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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Braden Castle Park Historic District

and/or common Braden Castle Park

2. Location

Roughly bounded by the Braden River, Manatee and Ponce De Leon ST, and Pelot Ave

street & number See Continuation Sheet N/A **not for publication**

city, town Bradenton N/A **vicinity of**

state Florida **code** 12 **county** Manatee **code** 81

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
X district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
___ building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	X park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	X yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	N/A	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Owners Notified by Newspaper Advertisement

street & number N/A

city, town Bradenton N/A **vicinity of** **state** Florida

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Manatee County Courthouse

street & number 115 Manatee Avenue West

city, town Bradenton **state** Florida

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Florida Master Site File **has this property been determined eligible?** ___ yes X no

date February 1981 ___ federal X state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management

city, town Tallahassee **state** Florida

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	X ruins	X altered	___ moved date _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Braden Castle Park Historic District, located on the west bank of the Braden River at its confluence with the Manatee River in Bradenton, Florida, is a remarkably complete assemblage of small frame cottages, trailer sites and larger communual buildings designed to serve as seasonal campground by the Camping Tourist of America. Laid out in 1924 on approximately 34 acres, the park was platted to include approximately 200 lots for individual cottages in a crescent-shaped strip between a common waterfront reserve on the east and a man-made lagoon and open park area on the west. The common reserve contains the park's communual buildings, recreational facilities and sites for approximately 90 trailers. The ruins of the 1850 Braden House, ("Braden Castle"), located near the north center of the district in a casually landscaped, form the focal point of the district. In general, the district is characterized by a diminutive scale and an extreme stylistic uniformity owing to the park's small lots and rapid development of the area.

The Braden Castle Park was developed around the ruins of the so-called Braden Castle (photos 16-18). The building was constructed of poured line (oyster shell) tabby with 20-inch thick walls. The numerous vertically aligned square holes on the exterior of the building, which apparently never received a finish treatment, are indentations left by the wooden forms or braces used in construction of the building. The building was arranged on a double pile plan with a wide, and in later years, open central hall separating each file of rooms. A simple hip roof punctuated by four exterior chimneys topped the building. A crude cupola was added to the roof c1870. The severe deterioration of the structure begain in 1903 when the building was badly damaged by fire. Approximately two-thirds of the original walls are extant although deterioration of the ruins is continuing. Suggestions for stabilization and documentation of the ruins have been made to the Board of Directors of the Braden Castle Association.

When the acreage surrounding the ruin was purchased by the Camping Tourists of America in 1924, it was a overgrown orange grove. Work was begun shortly thereafter to transform the area into a permanent seasonal campground. Development was largely completed by 1929 when approximately 180 of the cottages and all of the public buildings were erected. The diminutive scale of the most cottages was a result of the purposely small lots (37' x 37') which in turn left large areas of the park as scenic or recreational areas.

Architecturally, most of the park's bangalow-like dwellings reflect the craftsman aesthetic in design (photos 7, 8, 11, 12). Buildings are predominantly one-story detached structures of frame construction. Typical architectural details include low gable roofs, wide bracketed eaves, corbeled chimneys and casement or double hung windows. A smaller number of stucco-on-frame structures designed in the Mediterranean Revival style are scattered throughout the park, the most ambitious of these being that at 46 Braden Castle Drive (photo 27). Originally built for park historian Dr. H. E. Robbins, the boxy, flat-roofed structure is a curious blend of styles,

Braden Castle Drive	North from Seminole Drive to Lafayette Street
Columbia Street	North from Braden Castle Drive to High Street
DeSoto Street	North from Braden Castle Drive to Lafayette Street
High Street	North from Braden Castle Drive to Columbia Street
Lafayette Street	North from Braden Castle Drive to DeSoto Street
Oak Street	East from the west property line of Lot 142 to Seminole Drive
Palm Avenue	East from west property line of Lot 140 to Seminole Drive
Park View Drive	North from Braden Castle Drive to the Manatee River
Plaza Drive	North from Seminole Drive to Braden Castle Drive
Ponce DeLeon Street	East from the west property line of Lot 168 to Seminole Drive
Seminole Drive	North from Braden Castle Drive to Lafayette Street

and includes details ranging from the bungaloid entrance porch to the Mediterranean Revival tiled pents and small domes that marke the facade of the building.

In addition to the individually financed and constructed cottages, several "public" or communal buildings were erected by the developers of the park on its eastern waterfront reserve. The Community Hall or pavilion, a frame multi-purpose building was completed in this area in 1925 (photo 5). The gable-ended vernacular structure includes exposed interior framing and a stage at its eastern end. Similarly styled facilities were erected to the north of the Community Hall to serve as women's and men's clubhouse (photos 25 and 26). Public sanitary facilities to be used by the tent and trailer camper were also constructed adjacent to the reserve's shuffleboard courts. Fifteen gable-ended frame vernacular cottages owned by the park were erected on the reserve to the South of the Community Hall, as were several modest stores that housed a small grocery post office and barber shop. The cottages were demolished in 1979 and replaced with mobile homes.

The majority of buildings within the district, both private and public, have been altered. Typical alterations include the installation of contemporary siding, roofing, doors, windows, and awnings and the addition and/or enclosure of carports and porches (photos 5 and 14). A number of residences have been more significantly altered by the addition of a second story above their attached garages (photos 9 and 13). However, in spite of these alterations, the original character, massing and setback of most buildings within the district has not been changed. Additionally, these characteristics have been generally respected by new construction which has occured in the district (photo 6).

Located immediately adjacent to the park's public buidlings in the common reserve are sites for approximately 90 trailers (photo 22). Although the trailers are not themselves historic, the area which they occupy has historically been transient in function. A camping area was originally established in this location by the developers of the park to the address the needs of the more transient population of the park. This area was originally occupied by a tent community, later by a travel trailer settlement and, most recently, by the present-day mobile home park (photos 1 and 21).

The remainder of the park is devoted to open public spaces. The picturesque lagoon on the west side of the park was created in 1938 when a low-lying marsh was drained and landscaped (photo 28). A second swampy area behind the Community Hall was also filled in 1948, making space available for 15 additional trailer sites. Most of the roads in the park were paved in the late 1950's.

Building Inventory:

Conforming Structures (red)	32	(16%)
Conforming but Altered Structures (yellow)	162	(78%)
Non-Conforming Structures (blue)	12	(6%)
Total Structures	206	

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	X community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion	
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science	
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture	
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian	
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater	
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	X exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation	
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)	
		___ invention			

Specific dates 1850, 1924-1929 **Builder/Architect** N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Braden Castle Park Historic District, a 34-acre permanent campground surrounding the lime and shell tabby ruins of the 1850[1] Joseph Braden House, is a unique combination of two historically important periods in the development of central Florida. The Braden House, originally part of an approximately 1100 acre sugar plantation, ranks as one of the earliest extant records of American occupation in the area. Constructed prior to the Third Seminole War, the house was the scene of the Indian hostilities in 1856.[2] In 1924, the Camping Tourists of America, an offspring of the Tin Can Tourists of America, purchased the land around the Braden House ruin and developed a seasonal community whose history is a microcosm of the post World War I boosteriam philospy upon which is much of the pre-1927 development of the state was based. Remarkably, the park, composed of cottages, trailer sites and common recreational area built between 1924 and 1927, survives and functions much as it did when initially conceived.

The history of the Braden Castle Park Historic District may be said to date from the arrival of Joseph and Hector Braden in Manatee County during the mid-nineteenth century. Joseph Addison Braden (- 1888) and his brother Hector are believed to have come to Manatee County from Leon County between 1842 and 1845.[3] "The one time wealthy and distinguished Braden brothers. . . migrated (from Virginia) to Florida in its beginning as a United States possession"[4] and settled in Tallahassee. Both men were locally prominent: Hector as a lawyer with the firm of Nutall, Braden and Craig, and Joseph as a landowner who married Virginia Ward, the daughter of Col. George T. Ward, former head of the territorial land office.[5] The Bradens, like many other planters including Robert Gamble, came to Manatee County following the collapse of the Union Bank at Tallahassee during the National Panic of 1837 when they lost their heavily mortgaged plantations.[6] Although Lillie B. McDuffee reports that official records indicate Joseph Braden was residing in Manatee County in 1843, he did not secure the property on Braden Creek until 1848.[7] Over the next several years, Braden increased his holdings to over 1100 acres and developed the land as one of the largest sugar plantations in the region. According to pioneer Reverand Edward F. Gates, whose writing of his early experience in Manatee Lillie McDuffie quotes in her 1933 The Lures of Manatee, Bradens poured lime and shell tabby house was constructed in 1850.[8]

