

**Special Committee on Historical Remembrances  
MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, October 9, 2018  
1:00 PM  
Council Chamber, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, City Hall

Tape No. \_\_\_\_\_

Carol Owens, Chief of Legislative Services

**Scott Wilson, Chair**

Greg Anderson  
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Terrance Freeman  
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Sam Newby

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Office of General Counsel: Peggy Sidman  
Office of General Counsel: Paige Johnston  
Council Auditor: Kim Taylor  
Research Asst.: Yvonne Mitchell  
Mayor's Office: Jordan Elsbury

**Meeting Convened:**

**Meeting Adjourned:**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Blair Knighting, Planning Department

2018-619 ORD Approp \$49,962.00 from State of FL, Dept of State, Div of Historical Resources to contract with a Professional Historical Preservation Specialist/Consultant to conduct a Historical Resources Survey update & submit 5 Nominations to National Register of Historical Places, Oversight by Planning & Dev Dept. (BT 18-096) (McCain) (Req of Mayor) Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 9/25/18

3. Council Member open discussion regarding future meeting topics
4. Public Comment
5. Adjourn

**\*\* Other items may be added to the agenda at the discretion of the Chair. \*\***

# UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES GRANT

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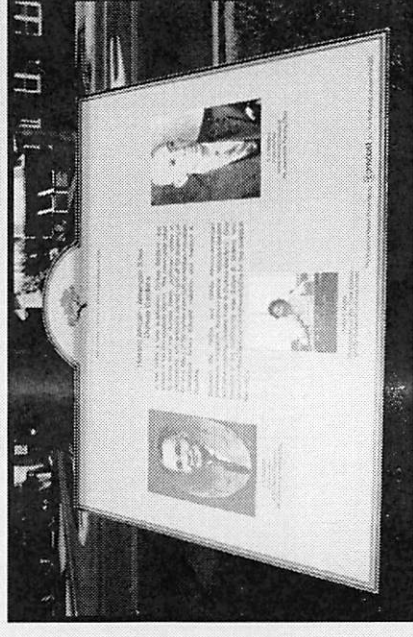
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT-COMMUNITY PLANNING-HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION



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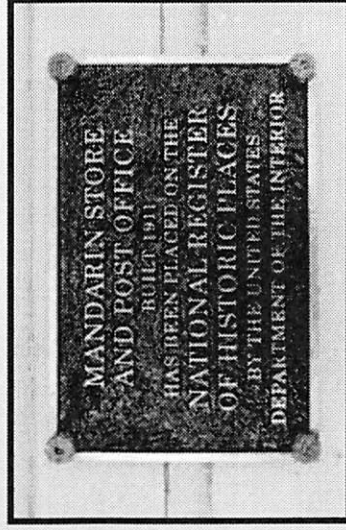
- The National Park Service offers grants for projects involving underrepresented communities
- This prompted us to think about sites here in Jacksonville that we could highlight
- In 2017 we applied and in 2018 were awarded a grant from the State for \$49,962 to hire a consultant to complete work
- Must be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- The main goal of the grant is to highlight some of Jacksonville's African American heritage by adding locations to the National Register for Historic Places



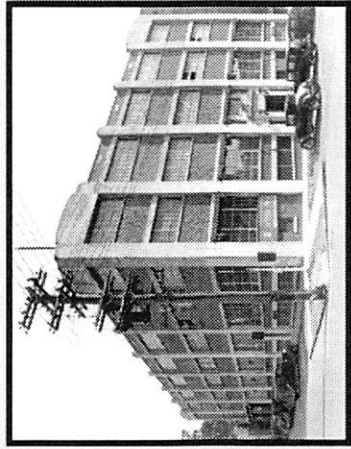
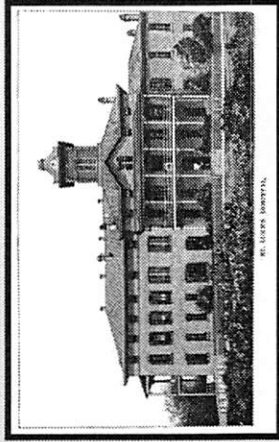
# NATIONAL REGISTER FOR HISTORIC PLACES

