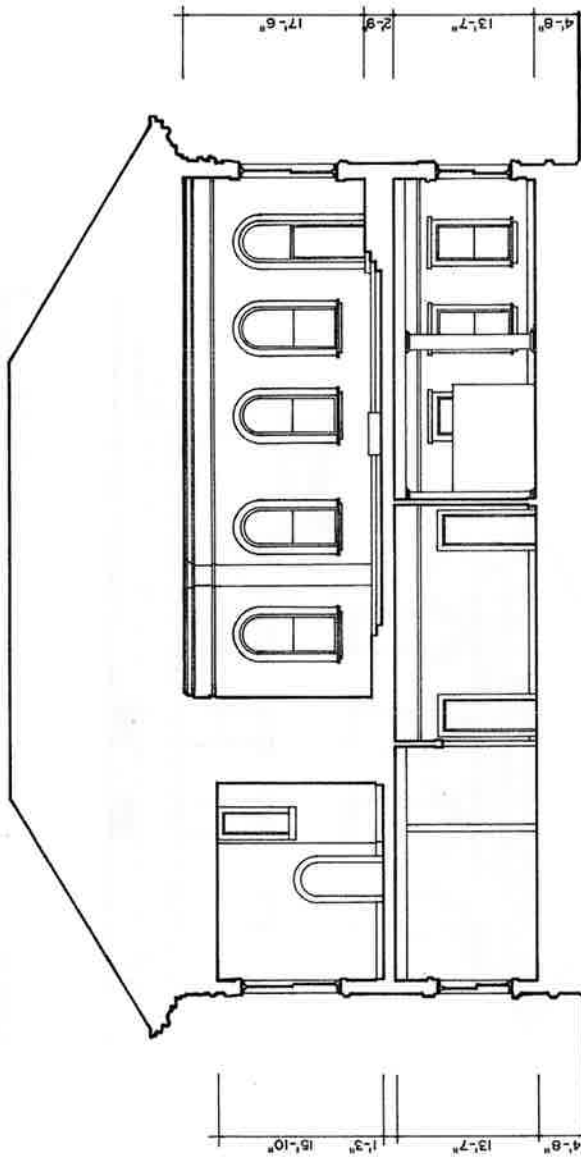
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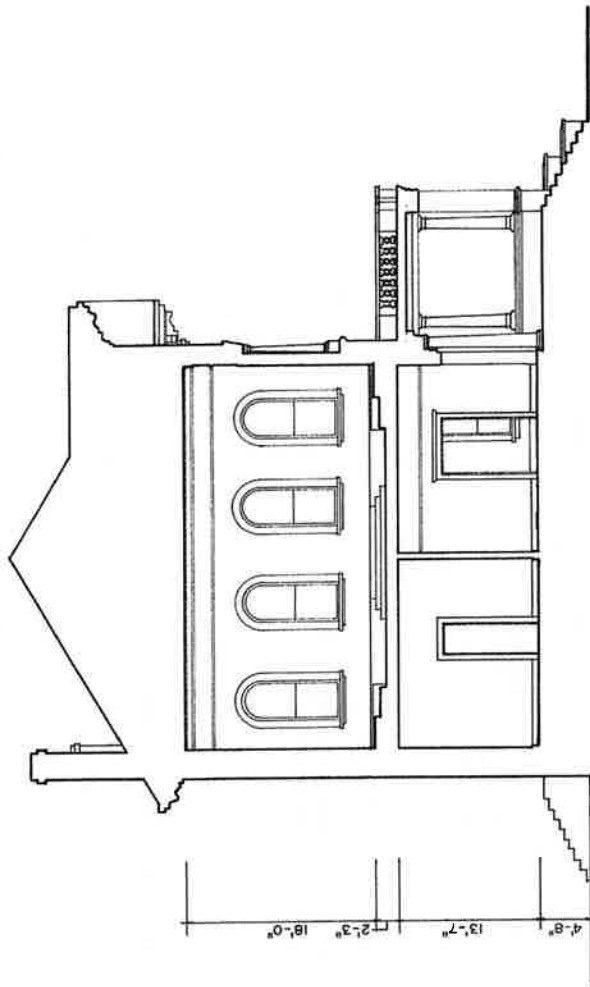
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TRIM LINE

