

# CITY OF WINTER PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Staff Report December 13, 2017

COR 17-001.A Request by Restore Winter Park, LLC for approval of Scope of Work and Engineering Drawings to execute a Certificate of Review for restoration of the Front Porch, residing of exterior and complete freshening of interior of Existing House at 654 West Lyman Avenue, Winter Park. The existing main house to stay intact as it now exists on the property. Zoned R-1A. Parcel ID. #05-22-30-9400-70-060. Lot Size: 50' x 90' = 4,500 sf

**Description.** 654 West Lyman Avenue is a one-story wood frame home built in 1925. It represents a good example of an original Hannibal Square vernacular home. The existing placement on the site allows for good access to the rear yard. The front yard is within two feet of matching the current front yard setback requirements, and all other existing setbacks for the original home are within the allowed code requirements.

The composite shingle roof is a low pitched single gable form running north to south. The house plan is rectilinear and the foundation is raised. The building is clad in horizontal wood siding. The fenestration is primarily newer aluminum windows and needs to be restored to one-over one, double-hung appearing windows. The rest of the main home will be covered with a synthetic wood-appearing 1x6 siding, maintaining the same scale as the original wood siding.

The Front Porch will be opened up and the existing horizontal wood siding will remain and be restored on the three sides. Existing glazing will be removed from the porch, and new wood double-hung sash will be installed on the front wall of the Main Home to replicate the original wood windows either side to the Entry Door.

The Rear Porch roof is to be reframed as an extension of the main roof gable. Since this will not be seen from W. Lyman Avenue, it is not of concern and will still maintain the original design intent of the original home.

Original Certificate of Review Request: Please see original COR, attached.

Engineering Drawings: Please see attached two sheets of drawings.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff's recommendation is for approval of Engineering Drawings as submitted.





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> Staff Report October 11, 2016

COR 17-001 Request by Restore Winter Park, LLC for a Certificate of Review for restoration of the Front Porch, residing of exterior and complete freshening of interior of Main House, build new 400+/- square foot Guest Cottage at rear of site, with a variance of five (5') feet at rear and both side yards of Cottage. Main house to stay intact as it now exists on the property. Also to add four new parking spaces and drive on site.

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Required setbacks:		Existing/Proposed setbacks:		
Front	25'	18'-1" + 8" col. Depth + 5' = 23'-9"		
Side	7.5'	9'-1" / 5' (Cottage)		
Rear	25'	28'-11"/5' (Cottage)		
Height	30'	16'+/- estimated		
<b>Building Separation</b>	5'	8'		

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To the south (rear) of the site is a ten foot wide City Utility Easement that provides additional separation from the adjoining property to the south. This easement is seen as a permanent City-owned easement.

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- a. New one-story building is 16' wide by 27' long = 432 sf
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- 4. Solar Energy- the Applicant has already demonstrated his support for using solar power in Hannibal Square. Our "Going Solar in Winter Park" attachment contains links to websites that show how solar mechanisms may be adapted to historic buildings by locating them away from the front/street (north) view. This home's orientation is wellsuited for south and west access to full sun on the roof surfaces.

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# STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff's recommendation is for approval of all four COR requests as well as variance requests for side and rear setback variances.

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Historic Preservation Board Certificate of Review Supplemental Application for Variance Request

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**3**. Describe the requirements, from the Land Development Code upon which this request is based.

4. Describe how the requested variance may be appropriate to achieve the design review standards for historic preservation.

We would like to open up to Front porch to the state it was likely in original condition

5. Complete the setback and coverage calculations on the appropriate form and include with this application.

File this form with your completed Certificate of Review application.

