

**COUNTY OF VOLUSIA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
July 25, 2023**

TCK County Administration Building
Council Chambers

BOARD MEMBERS:

James “Zach” Zacharias
Larry French
John Paul Gelineau
Phillip Goulding
Caroline Shine
Richard Schmidt
Joslyn Wiese
Michael Rodriguez
Maria Mills-Benat

STAFF:

Kimberly Reading, Historic Preservation Officer
Chris Ryan, Assistant County Attorney



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- I. **CALL TO ORDER – 2:00 p.m.**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **WELCOME BY THE CHAIR**
- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following are draft minutes by hearing date that the Board has not approved. Therefore, they are unofficial and are subject to change or correction:

 - May 30, 2023
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. COA-23-001 – Application of John Linton for a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow demolition of the building located at 111 Carpenter Avenue, Osteen (Osteen Post Office, Parcel ID: 9218-06-01-0070)

2. World War II Tugboat Letter

VII. BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS

VIII. PRESS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Next Meeting: October 24, 2023



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1 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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3 May 24, 2022, Regular Meeting Revised

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5 Mr. French noted a correction to the minutes, that Vice-Chair Holbrook welcomed
6 everyone, but Mr. Zacharias came in shortly after and resumed as Chair.

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8 **Mr. French MOVED to APPROVE the May 24, 2022 Minutes subject to corrections.**

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10 **Mr. Gelineau SECONDED the motion. Motion CARRIED unanimously (7:0).**

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12 January 24, 2023, Regular Meeting

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14 No discussion.

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16 **Mr. French MOVED to APPROVE the January 24, 2023 Minutes.**

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18 **Mr. Gelineau SECONDED the motion. Motion CARRIED unanimously (7:0).**

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20 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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22 1. County staffing update – Patricia Smith introduced Kristen Ray as the interim Historic
23 Preservation Liaison. The county is in the process of hiring a Historic Preservation
24 Officer that will be taking over for the next meeting of July 25, 2023.

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26 2. Demo Permits - Historical Review – Ms. Ray explained throughout the year the staff
27 liaison conducts historical reviews on demolition permits once a home reaches a
28 certain age. If the property is deemed locally significant then it would be brought in
29 front of the board through the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) process. As of
30 January 2023, there have been 73 demolition permits reviewed. Most of them were
31 either old mobile homes or accessory structures.

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33 3. Northwest Square Ceremony – Ms. Ray stated she forwarded an invitation via email to
34 attend the Northwest Square Ceremony on May 10th and asked the members if they
35 had anything they would like to share on the topic.

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37 No one had anything to add about the ceremony.

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39 4. 2023-2024 Board Goals – Ms. Ray invited the members to discuss what they would
40 like to see from the Historic Preservation Board.

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42 Chair Zacharias recommended updating the endangered properties list with only
43 properties located within unincorporated Volusia County.

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45 Mr. Gelineau recommended hosting meetings outside of the Thomas C. Kelly building.
46 He mentioned visiting historical locations around unincorporated Volusia County,
47 rotating between the east and the west.

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1 Chair Zacharias mentioned that the Museum of Arts and Sciences would be open to
2 hosting a meeting. He also recommended more training opportunities. He provided
3 examples of learning the different historical styles, elements, and the importance of
4 being on the Historic Preservation Board. He also mentioned the historical markers
5 and to look into whether there was a budget for those.
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7 Ms. Smith mentioned the once the Historic Preservation Officer was on board, the
8 budget could be looked into.
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10 Mr. French recommended sending out the most updated list of historical properties
11 located within unincorporated Volusia County.
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13 Chair Zacharias recommended if historical homes or properties are restored, there
14 should be a recognition ceremony or even a recognition on the website.
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16 Mr. French suggested clarification of the role as a Historic Preservation Board member.
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18 Ms. Shine recommended looking at historical sites that have not yet been highlighted
19 as historical. Ms. Shine provided an example of the cemeteries in the area.
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21 Mr. Rodriguez recommended bringing awareness to the historical properties and going
22 on historical walks around the county.
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24 Joslyn Wiese recommended more involvement with the community.
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26 Richard Schmidt stated he had knowledge in archaeology and is ready to learn and
27 contribute to helping preserve the historical properties.
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29 Phillip Goulding stated he is familiar with renovating historical homes and is ready to
30 help the community make the old work for the present.
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32 **VII. BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS**

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34 Chris Ryan explained the Sunshine Laws.
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36 Mr. French inquired about the Tugboat artifact and asked if the Historic Preservation
37 Board could have any involvement.
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39 Ms. Smith stated that the board is welcome to draft a letter for the County Council in
40 regard to the tugboat.
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42 Mr. French stated he had already sent a letter to the County Council and the
43 newspaper.
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45 Mr. Zacharias inquired about how we would draft the letter.
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47 Ms. Smith suggested the board discuss it and pick out the most important points they
48 would like to make.
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1 Ms. Wiese asked what the tugboat was.