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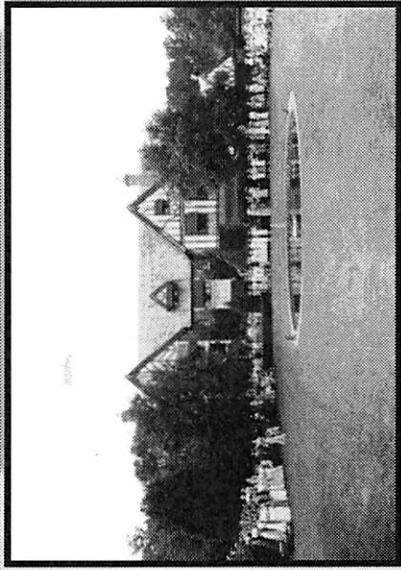
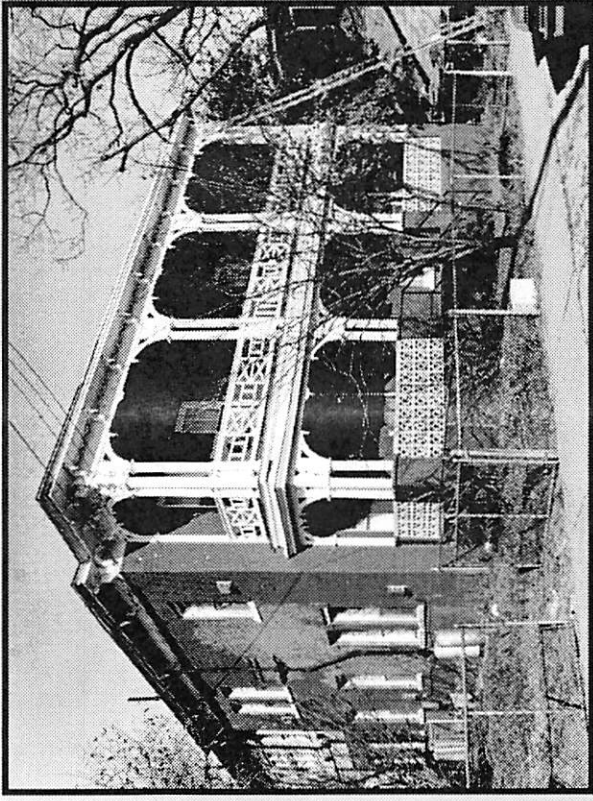
- What is the National Register for Historic Places?
  - A list of important sites throughout the country
  - Important typically means it is linked to an important person in history, important event, is architecturally significant, or is able to yield pre-historic info
  - Sites can be nationally or locally significant
  - If the site is income producing, the rehab can qualify for federal tax incentives



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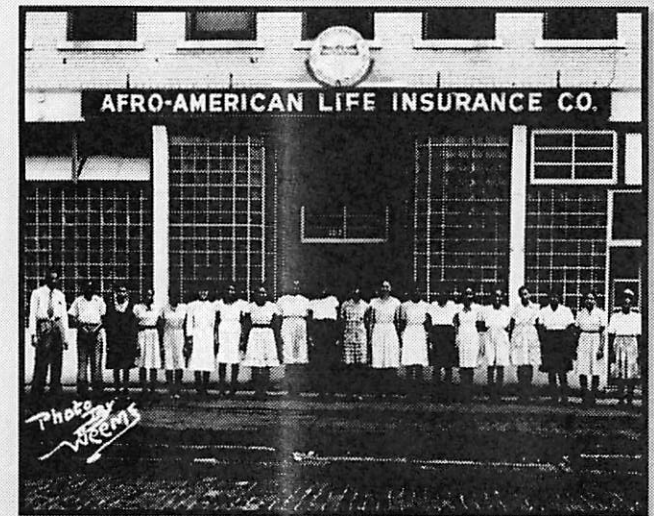
Examples of properties  
already on the National  
Register