Major Robert G. Gamble, Braden's neighbor, whose tabby Greek Revival mansion still stands on the north bank of the Manatee River at Ellenton, described Chief Arpioka's 1856 attack on Braden's house in an undated manuscript entitled "Some recollections of the Seminole Chief Arpiola -- Bowlegs -- and his war with the States" in the Richard Keith Call Papers. After a physical description of the house, Gamble proceeds to recount how Indians were discovered lurking around the house at night. Braden opened a fire with a repeating rifle loaned to him by Gamble and was able to scare the intruders off. Some cabins were plundered and some slaves carried off by the Indians during thier retreat. At daybreak, a hastily assembled partly pursued

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Apx. 34

Quadrangle name Bradenton and Palmetto

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	17	348720	3104271 0
B	17	349090	3104248 0
C	17	348950	3104270
D	17	348680	3104270
E			
F			
G			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

(See Continuation Sheet)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary McCahon/Michael Zimny, Historic Sites Specialist

organization FDAHRM date 3/24/83

street & number Dept. of State The Capitol telephone (904) 487-2333

city or town Tallahassee state Florida

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national X state ___ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/24/83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register date 5/9/83

Delores Byers

for Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

the attackers and, on the second day, the group came upon the Seminole camp and opened fire, killing several Indians and recovering the captives.[9]

In 1857, again heavily mortgaged, Joseph Braden faced financial ruin. Daniel Ladd (1817-1872), who had traded with Hector and Joseph Braden at Port Leon (Leon County) before their move to Manatee, held notes issued to Joseph Braden in 1850, 1853 and 1856 for $8,412.44.[10] The Panic of 1857 and the subsequent depressed sugar economy left Braden so badly in debt that Ladd forecloased, taking Braden's property and house. Braden and his family moved to Texas where he died prior to 1888.[11]

Daniel Ladd sold the former "Braden tract" to Mary E. and John Crew Pelot in 1867. The Pelots and her parents General Mrs. James G. Cooper, had moved to Manatee County from Alachua County in 1865.[12] Braden Castle, as the house had become to be known, was occupied by the Coopers who made several improvements to the structure, including the addition of a wooden cupola. After the General's death in 1876, the house was abandoned and was gutted by a woods fire in 1903,[13] beginning its deterioration into the alluring ruin that today forms the centerpiece of the Braden Castle Park Historic District.

The majority of the Braden Castle Park Historic District can trace its inception to the post World War I fascination with Florida as a seasonal vaction area. Although this notion was heavily promoted by local land developers and Chambers of Commerce, the sudden increase in the number of winter tourists to the state was triggered by the relative affordability and dependability of the automobile and the post war prosperity that made a four-month holiday from snow and ice of the north within the reach of the working middle class. Most Florida communities provided parks with sanitary facilities where the winter migrants could inexpensively make camp for the season and enjoy the sun and the air.

The Tin Can Tourists of the World, or simply Tin Can Tourists as the winter migrations came to be known, was organized as a haphazard group at Tampa's DeSoto Park in 1919. By 1922 the organization boasted over 100,000 members.[14] The aim of the group, whose emblem was a small can of soup mounted on the radiator of a member automobile,[15] was to promote a feeling of friendship and "wholesome recreation" among the campers and to enforce cleanliness and the public campground rules.[16] Despite some problems between native Floridians and the seasonal visitors, the Tin Can Tourists organization continued through the 1940's.

Local resentment of the Tin Can Tourists, who were regarded by many as not contributing enough to the Local economy because they brought their own tinned provisions with them, surfaced in Tampa during the 1920-21 season and came to a head in 1924 when the Civic Club of East Tampa, where DeSoto Park was located, successfully entered a suit that forced the closing of the park on 1 March 1924, a month earlier than scheduled.[17] In February of that year, a committee chaired by R. W. Vaughn of Rome City, Indiana, was appointed by the Tin Can Tourists to investigate purchasing land for a tourist-owned campground.[18] The committee proceeded

to organize and incorporate as the Camping Tourists of America, electing a Board of Directors that included Vaughn, W. J. Houck, Fred F. Bates, L. K. Supernaw, W. B. Jacobs, H. F. Wagner and Dr. H. E. Robbins. Dues were set, shares of stock sold and the search for permanent "friendly" camp begun.[19] Less than a month later, on 7 March 1924, the Directors, acting on behalf of the 160 shareholders, secured the Braden Castle Property in Manatee County for $16,000.[20] Assured that the political climate in Bradenton was receptive to the seasonal residents, the shareholders proceeded quickly to begin to prepare their camp by hiring a surveyor, deciding what areas to leave undeveloped, clearing land even appointing Dr. Robbins to write a history of the Castle property. It was decided that assignment of lots to the stockholders could be changed if no building was constructed within 18 months of allotment, and in November the Board voted to lay out 40 additional lots, bringing the total cottage sites in the park to the current 200.[21]

By early 1926, the shareholders had completed a large percentage of the structures in the park which at the time boasted a seasonal population of 1,000. By the end of April, of that year, 95 cottages, specified to be no longer than 37' x 37' on any one lot with at least 3' side setbacks, were completed.[22] Over 180 were completed by 1929. A 42' x 72' pavilion or Community Hall erected with volunteer labor, two clubhouses, three story buildings and six cottages rendered by the corporation were all built on the reserve land along the shoreline. A 700' fishing pier into the Manatee River was added in 1928.[23]

Today Braden Castle Park is for the most part unchanged from the community physically and functionally established by the original Directors and shareholders in the 18 months following the acquisition of the property. Most (estimated to be approximately 90%) of the cottages continue to be occupied on a seasonal basis, and, save for the lagoon created from marshland in 1938 and the removal of several rental cottages in 1979, no major changes have been made to the grounds or to their respective functions. With the exception of the cottages reverting to individual rather than corporation ownership for tax purposes in 1956,[24] the socialistic orientation of the management of the park initiated 1924 continues. Each property owner must be a member of the Association and no property may be occupied by anyone other than a member or with the approval of the nine-man Board of Directors. Rules such as appearance, condition and permitted functions are also addressed by the Board.[25]

Footnotes

[1]Lillie B. McDuffee, The Lures of Manatee. (Nashville: Press of Marshall and Bruce Company, 1933), p. 33.

[2]Paul E. Camp, "The Attack on Braden Castle: Robert Gamble's Account," Tampa Bay History, Spring/Summer 1979, pp. 55-59.

[3]McDuffee, The Lures of Manatte, p. 31.

[4]Ibid., p. 31.

[5]Ibid., p. 32.

[6]Ibid., p. 31.

[7]Manatee County, Deed Book M: 955.

[8]McDuffee, The Lures of Manatee, p. 68.

[9]Richard Keith Call Papers, "Some Recollections of the Seminole Chief Arpioka -- Bowlegs -- and his war with the States," by Robert G. Gamble, and, Florida Historical Society Collection, University of South Florida.

[10]Jerrell Shofner, Daniel Ladd Merchant Prince of Florida (Gainesville: The University Press of Florida. 1978), p. 43.

[11]Manatee County, Miscellaneous Book A: 182.

[12]Camp, Tampa Bay History, p. 57.

[13]Ibid., p. 57.

[14]Kenneth L. Roberts, "The Sun-Hunters," The Saturday Evening Post, 15 April 1922, p. 55.

[15]Ibid., p. 55

[16]Tampa Tribune, 29 November 1936.

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[17]H. E. Robbins, History of Braden Castle Florida (np. nd), introduction.

[18]Manatee County. Clerk of the Circuit Court. Incorporation Book C: 335-337. Bradenton.

[19]Braden Castle Association, Minutes, 22 February 1924.

[20]Minutes, 7 March 1924.

[21]Minutes, 7 April 1924.

[22]Sanborn Insurance Company, Bradenton, Map #31, 1929.

[23]Minutes, 11 January 1928.

[24]Loren Binkley, Interview with Mary E. McCahon . 14 February 1981.

[25]Ibid.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Commencing at a point on the west bank of the Braden River 60 feet north of the northeast corner of Block 6 of Pelot's Addition to the town of Manatee, now Bradenton, Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 1, page 77 of the public records of Manatee County, running thence west 835 feet, thence north 439 feet; thence north 12°14' east a distance of 665 feet more or less to the south bank of the Manatee River; thence southeasterly following the south bank of the Manatee River and the west bank of the Braden River to the point of beginning. Also all of the block 6 and 7 of said Pelot's Addition together with the alleys and streets lying within the described land.

Data taken from plat of Braden Castle Park, Sections 24-30, Township 34S, Range 18E, Bradenton, Florida.

Justification

The above described land, now identified as the Braden Castle Park Historic District, is that same piece of property acquired by the Braden Castle Association in 1924.