#### Certificate of Review Process

A Certificate of Review (COR) is required for work on designated historic landmarks, properties and districts. The work includes any exterior alterations and new construction. The purpose of the Certificate of Review process is to assist owners of individual historic resources and landmarks, and owners in historic districts who plan to rehabilitate, restore or redevelop their property for contemporary use to achieve their goals while preserving the historic character, architecture and materials to the greatest extent achievable. The Historic Preservation Board (HPB) shall not review interior alterations but it shall consider the effect of such plans as they relate to the exterior. The design guidelines used by the (HPB) shall generally be the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings* and any additional standards adopted by the HPB. The HPB will consider:

- A. The effect of the proposed work on the property; and
- B. The relationship between such work and other buildings, structures, objects or landscape elements on the site or other property in the historic district where applicable. In evaluating the effect and the relationship, the HPB shall consider historical or architectural significance, architectural style, design, arrangement, texture and materials.

The applicant should confer with the city to obtain information and guidance before entering into substantial expense in the preparation of plans surveys and other data.

Applications will be scheduled for the Historic Preservation Board when received at least **24 days** prior to the next meeting. Applicants should submit <u>seven</u> copies of all information required to the Planning Department, City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The printed information size should be limited to 11" x 17". Notice of the proposed work will be advertised and mailed to all property owners within a 500' radius of the site. The HPB shall act upon an application within 60 days of receipt. The time limit may be waived upon mutual consent. Applications will be accepted when a completed application form is submitted together with the supplementary materials necessary to fully describe the proposed work.

The applicant or his/her representative should plan to attend the HPB meeting and present his/her proposal to the HPB. The HPB decision shall be issued in writing and may typically direct one of the following actions:

- 1. Issuance of a Certificate of Review for the proposed work;
- 2. Issuance of a Certificate of Review with specified modifications and conditions;
- 3. Issuance of a Certificate of Review with recommendations for zoning required for the building's preservation which shall be placed on the agenda of the soonest possible Planning and Zoning Board meeting;
- 4. Denial of the application;
- 5. Issuance of a Certificate of Review with a deferred effective date of up to 12 months in cases of demolition or moving of a significant building.

The HPB will take action on completed applications only. Decisions made by the HPB may be appealed to the City Commission no later than 15 days after the ruling is made. If there is no appeal or Commission action, the HPB decision shall be final.

For more information contact: Brooks Weiss, AIA, City Architect Planning Department 401 Park Avenue, South Winter Park, FL 32789 (407) 599-3323



654 W. LITMAN AVE. : OTE DIMENSIONS





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**Background.** The single story Frame Vernacular residential building at 654 West Lyman Avenue is a contributing historic building in the Hannibal Square Neighborhood was but around 1925 and represents one of the few remaining original homes on the west side of Winter Park.

In the attached overview by the Applicant, John Skolfield, his reasoning behind applying for historic designation is well stated and founded on his long-term relationship with Winter Park. This designation requested is paired with a Certificate of Review request.

**Description.** 654 West Lyman Avenue is a one-story, wood frame building set back from the street approximately 18'. The existing setback to the east is approximately 9' and to the west, approximately 18', with an existing rear yard some 29' from the rear lot line. A ten (10') foot City Utility Easement runs perpendicular to the property on the south. There is currently no fence at the south property line.

The composite shingle roof is low pitched and has a ridge running north/south with gables at either end. The house plan is rectangular and the foundation is raised, as was common for many smaller homes in Winter Park at that time. The building is clad in horizontal wood siding. The current fenestration is aluminum windows that do not match the original window design in 1925. The Applicant wants to bring the original window design back to the front of this home.

The Front Porch has been modified and enclosed over the years and it is the Applicant's intention to open it up and restore it to what it may have looked like in 1925. The Applicant also proposes to add a pair of one-over-one sash windows and an appropriate front door, of the period.

The other elevations of the Main Home will also be covered in horizontal siding, at a scale to match the existing. The Guest Cottage will also be covered in that same horizontal siding and will keep a similar roof slope and material, appropriate to 1925.

