City of Jacksonville Landmark Designation Report

Mae B. Axton Residence at 3239 Dellwood Avenue

LM-23-07 September 27, 2023



Application Prepared By:

The Nistra and Rampton Living Trust 3239 Dellwood Avenue Jacksonville, Florida, 32205

Property Owner:

The Nistra and Rampton Living Trust 3239 Dellwood Avenue Jacksonville, Florida, 32205 I. Planning and Development Department – Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendation

REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS A CITY OF JACKSONVILLE LANDMARK

September 27, 2023

LM-23-07

Mae B. Axton Residence 3239 Dellwood Avenue Jacksonville, Florida 32205

GENERAL LOCATION: North side of the 3200 block of Dellwood Avenue between

Day Avenue and Owen Avenue in the Murray Hill neighborhood west of downtown Jacksonville

Prepared in accordance with the JACKSONVILLE ORDINANCE CODE, SECTION 307.104, the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department hereby forwards to the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission, its "Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations" on the Landmark Designation, <u>LM-23-07</u>, sponsored by the property owners, Artur & Jessica Nistra, 3239 Dellwood Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32205.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- (A) Consistent with the JACKSONVILLE ORDINANCE CODE, SECTION 307.104(d), the Planning and Development Department determined that the application for designation of the property at 3239 Dellwood Avenue as a Landmark was complete.
- (B) As required, the Planning and Development Department had signs posted in front of the property being considered for designation, as well as sent notices by U.S. Mail to each owner of real property within three hundred and fifty (350) feet of the proposed landmark. Notice of the public hearing on the designation of the property at 3239 Dellwood Avenue as a Landmark was published in the *Financial News and Daily Report*. Proof of publication is attached to this report.
- (C) Once designated, any activity affecting the exterior of the building and site of the proposed landmark at 3239 Dellwood Avenue will require a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). All proposed work will be reviewed for consistency with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*. The review of most routine work scopes including repairs, maintenance, alterations of previously altered features, small additions and size-limited new construction that would not impact significant historic elements or would not be readily street visible can be processed by the Historic Preservation Section (HPS) of the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department, but certain activities like alterations, additions, new construction, relocation and demolition that

would be visible from the public right-of way, as well as any work the HPS determines to be potentially in conflict with the *Secretary of the Interior Standards*, will require review by the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission.

The purpose of the historic designation of this site is to provide protection to the property at 3239 Dellwood Avenue, not to discourage or prohibit the future development of the site. The review of work through the COA process is to preserve the historic character, architectural features, and materials of this significant structure, as well as, to ensure any future development of the site is compatible with and sensitive to this primary historic resource.

(D) In preparing the application, the Planning and Development Department has found the application to meet **three of the seven** criteria. The criteria include the following.

A. Its value as a significant reminder of the cultural, historical, architectural, or archaeological heritage of the City, state or nation.

It is the determination of the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department that the subject property at 3239 Dellwood Avenue does not meet this landmark criterion.

B Its location is the site of a significant local, state, or national event.

During one of the first Elvis Presley concerts in Jacksonville in 1955, promoter, songwriter and mother figure for the young singer, Max Boren Axton, stated to Elvis, "I will write your first million-dollar seller." That same year, Axton made good on her promise by co-writing with young steel guitar player, Tommy Durden, Elvis's first national hit and a rock and roll classic, "Heartbreak Hotel." The song was composed in the living room of Axton's small concrete block house at 3239 Dellwood Avenue in the Murray Hill neighborhood southwest of downtown Jacksonville. Experiencing a "bolt of inspiration", the song was written in just over twenty minutes in the living room of Axton's 1949 residence.¹

While in Gainesville, Florida, Tommy Durden was greatly affected by a newspaper article on the suicide of an unidentified man who only left the message, "I walk a lonely Street." Durden realized that the death of the unknown man had all the makings of a blues song but was unable to come up with the right lyrics and melody. Realizing Axton's songwriting skills, he sought her help in composing a piece centered around the unfortunate suicide of a lonely man. Axton responded by saying, "think of the heart break he must have left behind", so there ought to be a heart break hotel at the end of that lonely street. '2

¹ Bob Kealing, *Elvis Ignited, The Rise of an Icon in Florida*. (Gainesville, Florida: University Press of Florida, 2017), p. 57.

Jacksonville City Directories, 1950 to 1958.

² Kealing, pp. 63, 64 & 65.

Peter Guralnick, Last Train to Memphis, The Rise of Elvis Presley. (Boston & New York: Little, Brown & Co., 1994), pp. 238 & 239.

Excited about its possibilities, the team composed the song on Axton's piano in less than a half-of-hour and immediately contacted local rockabilly performer and disc jockey, Glenn Reeves, to come to the house and record the song as a demo for Elvis's consideration. Not particularly enthused with the composition, Reeves performed the song in a manner mimicking the style and sound of Elvis. Probably agreeing to perform the song as a favor to Axton who helped him in getting his disc jockey job, Reeves's displeasure with the piece was so strong that he declined any songwriting credit.³

Axton sent the demo to Bob Neal, one of Elvis's managers at the time, but he never responded back. Axton personally gave a copy of the demo to both Neal and Elvis at a disc jockey convention in Nashville. Both agreed to go to Axton's hotel room to hear Reeves's recording of "Heart Break Hotel." Elvis was so thrilled with the song that he shouted, "hot darn Mae, play it again." Elvis agreed to record the piece following the example of Reeves's version. Elvis was also given 1/3 writing credit with Axton and Durden. Colonel Tom Parker, who became sole manager of Elvis's career, was able to buy out Elvis's recording contract with Sun Records and successfully negotiated a new contract with RCA/Victor, at the time the largest recording company in the country. "Heart Break Hotel" was included in some of Elvis's first recording sessions at RCA.⁴

Released as a single on January 27, 1956, Billboard magazine reported that over 300,000 copies of the single had been sold by the end of March and broke into the top ten at number nine. By May 5th it had become number one in the top ten where it remained until the end of June.⁵ With the success of the song, Axton moved to Nashville starting her own label as well as continuing songwriting. Axton commented that, "Heart Break Hotel" zoomed Elvis's star to the high heavens nationally." In his book, Elvis Ignited, the Rise of an Icon in Florida, author Bob Kealing summarized the significance of the song in Elvis's career, stating, "In the living room of her [Mae Axton] unremarkable and forgotten single-story block house just west of downtown Jacksonville, the kind as ubiquitous as palm trees throughout Florida's sun-drenched landscape, Axton and a pair of journeymen musicians [Tommy Durden & Glenn Reeves] made music history, cementing their own place in rock and roll lore, writing and recording for Presley the single that changed everything."⁶

C It is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the city, state, or nation.