BRADEN CASTLE DRIVE

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Member	Classification
	1	169	Imogene and Edgar Crowe	C
	2	130	Lester and Lorna Dershem	A
	3	170	Preston and Mazine Northrop	A
	4	129	Helen Harrington	C
	5	171	Dessa Larrison	A
	6	128	Gene and Eleanor Tromly	A
	7	172	Charles and Cora Graft	NC
	8	127	Ola Good	A
	9	173	Joseph Silcox	NC
	10	126	Ida Cox	A
	11	174	Ralph and Pauline Childers	A
	12	124	Mary Kinney	A
	13	175	Bess Meads	A
	14	122	George Krause	A
	15	176	Herman Agness	NC
	16	120	Opal Davis	A
	17	177	Margaret Schultz	A
	18	118	Dan Herrold	A
	19	178	Earl and Maude Hartlee	NC
	20	116	Leola Allen	A
	21	179	Don Herrold	NC
	22	114	Robert and Virginia Welton	A
	23	180	Dorothy Hartlee	A
	24	112	Russel and Vivian Gardiner	A
	25	181	Herman Young	A
	26	110	John and Beulah Harts	A

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Member	Classification
	27	182	Etta Carter	C
	28	108	Harold and Josephine Wolf	A
	29	183	Roberta and Welda Kirkpartric	A
	30	106	Donald Smith	C
	31	184	George Burkland	C
	32	104	Charles Gregory	C
10	33	185	Ruth Koppmeir	A
	34	102	Margaret Alexander	A
	35	186	Enoch Cornish	A
	36	100	Dora and Mildren Tumblin	A
	37	57	Reid Hinsdale	C
	38	98	Edith Ferro	A
9	39	189	Loren and Sally Binkley	A
	40	96	Lawrence and Sarah Smith	NC
14	41	190	Ray and Dorothy West	A
	42	94	Neal Logan	A
	43	192	Jerry and Dorothy Debolt	A
27	44	92	Henry and Betty Holbrook	A
27	46	91	Charles and Mary Molt	A
	48	88	Lola Miller	A
	50	87	Al Messmer	A
	51	14	Lawrence Barnes	A
	52	84	Elizabeth Hlad	A
	53	15	Robert and Roberta Harris	A
	54	83	Evelyn Barlow	C
	55	30	Barbara Gyns	C
	56	80	H. A. and Naomi Shewin	A

BRADEN CASTLE DRIVE(continued)

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Number	Classification
	58	79	Phillip Halstead	A
	59	47	Roy Jackson	A
	60	76	Gladys Chenery	A
	61	48	Billy Howell	A
	62	75	John McIntire	C
	64	72	Worth and Many Johnson	C
	66	71	John and Mary Watts	A

COLUMBIA STREET

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Member	Classification
	2	31	Rose Wray	A
	3	29	Grace Fisher	A
	4	32	Don and Forence Britton	A
	5	28	Winifred Kleeman	A
	6	33	Claude and Elsie Young	A
	7	27	Barbara Goff	A
	8	34	Kenneth and Helen Miller	A
	9	26	Carl Adams	A
	10	35	Art and Minnie Kidd	A
	11	25	Mabelle Baird	C
	12	26	Violet and Frances Stahl	C
	13	24	Charlotte Gothard	A
	14	37	Hernam and Irene Francis	A
	15	23	James and Elizabeth Fisher	A
	16	38	Arthur and Jane Walter	A

DESOTO STREET

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Number	Classification
	3	46	Herbert and Eleanor Agle	A
	4	49	Lida Martin	A
	5	45	Adele Kroening	A
	6	50	George Hardy	A
	7	44	James and Helen Kenyon	A
	8	51	Sadie Cross	C
	9	43	Blair, Ray-Graddahal, Ruth	C
	10	52	James and Majorie Duke	A
	11	42	Thomas and Geullen Stephenson	A
	12	53	Francis Miller	A
	13	41	Elizabeth Ily	A
	14	54	Lale and Evelyn House	C
	15	40	Julia Jesswein	A
	16	55	Addie Kinsell	A
	17	39	Mildren Alber	A
	18	56	Paul and Cuba Welbaum	A

HIGH STREET

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Member	Classification
	3	13	Earl Glassburn	A
	4	16	N. E. and Naomi Moss	A
	5	17	Agness Miller	A
	7	11	Walter and Barbara Gage	A
	8	18	Gertrude Hayes	C
	9	10	Charlotte Clark	C
	10	19	Arthur and Jane Walter	A
	11	9	Clayton McKenzie	A
	12	20	Elmer and Audrey Agle	A
	13	8	Don and Mary Caldwell	A
	14	21	Agusta Mildenburger	C
	16	22	Charles and Dorothy Smith	A

LAFAYETTE STREET

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Member	Classification
	1	66	Ann Burch	A
	3	65	Laura Marz	A
	5	64	Arthur Burnet	A
	7	63	Melvin Hochstedler	A
	9	62	Melvin Hochstedler	A
	11	61	Lela Mae Lingo	A
	12	67	Cecil Loar	A
	13	60	Thomas and Eva Mallott	A
	14	68	Wilson and Doris Yaeger	A
	15	59	Clyde and Evelyn Blakney	A
	16	69	Durward and Margaret Hillock	A
	17	58	Elvina Hiatt	A
	18	70	Lowell Jarrett	A

OAK STREET

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Member	Classification
	2	134	Bertha Posey	C
	3	157	Agness Heller	A
	4	135	Henry Wielgozy	A
	5	154	Pease	A
	6	138	Ruth Deering	A
	7	153	Bill and Rachel Benson	A
	8	139	Walter and Barbara Gage	A
	9	150	Claude and Zoe Streeter	A
	10	141	LaVada Hoxie	A
	11	149	Paul and Geraldine Smith	A
	13	146	Gerald Edson	A
	15	145	Ann Carlie	A
	17	142	Roy and Mary Holt	A

PALM AVENUE

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Member	Classification
	2	131	John and Judy Reynolds	A
	3	136	Virginia and Fred Reisner	A
	4	132	John and Judy Reynolds	A
	5	137	Lester and Lena Belle Walteres	A
	7	140	Charles and Rebecca Sheridan	A

PONCE DE LOEN

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Member	Classification
	3	161	John Campbell	A
	4	156	Bracken and Thyrza Gilmore	A
	5	162	Swope	A
	6	155	Andrew Murphy	A
	7	163	John McKee	A
	8	77	Hazel Keis	A
	9	164	George and Della Ross	A
	10	151	J. G. and Maxine Peterson	A
	11	165	Joseph Newsom	A
11	12	148	Ermal and Hazel Liptrap	A
	13	166	Gladys Gray	A
	14	147	Florence Lang	A
	15	167	Chester and Fray Allemeir	A
	16	144	Odell Pittman	NC
	17	168	Charles and Winefred Miller	C
	18	143	James Dinwiddie	C

PARK VIEW

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Member	Classification
	1	191	Reve Graham	C
	2	194	Raleigh Meads	C
	3	188	George and Fran Webb	C
	4	195	Charles and Irma Lyons	A
	5	187	Enoch Cornish	A
	6	198	Benard and Doris McClure	C
	8	199	Ruth Baum	C

PLAZA

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Member	Classification
5	2	1	Gilbert and Naomi Fleming	A
	3	193	Mary Jones	A
5	4	2	Clara Douglas	A
	5	196	John and Cora DuPouy	A
8	6	3	Tboburn and Beulah Stewart	C
	7	197	Kern and Lillie Mitchell	NC
	8	4	Ray and Dorothy West	A
	9	200	Doretha Greene	A
	10	5	Walter Feasley	C
	12	6	John and Edith Hubner	A
	14	7	Thomas and Helen Hickman	A

SEMINOLE DRIVE

Photo No.	Number	Lot	Association Number	Classification
	2	160	Harry Durr	A
	4	159	Melvin and Marie Myers	A
	6	158	Irene Wreede	A
	9	125	Nora Belle Morley	A
	10	133	C. V. and Vera Graft	A
4	11	123	Thurman Agness	A
4	13	121	Robert Dean	A
	15	119	Perry Adams	A
	17	117	Grondin	A
	19	115	Glatie Rich	A
	21	113	Blanche Brooks	A
	23	111	Howard and Beatric Trout	A
	25	109	Roy and Faye Rennaker	A
	27	107	Vera Mattock	C
	29	105	Harold Boston	C
12	31	103	Travers and Gertrued Stolberg	C
	33	101	Leander and Dorthy Lorenz	A
	35	99	Leander and Dorthy Lorenz	A
13	37	97	Edwards Kraws	A
	39	95	James and Helen Kenyon	A
	41	93	Leo Valentine	A
6	49	85	Wes and Dorothy Elton	NC
	51	82	Harold and Ruthanna Borden	NC
	53	81	Robert and Sally Rang	NC
	55	78	Phillip Halstead	NC
	57	77	Mildren Kerr	A
	59	74	Harold Monteith	A
	61	73	Earl Swaney	A