Architecture. 654 West Lyman Avenue is a Frame Vernacular residential building. This has been the predominant type of wood frame architecture from Florida's Territorial Period to the present. Vernacular building traditions result from the builder's experience, available resources and responses to the local environment. After 1910, platform framing was introduced. With this method, each floor was constructed separately and was both simpler and more rigid than the balloon framing system it replaced.

Horizontal wood siding was the most typical common with shingles and board and batten less common. Windows are double sash and the size of the panes generally increased over the years. Details were simple and would have included jig-sawn woodwork on porches and eaves, depending on the builder's skills. Here exposed rafter tails speak to the simplicity of a small home.

Winter Park builders had access to locally milled lumber including old growth cypress and pine. The railroad also supplied building materials.

**Significance.** 654 West Lyman Avenue is associated with the development of downtown Winter Park during the early years when the west side Residents were critical to the overall success of the city. It is a surviving example of Frame Vernacular architecture and representative of residential life of the period. It is a contributing historic resource in the Hannibal Square Neighborhood of Winter Park and is therefore important to be preserved.

Also, it is notable that the Applicant is making a significant contribution to the preservation of the homes originally built in Hannibal Square. Only by such dedicated efforts will it be possible to save such homes and keep the scale of that important neighborhood intact.

Although this home is not architecturally significant, it is incumbent upon this city to encourage the preservation of it. The Applicant should be congratulated for his insight and dedication to Winter Park and his continued demonstration of his commitment to historic preservation here.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

**Recommend approval for** listing as a historic resource on the Winter Park Register of Historic Places.

This home meets the Criteria for Designation in the following ways:

- Association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history including the local pattern of development
- Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or that represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values or that represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction

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# City of Winter Park Historic Designation Application

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HDA 17-002 Request by the Partin Family Trust (c/o Diane Niedermann), 1751 Chippewa Trail, Maitland, Florida 32751, to designate their family cemetery at 2500 Modac Trail, Winter Park, Florida as a historic resource on the Winter Park Register of Historic Places.

Zoned R-1A. Parcel ID. #29-21-30-0000-00-36

**Background.** The property is located on Modac Trail in Winter Park. This 0.54 acre parcel was part of a much larger land holding by Hugh G. Partin when it was granted to him on April 9, 1878. It was recorded in 1879. Hugh was the patriarch of the extended family of Partins in Central Florida. The family was well-known in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. Hugh had ten children. His grandson, Henry O. Partin became perhaps one of the most noted cattlemen in the South. In 1956, the Saturday Evening Post carried a story, *"Mr. Henry's Empire"* about Partin's 60,000-acre cattle dynasty founded in the Florida scrub.

The half-acre cemetery, just north of Howell Creek, is the last of the old homestead still owned by heirs of Hugh and Nancy Partin. Family history says that Partin lived on the land that today straddles the border between Seminole and Orange Counties. He built his home in the general area of Temple Drive and Howell Branch Road. The family descendants have kept and maintained the cemetery all these years and now would like to designate it as an historic site in Winter Park.

**Description.** The 0.54 acre site is vacant, except for the head stone monuments that rise above the grass and under the several trees on-site. It sits within an established neighborhood known as *The Hills of Winter Park*. The site is surrounded by a chain-link fence and has a double gate on to Modac Trail. There is no parking on-site, only on-street parking on Modac Trail.

**Significance.** The PARTIN FAMILY CEMETERY at 2500 Modac Trail is significant for its association with the history of Central Florida and the early period of development of Winter Park. It is an uncommon example of all four criteria for historic designation in Winter Park, and perhaps nationally as well. Specifically, it may be the only Family Cemetery known to be located within Winter Park!

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff Recommendation is for approval for listing as a historic resource on the Winter Park Register of Historic Places.



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**RE: PARTIN FAMILY CEMETERY, Hugh G. Partin Estate** Cemetery at 2500 Modac Trail, Maitland/Winter Park, Florida

Dear Members of the Partin Family:

This letter is written to learn more about the Partin Family Cemetery, now located in Winter Park, Florida. We became aware of this unique parcel of land when the City of Winter Park acquired a larger area of land along Howell Creek recently.

