Form No. 10-300 (Rev. 10-74)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

DATA SHEET

FOR NPS USE ONLY

DEC 1 9 1975

DATE ENTERED MAY 1 3 1976

TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS 1 NAME HISTORIC Porter, Thomas V., House AND/OR COMMON 2 LOCATION STREET & NUMBER 510 Julia Street NOT FOR PUBLICATION CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Jacksonville VICINITY OF Third STATE CODE CODE COUNTY Florida 12 031 Duva1 **3 CLASSIFICATION** CATEGORY PRESENT USE OWNERSHIP STATUS DISTRICT PUBLIC XOCCUPIED AGRICULTURE __MUSEUM XBUILDING(S) X PRIVATE _UNOCCUPIED _COMMERCIAL _PARK __STRUCTURE BOTH PRIVATE RESIDENCE WORK IN PROGRESS EDUCATIONAL _SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE ENTERTAINMENT XRELIGIOUS OBJECT XYES: RESTRICTED _IN PROCESS __GOVERNMENT __SCIENTIFIC BEING CONSIDERED _TRANSPORTATION _YES: UNRESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL _NO MILITARY _OTHER: **4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** NAME First Christian Church STREET & NUMBER 510 Julia Street CITY, TOWN STATE Jacksonville Florida VICINITY OF LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE. REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS

CITY. TOWN Jacksonville

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

STATE

Florida

7 DESCRIPTION

CON	DITION	CHECK ONE	CHECK	ONE
XEXCELLENT	DETERIORATED	UNALTERED	_ORIGINAL	SITE
GOOD	RUINS	XALTERED	XMOVED	DATE 1925
FAIR	UNEXPOSED			

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house which Henry John Klutho designed for Mr. Thomas V. Porter was originally located at 317 West Church Street (west ½ of lot 3, block 57) on a piece of property which Porter purchased in 1901 (<u>Duval County Records</u>, Deed Book 3, p. 274). The house remained in the Porter family until its sale in 1925 to the First Christian Church of Jacksonville (<u>Duval County Records</u>, Deed Book 302, p. 482). In order to make room for a new church building, the Porter House was moved around the corner to face on Julia Street where it presently stands on church property and is used as a Sunday school and recreation facility.

As originally constructed, the house rested on brick piers and at the time of its relocation in 1925 the building was placed on a brick foundation which included a partial basement. Entry to the basement is gained via two stairwells, one on the east front to the left of the portico and another on the north side near the northeast corner of the building. Windows are placed at regular intervals within the foundation wall to admit light to the basement area and they are double-hung sash in plain wooden surrounds. Other alterations included the removal of four tall brick chimneys and the balustrade which defined the roof deck. The most significant alteration, however, was the removal of the one story veranda which extended from both sides of the portico the full length of the side elevations of the house. This veranda was classically treated with paired Corinthian columns placed at regular intervals and rising to a full entablature with dentilled cornice and a deck defined by a wooden balustrade.

The Porter House is perhaps the finest of Klutho's Classic Revival houses, certainly ranking with the Jacksonville Free Public Library of 1904 and the east and west additions to the Florida State House made in 1923 (original drawings for east and west wing of the Capitol are in the Florida Archives, Tallahassee). The house is imposing even in the midst of larger, more recent structures. It is particularly large for a dwelling house and awe-inspiring in its attention to exterior detail. Two-and-a-half stories in height, the building is of frame construction with a weatherboarded exterior. In keeping with the classical theme, corner boards are treated as pilasters. The house has a low hipped roof with flat deck and Palladian dormers on the north, east and west elevations. The focal point of the east or main facade is a two story portico and it is here that the attention to detail is carried to the fullest. Groups of three colossal Gorinthian columns located at each of the front corners of the portico rise to a full entablature and dentilled cornice which surrounds the entire structure. Above the cornice are wide bracketed eaves with acanthus motif in the brackets. At the second level of the house, within the portico, is a serpentine balcony defined by a spindle post balustrade and resting on a platform of dentilled cornice and plain entablature. The egg and dart motif

Form No. 10-300a (Rev. 10-74)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED DICL 9 1975