THINK LINE



SECTION B:B

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FEET 1/8"=1'-0"
0 1 2 3 4 5 10
METERS 1"=9.6



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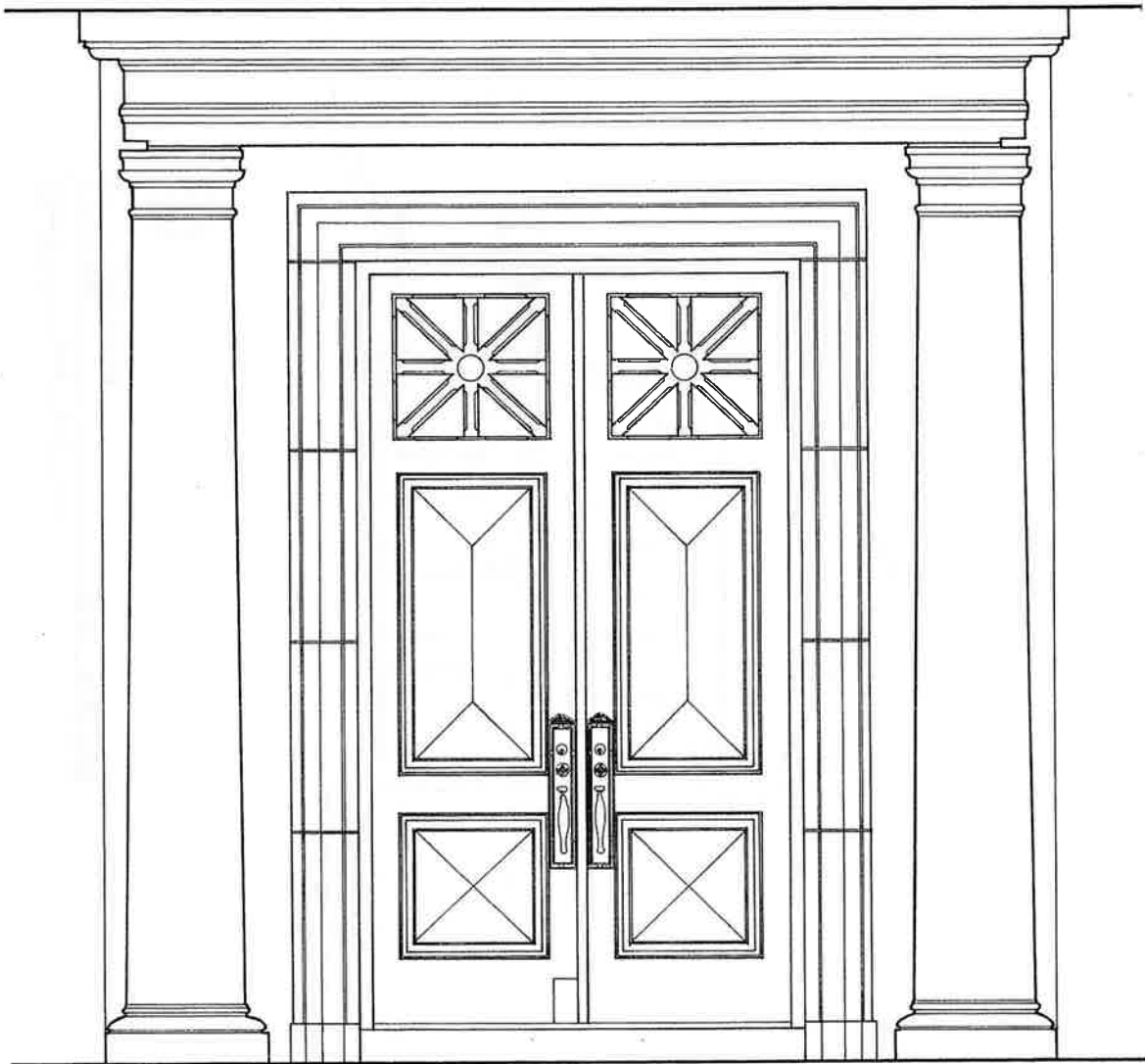
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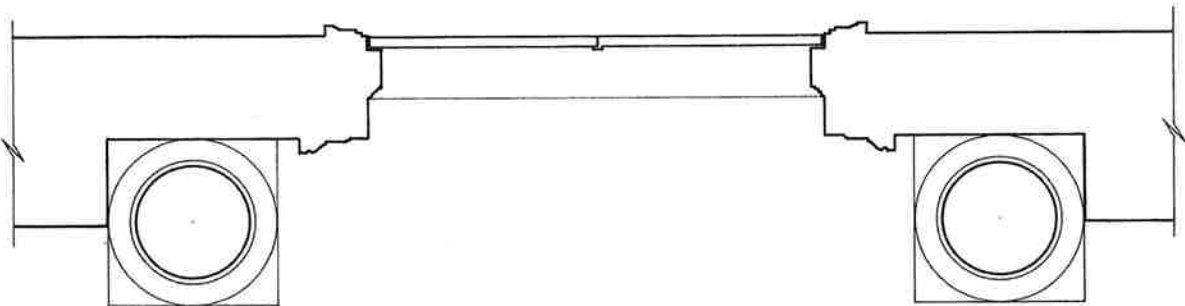
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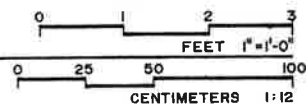