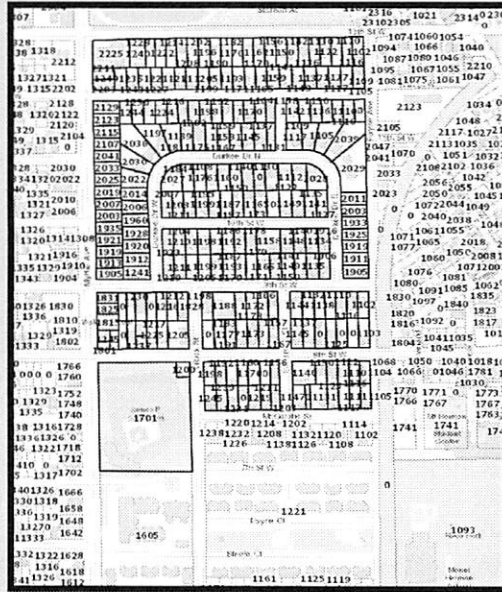
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- A total of 5 National Register for Historic Places Nominations
  - 1-Durkee Gardens National Register Historic District
  - 2-Multiple Property Listing for the Moncrief Rd Cemeteries
  - 3-Memorial Cemetery Individual Site
  - 4-Multiple Property Listing for Jacksonville's Early African American Builders/Architects
  - 5-One Individual site nomination for one of Jacksonville's Early African American Builders/Architects buildings--TBD

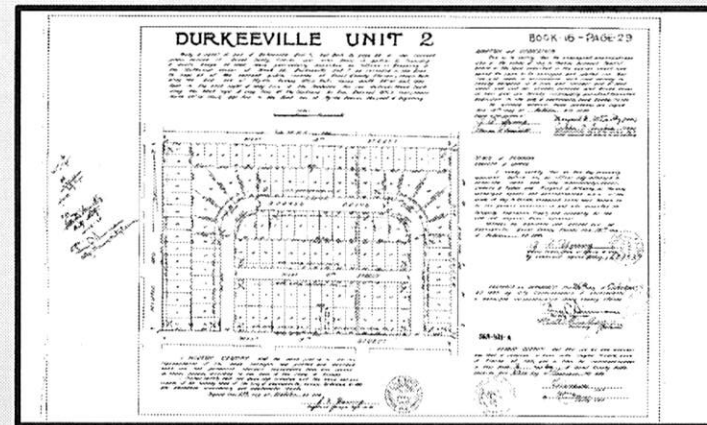


# I-DURKEE GARDENS NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT



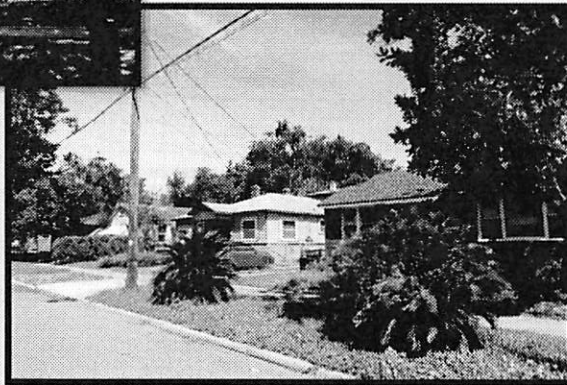
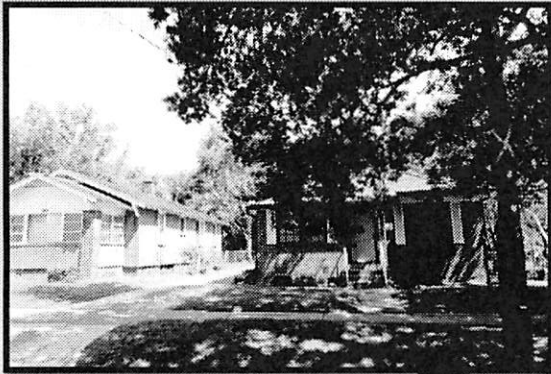
Potential Boundary Map

- The majority of the potential district follows the original Durkeville Plat Maps from 1934



# I-DURKEE GARDENS NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

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- Why Durkee Gardens?
  - It was the first middle class African American neighborhood in Jacksonville
  - The majority of the houses were built by African American architects/builders
  - The majority of the structures are unaltered and intact
  - The area is contiguous without many vacant lots



## 2-MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING FOR THE MONCRIEF ROAD CEMETERIES

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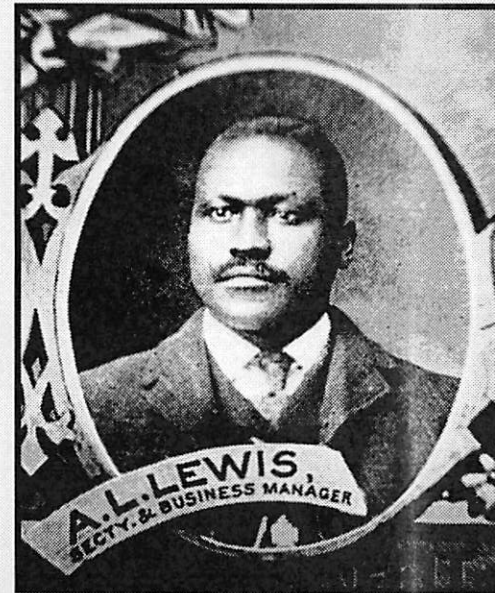
- What is a Multiple Property Listing?
  - An umbrella nomination
  - Ability to link other individual nominations with it
  - For theme nominations that would not qualify on their own but they all share the same history