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

DATE ENTERED MAY 1 3 1976

Porter, Thomas V., House CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 7 PAGE 1

is used consistently on the exterior of the building, being incorporated into the entablature above the dentil course. The portico has a coffered ceiling, the indented panels defined by egg and dart borders with rosettes in each of the corner coffers. The two story frontispiece is in perfect balance with a pair of double hung sash windows with transoms leading onto the balcony. Immediately beneath the balcony, the main entrance to the house consists of a pair of glazed doors in oak frames flanked by large leaded sidelights, all of which is set into fluted framing pilasters. Above is a leaded glass lunette, which covers the whole expanse of doors and side-A molding of rosettes encloses the lunette and carved lights. heraldic devices are located in the upper corners of the entrance piece. There is a subsidiary entrance on the north side of the house which consists of double glazed doors with transoms and sidelights. Most interesting about this grouping is the swag motif used in the entablature above. Located on the second floor directly above this entrance is a Palladian-like window grouping of windows with colored glass depicting mythological scenes. On the interior of the house this window occurs at the first landing of the stair (see photo #3). This same mythological theme appears in other colored glass windows located throughout the house in addition to classical and mythological figures used in light fixtures, wall coverings, etc. All windows with the exception of transoms and those filled with colored glass are double-hung sash. In addition, all second story windows have an oval motif in the upper one-third of the upper sash.

The Porter House is square in plan with a wide central hall. All of the entrance hall and staircase hall, including the stairs, is St. Domingo mahogany (Klutho, n.p.). The house was completed at a cost of \$25,000 (Klutho, n.p.). The main hall is fourteen feet wide. All of the rooms in the house are commodious and all ground floor rooms have dentilled crown molding and channelled window and door surrounds with corner blocks. Double sliding doors of oak lead into all of the ground floor rooms off the main hall. The building is well maintained and is in constant use.

8 SIGNIFICANCE PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW __COMMUNITY PLANNING _LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE __RELIGION __PREHISTORIC __ARCHEULUGY-PREHISTORIC _1400-1499 _ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC _CONSERVATION _LAW _SCIENCE AGRICULTURE _ECONOMICS _LITERATURE _SCULPTURE _1500-1599 XARCHITECTURE _EDUCATION _MILITARY _SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN _1600-1699 ART MUSIC _1700-1799 ENGINEERING _THEATER _1800-1899 __COMMERCE _EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT _PHILOSOPHY . _TRANSPORTATION X1900-COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT _OTHER (SPECIFY) _INVENTION BUILDER/ARCHITECT SPECIFIC DATES 1902 H. J. Klutho

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the words of the architect, Henry John Klutho, "this is a 'Classic Colonial' residence, and from a point of artistic effect and beauty, will hold its own anywhere in the South" (Klutho, n.p.). It is for this reason that the Thomas V. Porter House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. Despite its exterior alterations and its relocation, it survives in downtown Jacksonville amidst many modern structures as the finest remaining classical residence of the period and certainly the best of Klutho's classical designs.

At the time of its construction in 1902, it occupied a position of prominence near the intersection of Church and Julia Streets. The desirability of this location is substantiated by the fact that the house on the northeast corner of this intersection was the home of the Hon. James P. Taliaferro, U.S. Senator from Florida from 1899 to 1911 and the home on the southeast corner of the intersection was that of the Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher, U.S. Senator from Florida from 1909 until his death (Florida Times-Union, May 26, 1909, p. 3). In a streetscape of the period, it is noteworthy that the houses are not only of comparable size but very similar in style and exterior detail. Today only the Klutho design remains to attest to the magnificence of these dwellings.