ELEVATION



PLAN

FRONTISPIECE



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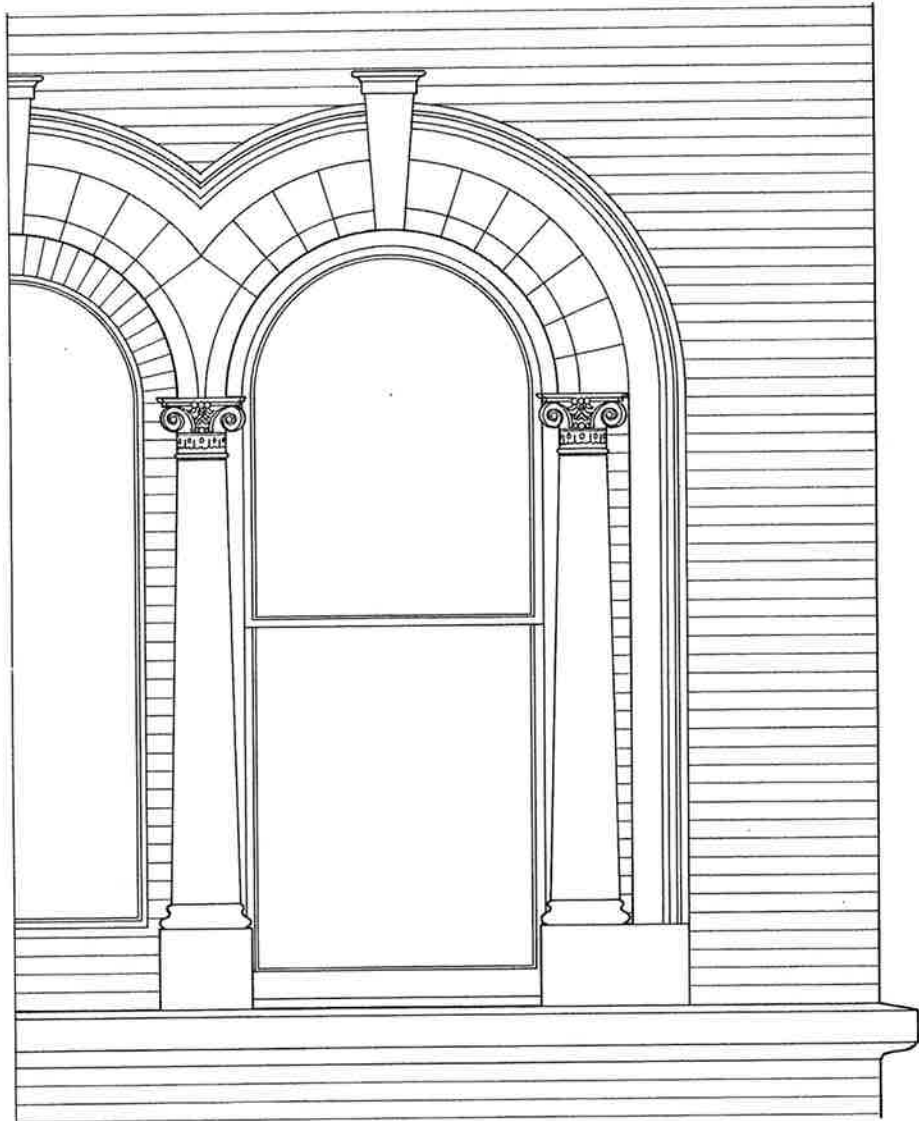
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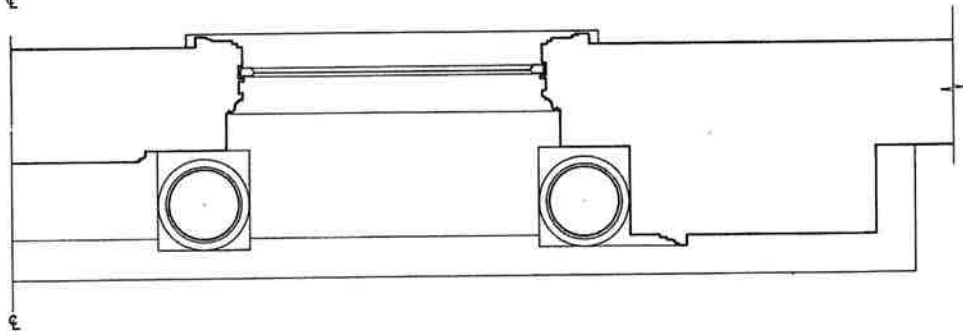
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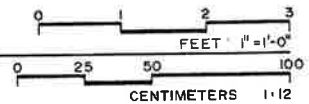