The beginnings of the productive career of Mae Boren Axton as a songwriter and concert promoter occurred during her residency at 3239 Dellwood Avenue. Although the composing of "Heart Break Hotel" was her most noted achievement, she also co-authored over ninety songs later recorded by such artists as Patsy Cline, Hank Snow, Jerry Lee

³ Kealing, p. 65

Sam Phillips with Sun Records that held a recording contract with Elvis called the song, "a morbid mess." It has been noted that the gloomy and world weary lyrics and pacing of "Heart Break Hotel" was contrary to Elvis's usually lively and upbeat music. (Guralnick, pp. 238 & 239)

⁴ Kealing, pp. 65, 66, 67 & 69.

⁵ Ibid, pp. 76, 95 & 96.

⁶Ibid, pp. 14, 72 & 96.

Lewis, Perry Como, Willie Nelson, Conway Twitty, Glen Campbell, and Tanya Tucker. In addition to Colonel Tom Parker, Axton also did public relations work for Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Johnny Tillotson, and a young Tanya Tucker. After forty-five years in the entertainment business, with twenty-five in Nashville, Axton was honored by the State of Oklahoma, where she moved in later years, with the Mae Axton Award recognizing prominent country performers. Some of the recipients include Garth Brooks and Reba McIntyre.⁷

Born in 1914 in Bradwell, Texas, Mae B. Axton graduated from Oklahoma East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. After marrying football coach and teacher, John T. Axton, Mae and her family moved to Jacksonville in 1949. John taught and coached football at Robert E. Lee High School, now Riverside High School, with Mae teaching English at Landon High School and Paxon High School. Their two sons, Hoyt and Johnny, attended high school at Lee while living at 3239 Dellwood Avenue. In addition to teaching, Axton also wrote articles for Charlton Publications – Life-Today and later with Hit Parade and Country Song Round-up. It was researching an article on hillbilly music for Life-Today, that got Axton involved in country music.⁸

In the early 1950s, Axton was hired by manager and promoter, Colonel Tom Parker, to do promotional work for his Jamboree shows in northeast Florida. Axton may have been introduced to Parker by Minnie Pearl who she met backstage of the Grand Ol' Opry in 1953 while doing research on her hillbilly music article. Promotion of the Jamboree included such things as the posting of signs around town, arranging live interviews for Elvis with disc jockeys and even driving around with a loudspeaker on top of a car announcing tickets still available for the shows. The action to bring in Axton to promote Elvis has been called a "monumental development in Presley's rise to stardom." ⁹

The first jamboree, she promoted in Jacksonville for Colonel Parker was the Hank Snow All-Star Jamboree in May of 1955 at the new Wolfson Baseball Park. With a crowd estimated at 12,000, the jamboree included the Carter Sisters, Skeeter Davis, and Elvis Presley ending the show. Elvis ended his performance by innocently inviting girls in the audience to meet him backstage after the performance. Taking his invitation seriously, members of the audience, mainly teenage girls, rushed the stage with others coming through an unlocked door in the back. The mob of young girls ripped off much of Elvis's clothing and shoes leaving him only in pants. The fanatical interest in Elvis by young people as demonstrated at the Jacksonville "riot" made Parker see dollar signs and

Guralnick, p. 185.

Her brother was David Boren who became a prominent U.S. Senator from Oklahoma.

⁷ Folio Weekly, March 13, 2001, p. 33

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Folio Weekly, March 13, 2001, p. 33.

Kealing, p. 26

In one interview, Elvis stated his music has been described as both bebop and bopping hillbilly (Kealing, p. 55). ¹⁰ Elvis played 59 shows in Florida between May 7, 1955, and August 11, 1956, more than any other state. (Kealing, p. 12)

became even more committed to obtaining complete control of the young singer's bright future. 11

The second show in July of 1955 was also at Woldson Park and featured Andy Griffth, Ferling Huskey, Marty Robbins, Tommy Collins, and Jimmie Rodgers. However, the most famous of his concerts was the August 10 & 11, 1956 shows at the Florida Theatre. Before the show, juvenile judge, Marion Goodings warned Elvis of his having prepared an arrest warrant to be issued if his gyrations became too suggestive. Although avoiding arrest, Elvis continued to comment in later years about the unusual nature of this show being one of the hallmarks of his career. ¹²

According to author Bob Kealings, Mae Axton played a much larger role in Elvis's early career than just public relations. Not only a friend, Axton also served as a surrogate mother to Elvis. In addition to providing advice on a variety of matters, she also treated him to home cooked meals at her Dellwood Avenue home, and possibly provided overnight accommodations in the living room or screened-in porch. These gestures gave Elvis a welcome break from diner foods and long hotel stays. Mae Boren Axton passed away in Hendersonville, Oklahoma in 1997.¹³

Although only living in Jacksonville during his high school years, Hoyt Axton, the son of John and Mae Axton, became a celebrity as well. Starting his career in folk music in the early 1960s, Hoyt Axton went on to become an actor, successful songwriter, and performer. He composed music later performed by nationally known singers such as Elvis, Joan Baez, Waylon Jennings, John Deaver, Linda Ronstadt, Kingston Trio, Ringo Starr and even the rock band, Steppenwolf. Probably his most noted song is "Joy to the World" a top hit in 1971 performed by Three Dog Night. Hoyt Axton made over twenty movies with the most popular being the Black Stallion, Heart Like a Wheel, We're No Angel, Disorganized Crime, and the Gremlins. 14

D It is identified as the work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the city, state, or nation.

It is the determination of the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department that the subject property at 3239 Dellwood Avenue does not meet this landmark criterion.

E Its value as a building is recognized for the quality of its architecture, and it retains sufficient elements showing its architectural significance.

It is the determination of the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department that the subject property at 3239 Dellwood Avenue does not meet this landmark criterion.

Guralnick, pp. 321 - 322

¹¹ Kealing, pp. 40 & 41.

¹² Kealing, p. 54.

¹³ Kealing, pp. 14 & 38.

Florida Times Union, October 30, 1999, D-3

¹⁴ Florida Times Union, October 27, 2006, A-1.

F It has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials.

It is the determination of the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department that the subject property at 3239 Dellwood Avenue, does not meet this landmark criterion.

G. Its suitability for preservation or restoration.

In utilizing this criterion, it has been the practice of the Planning and Development Department to evaluate proposed landmarks based on evidence of significant exterior alterations that have negatively impacted character-defining features, as well as represent alterations difficult, costly, or impossible to reverse. Further, the degree and nature of any exterior deterioration, as well as the evidence of long term and potentially on-going neglect are also a factor in evaluating potential landmarks for their suitability for preservation or restoration.