Thomas V. Porter was a native of Jefferson County, Texas, where he was born in 1852. Following a formal education in Illinois and a period of mercantile work in Texas, he came to Florida in 1885 due to failing health. He moved from Gainesville to Jacksonville in 1890 and was one of the organizers of the wholesale grocery house of Porter, Rogers and Company which later incorporated and merged into the C. B. Rogers Company. In 1902, this was one of the largest wholesale grocery houses in the state with T. V. Porter as its second vice-president. In addition, he was a Director of the National Bank of Jacksonville, a director of the Florida Naval Stores Company, and a large owner and dealer in real estate, including orange groves in central Florida (biographical information about Porter from Rerick, p. 46; real estate information from <u>Duval County Records</u>, Probate Department, Will of Thomas V. Porter, July 11, 1914).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

see continuation sheet

ACREAGE OF NOM UTM REFERENCES	INATED PROPERTY _16	SS Chan On	le acre	
	بالبياب		BL L_ ZONE EA: DL L_	
VERBAL BOUN	DARY DESCRIPTION			
				()++) ()
	1			10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 -
. C			Σ÷	$d_{2} \sim 1^{-1} \Omega$
LIST ALL	STATES AND COUN	TIES FOR PROPER	TIES OVERI APPING	STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES
STATE		CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE		CODE	COUNTY	CODE
1 FORM PRE NAME / TITLE Diane D. ORGANIZATION	EPARED BY Greer, Histo Archives, His	Contraction of the second		DATE October, 1975 TELEPHONE
1 FORM PRE NAME / TITLE Diane D. ORGANIZATION Div. of A STREET & NUMBER	Greer, Histo Archives, His	story & Rec		October, 1975 TELEPHONE
1 FORM PRE NAME / TITLE Diane D. ORGANIZATION Div. of A STREET & NUMBER Dept. of CITY OR TOWN	Greer, Histo Archives, His State, The C	story & Rec		October, 1975 TELEPHONE 904-488-7365 STATE
1 FORM PRE NAME / TITLE Diane D. ORGANIZATION DIV. OF A STREET & NUMBER Dept. of CITY OR TOWN Tallahass	Greer, Histo Archives, His State, The G	story & Rec Capitol	cords Mgmt.	October, 1975 TELEPHONE 904-488-7365 STATE Florida
1 FORM PRE NAME / TITLE Diane D. ORGANIZATION Div. of A STREET & NUMBER Dept. of CITY OR TOWN Tallahass	Greer, Histo archives, His State, The C see STORIC PRE	story & Rec Capitol SERVATIO	ords Mgmt.	October, 1975 TELEPHONE 904-488-7365 STATE Florida CERTIFICATION
1 FORM PRE NAME / TITLE Diane D. ORGANIZATION Div. of A STREET & NUMBER Dept. of CITY OR TOWN Tallahass 2 STATE HIS	Greer, Histo archives, His State, The C See STORIC PRE THE EVALUATED	story & Rec Capitol SERVATIO SIGNIFICANCE O	ON OFFICER (October, 1975 TELEPHONE 904-488-7365 STATE Florida CERTIFICATION THIN THE STATE IS:
1 FORM PRE NAME / TITLE Diane D. ORGANIZATION Div. of A STREET & NUMBER Dept. of CITY OR TOWN Tallahass 2 STATE HIS	Greer, Histo archives, His State, The C See STORIC PRE THE EVALUATED ONAL	story & Rec Capitol SERVATIO SIGNIFICANCE O STA	ON OFFICER (F THIS PROPERTY WI TE X	October, 1975 TELEPHONE 904-488-7365 STATE Florida CERTIFICATION THIN THE STATE IS: LOCAL
1 FORM PRE NAME / TITLE Diane D. ORGANIZATION Div. of A STREET & NUMBER Dept. of CITY OR TOWN Tallahass 2 STATE HIS NATIO As the designated St hereby nominate thi criteria and procedur	Greer, Histo archives, His State, The C See STORIC PRE THE EVALUATED ONAL tate Historic Preserva	Story & Rec Capitol SERVATIO SIGNIFICANCE O STA tion Officer for the on in the National ational Park Service	N OFFICER (F THIS PROPERTY WI TE X National Historic Prese Begister and certify th	October, 1975 TELEPHONE 904-488-7365 STATE Florida CERTIFICATION THIN THE STATE IS:
1 FORM PRE NAME / TITLE Diane D. ORGANIZATION Div. of A STREET & NUMBER Dept. of CITY OR TOWN Tallahass 2 STATE HISTORIC PRE NATION As the designated St hereby nominate thi criteria and procedur	Greer, Histo archives, Histo State, The Constraints State, The Constraints STORIC PRE THE EVALUATED ONAL THE EVALUATED ONAL Tate Historic Preservations is property for inclusion res set forth by the National Statements ESERVATION OFFICER SI	Story & Rec Capitol SERVATIO SIGNIFICANCE O STA tion Officer for the on in the National ational Park Service GNATURE	N OFFICER (F THIS PROPERTY WI TE X National Historic Prese Begister and certify th	October, 1975 TELEPHONE 904-488-7365 STATE Florida CERTIFICATION THIN THE STATE IS: LOCAL INVITION Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), nat it has been evaluated according to the Robert Williams DATE