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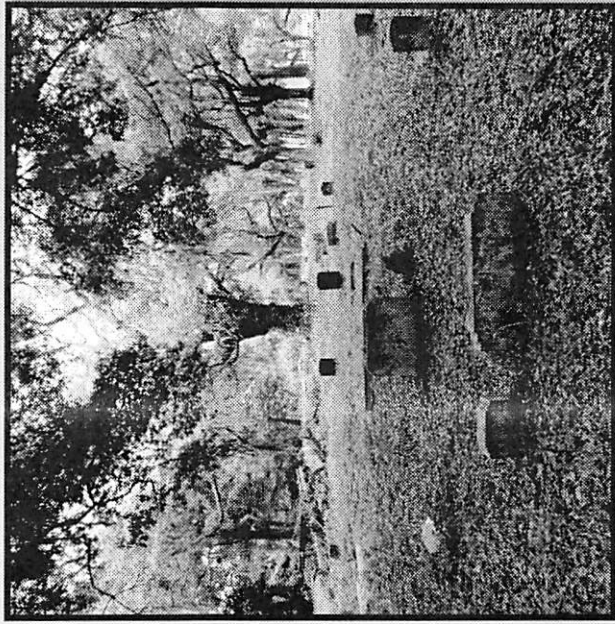
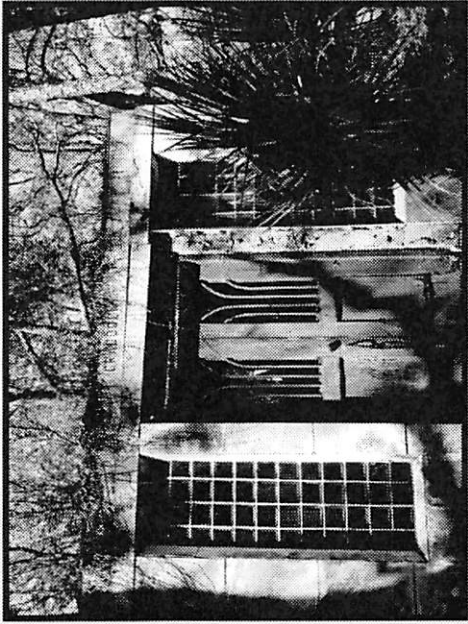
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- Why the Moncrief Road Cemeteries?
  - Established by the Afro-American Life Insurance Company
  - The Afro-American Life Insurance Company was founded in Jacksonville in 1901 by Abraham Lincoln Lewis, Rev. E. J. Gregg, Rev. J. Milton Waldron, and others
  - First insurance company intended to service African Americans



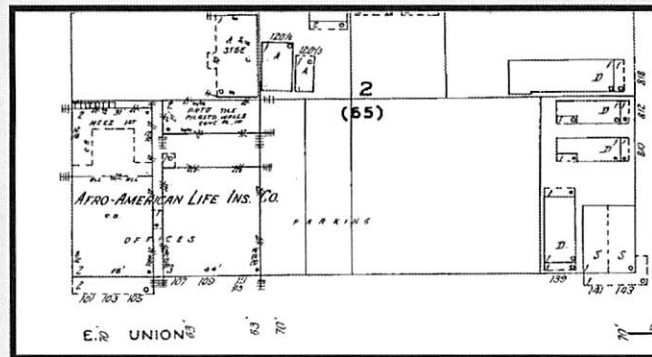
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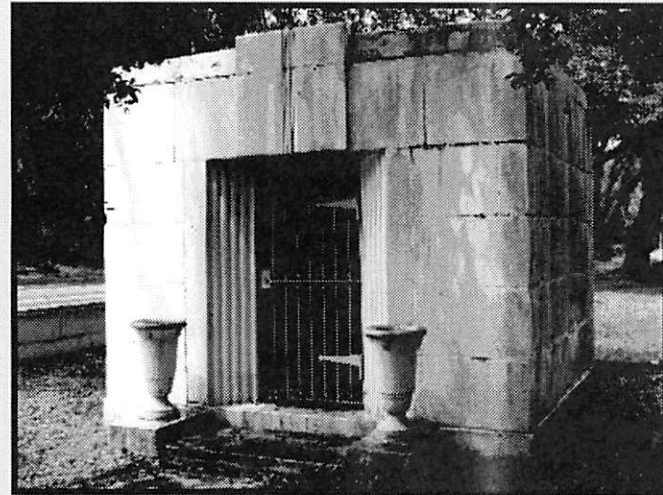
- Why the Moncrief Road Cemeteries?
  - Before these cemeteries were established, African Americans only had a small area in Old City Cemetery to bury their loved ones or in small church plots
  - These cemeteries highlight African American burial customs handed down from generations