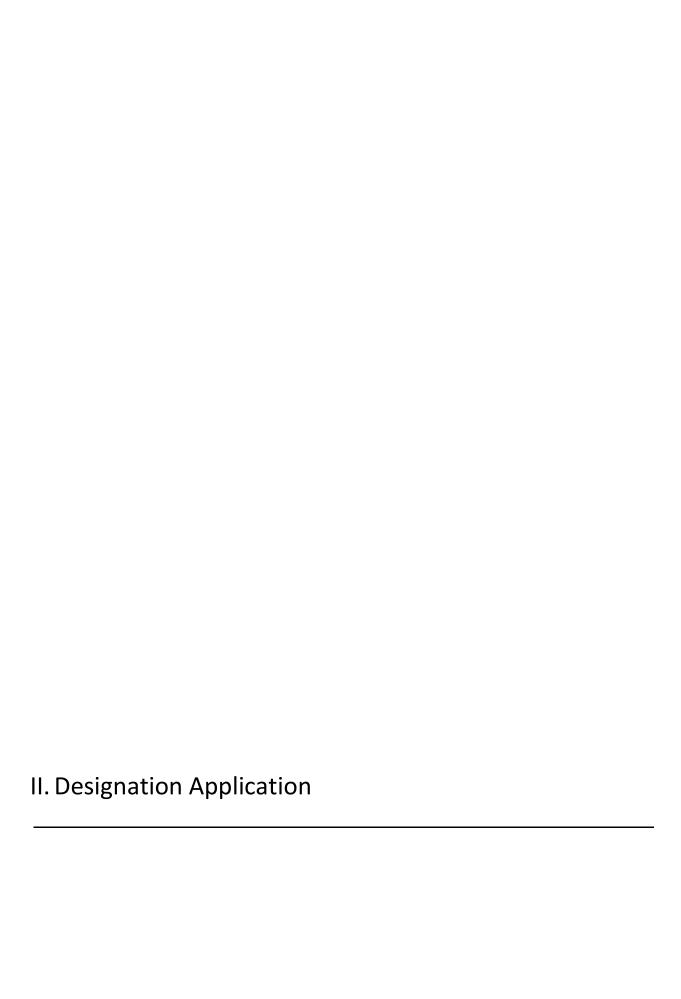
Constructed in 1949 for J.M. Hanna, the one-story residence at 3239 Dellwood Avenue has been continuously occupied and shows no evidence of deterioration. The front façade appears to have been significantly altered. Although no photos of the original front elevation have been found, the 1970 Sanborn Map depicts the house as having the same basic footprint as the one next door at 3243 Dellwood Avenue, which appears to have its original design. Also built in 1949, 3243 Dellwood Avenue has a half-width gabled porch on the west side, which covers a doorway facing east. The porch on 3239 Dellwood Avenue was enclosed and the gabled roof removed. A side doorway remains but goes out into a new porch extending to the east corner of the residence. Also under the main roof line, this porch is supported by four round columns. ¹⁵

The current Google Street View depicts an addition centered off the rear elevation. Based on building permit records, the only construction besides the original 1949 permit were for mechanical upgrades, re-roofing and interior work. The rear addition and changes to the front elevation were not permitted or not recorded in the building permit records. However, as viewed from the public street, the residence still reflects the basic scale and placement as found on the surrounding homes which are small one-story concrete block structures with primarily sidefacing gable roofs. Most appear to have been altered to varying degrees.

RECOMMENDATION

Since the property owners for 3239 Dellwood Avenue have sponsored the landmark designation, at least two of the seven criteria must be met. In reviewing the application, the Planning and Development Department has found the application to meet three of the seven criteria. Based on the findings of this report, the Jacksonville Planning and Development Department recommends that the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission **APPROVE** the designation of the Mae B. Axton Residence, 3239 Dellwood Avenue (**LM-23-07**) as a City of Jacksonville Landmark.

¹⁵ Jacksonville Building Permit Record, 1949 # 10801970 Sanborn Map of Jacksonville





REQUEST FOR LOCAL DESIGNATION OF LANDMARK OR LANDMARK SITE

City of Jacksonville Historic Preservation

Historic Name:	
	— Designation: (check all applicable)
Other Names:	Residential Commercial Institutional Public
FMSF Number:(if known)	Industrial Archaeologic Cemetery Other:
2. LOCATION	
Street name & number: 3239 Dellwood Avenu	o C
	Zip Code: 32205
state: Florida County: Duv	
Real estate number(s):	
3. HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
Significant historical associations: This property once belonged (back in Journalist, and musical producer Mo	the 50's) by songwriter,
evedences That The song Heart Break Ho Original use: With Elvis Presley and Tomi Residential	my Durden.

4. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	
The following is a list of the cultural, historical, architectu applicable local designation criteria outlined in section 30	
Mark "x" in any applicable boxes for the criteria to qualify how it is applicable. If more space is needed please use a landmark on each sheet.	
Its value as a significant reminder of the cultural, historical, architectural, or archaeological heritage of the city, state, or nation	Mae Axton was a tournaltist, Teacher, sangwriter, e musical promoter. This house is where she cownote "Heprt Break Hotes" with Clvis Presley & Tommy Durden
Its location is the site of a significant local, state, or national event.	Elvis Plesley and Mae Axton wrote songs in this property, along with Tommy Durden.
It is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the city, state, or nation	Mae Axton had an extensive professional influence on the national country scene. She discovered many artists, including Elvis
It is identified as the work of a master builder, designer, or architect, whose individual work has influenced the development of the city, state, or nation.	
Its value as a building is recognized for the quality of its architecture, and it retains sufficient elements showing its architectural significance.	
It has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials	
Its suitability for preservation of restoration	