Form No 10-300a (Rev 10-74)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED DEC 1 9 1975

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

DATE ENTERED MAY 1 3 1976

Porter, Thomas V., House CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 8 PAGE 1

As an active and prominent Jacksonville merchant at the turn of the century, Porter would have become familiar with the work of Henry John Klutho, who by 1902 had already completed several sizeable buildings. It is probably safe to say, however, that the Porter House was the first of his residential commissions in Jacksonville. Klutho had come to Jacksonville from New York immediately after the fire of 1901 in an effort to help rebuild the city. In the next ten years he designed all of the major downtown buildings, both commercial and municipal. Although Klutho's later work is normally categorized as Prairie School (because of his associations with Frank Lloyd Wright and because of the influence which Wright had on his designs), his earliest Jacksonville buildings tend to be Sullivanesque if commercial, and classical if residential.

The Thomas V. Porter House, now serving a viable adaptive use, survives as the best of Klutho's classical designs. Form No. 10-300a (Rev. 10-74)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR NPS USE ONLY DEC 1 9 1975 RECEIVED

DATE ENTERED MAY 1 3 1976

Porter, Thomas V., House CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 9 PAGE 1

Duval County Courthouse, Jacksonville, Florida. Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. <u>Duval County Records</u> (Subgroup: Deed Book 3, p. 274; Deed Book 302; p. 482).

. Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. <u>Duval County Records</u> (Subgroup: Will and Probate Papers of Thomas V. Porter, July 11, 1914).

Florida Times-Union, May 26, 1909, p. 3.

- Klutho, H. J. Some Buildings by the Architect, H. J. Klutho. Unpublished pamphlet dated 1904, no page numbers. Xerox copy in possession of Division of Archives, History and Records Management, Tallahassee, Florida.
- Photograph of building On its original site showing its juxtaposition to other houses in the vicinity. Photo dates from around 1905 and a xerox copy is on file in the Historic Preservation Section of the Division of Archives, History and Records Management, Tallahassee, Florida.
- Rerick, Roland. Memoirs of Florida. Vol. I. Atlanta: The Southern Historical Association, 1902. This volume contains a brief biography of the life of Thomas V. Porter.

Property Parter, Thor	mas Vin Hause	76000592
Property Parter, Thom State Florida	Working Number 12, 19, 75, 2/99	DYVAL
TECHNICAL Photos Maps/		CONTROL OK 12,31,75
		HISTORIAN Accept w.R. line 1/22/76
me	ARCHITE Juich + allered Elycars ago, one hamiges are registable, significa is not diministre diministre	CTURAL HISTORIAN Lecept Lecovely 2 1-27-The
		ARCHEOLOGIST
		OTHER
		HAER
		Inventory Review
	3	REVIEW UNIT CHIEF Accept Cole 4-27-76
		BRANCH CHIEF
		KEEPER
		5.12.24
National Register Write-up	6-/-76 Re-submit	EnteredMAY 1 3 1976
Federal Register Entry United States Departme	ent of the Interior National Park	



Form No. 10-301a (Pev. 10-7'+)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

FOR NPS USE OF	VLY		
RECEIVED DEC	1 9 1975		
1. A.			
DATE ENTERED	MAY 1 3	1976	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS TYPE ALL ENTRIES ENCLOSE WITH PHOTOGRAPH