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES — EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Braden Castle Park Historic District
Manatee County
FLORIDA

Working No. 4/7/83
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/84
Date Due: 5/5/83 — 5/22/83
Action: ✓ ACCEPT 5/9/83
___ RETURN
___ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the National Register

___ resubmission
___ nomination by person or local government
___ owner objection
___ appeal

Substantive Review: ___ sample ___ request ___ appeal ___ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
___ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ___ technical corrections cited below
___ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes ___ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	___ original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date ____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

___ summary paragraph
___ completeness
___ clarity
___ alterations/integrity
___ dates
___ boundary selection

Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

_____ summary paragraph
_____ completeness
_____ clarity
_____ applicable criteria
_____ justification of areas checked
_____ relating significance to the resource
_____ context
_____ relationship of integrity to significance
_____ justification of exception
_____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UMT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state ___ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

_____ Maps
_____ Photographs
_____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet


The Camp at Braden Castle

1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) FLorida
2. "The Camp At Braden Castle"
3. Unknown
4. c1924
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Looking Northeast
7. Photo #1 of 28


ENTERING
BRADEN CASTLE
PRIVATE
RETIREMENT PARK
NO PETS - NO SOLICITING
15 M.P.H.
CASTLE
GREEN

1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Entrance to Braden Castle Park (Seminole and Braden Castle Drives)
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Looking North
7. Photo #2 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Lafayette Street
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
7. Looking Northeast
8. Photo #3 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. #11 and #13 Seminole Drive
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Northwest Elevation
7. Photo #4 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. #2 and #4 Plaza
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Southwest Elevation
7. Photo #5 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. #47 and #49 Seminole Drive
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Southeast Elevation
7. Photo #6 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. #6 Plaza
3. Unknown
4. c1927
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Southeast Elevation
7. Photo #7 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. #6 Plaza
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Southeast Elevation
7. Photo #8 of 28


120 16

1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. #39 Braden Castle Drive
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Southwest Elevati-n
7. Photo #9 of 28


33

1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. #33 Braden Castle Drive
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Southeast Elevation
7. Photo #10 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. #12 Ponce De Leon Street
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. South Elevation
7. Photo #11 of 28


31

1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. #31 Seminole Drive
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive
. Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Southwest Elevation
7. Photo #12 of 28



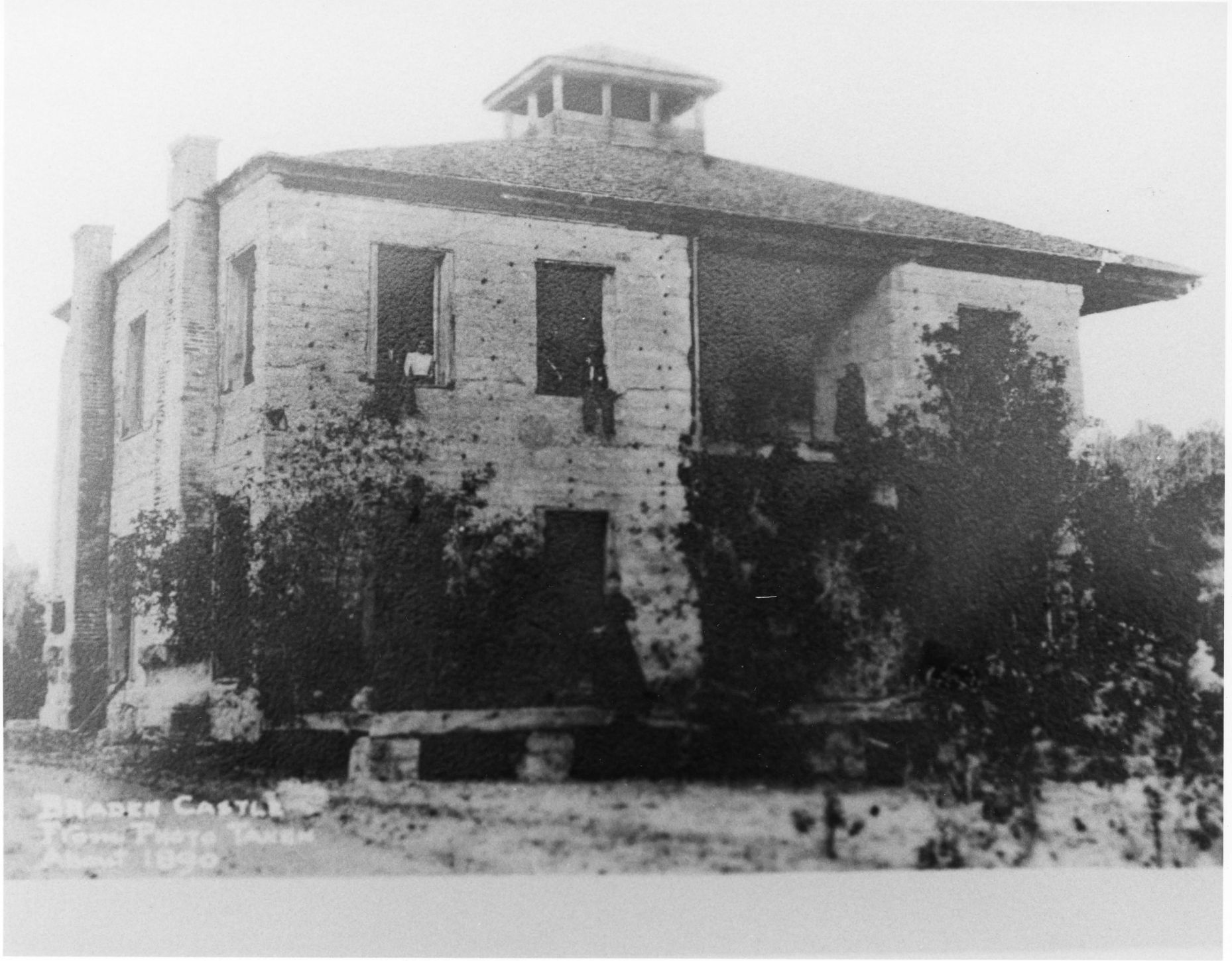
1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. #37 Seminole Drive
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Southwest Elevation
7. Photo #13 of 28


PARK VIEW ST
BRADEN CASTLE DR
41

1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. #41 Braden Castle Drive
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Southwest Elevation
7. Photo #14 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Braden Castle Recreational Hall, Pavillion Park
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Southwest Elevation
7. Photo #15 of 28


BRADEN CASTLE
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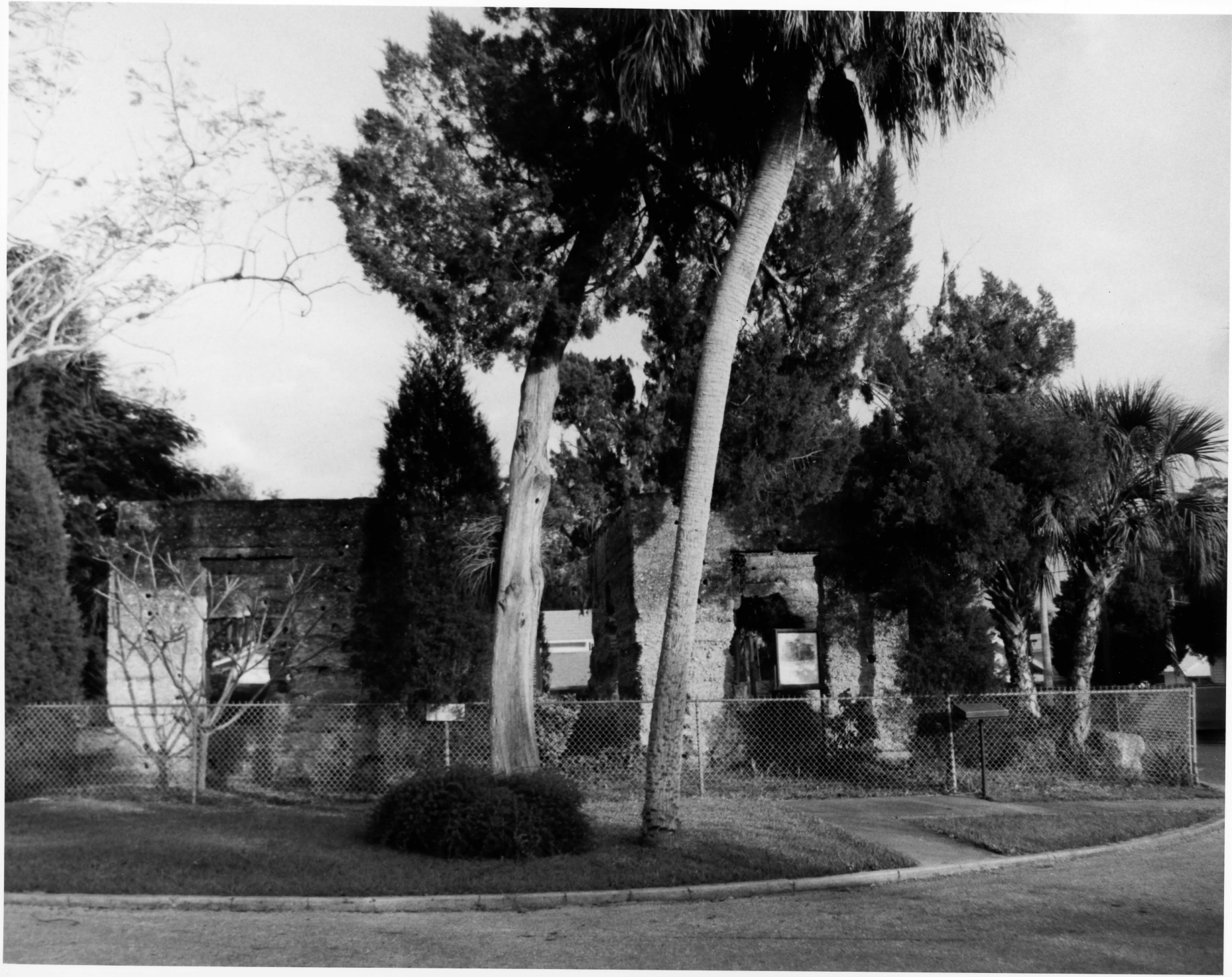
1890