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3 Mr. French explained it was a tugboat that was built for World War II that recently made
4 its way back to Volusia County from Europe. He suggested that others have been
5 working on making it a permanent monument.

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7 Mr. Rodriguez suggested having staff draft the letter and bring it forward to the next
8 Historic Preservation Board meeting to be approved so it can be sent to the County
9 Council.

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11 Mr. French asked if this board could help the main sponsor of the tugboat get it
12 preserved.

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14 Mr. Gelineau stated any help would be great towards the cause.

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16 Ms. Smith stated again that drafting a letter of support for the project is a way to start.

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18 Mr. Zacharias stated that this is the last tugboat in the United States.

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20 **Mr. French MOTIONED for staff to draft a letter for County Council in support for**
21 **the tugboat as a historical artifact.**

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23 **Mr. Goulding SECONDED the motion. Motion carried unanimously (8:0).**

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25 Mr. Zacharias stated that World War II is so important and the history of it is losing its
26 impact that it used to have.

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28 Ms. Smith stated that the last position of the Historic Preservation Board will be filled
29 at the June 6 County Council hearing.

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31 **PRESS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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33 None.

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35 **ADJOURNMENT**

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37 Chair Zacharias thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm. He announced
38 the next meeting will be held on July 25, 2023, at 2:00 pm.

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40 **APPROVED**

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43 Chair

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Date

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45 _____
46 Secretary

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Date

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**GROWTH AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**
123 West Indiana Avenue, Room 202, DeLand, Florida 32720
(386) 736-5959

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
FOR DEMOLITION**

**STAFF REPORT
July 25, 2023**

CASE NO. COA-23-001

PROPERTY OWNER: John Linton

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 111 Carpenter Avenue, Osteen

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

<i>Future Land Use Category:</i>	Transitional Residential
<i>Zoning:</i>	Osteen Urban Residential
<i>Proposed Use:</i>	Single-Family Residence
<i>Parcel Number:</i>	9218-06-01-0070

BUILDING INFORMATION:

Year Built—ca. 1910

Building Type—Post Office

Architectural Style—Frame Vernacular

Description:

The building is the old Osteen post office, built ca. 1910. It was moved in 1980 to its current location from 137 Carpenter Avenue. The building has not been touched since the relocation. Mr. Linton purchased the property July 8, 2022. The Volusia County Property Appraiser shows that 111 Carpenter Avenue to be a vacant, residential parcel. The property's Future Land Use Designation is Transitional Residential and is zoned Osteen Urban Residential. Both support development of the proposed single-family residence. The post office is commercial and is not compatible with the Future Land Use or zoning classification. The county's Historic Preservation Officer asked the Department of State, Division of Historic Resources in 1992 to add this structure to the National Register. It was

deemed ineligible as a nationally significant structure. No records could be found of a county effort to list the building as a locally significant property.

See Exhibit A: Florida Master Site File

Condition Assessment:

The building is in extremely poor condition. It has been untouched for several years and is significantly damaged.

See Exhibit B: Photographs of existing conditions

DEMOLITION JUSTIFICATION:

Unusual and Compelling Circumstances—

1. National Register of Historic Places eligibility

This building is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, it is not included in the county's Comprehensive Plan (Figure 17-2A) as an individually significant property. The property owner filed a notice in the public record stating his objection to designating this building as a historic structure.

See Exhibit C: Figure 17-2A of the Comprehensive Plan
See Exhibit D: Owners notarized letter of objection

2. Quality of design, craftsmanship and materials

The building exhibits quality of design, craftsmanship and materials, but lack of maintenance and vacancy has resulted in the deterioration of materials.

3. Uniqueness

The building is not unlike other remaining frame vernacular buildings from the same time period in the county.

4. Contribution to a designated historic district

This property is not part of a designated historic district.

5. *Opportunity for study*

The owner has a pending building permit to build a single-family residence at the location. While the opportunity likely exists to study and/or document this structure, it may have an impact on the applicant's timeline for construction and financing.

6. *Plans for reuse of property/building*

Due to the condition, the building is considered a liability, and reuse is not economically feasible.

7. *Relocation consideration*

The owner has not indicated that there are plans to relocate the building.

8. *Demolition recommendation by other public agencies*

There is no record of a recommendation for demolition of this building.

ATTACHMENTS:

- **Exhibit A: Florida Master Site File**
- **Exhibit B: Photographs of Existing Conditions**
- **Exhibit C: Figure 17-2A of Volusia County's Comprehensive Plan**
- **Exhibit D: Owner's notarized objection letter**
- **Exhibit E: Site Plan of proposed single-family residence**
- **Exhibit F: Certificate of Appropriateness application**

Exhibit A

RECORD NUMBER: 8
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X original
update

HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM
FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE

Site 8 V04888

SITE NAME: Osteen Post Office
HISTORIC CONTEXTS: Spanish-American War
NAT. REGISTER CATEGORY: Building
OTHER NAMES OR MSF NOS:
COUNTY: Volusia County OWNERSHIP TYPE: Private, individual
PROJECT NAME: Survey of Volusia County: S+P DHR NO. 3153