1	NAME
10 A	

HISTORIC

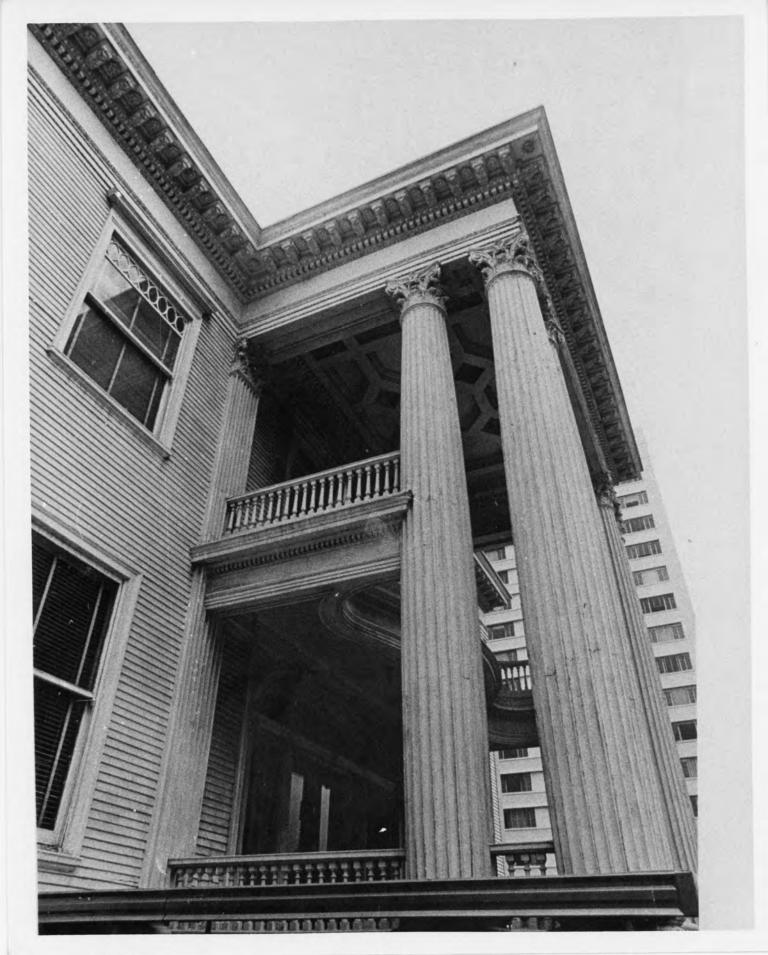
Porter, Thomas V., House

AND/OR COMMON

	LOCATION CITY.TOWN Jacksonville	VICINITY OF	COUNTY Duval	STATE Florida	-
Approximation of	PHOTO CREDIT Diane Greer		DATE OF PHOTO	1974	
	NEGATIVE FILED AT Div. of Arc Dept. of St	hives, History & ate, Tallahassee,	Records Mgmt., Florida		-
4	IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRIC northeast corner, show	T, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET		рното NO. 1 43	

forade 143

Port Divota | homas COVINEV Sho wing House main Least) focad



	No. 10-301a		
	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE	FOR NPS USE ON	
	NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM		MAY 1 3 1976
	SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NAT	TIONAL REGISTER	FORMS
	SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE WAT TYPE ALL ENTRIES ENCLOSE V	VITH PHOTOGRAM	РН
	1 NAME		
	HISTORIC Porter, Thomas V., House		
	AND/OR COMMON		
	T A A TONI		
	2 LOCATION	COUNTY	STATE Florida
	Jacksonville	Duval	FIOIIda
11	PHOTO REFERENCE		1972
131	PHOTO CREDIT Richard Travis	DATE OF PHOTO	1972
	Received History & Rec	cords Mgmt.,	
	NEGATIVE FILED AT Div. of Archives, History a Dept. of State, Tallahassee, F.	lorida	
NU			PHOTO NO.
	IDENTIFICATION		Thorome
	4 IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET		2 2 3
	4 IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET detail of portico on east facade		2 4 3
le:	DESCRIPTION FOR THE PRECTION FTC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET		2 2 3
Ni le:	DESCRIPTION FOR THE PRECTION FTC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET		2 4 3