We have done some research into the land and have found your names and addresses. We have tried to telephone you, without success thus far.

We are interested in perhaps preserving this important land as an historic site within Winter Park. We may also be open to assisting the appropriate Partin Family representative in other ways that may be of benefit to preserving the land for your family and the community.

If this is of interest to you, please contact: Brooks Weiss, AIA City Architect and Liaison to the Historic Preservation Board 407.599.3323 bweiss@cityofwinterpark.org 401 South Park Avenue Winter Park, FL 32789-4386

Kind regards.

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"When I started teaching the grandchildren," she joked in 1978, "I said, 'Marguerite, it's time to retire.' "	

She is just one of the many ties between Seminole County and one of Osceola County's premier families.

A native of Lakeland, Partin came to Oviedo in 1936 to teach first grade. She also coached girls basketball and cheerleading for older students. She married James A. Partin, a celery farmer and Oviedo native.



Her husband's father was John Enoch Partin, the fourth son of James Benjamin Partin, who was the fifth son of Hugh Gilmore Partin, patriarch of the extended family of Partins in Central Florida

"Almost all the Partin families in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties can be traced back to Hugh G. and Nancy E. Partin, who are buried in our little pioneer cemetery," explained Sharon Lynch of Orlando, who with several cousins have traced the family heritage as part of their efforts to get the Partin Cemetery in Winter Park designated as a historic site. "Their descendants have contributed much to the development of this area of Central Florida over the past 135-plus years, and they still are today."

The Partin heirs, aware that Florida law allows abandoned private cemeteries to disappear, are maintaining the property and have prepared land records to present to the state and Winter Park, which recently annexed the family cemetery and the surrounding neighborhood.

The gated cemetery where Modac Trail meets Rapidan Trail is surrounded by 1960s-era suburbia within the fourth addition of the Dommerich Hills neighborhood.

The story of how Hugh Gilmore Partin settled along Howell Branch is included in Alma Hetherington's The River of the Long Water, recently reprinted by the Osceola County Historical Society and on sale at the society's Pioneer Center. (The full story of the Partins is told in Vivian Smith's book The Partin Family, available in the family genealogy section of the downtown Orlando public library's reference section.)

"Hugh G. Partin in 1847 set out on foot from Tatnall County, Georgia, for a trip to Florida," Hetherington writes. "He came through Orlando and down to Kissimmee, both of which were small settlements known by other names at the time. He liked what he saw so well that he turned around -- again on foot -- and went back to Georgia where he sold out and moved his family south."

Elsewhere, Hetherington writes, "To Hugh G. Partin were born ten children, one of them Stephen Clay Partin in 1848. He was the father of Henry O. Partin, who through the years, with his four sons, became perhaps one of the most noted cattlemen in the Southwest."

The Jan. 7, 1956, issue of the Saturday Evening Post carried the story, "Mr. Henry's Empire" about Partin's 60,000-acre cattle dynasty founded in the Florida scrub and Partin's famed Braham bull, Emperor, who died that year.

"Any one of Emperor's blooded sons," the magazine reported, "may be worth the price of several hundred of the old range steers. As Mr. J.E. Lupfer, who owns the Osceola Hardware Store in Kissimmee says, "The odds are Mr. Henry's family is going to be running a ranch out here for some time yet."

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After his father's death, James Benjamin Partin sold some of the estate's land, including the property surrounding, but excluding, the cemetery

Hugh Gilmore Partin was great-great-great-grandfather of Mary W. Phillips of Orlando.

Phillips writes, "We have spent many hours the past few years cleaning and trying to save our Partin Family Cemetery."