LOCATION:

ADDRESS: 137 Carpenter Avenue
CITY: Osteen
VICINITY OF/ROUTE TO: See attached maps

SUB: Osteen Subdivision BLOCK 1 LOT 7-8
PLAT OR OTHER MAP: Property Appraisers Maps of Volusia County
TOWNSHIP: 19 S RANGE: 32 E SECTION: 18 1/4: 1/4-1/4:
IRREGULAR SEC? y X n LAND GRANT: None
USGS 7.5 MAP: Osteen, FL 1965 PR:1970
UTM: ZONE: EASTING: NORTHING:
COORDINATES: LATITUDE: D M S LONGITUDE: D M S

HISTORY

ARCHITECT: Unknown
BUILDER: Unknown
CONSTRUCTION DATE: c.e 1910 RESTORATION DATE(S):
MODIFICATION DATE(S): c.R 1930e
MOVE: DATE: c. 1980 ORIG. LOCATION:
ORIGINAL USE (S): Post Office
PRESENT USE (S): Vacant

DESCRIPTION

STYLE: Frame Vernacular
PLAN: EXTERIOR: Rectangular
PLAN: INTERIOR: Unknown
NO. STORIES: 1 OUTBLDGS: 0 PORCHES: 1 DORMERS: 0
STRUCTURAL SYSTEM(S): Wood, balloon frame
EXTERIOR FABRIC(S): Horizontal plank
FOUNDATION: TYPE: Piers
MATERIALS: Concrete block
INFILL:
PORCHES: S/recessed/integrated/1/W
ROOF: TYPE: Gable
SURFACING: Metal, 5-V crimp
SECONDARY ST CS:
CHIMNEY: NO.: 0
MATERIALS:
LOCATIONS:
WINDOWS: DHS, 1/1

EXTERIOR ORNAMENT: Wood
CONDITION: Deteriorated
SURROUNDINGS: Residential
NARRATIVE:
See Continuation Sheet

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FMSF HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM

Site 8 104888

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS AT THE SITE

FMSF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FORM COMPLETED? y X n
ARTIFACTS OR OTHER REMAINS: None observed

RECORDER'S EVALUATION OF SITE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

ELIGIBLE FOR NAT. REGISTER?	y	X	n	likely, need info	insf	info
SIGNIF. AS PART OF DISTRICT?	y	X	n	likely, need info	insf	info
SIGNIFICANT AT LOCAL LEVEL?	X	y	n	likely, need info	insf	info

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

See Continuation Sheet

* * * * DHR USE ONLY * * * * * DHR USE ONLY * * * * *

* DATE LISTED ON NR _____ *

* KEEPER DETERMINATION OF ELIG.(DATE): _YES _____ _NO _____ *

* SHPO EVALUATION OF ELIGIBILITY (DATE): _YES _____ _NO _____ *

* LOCAL DETERMINATION OF ELIG. (DATE): _YES _____ _NO _____ *

* OFFICE _____ *

* * * * DHR USE ONLY * * * * * DHR USE ONLY * * * * *

RECORDER INFORMATION: NAME: Tom Scofield
DATE: 04/24/92 AFFILIATION: Volusia Co. Planning & Zoning Dept.

PHOTOGRAPHS

LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Volusia Co. Planning & Zoning Dept.
NEGATIVE NUMBERS: Roll 46, #21

PHOTOGRAPH

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See Attachments

OSTEEN

V048888

SEPT. 1991 1" = 400'

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Doyle Road

Shell St.

New Smyrna St.

Lake St.

Parkinson Blvd.

OLD RAILROAD GRADE

New Smyrna Blvd.

Orange Blvd.

Oak Dr.

Osteen - Maytown Road

Enterprise - Osteen Road

Railroad Ave.

Thomas Ave.

137

118

Murray Ave.