## 3-MEMORIAL CEMETERY INDIVIDUAL SITE

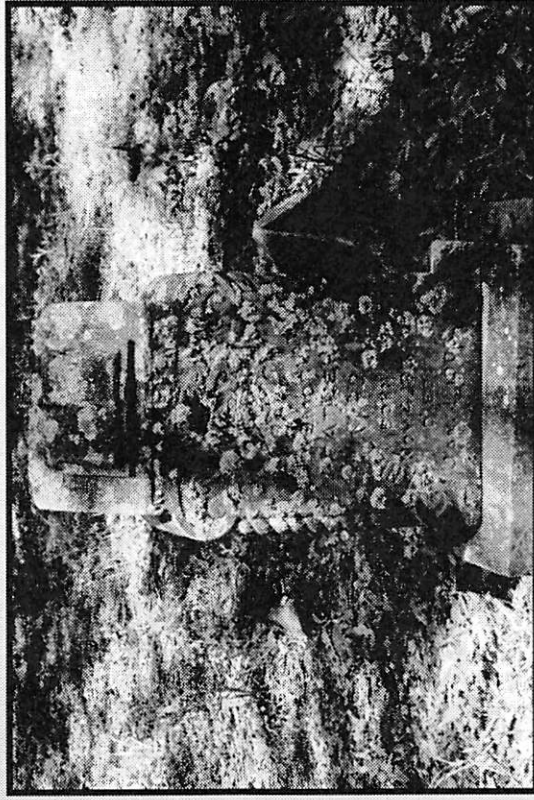
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- The National Park Service requires an individual site nomination to be accompanied with each Multiple Property Listing
- Memorial was chosen for the Moncrief Road Cemeteries because it has the most information and is linked to A.L. Lewis through his family mausoleum



### 3-MEMORIAL CEMETERY INDIVIDUAL SITE

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## 4-MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING FOR JACKSONVILLE'S EARLY AFRICAN AMERICAN BUILDERS/ARCHITECTS

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- There are only a few known African American architect/builders practicing in Jacksonville pre and post war due to segregation
- Jacksonville did not have a trades school for African Americans
- These architect/builders also trained their employees on the job



### **J. E. HUTCHINS GENERAL CONTRACTORS**

J. E. HUTCHINS, Owner

New Buildings — Remodeling — Building Plans Drawn  
F.H.A. Loans — Title 1, 2 and 6

*Estimates Free*

1492 W. STATE ST.

PHONE ELGIN 4-1873

B. L. PARK & CO'S

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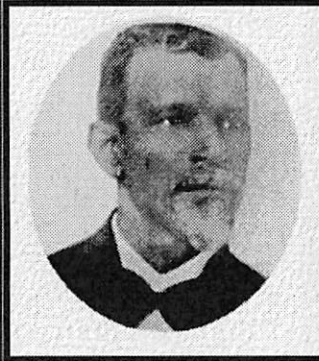
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Joseph  
Haygood  
Blodgett  
(1858-1934)



Sanford  
Augustus  
Brookins  
(1877-1968)



Richard Lewis  
Brown  
(1854-1948)



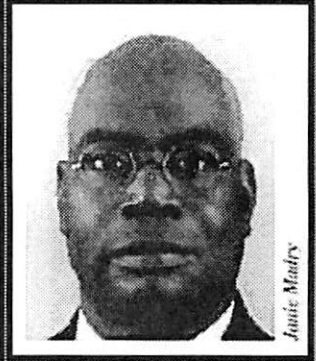
William Wilson  
Cooke  
(1871-1949)