POSITION AFFIDAVIT FOR LOCAL DESIGNATION OF LANDMARK OR LANDMARK SITE

City of Jacksonville Historic Preservation

PROPERTY INFORMATION
Historic Name: Other Names:
Street Name and Number: 3239 Deliwood Avenue
Zip Code: 32205 City: Jack Sonville State: FL
Real Estate Number(s):
DECLARATION OF SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION
In accordance with Section 307.104(j)(1-7), Ordinance Code, the Commission shall determine whether, based upon the evidence, the nominated landmark, or landmark site, does or does not meet the criteria for designation. In the event the owner of the property expresses an objection regarding local landmark status, at least four of the seven criteria must be met. If the owner of the subject property does not express such objection, only two of the seven criteria must be met.
I do not oppose my property being nominated for local landmark status.
I hereby object to my property being nominated for local landmark status.
Printed Name of Property Owner: Artur Nistra & Jessica Nistra Date: 8/7/23
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF DUVAL
Sworn to and subscribed and acknowledged before me by means of [v] physical presence or [_] online
notarization, this 7th day of MallST 2023, by AFTUR NISTRA'S JESSICA NISTRA
who is personally known to me or who has produced TL DL'S
as identification and who took an oath.
Notary Public State of Florida Jordanna L Davidson My Commission HH 086766 Expires 02/27/2025 (Printed name of NOTARY PUBLIC)
State of Florida at Large. My commission expires: 62.27.25

5. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS
A minimum of five (5) labeled (with location and description) photographs of the site Area map showing property location Any available historic and or existing drawings such as elevations, floor plans, diagrams, etc. Legal Description
 6. SPONSORSHIP STATEMENT
I am aware of the proposal for designation of the subject property or properties listed above as a City of Jacksonville landmark or landmark site and am aware of the procedures for review of the proposal by the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission and the Jacksonville City Council. I understand that I will be notified of the date and place of any public meetings at which the proposal will be considered by the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission and the City Council. I am also aware that if designated, any construction activities affecting the subject properties including alterations, new construction, demolition and relocation, will require a consistency review through an application for a Certification of Appropriateness. If the proposed designation is denied, I am aware that I must wait one year to re-apply. Signature of property owner: Printed name: Actur Nistra & Jessich Nistra Phone number: (9d4)534-9860 Email: Nistra & Jessich Nistra Com Address: 3239 Dellwad Ave City: Jacksonville Zip: 322 \$65
Signature of applicant (if different from property owner): (representatives need to provide a signed and notarized letter from the property owner(s) identifying them as their official agent.) Printed name: Actur Nistra Phone number: 904)534-9800 Email: Address: 3239 Dellwood Ave City: Lacksonville Zip: 32205
Sponsorship other than the owner Consistent with Jacksonville Ordinance Code 307.104(a), the proposal for designation as a City of Jacksonville landmark or landmark site is being sponsored by: Jacksonville Historical Society Signature of sponsor: Title: CEO Date: 68-17-2023
Printed name Plan Bliss Phone number: 901-860-6363 Email: alon blisse Townstory or 9

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On Mon, May 15, 2023 at 3:51 PM, Archives <archives@jaxhistory.org> wrote:

Hello Artur,

I was able to do the searching through the city directories and find out exactly when Mae Axton lived at 3239 Dellwood Ave. I have attached a word document to this email which lists her addresses and jobs during her time in Jacksonville. Please let me know if there is anything else I can assist you with.

Thank you, **Emily Cottrell**

Emily Cottrell Interim Archivist Jacksonville Historical Society Office: 904.665.0064



From: Artur <arturbrazil2@yahoo.com> Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 1:23 PM To: Archives <archives@jaxhistory.org> Subject: Re: Request for information from The Jacksonville Historical Society

Will be there at 1pm

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Wed, Apr 26, 2023 at 1:20 PM, Archives <archives@jaxhistory.org> wrote:

Artur,

I am available next Wednesday, anytime from 10:30am-2:00pm. Please let me know what time works best for you. Our office is open until 4:00pm, so please plan out enough time for yourself to look through the directories.

Thank you,

Emily Cottrell

Emily Cottrell Interim Archivist Jacksonville Historical Society Office: 904.665.0064

Relevant Links Regarding Mae Axton

Article About the song She wrote for Elvis https://www.theelvisfiles.com/heartbreak-hotel-the-story

Interview with Tommy Durden and the connection between Elvis Presly, Mae Axton and her 3239 Dellwood Avenue home.

Heartbreak Hotel Was Written Here Jacksonville Florida Elvis Presley Spa Guy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOZ5AkCP- g

The Elvis Files - Compiled articles about Mae and Elvis https://www.theelvisfiles.com/heartbreak-hotel-the-story

Willy Nelson Museum

https://willienelsonmuseum.com/museum/mae-axton-bio/

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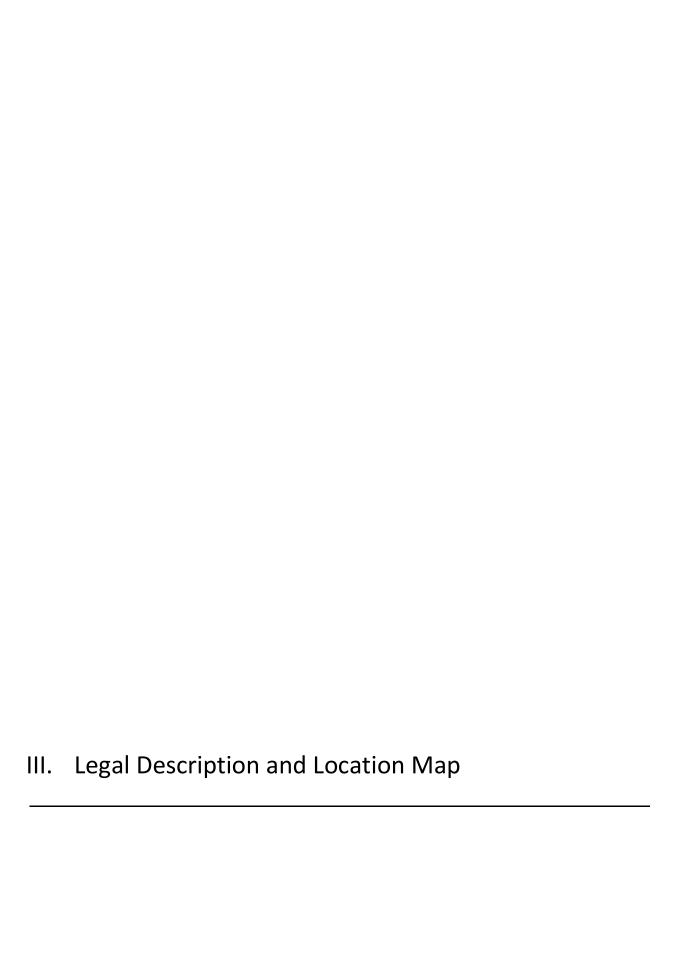
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WARRANTY DEED

The undersigned Grantors declare that this conveyance transfers Grantors' interest to Grantors' Revocable Trust for ZERO consideration and the beneficial interest in the property remains the same.