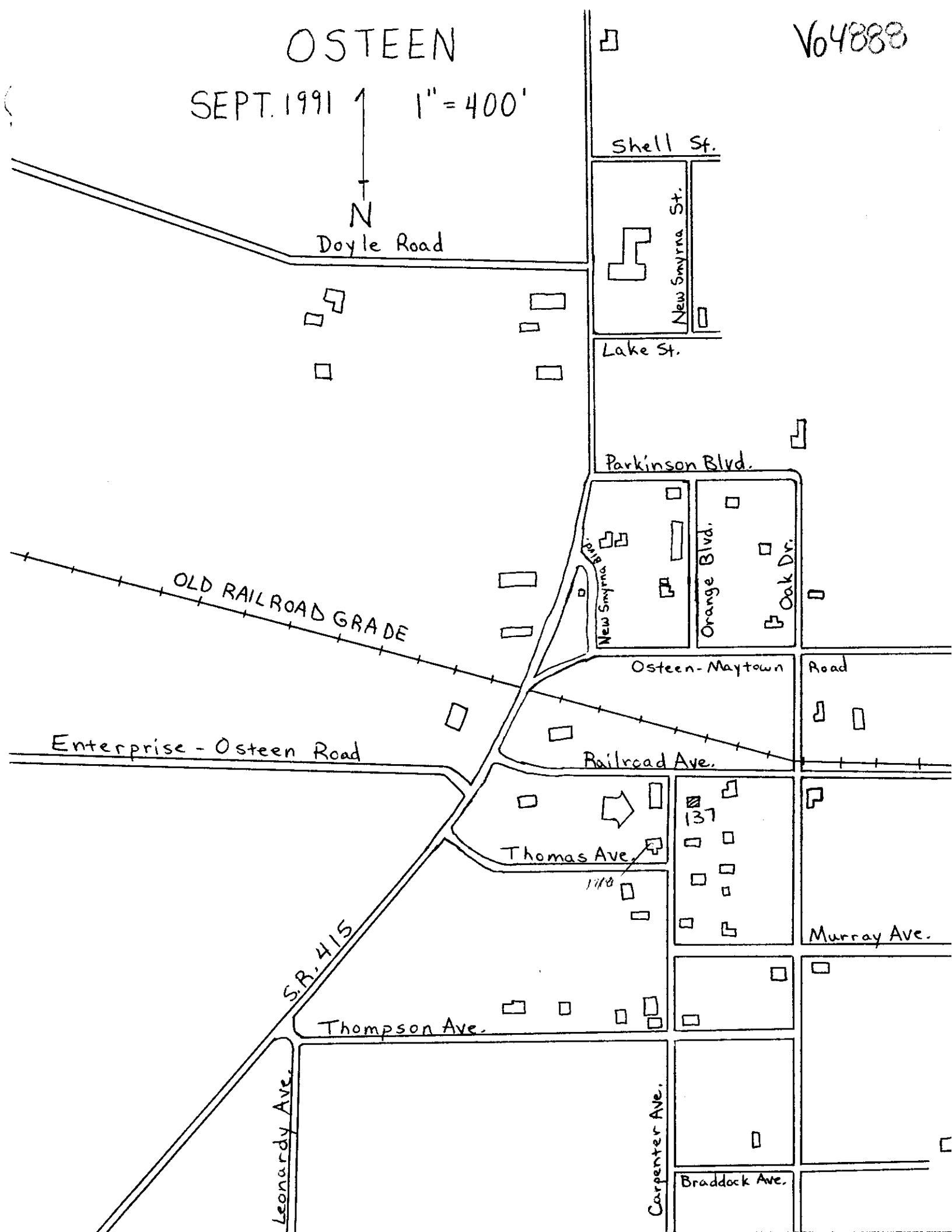
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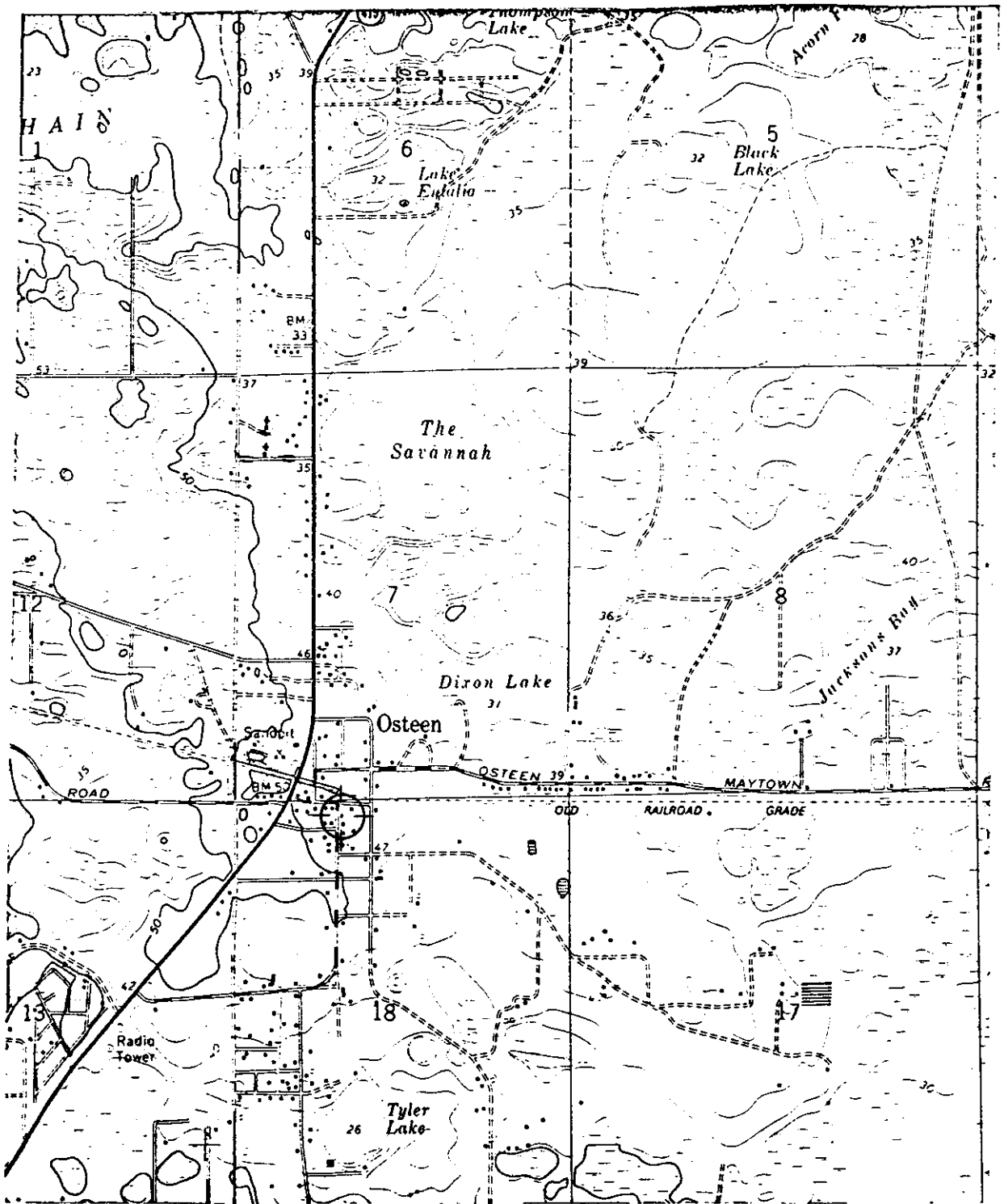
Thompson Ave.