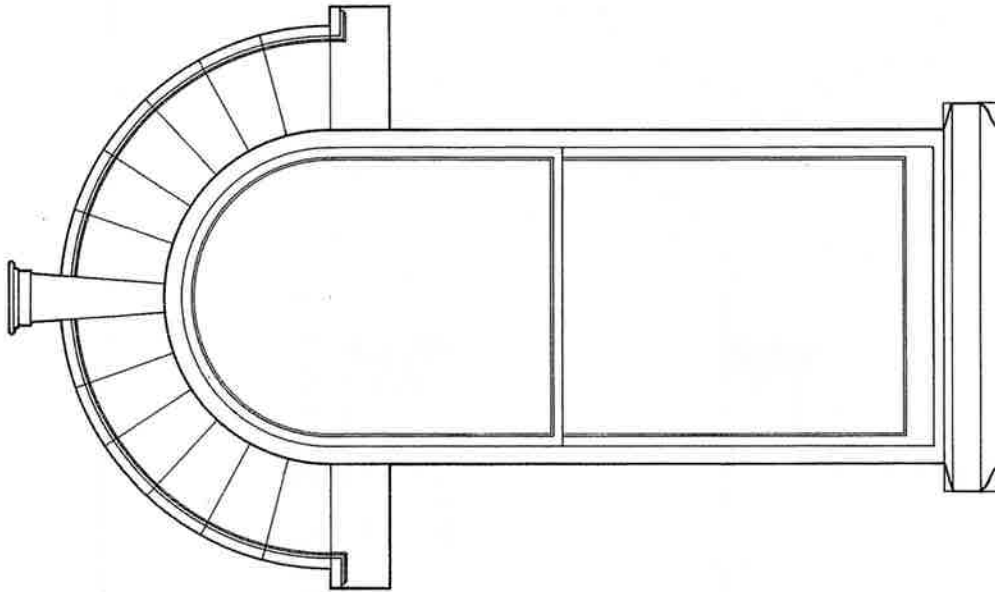
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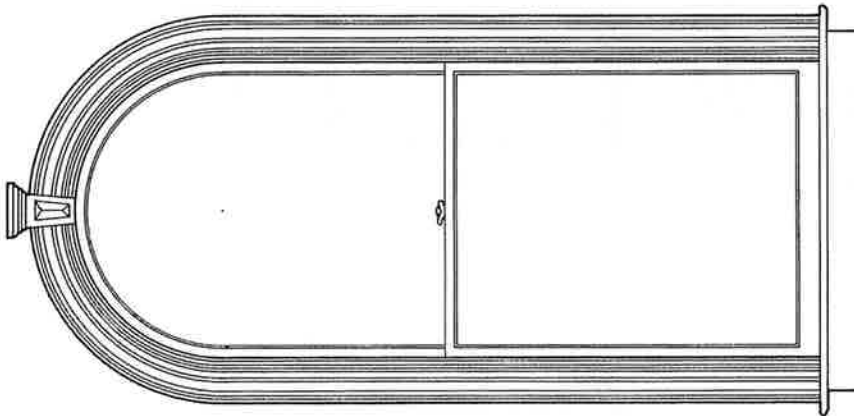
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WINDOWS ABOVE
PORCH