2-43



o. 10-301a 0-7-)	
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE	FOR NPS USE ONLY
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACE	ES RECEIVED DEC 1 9 1975
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM	DATE ENTERED MAY 1 3 1976
SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE I TYPE ALL ENTRIES ENCLOSE	
NAME	
HISTORIC Porter, Thomas V., House	
AND/OR COMMON	
LOCATION	
CITY. TOWNVICINITY OF Jacksonville	COUNTY STATE Duval Florida
PHOTO REFERENCE	
PHOTO CREDIT Richard Travis	DATE OF PHOTO 1972
Horothan Richard Havis	
NEGATIVE FILED AT Div. of Archives, History & R Dept. of State, Tallahassee, 1	ecords Mgmt., Florida
NEGATIVE FILED AT Div. of Archives, History & R	ecords Mgmt., Florida

87.8

.

Form No. 10-301 (Rev. 10-74)

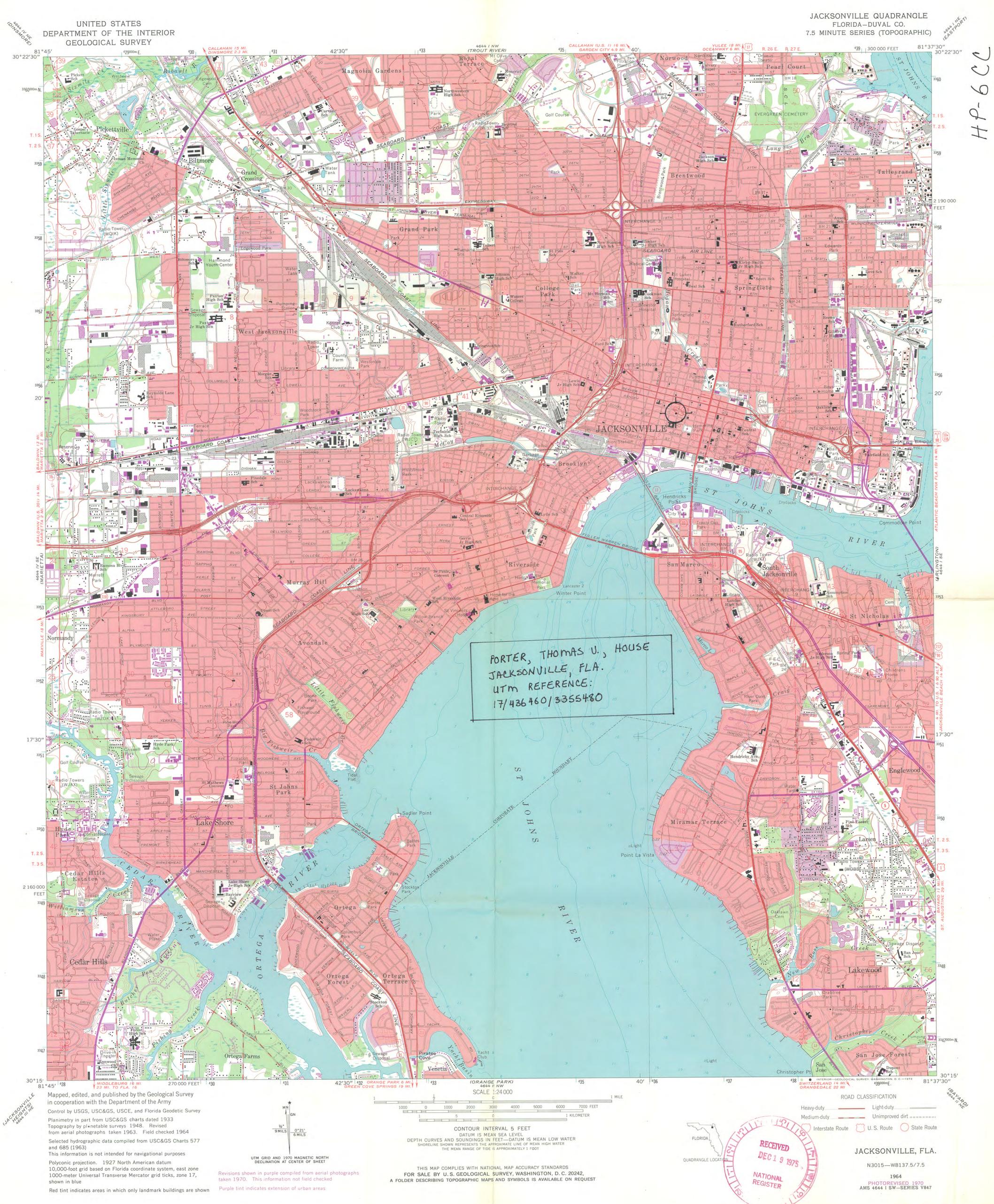
> UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY MAP FORM