Leonardy Ave.

Carpenter Ave.

Braddock Ave.





137 Carpenter Avenue
17/484290/3190620
USGS quadrangle for Osteen, FL 1965 PR 1970



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91N0646VC21A

137 Carpenter Ave

Robert Scripp

104888

6/91

Neg#21A, Roll 46

Volusia Co. Planning & zoning

NW side of bldg.

Shot 1 of 1

Exhibit B

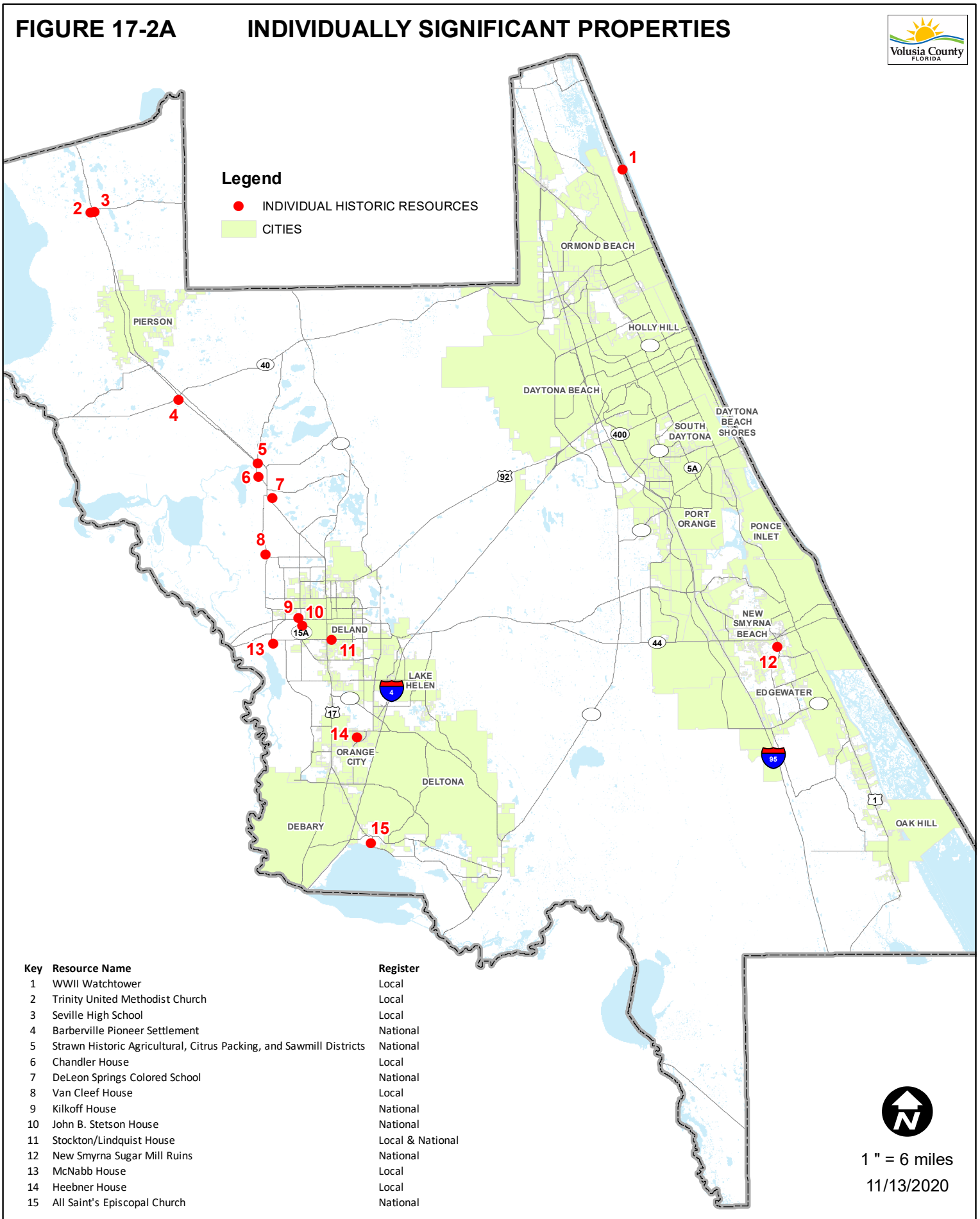








FIGURE 17-2A INDIVIDUALLY SIGNIFICANT PROPERTIES



Legend
 ● INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC RESOURCES
 ■ CITIES

Key	Resource Name	Register
1	WWII Watchtower	Local
2	Trinity United Methodist Church	Local
3	Seville High School	Local
4	Barberville Pioneer Settlement	National
5	Strawn Historic Agricultural, Citrus Packing, and Sawmill Districts	National
6	Chandler House	Local
7	DeLeon Springs Colored School	National
8	Van Cleef House	Local
9	Kilkoff House	National
10	John B. Stetson House	National
11	Stockton/Lindquist House	Local & National
12	New Smyrna Sugar Mill Ruins	National
13	McNabb House	Local
14	Heebner House	Local
15	All Saint's Episcopal Church	National

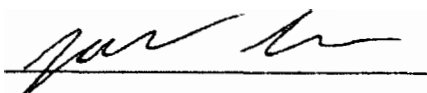



1" = 6 miles
 11/13/2020

Exhibit D

July 5, 2023

I, John David Linton Jr, as the current owner of the vacant lot on 111 Carpenter Street in Osteen, FL (Parcel ID # 921806010070) do not wish to make any structure on the property a historic site. I would like to withdraw this property from consideration by the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board.


John David Linton Jr

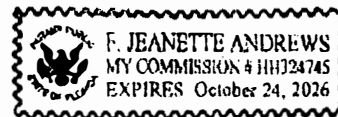

Notary

State of Florida
County of Volusia

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5th day of July 2023 by John David Linton Jr by means of physical presence who ARE personally known to me AS identification



Prepared By
John Linton Jr.
325 MOMMAS WAY OUT
OSTEEN FL 32764



STATE OF FLORIDA, VOLUSIA COUNTY
I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing is a true copy
of the original filed in this office. This
July 06, 2023

Clerk of Circuit Court

C Steadman

By: C Steadman Deputy Clerk
e-signed 07/06/2023



Volusia County Historic Preservation Board
Application for Certificate of Appropriateness – Demolition

1. Applicant Information

Name: John Linton

Phone: 407-328-9786

Address: 325 Mommas Way Out
Osteen, Florida 32764

*If applicant does not own the property provide the following information:

Name of Owner: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

2. Property Information

Name of Property (if applicable): Old Osteen Post Office