1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Braden Castle, Bradenton Castle Park
3. Unknown
4. c1890
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Northwest Elevation
7. Photo #16 of 28


BRADEN CASTLE
RUINS

1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Braden Castle, Ruins with Fountain, Braden Castle Park
3. Unknown
4. c1930
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Northeast Elevation
7. Photo #17 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Braden Castle Ruins, Braden Castle Park
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive
6. Southeast Elevation
7. Photo #18 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Braden Castle Ruins, With Fountain, Braden Castle Park
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Northeast Elevation
7. Photo #19 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Braden (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Pier on Manatee River
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1982
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Looking Northeast
7. Photo #20 of 28


ailers park under
oss laden live oaks
ADEN CASTLE CAMP
BRADENTON, FLA.

1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Trailer Campground
3. Unknown
4. Unknown
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Looking North
7. Photo #21 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton
2. Trailer Campground
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1983
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Looking North
7. Photo #22 of 28

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1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Pavillion Park
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1983
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Looking East
7. Photo #23 of 28


BRADEN CASTLE ASSO INC.
OFFICE
BRADEN CASTLE PARK

1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Braden Castle Association Office, Pavillion Park
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1983
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. West Elevation
7. Photo #24 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Mens Club House, Pavillion Park
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1983
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. West Elevation
7. Photo #25 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Ladies Club House
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1983
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Southwest Elevation
7. Photo #26 of 28


NO
PARKING
IN THIS
STREET

1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. #44 and #46 Braden Castle Drive
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1983
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. North Elevation
7. Photo #27 of 28



1. Braden Castle Park Historic District, Bradenton (Manatee Co.) Florida
2. Park and Lagoon
3. L. O. Binkley
4. 1983
5. Braden Castle Association, #1 Office Drive, Braden Castle Park, Bradenton
6. Looking Northwest
7. Photo # 28 of 28

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF FLORIDA

BRADENTON QUADRANGLE
FLORIDA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

4439 II SW (ANNA MARIA)

4439 III SW (PARRISH)

82°37'30" 27°30' 340 000m.E. 330 000 FEET 82°30' 27°30' 1 150 000 FEET

RUSKIN 19 MI. PALMETTO (U.S. 301) 1.5 MI. RIVERVIEW 33 MI. PARRISH (FLA. 62) 12 MI. 4439 II SE (PALMETTO)

ANNA MARIA (VIA FLA. 789) 8 MI. PALMA SOLA PARK 1 MI.

13 MI. TO FLA. 675 MYAKKA HEAD 27 MI.

BRADENTON BEACH 4.7 MI.

VERNA 15 MI. ARCADIA 42 MI.

4438 I NW (BRADENTON BEACH)

4538 IV NW (LORRAINE)

(BEE RIDGE) 4538 IV SW

T. 34 S.
T. 35 S.
T. 36 S

3041 000m.N. 3029 000m.N.

1 110 000 FEET

MANATEE CO
SARASOTA CO

(SARASOTA) 4438 I SE

OSPREY 14 MI. VENICE 20 MI.

R. 17 E. R. 18 E.

2.7 MI. TO U.S. 41

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UTM GRID AND 1981 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

SCALE 1:24000

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
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DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—GULF COAST LOW WATER DATUM
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty — Light-duty
Medium-duty — Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route — State Route

FLORIDA
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Florida Engineering Services Corporation
515 North Adams Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
904-222-1441
MAP AGENT

BRADENTON, FLA.
N2722.5—W8230/7.5

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PHOTOREVISED 1981
DMA 4438 I NE—SERIES V847

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T. 33 S. T. 34 S.

1 190 000 FEET
1 160 000 FEET

HILLSBOROUGH CO
MANATEE CO

ST. PETERSBURG 12 MI.
RUSKIN 10 MI.
SUN CITY 6 MI.
PARRISH (FLA 62) 6 MI.
RIVERVIEW 27 MI.
PALMA SOLA 0.2 MI.
COURTHOUSE 0.4 MI.
SARASOTA 8 MI.
TALAVAST 8 MI.
SARASOTA 11 MI.

TAMPA BAY
MIGUEL BAY
TERRA CEIA BAY
MANATEE RIVER

Light
Little Redfish Cr
Harbor Key
Hells Half Acre
Northeast Head
Bishop Harbor
Mariposa Key
Kitchen Key
Moses Hole
Southeast Head
Two Brothers Islands
Horseshoe Key
Clambar Bay
Tidal Flat
Terra Ceia Creek
Joe Island
Joe Bay
Williams Bayou
Frog Creek
Gillette
Slough
Cabbage Creek
OLD RAILROAD GRADE
COAST LINE
SEABOARD
4 LANE
OLD RR GRADE
Rubonia
McMullen Creek
Quarry
BUFFALO CANAL
Paradise Island
Skeet Key
Custer Bayou
Little Miguel Pass
Big Miguel Pass
Eds Key
Fletcher Point
Boots Point
Tilette Bayou
Sister Keys
Bickel Mound Park
Terra Ceia Island
TOLL BRIDGE
SUNSHINE SKYWAY
Sea Breeze Point
Palm View
Palm View Sch
OLD PALM VIEW ROAD
Golf Course
Trailer Park
Palmetto Point
Skyway Memorial Gardens
CANAL
RAILROAD GRADE
MENDOZA ROAD
Ellenton Airport
Driv-in Theater
Tidal Flat
Critical Cr
Critical Bayou
Flounder Pass
Rattlesnake Key
Bird Key
Peterson Bayou
Gus Point
Little Bird Key
Clambar Bayou
Champlain Bayou
Snead Island
Snead I Cutoff
McKay Point
Terra Mana
Hooker Point
McNeil Point
Warner W Bayou
Warner E Bayou
McLewis Bayou
Fogarty Point
Point Ogden
Lights
Point Pleasant
Beville Point
Sewage Disposal
Manatee Agricultural Center (Fairgrounds)
Palmetto Jr High Sch
Lincoln Memorial Sch
Memphis
Memphis Heights
Holy Cross Ch
Armory
Cemetery
PALMETTO
BRADENTON
Fire Sta
Library
City Hall
PO
Park
Quarry
Rocky Bluff
Braches Hammock
Ayres Point
SEAWALL
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BOUNDARY
CORPORATE
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Sheet 2 of 2 Sheets Plat Book 9, Page 58

BRADEN CASTLE PARK

IN

SECTIONS 29-30-TWP. 34S.-RGE 18E.

East Bradenton, Florida

Scale 1"=60' December 1955

Karl Squires, Engr's.