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Original 160 Acre Homestead Land Grant for Hugh G. Partin Granted April 9, 1878 Located along Howell Branch Road in Winter Park and Casselberry



Regional View of Original 160 Acre Homestead Land Grant for Hugh G. Partin Granted April 9, 1878

Some clarifications and how to understand the Descendant Report:

At the beginning of each new generation is a header that tells what generation it is. At the beginning of Generation 2, you will see what could be confusing. I have extracted the words exactly as written and the page numbers of a book of loose court document papers for Tattnall County, Georgia. Those page numbers don't have anything to do with THIS book, they are from a book found in the Winter Park Library that included information about our original Charles Partin, who we believe was born in Ireland.

The small number within the actual person's name i.e. Charles <sup>2</sup> Partin notes the generation. Skip ahead to page 15. The number to the left of the person's name is their number in the entire document. So when you see 71 next to Gertrude Minnie Partin, that will remain her number on all other pages of the book. It will follow them throughout the entire book. There are 576 numbered people in the document, but more than 2000 people in the book. New information was added in the last year based on responses from self addressed stamped envelopes sent out. If you didn't get one, I don't have your address. If changes weren't made and you did send in a change, it's possible we made a mistake and missed it.

Descendants without children are NOT numbered. Persons who are NOT blood relatives are not numbered (unless adopted). If you do not have a number, and you do have children/descendants, the book needs your information.

The small letters (roman numerals) to the left of the name are simply the number of children from the same father. For example, if you find me, Diana Hey in the book on page 171 and 172, my first husband is listed second with his and my children. My second husband is listed first with his and my children. Abby is listed twice because she is the biological daughter of Stephen Kent Spurlock and myself. She is adopted by Mark and therefore shows as his daughter as well.

This book was compiled using the very first Partin Family History Book, the Fort Christmas Pictorial History book, The Seminole County Families Book and many of YOU who spoke to us over the phone, via Facebook, via snail mail, via email and in person. I'm thankful to those of you who shared your personal family trees, documents and pictures.

Lastly, I can PROMISE one thing, this book is not perfect. Some adopted children will appear to be biological children. This book is NOT intended to be an accurate historical document. It is simply a book for OUR family as our family has requested things be represented. In advance I ask for your forgiveness. I will never get frustrated with you, please offer me the same courtesy.

Enjoy reading your rich family history.

Many of you have asked that I go further back than Hugh Gilmore born in 1806. There are a few issues with that task. So, with this book, I will discuss them:

- Hugh Gilmore Partin born in 1806 was the son of Charles Partin and Sallie Gilmore. The story
  goes that this Charles and his two brothers came from Ireland in the late 1700's. Hugh was not
  their only child. So by adding Charles and Sallie to the book (going back one generation), I must
  add Hugh's siblings. This increases the number of people in the book by thousands. I choose
  not to maintain a book of that size, but welcome anyone who is willing to take over this task to
  do so.
- 2. The next issue is that, in our research, we found a Partin history that goes back to 1587 in America. A Robert Partin Sr. 1587-1650 is noted as living on the property of John Seward (there are actual newspaper publications from the time period that support this documentation). He married Margaret Hayle (who came here from England on The George in 1617 (also documented in immigration records). They lived near the Roanoke River/Blackwater Plantation.
- 3. This Robert's history is well documented with a lot of official records following his family. He had children, one of them named Robert and there is newspaper documentation of the deaths of several of this Robert's children. They are named Avis, Rebecca, Robert, Mary, and Deborah. This Robert's son Robert survived and lived in Virginia (Isle of Wight County) and married, naming his children Thomas, William, Mary, Francis, Samuel, and Robert (1655). Again, this family is well documented.
- This 1655 Robert married Elizabeth Rawlings and had children William 1710, Lucy (?), Charles (1714), Elizabeth (?), John (1717) and Robert (1718). They are found on the census in Surry County Virginia.
- 5. Their son William Cocke (Coake) Partin has children that are born very close to the time of our Charles Partin, the father of Hugh Gilmore Partin. But here is the conundrum: How could this be the same family? In one story we come from Ireland in the 1770's. In the other story, we have been here since the 1500's and came from England.