This transaction is exempt from the Documentary Stamp Tax pursuant to Florida Administrative Rule 12B-4.013(28)(a), THIS WARRANTY DEED, made the 17th day of May, 2022, by JESSICA WINTER RAMPTON, an unmarried woman and ARTUR ANGELO NISTRA, an unmarried man, the GRANTORS,

Whose mailing address is 3239 Dellwood Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32205;

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ARTUR NISTRA and JESSICA RAMPTON, as co-Trustees of THE NISTRA AND RAMPTON LIVING TRUST, dated May 17, 2022, the GRANTEE,

Whose mailing address is 3239 Dellwood Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32205;

The Grantors, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations to Grantors paid by Grantee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby grant, bargain, sell, unto the Grantee all of that property situate in Duval County,

Lot 17, Block 13, MURRAY HILL HEIGHTS, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 87, of the Public Records of Duval County, Florida.

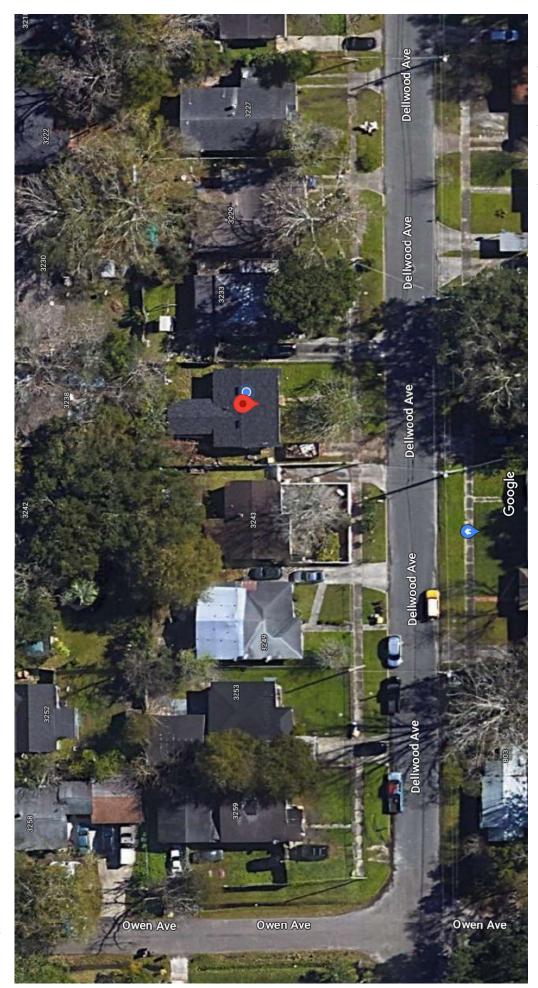
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MORE commonly known as: 3239 Dellwood Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32205.

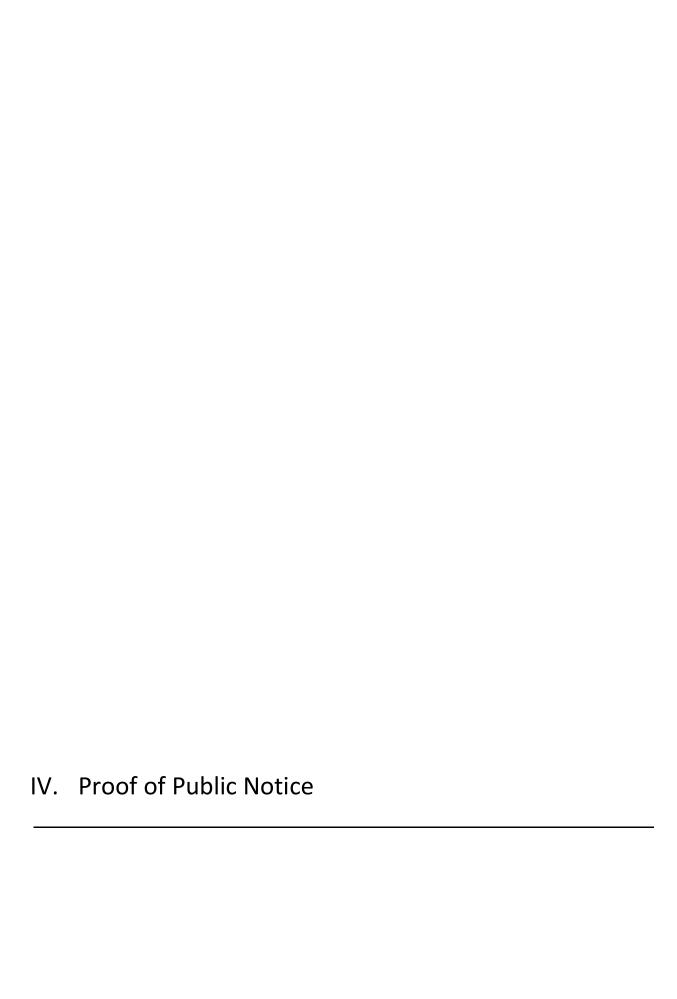
SUBJECT TO the Restrictions, Conditions, Covenants, Rights, Rights of Way, and Easements now of record, if any. Together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise apportaining.

To have and to hold, the same in fee simple forever.

And the Grantors hereby covenant with said Grantee that the Grantors are lawfully seized of said land in fee simple; that the Grantors have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey said land, and hereby warrant the title to said land and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever; and that said land is free of all encumbrances, except taxes accrued if any.



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STATE OF FLORIDA,

S.S.

COUNTY OF DUVAL,

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Rhonda Fisher, who on oath says that she is the Publisher's Representative of the JACKSONVILLE DAILY RECORD, a weekly newspaper published at Jacksonville, in Duval County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Notice of Public Hearing on Application to Designate a City of Jacksonville Historic Landmark

in the matter of LM-23-07 3239 Dellwood Avenue

in the Court, was published in said newspaper by print in the issues of 9/7/23.

Affiant further says that the JACKSONVILLE DAILY RECORD complies with all legal requirements for publication in Chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

*This notice was published on both jaxdailyrecord.com and floridapublicnotices.com.

Rhonda Fisher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of September, 2023 by Rhonda Fisher who is personally known to me.