Know All Men by these Presents:-

That The Braden Castle Association Inc, a Florida corporation, has caused to be made the attached plat entitled "Braden Castle Park", the same being a plat of an existing subdivision of the land described as follows:- Commencing at a point on the West bank of the Braden River 60ft. Northerly from the Northeast corner of Block 6 of Pelot's Addition to the Town of Manatee, now East Bradenton, Florida, as of plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1 at Page 77 of the Public Records of Manatee Co., Florida and running thence West 805 ft. to the East boundary of Pelot Ave., now 26th St. East,; thence North 439ft.; thence North 12°14' East a distance of 665 ft. more or less to the bank of Manatee River; thence Southerly along the meanderings of the Manatee River and Braden River to the point of beginning (P.O.B.). Also all of Block 6 and 7 of said plat of Pelot's Addition together with the alleys and streets lying within the described land and including the East ½ of that portion of Pelot Ave lying West of the described land and including the North ½ of Florida Ave lying South of said Lots 6 and 7 and including the West portion of that portion of Mill St. lying East of Blk. 6 and the North ½ of Florida Ave. as the said streets are shown on said plat of Pelot's Add. The said land lying and being in Sections 29 and 30, Twp. 34 South, Rge 18 East in the City of Bradenton, Florida.

The purpose of the attached plat is to show the location and sizes of the existing streets., Drives, Plaza and un-named streets and the lots and blocks as they have been laid out and existing for more than 30 years. Most of the lots shown hare built upon and hare homes occupied for many years.

Th streets, drives, plaza and un named streets as shown on the attached plat are hereby dedicated to the perpetual use of the public.

In witness whereof the said corporation has caused this instrument to be executed in its name and its corporate seal affixed thereto duly authorized this 20th day of July A.D. 1956

The Braden Castle Association Inc.

Signed in the presence of

R. E. Willis Witness

H. E. Yoes Witness

By Oscar Sheppard President

Emil Schultz Secretary

State of Florida ss-
County of Manatee

Before me this day personally appeared Oscar Sheppard and Emil Schultz President and Secretary respectively of The Braden Castle Association Inc., to me well known to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument, and who, having been duly sworn, severally acknowledged that they executed the same freely and voluntarily as such officers for the purpose therein expressed and that the official seal of said Corporation was affixed thereto by and with the authority of the Board of Directors of said Corporation and that the said instrument is the free act of the said Corporation.

Witnes my hand and official seal at Bradenton Florida this 20th day of July A.D. 1956.

Robert E Willis
Notary Public, State of Florida.

My Commission expires 2/26/59

Engineer's Certificate:-

I hereby certify that the attached plat (on 2 sheets) is a correct and true representation of the lands described above, to the best of my knowledge and belief according to a recent survey of said lands and as said lands are now and have been subdivided for more than 30 years, as made under my direction.

The Permanent Reference Monuments (P.R.M.) have been set in accordance with Section 177.07 of the Statutes of the State of Florida.

Karl Squires
Registered Professional Engineer No. 402
Professional Land Surveyor No. 87
State of Florida

Certificate of City of Bradenton:-

The attached plat (2 sheets) was approved by the Council of the City of Bradenton this 8th day of August A.D. 1956. For recording purposes only and not for purposes of acceptance of dedication of streets or maintainence thereof.

Attest Harold T. Rivet Clerk Signed C. Sterling Hall Mayor

Certificate of County Commissioners:-

This plat was approved for Record by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida this 1st day of October A.D. 1956

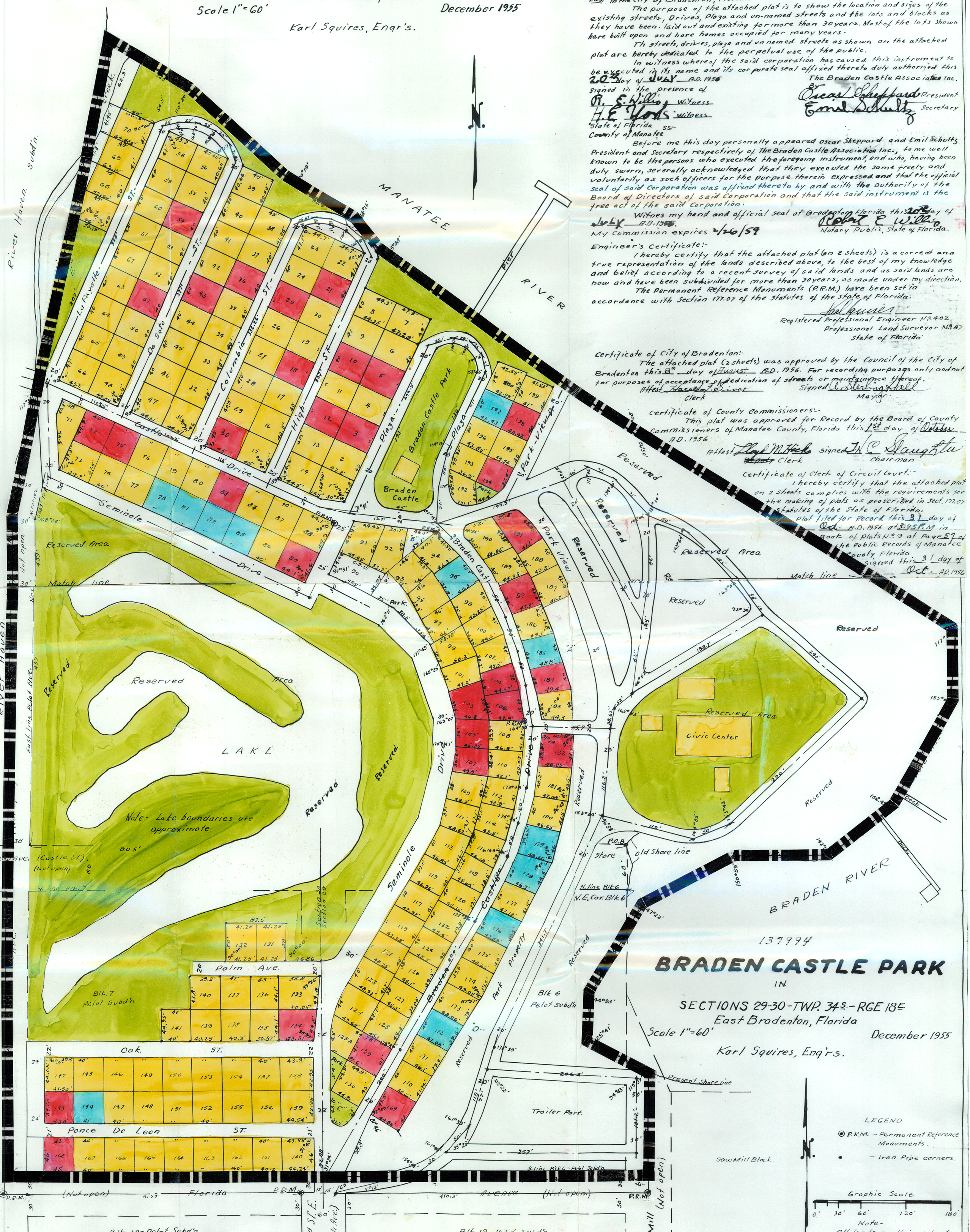
Attest Lloyd M. Hicks Clerk signed H. C. Slaughter Chairman

Certificate of Clerk of Circuit Court:-

I hereby certify that the attached plat on 2 sheets complies with the requirements for the making of plats as prescribed in Sect. 177.07 Statutes of the State of Florida.

Plat filed for Record this 31 day of Oct. A.D. 1956 at 3:45 P.M. in Book of plats No. 9 at Page 57 of the Public Records of Manatee County Florida

Signed this 31 day of Oct. A.D. 1956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Mr. Ross Morrell
State Historic Preservation Office, Dept. of State
Div. of Archives, History and Record Management
The Capitol, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301

Dear Mr. Morrell,

The Board of Directors of the Braden Castle Association, Inc. would like to convey to you their approval and endorsement of the district nomination of Braden Castle Park to the National Register of Historic Places. As the body elected by the property owners to manage the affairs of the Corporation, which is the owner of approximately 40% of the property included in the nomination, the Board has supported and assisted with the preparation of the nomination.

While the Board cannot speak for every owner, we are confident that the nomination will not be opposed by a majority of the property owners.

The Board of Directors of Braden Castle Association is proud that our Park merits consideration for inclusion in the Register and fully support the nomination. We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to: Bill Sheppard, Margot Moore, Mary McCahon, Mark Thomsen and Dan Deibler for their guidance and help in this matter.

Respectfully,
For the Board of Directors

Thurman Agness
President

J. Ermal Liptrap
Secretary

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Bradenton, Florida
January 12, 1983

Mr Ross Morrell
State Historic Preservation office
Tallahassee, Florida

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Dear Sir:

I wish to say that I whole heartily approve the effort to place Braden Castle on the register as an import Historic shrine. I thoroly enjoy the place here the way it and hope that this will impose it. Am very much interested in all thing historic, have done a work up north on some. In summation I think this is the nicest place in the south to spend you reeling years. Let's keep it that way.