We have searched to the best of our uneducated abilities and with what limited funds we have. I can assume that perhaps we are cousins of the people in Virginia, but there is no actual paper trail I can find that places the people in Virginia who came from England near 1600 with the people who came from Ireland in 1770 and ended up in Tattnall County, Georgia who I know to be our true ancestors. Also, my personal DNA research has shown a 20% Irish heritage.

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I have looked at church records ALL over the parishes of Ireland and have only found three people named Partin. They were baptism records, so they did not include any family member names or even the birth date of the person being baptized or witnessing the baptism. One was named Luke Partin, the other I can remember was Samuel. I'm sorry but I've lost the paper that included the third name. Although it was from the time period of 1700's (so I can prove there WERE Partin's near Dublin in the 1700's) none of them were Charles, Steven (Stephen), or Robert. It is exciting to think we are related to the family with all of the wonderful documentation from England. And we very well may be. So I challenge any of you to continue the search. But be careful in your excitement to not be so sure that they are truly related to us. Their story doesn't match the story handed down from our generations of coming from Ireland.

#### **Generation 1**

HUGH GILMORE<sup>1</sup> PARTIN was born on 26 Dec 1806 in Reidsville, Tattnall, Georgia, USA. He died on 12 Sep 1878 in Orange County, Florida, USA. He married Nancy Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Henry Smith I and Temperance on 10 Dec 1835 in Tattnall County, Georgia, USA. She was born on 04 Sep 1818 in Tattnall, Georgia, USA. She died on 10 Mar 1901 in Orange County, Florida, USA.

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Sept. 12, 1878, and his wife, the former Nancy Elizabeth Smith, who died March 10, 1901, are buried side by side under the hickory trees that shade the Partin Cemetery. The half-acre cemetery is the last of the old homestead still owned by the heirs of Hugh and Nancy Partin. Nearby are the graves of their daughter, Parmelia Temperance Partin Redditt, and her husband, alligator-roping Reb Redditt. Another daughter, Temperance Florida Partin Hull Smith, and her husband, William R. Smith, and a son, John Taylor Partin, and his wife, Ida Frances Beasley Partin McLamb, also are buried in the family cemetery. After his father's death, James Benjamin Partin sold some of the estate's land, including the property surrounding but excluding the cemetery, to Josiah Denning (1834-1895) in 1883. Denning, who is buried in the southeast corner of the cemetery, became postmaster at Lake Howell in 1890. The Lake Howell Post Office, established in 1886, closed in 1907 when the Maitland Post Office absorbed the Lake Howell area. The gated cemetery where Modac Trail meets Rapidan Trail is surrounded by 1960s-era suburbia within the fourth addition of the Dommerich Hills neighborhood. Winter Park recently annexed the cemetery and the homes around it. The Partin heirs, aware that Florida law allows abandoned private cemeteries to disappear, are maintaining the property and have prepared land records to present to the state and Winter Park to get the cemetery designated as a historic site.

In the book Memories of Seminole County Families 1850 - 1945 by the Seminole County Historical Society, Hugh Partin served as a commissioner in Orange County from 1869 to 1972. While on the County commission he was instrumental in planning a road to be built between Orlando and Lake Jessup.

#### Notes for Nancy Elizabeth Smith:

The Partin Family

The Partin family stepped onto the path of Central Florida history in 1847 when Hugh Gilmore Partin (Nancy's husband) made a trip to Florida on foot and liked what he saw. Born on December 26th, 1806, Hugh grew to manhood in Tattnall County, Georgia and learned the trades of building watermills and farming. He married Nancy Elizabeth Smith in December 1835. They had ten children: Henry Smith "Junk" (1837-1912), Elizabeth "Liza" (1838-ca. 1865), Robert Charles "Bob" (1840-1927), Parmelia "Millie" (1842-1923), James Benjamin "Jim" (1844-1915), Hugh Gilmore "Gil" (1946-1935), Stephen Clay "Steve" (1848-1935), John Taylor (1850-1915), Temperance Florida "Tempey" (1852 - 1908), and Narcissus C. (1857-ca. 1858).