James Edward  
Hutchins  
(1890-1970)



John Anderson  
Lankford  
(1874-1946)

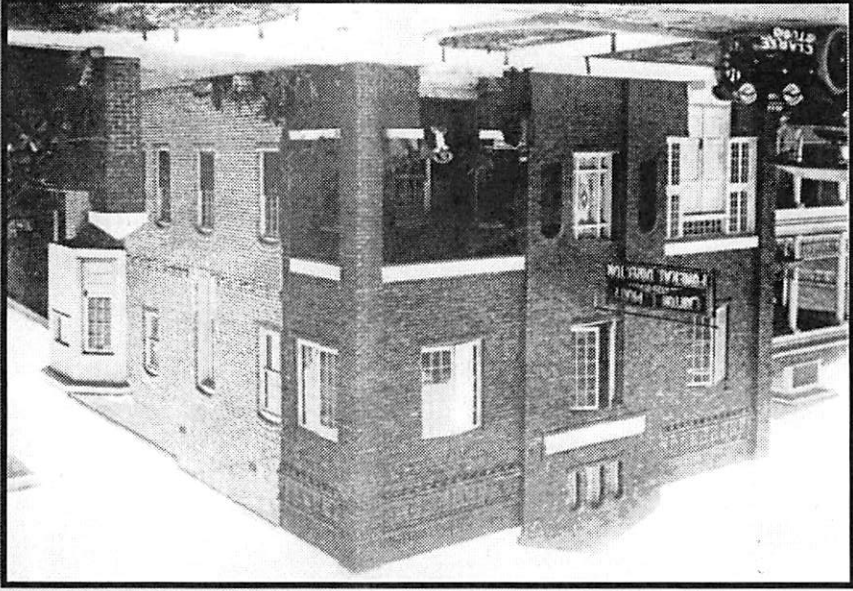


John Henry  
Rosemond  
(1876-1958)





5-ONE INDIVIDUAL SITE NOMINATION FOR ONE OF JAX'S EARLY  
AFRICAN AMERICAN BUILDERS/ARCHITECTS-TO BE DETERMINED



# THANK YOU

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Community Planning Division, Historic  
Preservation Section
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FL 32202
- (904) 255-7854
- [bmullins@coj.net](mailto:bmullins@coj.net)

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2018-619**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$49,962.00 FROM THE  
6 STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
7 DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES TO CONTRACT  
8 WITH A PROFESSIONAL HISTORICAL PRESERVATION  
9 SPECIALIST/CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A HISTORICAL  
10 RESOURCES SURVEY UPDATE AND SUBMIT FIVE  
11 NOMINATIONS TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF  
12 HISTORICAL PLACES, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 18-  
13 096; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE  
14 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING  
15 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

16 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

17 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2018-2019 fiscal year,  
18 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the  
19 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to  
20 the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

21 (B.T. 18-096 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein  
22 by this reference)

23 (a) Appropriated from:

24 See B.T. 18-096 \$49,962.00

25 (b) Appropriated to:

26 See B.T. 18-096 \$49,962.00

27 (c) Explanation of Appropriation.

28 The appropriation described above is funding from the  
29 State of Florida, Department of State, Division of  
30 Historical Resources. No City match is required.

1           **Section 2.           Purpose.**   The purpose of the appropriation in  
2 Section 1 is to fund a project entitled "Underrepresented  
3 Communities N R Nom." Funds will be used to contract with a  
4 professional historical preservation specialist/consultant to  
5 organize and conduct a historical resources survey update of a  
6 minimum of 50 historic structures. The survey will consist of  
7 research, field surveys, and the preparation of updated Florida  
8 Master Site File forms. In addition, a number of nominations to the  
9 National Register of Historical Places shall be submitted. A copy  
10 of the Agreement between the State of Florida, Department of State  
11 and City of Jacksonville has been placed **on file** with the Office of  
12 Legislative Services.

13           **Section 3.           Oversight Department.**   The Planning and  
14 Development Department shall oversee the project described herein.

15           **Section 4.           Effective Date.**   This ordinance shall become  
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
17 without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21       /s/      James R. McCain, Jr.

22 Office of General Counsel

23 Legislation prepared by: James R. McCain, Jr.

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