FOR NPS U	SEONLY
RECEIVED	DEC 1 9 1975
DATE ENTE	RED MAY 1 3 1976

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

2	LOCATION			
	CITY, TOWN	VICINITY OF	COUNTY	STATE
	Jacksonville		Duval	Florida
3	MAP REFERENCE	3		
ń	SOURCE USGS Jackson	nville Quadrangle		
	SCALE 1:24000	DATE 1964		





ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE FLORIDA

Date Entered MAY 1 3 1976

Name

Location

Porter, Thomas V., House

Brewster Hospital

Duval County

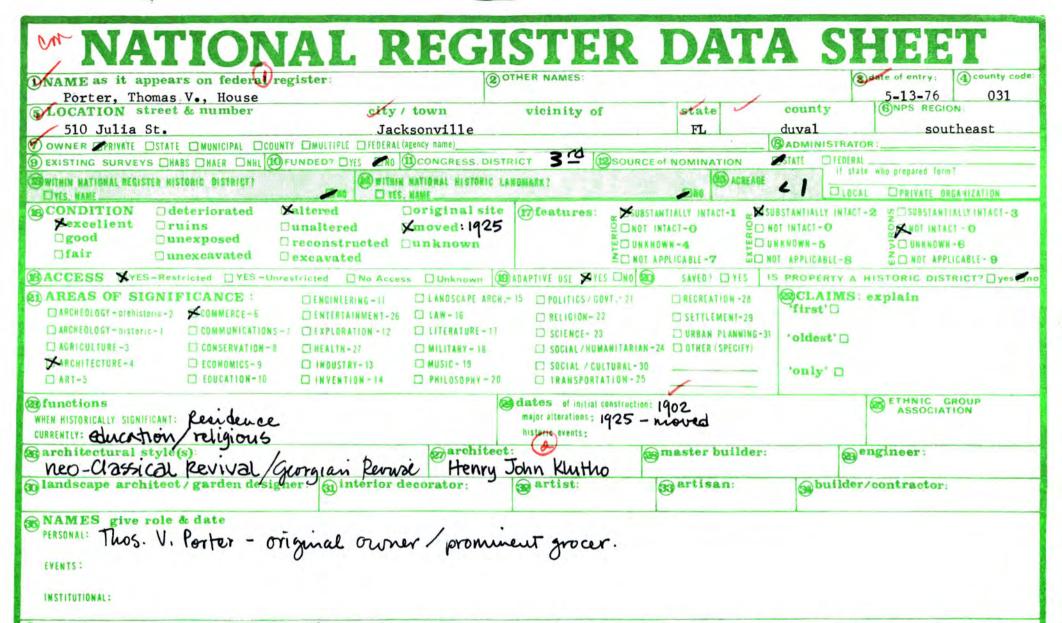
Jacksonville

Jacksonville Duval County

Also Notified

Hon. Lawton Chiles Hon. Richard (Dick) Stone Hon. Charles E. Bennett	State Historic Preservation Officer Mr. W. Robert Williams Director, Division of Archives
Regional Director, Southeast Reg	ion History and Records Management Department of State
PR MMott/row 5/17/76	401 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32304

ſ



"NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP Frame, norrow clapboarding, brick foundation; 21/2 stories, rectangular, truncated hipped roof with palladian notif dormers, front center entrance with faneight and side lights, full-height portice with 2nd story balcony, side entrance in classical architrave; interior features santo Dormigo mahogony staircease and pareeing; alterations. Neo-Classical revival with Georgian Revival elements. Excellent example of the work of Henry John Klutho; built for Thomas V. Porter, prominent local grocer.

reviewers initials geoff date 11-8-77