Address of Property: 111 Carpenter Avenue
Osteen, Florida 32764

Tax Parcel Number: 9218-06-01-0070

If available, provide photographs of structure(s) proposed for demolition.

3. Property History

a. Year built (use "circa" if exact year is unknown): ca. 1910

b. Provide any available information on the history of the property. Such information may include names of previous owners/occupants; special

usual features of the building; any thoughts, feelings, or emotions about the proposed demolition of the property. Include copies of documents, if available.

It is deemed ineligible for the National Register.

The current owner filed an objection in the public record to having this building designated as an historic structure.

4. Existing Conditions

- a. Describe the condition of the property.

The building is in extremely poor condition. It has not been evaluated to determine whether it is structurally sound to move it to another location.

- b. Has rehabilitation, relocation, or other form of preservation effort been considered as an alternative to demolition? _____

Please explain your answer in the space provided.

Several Osteen residents have expressed an interest in moving the structure. However, no plan is in place, and the property owner has filed a demolition permit to remove the structure from his property.

5. Proposed Use

- a. How will the property be used after demolition?

The owner has submitted a building permit application to build a single-family residence.

- b. If the property is to be developed, provide additional information that adequately describes the proposed project. This may include any reports, plans, or other documents relating to the proposed project.

Please see Exhibit E: Site Plan of proposed single-family residence.

6. Demolition Justification

As provided in Chapter 62 of the Volusia County Code of Ordinances (Subsection 62-111), a request for demolition of a significant historic resource designated by the Historic Preservation Officer in accordance with Section 62-74 or structures constructed 50 or more years prior to January 1 of the then current year, shall not be granted unless the applicant demonstrates by the preponderance of the evidence that undue economic hardship or unusual and compelling circumstances support such a demolition. Applicants may choose to justify their request using one or both of the categories outlined below. The applicant may include with this application a written summary outlining their position.