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Notary Public, State of Florida

PROOF OF PUBLICATION **DUVAL COUNTY**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION TO DESIGNATE SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3239 DELLWOOD AVENUE LM-23-07 AS A CITY OF **JACKSONVILLE** HISTORIC LANDMARK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 27, 2023, at 3:00 P.M., the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Jacksonville will hold a public hearing for the consideration of subject property, 3239 Dellwood Avenue as a City of Jacksonville Historic Landmark, pursuant to Jacksonville Ordinance Code 307.104. The public hearing will be in the Lynwood Roberts Room, 1st floor of City Hall, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, Florida

Exhibit A Exhibit A
Legal Description
LOT 17, BLOCK 12, MURRAY
HILL HEIGHTS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE
PLAT THEREOF RECORDED
IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 87, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

RE #061026-0000

This application (LM-23-07) is being sponsored by the property owners, the Nistra and Rampton Living Trust. A copy of the application may be examined in the Offices of the Planning and Development Department, 3rd Floor, Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Flori-da, (904) 255-7800. All interested parties are notified to be present and will be heard at the Public Hearing.
Please contact the Historic

Preservation Section at historicpreservation@coj.net or by phone at (904) 255-7800.

DATED this 6th day of Septem-

ber 2023.

Jack C. Demetree, III Chairman Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission City of Jacksonville

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V. List of Property Owners Located within 350 Feet of the Proposed Landmark