Yours truly

Neal H Logan
42 Braden Castle Drive
Bradenton Fla
33505

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January 15, 1983

State Historic Preservation Office
Dept. of State
Div. of Archives, History and Record Management
R. A. Gray Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Attn: Mr. Ross Morrell

Dear Mr. Morrell:

I am writing this in order to express my personal hope that Braden Castle Park will be entered on the National Register of Historic Places, an honor which Braden Castle Park so rightfully deserves, and, it would be sacrilegious if this unique community were destroyed by some outside influence not aware of its historical signifiance.

I say this as one interested in things historic and one who has spent many happy winters in Braden Castle.

Sincerely,

L. O. Binkley

Loren O. Binkley
39 Braden Castle Dr. E.
Bradenton, Fla. 33508

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#1 Braden Castle Dr.
Bradenton, Fla 33508
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Dear Mr. Morrell,

My husband and I would like for you to know that we are in favor of having Braden Castle Park declared a historical site. We are third generation resident of the area & feel that because of the nature of our organization it has a unique place in the history of tourism in Florida.

Sincerely yours,

Mr & Mrs. Edgar Crowe

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State Historic Preservation Office
Office of Cultural, History and Records
R. A. Gray Bldg.
Tallahassee, Fl. 32301
attn: Mr. Ross Morrell,

JAN 1983

Dear Mr. Morrell,

I'd like to express my personal desire that Braden Castle Park will be entered on the National Register of Historic Places. The Park is certainly unique and of historical significance.

For the last ten years we have owned and enjoyed the property that my father and mother purchased in 1956 and enjoyed so much for 16 years.

Sincerely,
Billy C. Harrell
61 Braden Castle Blvd
Bradenton, Fl. 33508

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DANIEL, HARRISON & WOODWARD
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
ELLIS FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
SUITE 402
POST OFFICE BOX 400
BRADENTON, FLORIDA 33506

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THOMAS W. HARRISON

AREA CODE 813
TELEPHONE 746-1167

January 17, 1983

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO:

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Department of State
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Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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Atten: Mr. Ross Morrell

Dear Mr. Morrell:

It has come to my attention that Braden Castle Park is under consideration for entry on the National Register of Historic Places.

As a life-long resident of Manatee County, this is of particular interest to me, and it is my hope that the entry can be accomplished.

You may be aware that the park is built around the old Braden Homesite, which well before the turn of the centry gained renowned as a haven and fortress where the local residents gathered and baned themselves together to withstand seiges from Indian tribes. Parts of the old homeplace, which locally have been called the Castle, still stand intact. I remember that as a child, some 50 or 60 years ago, the excitement which I would experience when my father would take our family through the ruins.

In my opinion, this part of our community history should be carefully preserved and kept for posterity. It would be catastrophic should the remains be destroyed by some newcomers to the area, not aware of the historical background.

I would appreciate anything which you might be able to do through your good offices to accomplish the registration.

Respectfully submitted.

George H. Harrison

GHH:rai

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15 Seminole Dr.
Bradenton Fla
33508

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Bureau of Historic Sites and Properties
L. Ross Morrell
The Capitol, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301

Gentlemen —

Being a property owner in the Braden Castle Park Historic District, I am in favor of the District being considered by the Florida Review Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. It is a place well worth preserving because of its connection with the Civil War and pre Civil War periods.

Yours truly,

Perry Adams

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HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE

Bradenton, Florida

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Mr. L. Ross Morrell,
State Historic Preservation Officer
Division of Archives, History and Records Management
R. A. Gray Building
Tallahassee, Fl. 32301

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Dear Mr. Morrell:

In regard to the application of Braden Castle Park, Bradenton, Florida for listing as a National Register District.

We firmly believe this community qualifies as a historical resource because of its significance in twentieth century American history and culture. It is, indeed, a geographically definable urban area possessing a significant concentration, linkage and continuity of buildings united by past events as well as by plan and physical development.

It began in 1920 as a group of early tourists, among the first to be emancipated from northern winter by the automobile to the to the warmer clime of Florida's west coast, looking for a permanent camp location free from harassment even if it had to be hand hewn out of wilderness. They found their answer soon after in a tract of land in the Village of Manatee on the south side of the Manatee River, surrounding the remains of Joseph Braden's residence known as the "Castle".

We do not believe there is a more unique settlement extant in the United States today. We have come to know the character of the Park and a number of its occupants. They are proud of their community and have worked to maintain and improve it.

We sincerely hope the Florida National Register Review Board will consider this application affirmatively. It is a living historical resource which, in our judgement, should be recognized in our national records.

Sincerely,

W L Sheppard

William L. Sheppard, Chairman
Margaret M. Moore, Co-Chairman



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BRADEN CASTLE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Braden Castle Park - Box 34
PHONE 746-7700
BRADENTON, FLORIDA 33505



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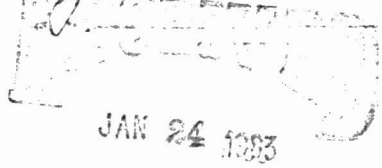

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Department of State
Division of Archives, History and Record Management
R. A. Gray Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Attn: Mr. Ross Morrell

Dear Mr. Morrell.

As a resident of Braden Castle Park for the past fourteen winters may I add my support to the "Castle" being entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

I knew some of the founders and since residing here have had the opportunity to study its history which is indeed unique. The park should be preserved as the forerunner of Florida's principle industry - tourism.

Yours truly

Travers Stohlberg

TRAVERS STOHLBERG
31 SEMINOLE DRIVE EAST
BRADENTON FL 33508

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Attention Mr Ross Morrell

Dear Mr Morrell:

I am writing this letter to you regarding Braden Castle Park, Bradenton, Florida to be entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

Many of the residents of today are heirs of the original residents who brought their necessary supplies with them many years ago and developed this area for a pleasant and modest place to live.

If you will read the history of Braden Castle Park I am sure you will agree that this unusual place should not be destroyed for any reason but be preserved as a Historic Place on the National Register.

I have lived here for several winters and it is truly a unique area

Respectfully,
Frances Miller
121 DeSoto E. Bradenton, Fla.

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Attn: Mr. Ross Morrell,

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I say this as one interested in thing's historic and one who has spent many happy winter's in Braden Castle.

Sincerely,

Ruth and Lawrence Shimer
40 Braden Castle Dr. E.
Bradenton, Fla. 33508

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L. Ross Morrell,
State Historic Preservation Officer
Division of Archives
History and Records Management
Department of State

Dear L Ross Morrell,

We as residents of the Braden Castle Park and owners think the Park should be a National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,
Welda & Bob Kirkpatrick

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att. Mr Ross Morrell

Dear Mr Morrell

I am writing this letter to express my personal interest and hope that Braden Castle Park will be entered on the National Register of Historic Places. In my opinion, Braden Castle deserves this honor.

As a resident of this historic community, I sincerely hope Braden Castle can be recorded.

Sincerely
J. Ermal Liptrap
12 Ponce De Leon
Bradenton, Fla. 33508

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Bradenton, Florida 33508

Dear Sirs:

This is to inform you that we are in favor of "Braden Castle Park" being listed on the "National Register" as a historic Park which is located on the Manatee River in East Bradenton Florida. We are a home owner in Braden Castle Park also a year around resident.

Sincerely,

Arthur and Minnie Kidd

10 Columbia St E

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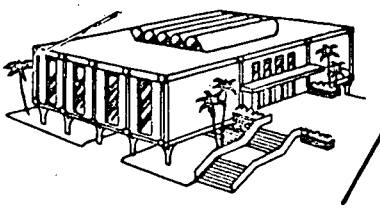

CITY OF BRADENTON

BRADENTON, FLORIDA

BILL EVERS
Mayor

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Mr. Ross Morrell
State Historic Preservation Office
Dept. of State
Division of Archives, History and Record Mgmt.
R. A. Gray Building
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Mr. Morrell:

The City of Bradenton has recently spent much effort in identifying our historical sites and creating a historical district and a historical ordinance trying to preserve our past heritage which this community cherishes.

I would encourage you to enter Braden Castle on the National Register of historical places and I am sure that in your review you will find Braden Castle is historically significant to merit this classification.

I can speak for myself, City Council and the City that this is a unique and historical site within our community that is in need of preservation which will reflect the heritage of our community.

I thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Evers
Mayor

cc: Loren O. Binkley
39 Braden Castle Dr. E.
Bradenton, FL 33508

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Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Peterson
10 Ponce de Leon-E
Bradenton
Fla. 33508

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Div. of Archives, History and Record Management
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Fla. 32301

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Att: Mr. Ross Morrell

Dear Mr. Morrell:

Through this means I am expressing my personal hope that Braden Castle Park will be entered on the National Register of Historic Places. Now this same wish goes for my wife Maxine Peterson. We both believe that it is rightfully deserved, and would act as protection against some outside force unaware of its historical value.

Thank you for your consideration in the above. My wife and I have had a home in Braden Castle Park for many years. Happy ones I might add.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. Peterson and
Maxine Peterson

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Attn. Mr. Ross Morrell,

Dear Mr. Morrell,

As my wife and I are many year residents at Braden Castle Park, it is our wish and hope, that Braden Castle Park will be entered on the National Regester of Historical Places. We have traveled in 49 of our states from coast to coast, and find this to be one of the most interesting and facinating places to live. It has a long history that should be preserved.

Sincerly yours.

Arthur & Bernice Henning
11 De Soto Street E
Bradenton, Florida, 33508

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L. Ross Morrell
State Historic Preservation Office
Department of State
Division of Archives, History, and Record Management
R.A. Grey Building
Tallahassee,
Florida

Dear Mr. Morrell:

I am writing regarding the nomination of Braden Castle Park, Bradenton, Florida, to the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1947 my family began visiting Braden Castle to spend the winter school holidays with my Grandparents. Over the past 36 years we have continued the visits. Now our children - the fourth generation of my family - visit their Grandparents there.

Braden Castle is unique not only in its preservation of the physical characteristics thru its housing stock, but also in the preservation of the "midwestern" flavor of the community. From what I have read of the original "Tin Can Tourists" which first camped on the site, I feel that the original spirit of the people has been preserved.

I strongly urge that the Florida Review Board nominate Braden Castle to the National Register of Historic Places. It is a community which is an untouched example of not only the physical housing of the period, but also of the special mix of midwesterners who migrated to Florida in the early part of the century. I hope that it will be preserved so that my grandchildren and others of their generation will be able to understand first hand this very special slice of American life.

Sincerely,

Patricia Binkley Streeter

Patricia Binkley Streeter
36 Gedney Circle
White Plains, New York
10605

MANATEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 17, 1983

Mr. L. Ross Morrell
State Historic Preservation Officer
Division of Archives
Historical and Record Management
Department of State, The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Mr. Morrell:

Braden Castle Park has been preserved in its original concept as it was created by the early camping tourists of America. The Park's residents maintain the original homes with no noticeable external changes, and the lifestyle and activities of the community are much the same as they were for the original visitors--- fishing, shuffleboards, dancing, pot-luck dinners and together enjoying the tranquil location in the pleasant Florida climate.

The significance of the Ruins of Braden Castle was recognized by these early tourists for their historic importance. The ruins are preserved to remind us of the nations early beginnings -- exploration, settlements, agricultural efforts and a primary Florida resource: tourism.

I am proud to strongly support the registration of Braden Castle Park as a National Historic District and urge the Review Board to approve its nomination to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Westwood H. Fletcher, Jr.

WESTWOOD H. FLETCHER, JR.
Chairman

WHF:tw

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TO: Mr. Ross Morrell
State Historic Preservation Office

SUBJECT: Braden Castle Park Historic District.

Dear Mr. Morrell:

We, the undersinged members of Braden Castle Association, wish to express to you our approval and support of the District Nomination of Braden Castle to the National Register of Historic Places.

SIGNED:

NAME	ADDRESS
[illegible]	12 Ponce de Leon
Traverse Stahlberg	31 Seminole Dr. E.
Minnie Kidd	10 Columbia [illegible]
Wesley M Elton	49 Seminole Dr E
[illegible] Gardiner	24 Braden Castle Dr.
[illegible]	[illegible]
Paul Welbaum	18. De Soto Street
Billy C. and Delores M. Howell	61 Braden Castle Drive
[illegible]	14 Ponce de Leon Ave E
Gladys Gray	13 Ponce de Leon
Melvin Myers	4 Seminole
Ralph H. Pauline Childers	11 Br. Castle Dr. E.
Dessa Harrison, Pauline Childers Trustee	#5 Br. Castle Dr E.
Don and Mae Herrold	21 Braden Castle Dr E Bradenton
Dorothy Hatlee	23 Braden Castle Dr.
Worthy A. Johnson	64 Braden Castle Dr.
Herbert A. Sherwin Sr.	56 Braden Castle Dr. Bradenton Fla.
Joseph Newsome	11 Ponce de Leon B. Castle
Harry T. Durr	#2 Seminole Dr. E Bradenton Fla.

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SIGNED:

NAME	ADDRESS
Alatie A. Rich	19 Seminole Dr. E.
Mary Malt	46 Braden Castle Dr.
Charles [illegible]	46 Braden Castle Dr.
Virginia Plummer	37 Seminole
Audrey Agle	12 High St East Bro
Roberta Harris	53 Braden Castle Dr.
Harold J Monteith	59 Seminole Dr. E
Tom Hickman	14 Plaza
Helen Hickman	" "
Darvie Moss	4 High
Nannie Moss	4 High
Eva Mallott	13 Lafayette St
Lavada Hopie	10 Oak St
Bertha Posey	2 Oak St
J. Galloway Peterson	16 Ponce de Leon
John Watts	66 Braden Castle Dr.
Bracken A. Gilmore	4 Ponce De Leon St. E.
[illegible]	5 Oak St

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SIGNED:

NAME	ADDRESS
Hilda Kirkpatrick	29 E Braden Castle Dr.
Robert Kirkpatrick	29 Braden Castle Dr.
Margaret [illegible]	[illegible] Braden Castle Dr.
Dora & Mildred Tumblin	36 Braden Castle Dr E
Robert Rang	53 Seminole Dr
Alice Rang	53 Seminole Dr
Perry Adams	15 Seminole Dr.
Neal H Logan	42 Braden Castle Drive
[illegible]	10 Ponce De Leon
Raleigh W. Mead	2 Parkview East
[illegible]	12 Plaza E
[illegible]	
Earl A. Glassburn Sr.	3 High St.
Herman R Francis	14 Columbia St. E
Irene N. Francis	14 Columbia St. E
Clyde W Blakney	15 Lafayette St E
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George Hardy	6 DeSoto St
Roy Rennaker	25 Seminole Dr.
Frances F. Stahl	12 Columbia E
Alden R Messmer	#50 Braden Castle
John Harts	26 Braden Castle Dr.
James Duke	10 DeSoto E. Braden Castle
Lorna Dershem	2 Braden Castle Drive
[illegible]	15 Lafayette St.
Imogene Crowe	1 Braden Castle Dr.
Edgar Crowe	1 Braden Castle Dr.
Lola Miller	48 " " "
Rose M. Walter	47 Seminole
Arthur H. Walter	47 "
Garnet B Lambersen	31 Braden Castle Drive
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Con Grd	7 Braden Castle dr.
Gladys L. Chenery	60 Braden Castle Dr
Marjorie Quirk	10 Desoto Braden Castle
Zoe B Streeter	9 Oak St E BC
Rachel Benson	7 Oak St E.
Clara L Douglass	4 Plaza St E.
Lucille Murray	5 High St E
Helen M. McMurray	104 Plaza St E
Margaret Alexander	34 Braden Castle Dr

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Geo Wm Ross	9 Ponce Deleon
Elmer Agle	12 High ST
Audrey Agle	12 High ST
Paul Smith	11 OAK ST E.
Odell Pitman	16 Ponce De Leon
Melvin Hochstedler	7 Lafayette St E
Mary H Jones	3 Plaza E
Irma Lyons	4 Parkview St.
Gilbert L Fleming	2 Plaza St E. Bradenton
Naomi Fleming	"
Ota M. Carter	27 Braden Castle Dr E
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√ Ruth Deering	6 Oak St. E.
√ Fred Reisner	3 Palm E
√ Virginia Reisner	3 Palm Ave E "
√ [illegible]	6 Seminole Dr.
√ Ruth Braun	8 Park View E.
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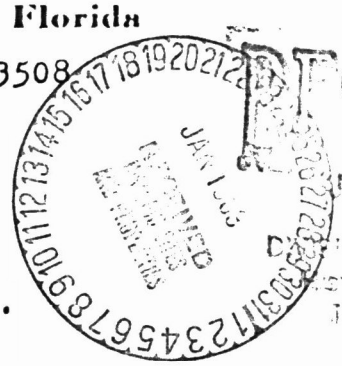

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Dorothy West	41 Bradencastle Dr
Ruth Koppmeier	33 Braden Castle Drive
Robert Harris	53 Braden Castle Drive
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Pat & Esther Barone	5 Azalea Lane
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