- a. Unusual and Compelling Circumstances

The Historic Preservation Board shall utilize the following criteria when considering claims that unusual and compelling circumstances require the demolition of a building or structure under review.

- 1) The building or structure is of such interest or quality that it would reasonably meet national standards for additional designation in the National Register of Historic Places or as a National Historic Landmark.

This structure was deemed ineligible in 1992 for the National Register. It is not designated by the county as a locally significant structure.

- 2) The building or structure is of such design, craftsmanship, or material that it could be reproduced only with great difficulty and/or expense.

The building is in very poor condition and could only be reproduced at a great expense to the owner.

- 3) The building or structure is one of the last remaining examples of its kind in the County or the region.

Unkown.

- 4) The building or structure contributes substantially to the historic character of a designated historic district.

It is not part of a designated historic district.

- 5) Retention of the building or structure would promote the general welfare of the County by providing an opportunity for the study of local history, architecture, or design.

This structure has been on private property since 1980.

- 6) Definite plans exist for reuse of the property if the proposed demolition is carried out, and if the plans will have a positive effect on the character of the surrounding area.

A single-family residence is proposed to be built.

7) A reasonable effort was made to relocate the building or structure.

The structure has been at its current location since 1980, and no plans have been made to preserve or relocate it for over 40 years.

8) Demolition of the designated building or structure has been recommended or ordered by the appropriate public agency due to unsafe conditions.

Not applicable. A building permit to demolish this structure and construct a single-family residence is on hold pending the outcome of the Historic Preservation Board decision.

b. Economic Hardship

If the applicant intends to claim that maintaining the existing structure(s) on the property creates an undue economic hardship thus denying the property owner of economically viable or reasonable use of the property, the following information shall be provided:

- 1) Property purchase price: \$ 25,000.00
- 2) Date of purchase: July 08, 2022
- 3) Party from whom the property was purchased: Keith and Robin Brown
- 4) Assessed values of property: \$ 37,924.00

Land Value

\$ 0

Value of Improvements

5) Real Estate taxes paid for previous two (2) years:

\$	<u>439.86</u>	<u>2022</u>
\$	<u>437.63</u>	<u>2021</u>

6) Annual debt service for previous two (2) years:

\$	<u>N/A</u>
\$	<u>N/A</u>

- 7) Attach a copy of, or provide information regarding, any real estate listing for sale or rental of the subject property during the past five (5) years. Provide figures for the price requested and any offers received. N/A
- 8) Attach a copy of all real estate appraisals obtained for the property within the past two (2) years, if available. N/A
- 9) For income producing property such as commercial real estate, provide the following additional information:
 - a. The annual gross income from the property for previous two (2) years:
 - \$ N/A _____
 - \$ N/A _____
 - b. Attach a copy of itemized operating and maintenance expenses for the previous two (2) years. N/A
 - c. Attach a summary of the annual cash flow relating to use of the property for the previous two (2) years. N/A



June 07, 2023

County Council Members
123 West Indiana Avenue, Room 301
DeLand, Florida 32720

RE: World War II (WWII) Tugboat: ST 479 "Tiger"

Dear County Council Members,

The Historic Preservation Board would like to express their support to help save DeLand's last WWII US Army Tugboat the ST 479 "Tiger". It was built on the shores of Lake Beresford in 1944 and believed to have been used at the Normandy D-Day invasion. The tugboat made its way from Stockholm, Sweden back to Florida in December 2022. It is currently making its way down the St. Johns River back to Volusia County.

The tugboat would provide great value to the community and a sense of place for residents and visitors. This will be the first tugboat to come home to where it was built. It would provide a peek into the history of World War II that has never been seen before. This is an artifact that should be included and recognized as a rare piece of history for Volusia County. The Historic Preservation Board is asking the County of Volusia to assist in seeking grants to restore the tugboat and help find a permanent home for the historic landmark.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

James "Zach" Zacharias
Chair, Historic Preservation Board
County of Volusia

Attachment: Letters of Support for the tugboat project

JZ/kr

c: Kristen Ray, Interim Historic Preservation Liaison



www.delandnavalairmuseum.org * 910 Biscayne Boulevard, DeLand, Florida 32724 * dnas.museum@gmail.com

January 18, 2022

Dan Friend, President
DeLand Historic Trust, Inc.
2232 Holly Lane
DeLand, Florida 32724

RE: Return of the ST 479 "Tiger" – US Army Tugboat

Dear Mr. Friend:


The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, Inc. recognizes that the DeLand Historic Trust, Inc. has been chosen to receive a private donation of a WWII Army tugboat that was originally built in DeLand, Florida. This tugboat is currently located in Stockholm, Sweden, and your efforts to secure the funding for the expensive transatlantic trip and the logistics required to return the boat to West Volusia County are to be commended. This is a unique opportunity and one that may not be repeated in the future.

During WWII over 300 DeLand area workers participated in the building 29 of these tugs, including the ST 479 "Tiger", and this home front effort is an important part of our local West Volusia History. The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum displays photographs of the tugboats being built as a key part of our military history collection for public educational tours.