EXTERIOR ELEVATION



INTERIOR ELEVATION

SECOND FLOOR
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CENTIMETERS 1:12

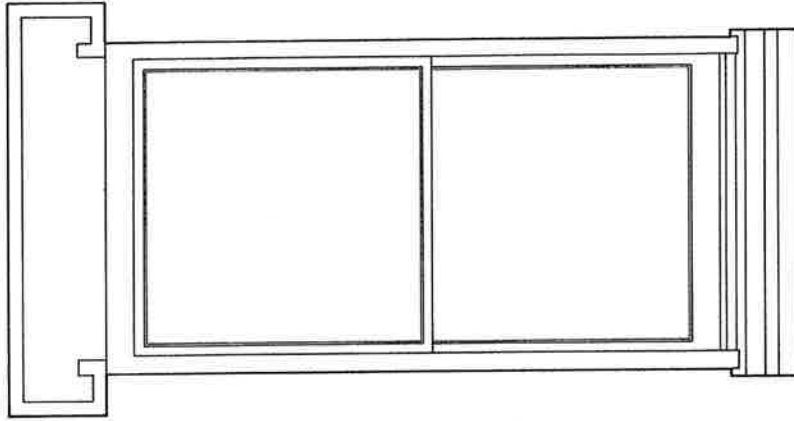
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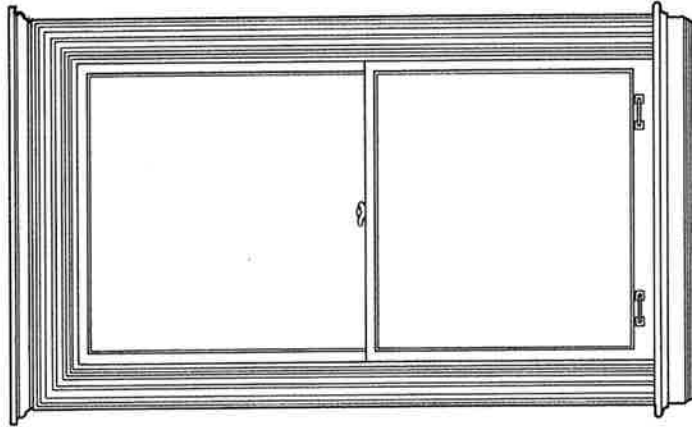
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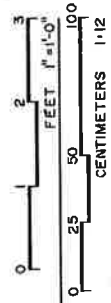
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EXTERIOR ELEVATION