Land Development Review



September 12, 2023

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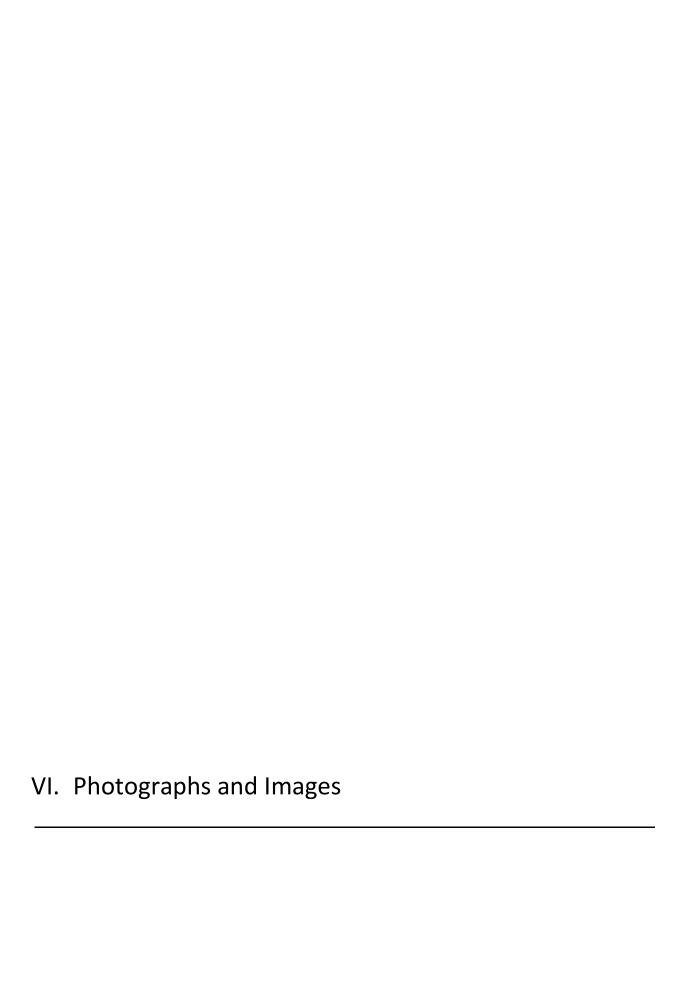
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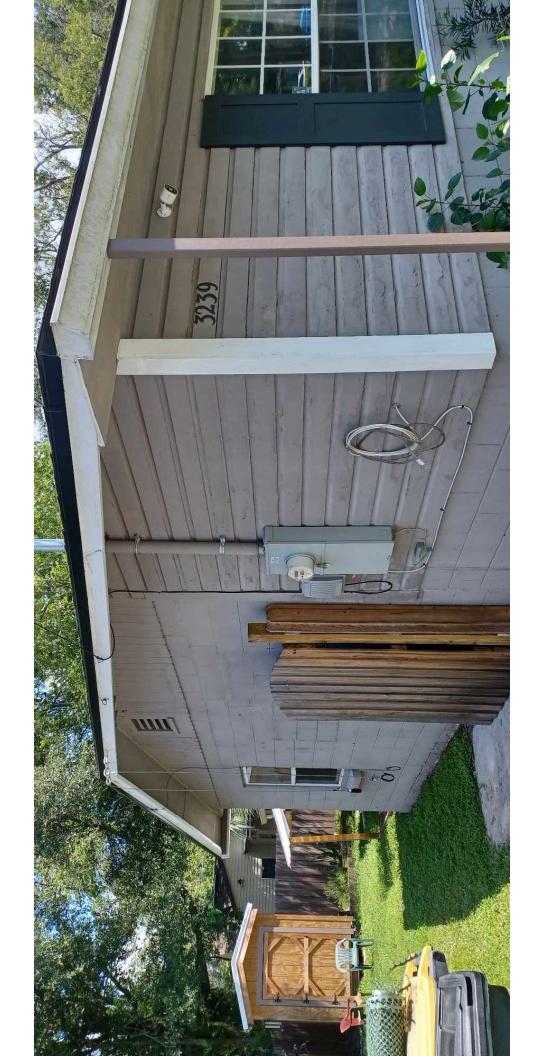
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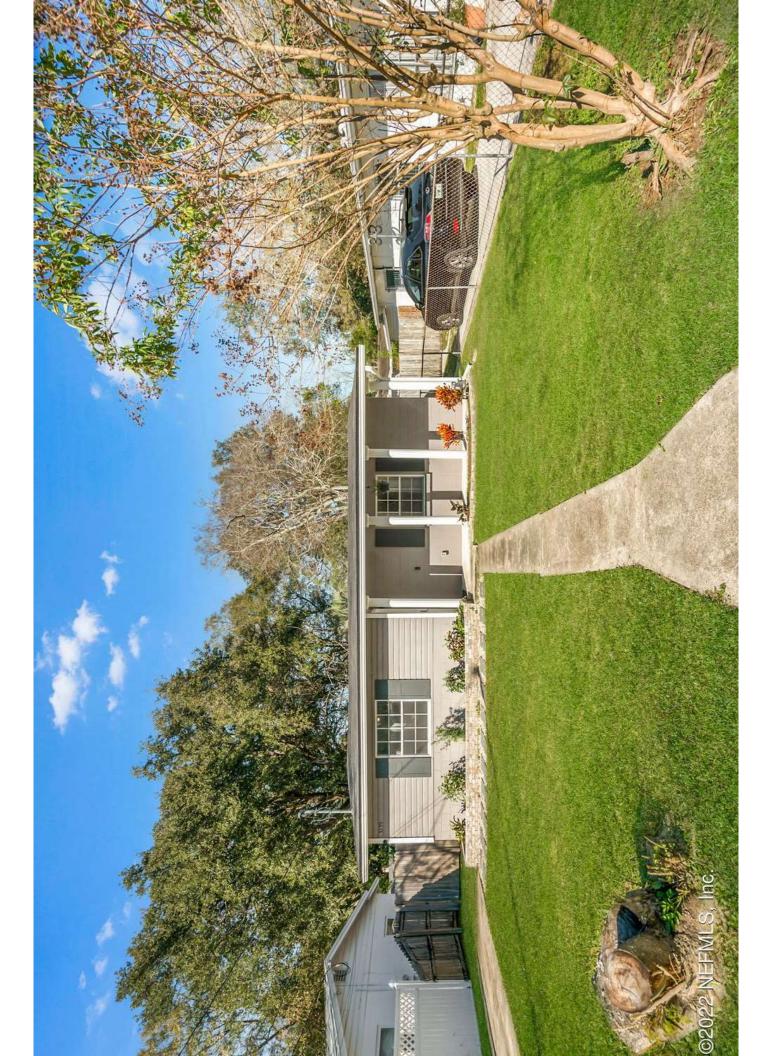
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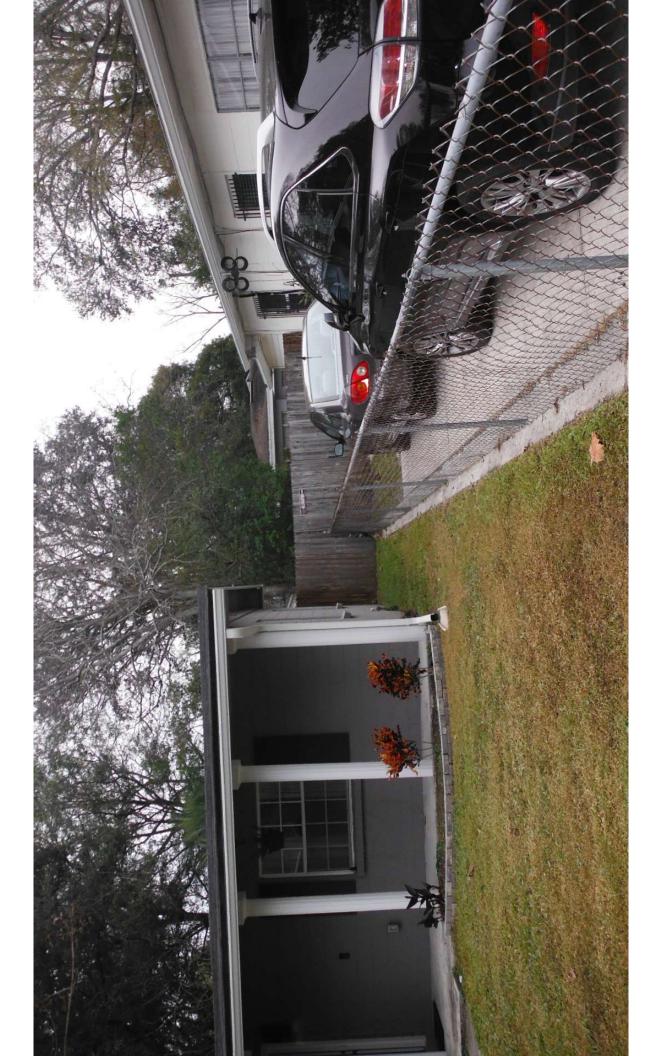
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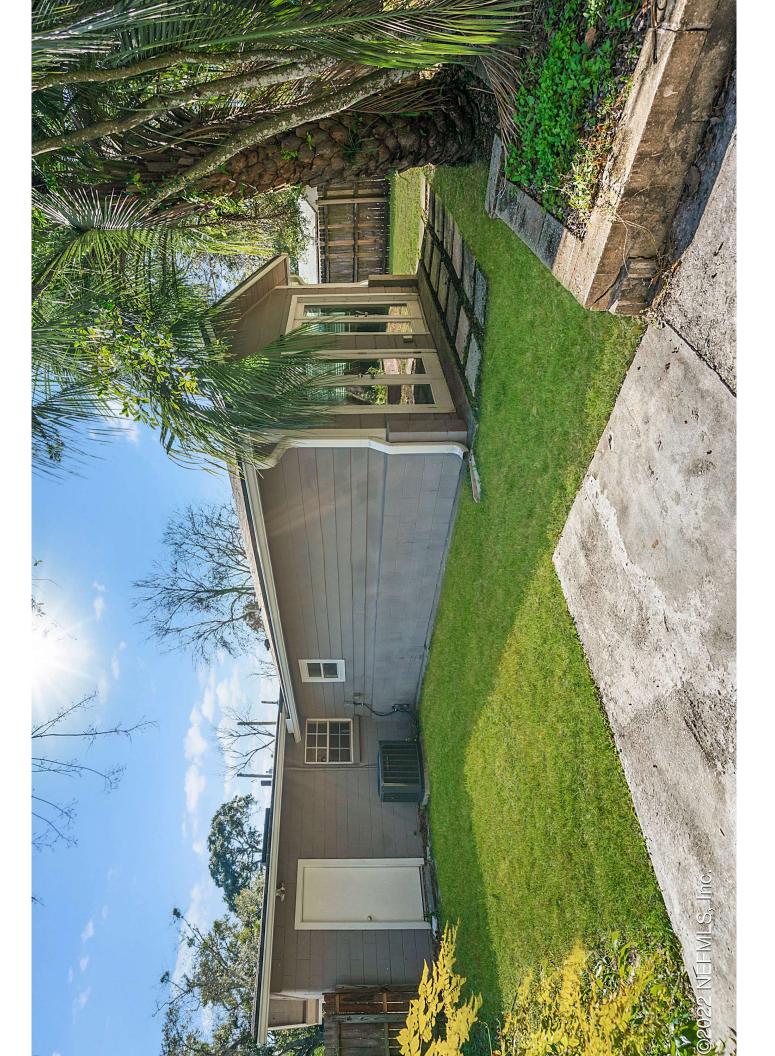