Upon his return from walking across Florida, Hugh began making plans to move his family there. He sold his 631 acres of land in August of 1851 and the family of ten, plus four slaves, set out in September with two horse-drawn wagons. When they reached Jacksonville, they found the Seminole Indians (now called Native Americans) were committing crimes against the settlers, which made travel further south into Florida dangerous at that time. They settled near Jacksonville on McGirt's Creek, where Hugh worked at his trade of millwright and waited for the Indian uprising to end. In 1853 they moved to St. Mary's Bend and settled on the north side of the river. Hugh and his family lived there for eleven years then moved to Sanderson, Florida when the Civil War began to get too close for comfort in Georgia. At the close of the war in 1865, they moved back to the farm in south Georgia and made and harvested one more crop. Then, once again, Hugh packed up his family for a move to Florida.

In January of 1866, Hugh Partin set up a home at Sand Point (Titusville) where the family lived until May of that year. The mosquitoes proved to be overwhelming and the decision was made to move inland. On May 31, 1865, the Partins moved into a log house on the south side of Lake Conway in Orange County, Florida and began to search for land to homestead. They located a piece of land on Howell Creek, now called Howell Branch, near the present Orange-Seminole county line. Hugh put up a watermill and processed his own lumber. He is burried in the Partin Family Cemetery near the Howell Branch Creek property located on Modac Trail. Hugh Gilmore Partin and Nancy Elizabeth Smith had the following children:

i. HENRY SMITH<sup>2</sup> PARTIN was born on 10 Nov 1837 in Tattnall, Georgia, USA. He died on 21 Apr 1912 in Osceola, Florida, USA. He married Ruth Jane Hull in 1858 in Baker, Florida, USA. She was born on 10 Oct 1840 in Columbia, Columbia, Florida, USA. She died on 03 May 1927 in Kissimmee, Osceola,



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# RE: HISTORIC DESIGNATION OF YOUR IMPORTANT HISTORIC HOME

Dear Mr. and Ms. Knight:

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your husband on the very successful restoration of your exceptionally important historic home in Winter Park. Thank you for doing such a remarkable job of bringing it back.

We also would like to introduce you more fully to the City of Winter Park's historic preservation efforts. Your property represents not only your home, but a very important and critical piece of history within our city. We hope you would consider listing your exemplary home on the Winter Park Register of Historic Places. We would like to learn your thoughts and meet with you to explore the incentives and benefits of designating your home at your convenience.

Let us share a bit about the city's historic preservation program. First and foremost, as you know, putting your property on the city's Historic Register is entirely voluntary. There is no obligation or commitment by you to do so. The City cannot put your property on the Register without your approval. Second, we have a number of different types of properties on the Register from all periods of time that reflect Winter Park's character through the past 130 years. Your property, being one of, if not the oldest houses in Winter Park, is a great example of the charm and character that has made Winter Park an extraordinary place. Third and finally, there is no fee to register your property on the Historic Register.

Now, if we've peaked your interest, here's some additional information that you may not yet know. Once on the Register, the property cannot be removed. This does not preclude you from making changes to your property and this designation does not impact any interior renovations. The city also offers several incentives that may be helpful. The city celebrates the history of Winter Park with tours of historic properties and annual events that recognize property owners that have designated their homes or businesses. We enclose *Applications for Historic Designation* and *Certificate of Review*, as well as a list of incentives for you to review.

If you would like additional information about Winter Park's Historic Preservation program, please contact me directly at <u>bweiss@cityofwinterpark.org</u> or give me a call at 407-599-3323.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We hope you are interested in hearing more about our program and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,