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FIRST FLOOR
WINDOW

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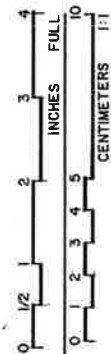
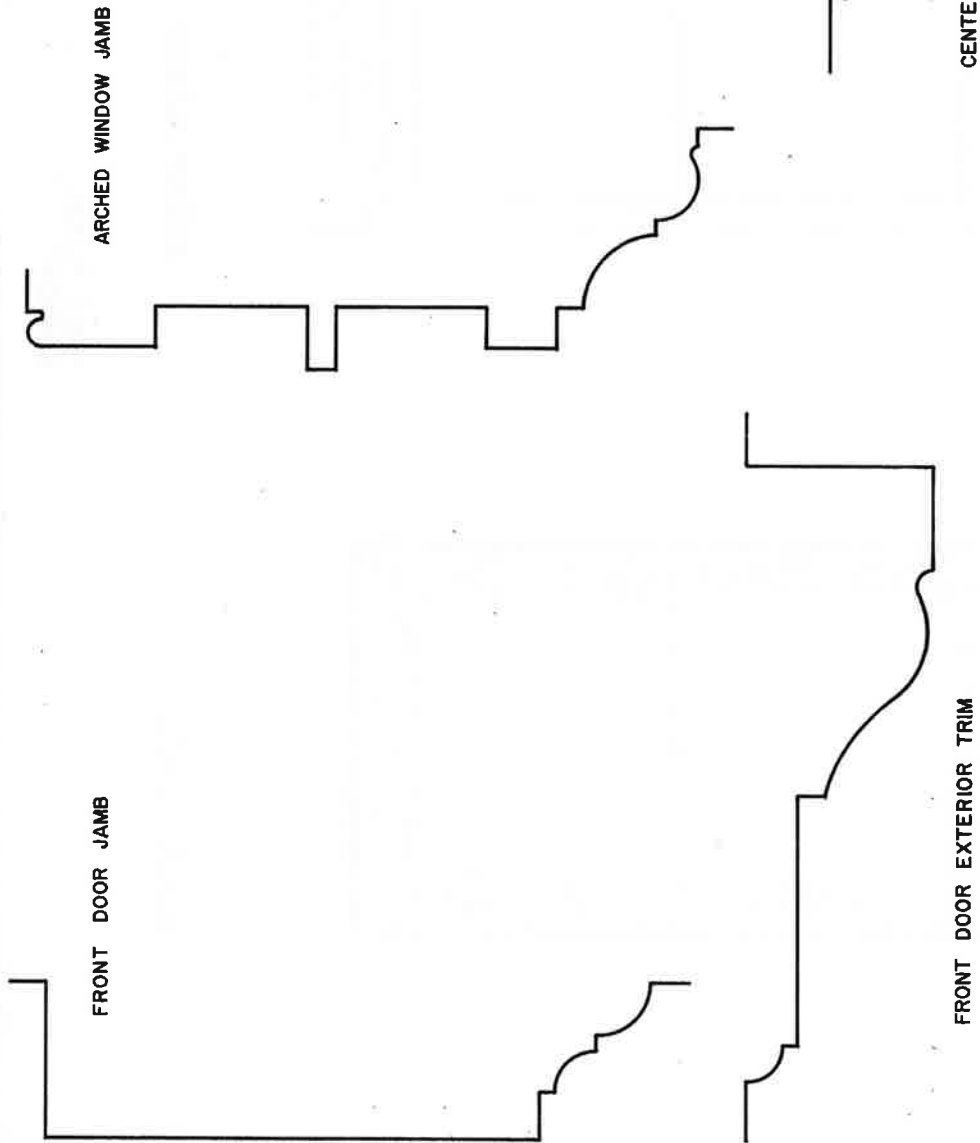
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What is going on?
Local landmark nomination for placement
of Masonic Lodge #41 on Local Register located
at 215 N. Main St.
Petition Number/Project
HP-19-112 Masonic Lodge #41
Meeting Date/Time
1/23/2020 6:30 P.M.
City Hall Auditorium
200 East University Avenue
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Petition Name

HP-19-112 MASONIC LODGE #41

Applicant (Owner or Agent)

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Tax parcel(s)

14730-000-000

Being duly sworn, I depose and say the following:

1. That I am the owner or authorized agent representing the application of the owner and the record title holder(s) of the property described by the tax parcel(s) listed above;
2. That this property constitutes the property for which the above noted petition is being made to the City Of Gainesville;
3. That this affidavit has been executed to serve as posting of the "Notice of Proposed Land Use Action" sign(s) which describes the nature of the development request, the name of the project, the anticipated hearing date, and the telephone number(s) where additional information can be obtained. In addition, the applicant has securely posted the sign(s) on the property along each street frontage, at intervals of not more than four hundred (400) feet, and set back no more than ten (10) feet from the street and visible from the street. If the property does not abut a public right-of-way, signs have been placed at the nearest public right-of-way with an indication of the location of the subject property.
4. That the applicant has posted the sign(s) at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled public hearing date; or for Historic Preservation Certificate of Appropriateness applications, at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled public hearing date.
5. That the applicant shall maintain the signs(s) as provided above until the conclusion of the development review and approval process and that the signs shall be removed within ten (10) days after the final action has been taken on the development application.
6. That I (we), the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

7.

NETTE THOMAS

8.

[Signature]
Applicant (signature)

Applicant (print name)

STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF ALACHUA

Before me the undersigned, an officer duly commissioned by the laws of the State of Florida, on this 15 day of JANUARY, 2020, personally appeared who having been first duly sworn deposes and says that he/she fully understands the contents of the affidavit that he/she signed.

Miranda B. Searing Notary

Public

My Commission expires: 04/04/2022

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