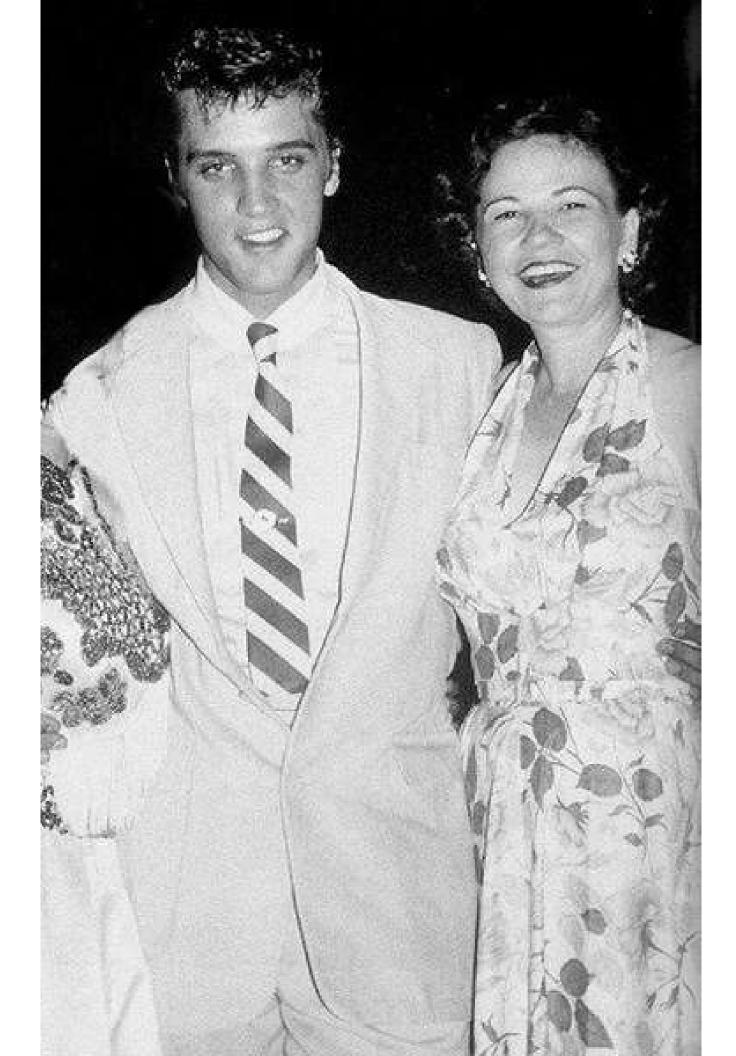














Mae Axton and her son, singer songwriter Hoyt Axton.

Mae Boren Axton - who wrote the lyrics to "Heartbreak Hotel" - recalls Elvis Presley as a long-haired, hungry kid in a beat-up car who wanted to earn enough money for his parents to visit Florida.

"He drove down to Florida in an old car with Scotty Moore and (the late) Bill Black in 1954 to play three shows I was promoting for Col. Tom Parker," said Mrs. Axton, the mother of country music star Hoyt Axton.

She felt so bad that Elvis and his friends were working the date for \$50 that she paid for their supper and hotel bill the first night.

"He said he hoped he would make enough money someday to bring his parents down to see Florida," she

Presley did not even have top billing for the show, she said, but when she heard girls yelling and screaming, she thought he was going to be a success.

And when she found him hanging terrified from a shower head backstage, with 50 excited fans ripping his coat, tie, shoes and socks apart, she was certain.

Through her efforts, she united Elvis and Colonel Parker.

Mrs. Axton - who has since penned more than 100 songs that have made their way into records - said The Colonel was "counting box-office money when I heard all these people screaming.

"I went up to see what it was all about," she said of the Jacksonville, Fla., engagement. "It was Elvis Presley.

"By the time we got to Daytona, the

Colonel wanted him."

Celebrity pictures and autographs decorate the walls of Mrs. Axton's office in the Four Star Building overlooking Music Row in Nashville. Among the most treasured are a Hank Snow showbill featuring Elvis as a warm-up act, and a yellowed newspaper clipping from the time she testified before the U.S. Senate on the harmlessness of rock 'n' roll music.

The way Mrs. Axton tells it, she had already promised Presley "that I would write his first million seller" even before singer Tommy Durden showed up at her house in Jacksonville, Fla., one night with a sad newspaper story.

This article was about a man who tore up all his identification - and killed himself, leaving a one-line epitaph, "I walk a lonely street."

Mrs. Axton said, "I told Tommy that everybody has somebody who cares, and

Mae Axton THE LADY BEHIND HEARTBREAK HOTEL

By Bob Battle



Jack Stapp, Mae Axton, Denny Brewington

when that man's family found out about his death, they would be heartbroken.

"I said, 'Let's put a heartbreak hotel at the end of that lonely street'."

The two sat down to write a song about their feelings.

At that moment, another friend - deejay Glenn Reeves - dropped by, she said. He thought "Heartbreak Hotel" was a silly name for a song, and went off to run an errand.

"Within 22 minutes, we had that song on tape, and we called Elvis and Bob Neal (who was then his manager — before Col. Parker) that same night," she recalled.

She said Reeves made the demo for the song, but still did not want to take claim for writing any of it. Presley was later added as a co-author, she said, and it was not long before he was taking his parents on that trip to Florida.

"When we played the song for Elvis, he just kept saying, 'Hot dog, Mae, play it again'," she said.

Mrs. Axton said that she bumped into Jack Stapp, who was just starting Tree Publishing Co., one night at the Grand Ole Opry, and he asked when she was going to give him a song to publish.

She told him about "Heartbreak Hotel," and although she was later offered more money from a New York publisher, she said she wanted Tree to have the song.

Mrs. Axton and Elvis became friends for life. And his death was a very sad occasion for her.

She also became a close confidante of

Priscilla Beaulieu, who later became Elvis' wife. Priscilla and Elvis were divorced in 1973.

"He really saw in her what he saw in his mother," Mrs. Axton said of Priscilla's marriage to the king of rock 'n' roll. "After the baby came, she couldn't cope with being shut up behind a door.

"He loved her until the day he died. Elvis was a one-woman man, and Priscilla was that way, too."

Elvis' mother, Mrs. Gladys Smith Presley, "was the most gentle, deeply religious and kind person you could ever meet," Mrs. Axton recalled.

She said Elvis never got over her death at the age of 42.

This made him even more religious.

"He always had Bibles on his plane," she said. "God gave us Elvis Presley to walk the earth and give joy and excitement to people that they needed in their humdrum lives."

Nine days before his death, Elvis called Mrs. Axton.

"He had been up to his mother's grave, and he had a copy of that new book his ex-bodyguards wrote (Elvis, Happened?).

"He called me, and he said just three words: 'Mae, it hurts'.'

And so another chapter was written in the story of Elvis. But this one apparently disturbed him more than any of the previous ones.

He turned to one of his oldest friends for comfort - a lady who helped start him on his path to the throne.



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