The mission of preserving our local history can only be accomplished when our individual citizens, usually volunteers as you, dedicate their time and effort to ensure opportunities to save valuable items, equipment, written materials, photos, and key memorabilia that could be lost forever. The impact of historic preservation in our community for both youth and adults is determined by making sure our current and future generations have access to educational displays, programs and events that emphasize the importance of heritage/cultural and history preservation.

Again, we commend your efforts to return and save the last known original ST 479 "Tiger" tugboat for a public static display that would become an important Volusia County destination for visitors from around the world and an example of high-quality public education that would provide a unique understanding and experience of local and Florida WWII history.

Sincerely,



Al Schweizer, President
DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, Inc.



River of Lakes Heritage Corridor National Scenic Highway
P O Box 1707
DeLand, FL 32721

January 14, 2022

Dan Friend, President
DeLand Historic Trust, Inc.
2232 Holly Lane
DeLand, Florida 32720

To whom it may concern:

The River of Lakes Heritage Corridor acknowledges and supports the efforts of DeLand Historic Trust, Inc., a local historic preservation nonprofit, in their efforts to retrieve a WW2 army small tugboat, the ST479 Tiger, for the purpose of an educational display, explaining its unique role in our collective history. This boat was one of 29 built locally, in DeLand on Lake Beresford, from 1942-1945, by the American Machinery Company, and it served our country during the Normandy D-day invasion.

Sincerely,

Cindy Sullivan
Chairman of the River of Lakes

Hamel, Alisha K CIV USARMY CMH (USA)
Director, US Army Transportation Museum
to me

Wed, Jan 5, 2:58
PM (9 days ago)

Hi Dan,

What a great opportunity for the DeLand Historic Trust. As you stated, there are very few if any other remaining WWII small tugboats left, and it is a very cool draw if this one was also at Normandy. I hope you get the momentum to be able to bring it back to its original home.

Unfortunately, we have no way of helping you get it back across the Atlantic. I have been trying to get a small vehicle from Germany without success so I wish you luck. Let me know if you are able to get it transported. I would love to come down and take a look at the grand old lady.

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September 27, 2021

Mr. Dan Friend, President
DeLand Historic Trust, Inc.
2232 Holly Lane
DeLand, Florida 32724

Dear Mr. Friend:

Recently you advised me of the possibility to return to the DeLand area an original US Army tugboat built on the shores of Lake Beresford in 1944. Your organization has secured the donation of this tugboat to your organization if certain conditions can be met. Most importantly, significant private funding will be essential to return ST 479 "Tiger" back to West Volusia from Europe, where it has been since the end of WW2. The tug is currently in Stockholm, Sweden; and it will be expensive to make both the trans-Atlantic voyage and the return on the St. Johns River to West Volusia.

I understand that because of its size, the return on the river is the only practical way to get the tug home. I understand your vision is to lift the tug out of the river by crane and placed onto a cradle and concrete slab built immediately adjacent to the river at Ed Stone Park. Your plans see it as the centerpiece of a new West Volusia WW2 Memorial with information on the 44 men from West Volusia who lost their lives in WW2. You have had preliminary discussion with Volusia County about this plan.

DeLand is very supportive of projects about local history and I see this as an opportunity to preserve the last known original tugboat of the 29 built here during the war. I agree that Ed Stone Park would probably be the best location. Once installed, I see it an enhancement to the park. I hope the Volusia County Council will support this location and work with you on this.

It is my understanding that you are negotiating with the owners to leave the tug at its current location through the winter with the intent to move it here in the spring. That gives you more time to work to achieve your goal to raise the funds necessary to accomplish your plan. I understand that long term maintenance on the fixed tug display would be minimal with no intent to keep the tug functional.

I support your efforts in this undertaking and have personally contributed financially to it but DeLand does not have funding budgeted for this project. I agree that an opportunity like this will never occur again. I wish you success in fund raising and hope that area businesses and individuals will also be supportive.

Thanks for the work you and your organization have done for the City of DeLand.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Appgar
Mayor – Commissioner



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October 9, 2013

Mr. Dan Friend
West Volusia Historical Society
137 West Michigan Avenue
DeLand, FL 32720

Dear Mr. Friend:

After your presentation on October 7th, the City Commission was supportive of your efforts to obtain a DeLand made US Army Tugboat for historic preservation purposes. I understand that you are personally trying to raise funds to secure one of approximately a half dozen known remaining war boats that were built on Lake Beresford in DeLand.

I think that this endeavor is commendable and the City of DeLand supports your effort to obtain a DeLand-specific piece of US history. If your effort is successful in obtaining a vessel, the City has several areas where it might be possible to display the boat for public viewing and would welcome further discussion with you. Please contact Mike Grebosz, Assistant to the City Manager for more information about potential locations.

Very truly yours,

Michael Pleus, ICMA-CM
City Manager

cc: City Commission
Dale Arrington, Assistant City Manager
Rick Hall, Parks and Recreation Director
Keith Riger, Public Services Director