




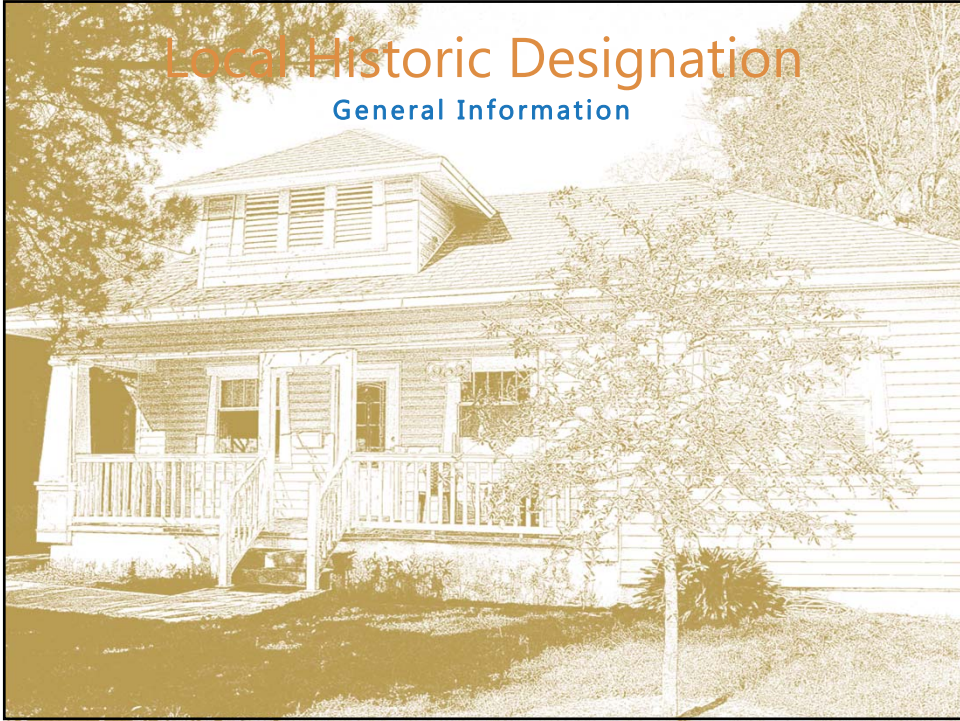
## Agenda




- General Information
- Contextual History
- Property Features
- Significance
- Recommendation



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## General Information



- ❑ Current Owners:
  - ❑ Raymond and Valerie Francis
- ❑ Property Address:
  - ❑ 902 Indian River Ave

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# General Information



- General History
  - 1821: Land granted to Joseph Delespine when Florida joins United States
  - (Unknown Date): Wilbur's Subdivision of the Northeast 20 acres of the Delespine grant
  - 1920: Property and house first appear on Sanborn maps



# General Information



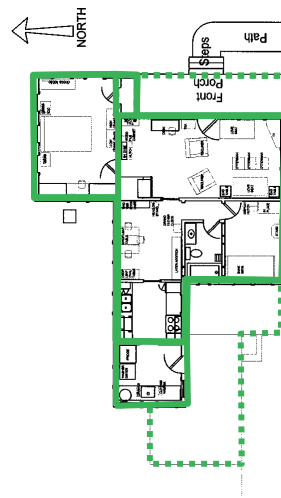
- 1920 Sanborn Map
  - One-story
  - Full-width porch on east façade



## General Information



- ❑ Early Modifications
  - ❑ Additional bedroom added on east end of the north façade
    - ❑ Materials and windows match original construction
    - ❑ House was sold in 1920, so modification was not completed by original owner
- ❑ Present Day
  - ❑ Closet added to northeast bedroom (taken from front porch)
  - ❑ Utility room added on west side
  - ❑ Porches added to rear of house

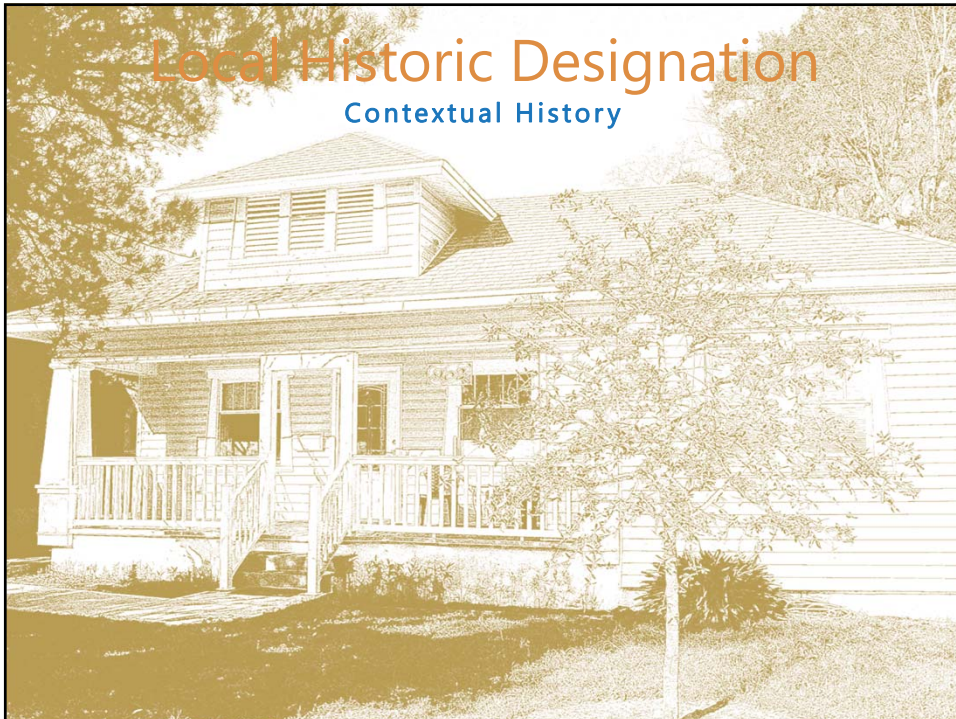


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## Local Historic Designation Contextual History



# Contextual History

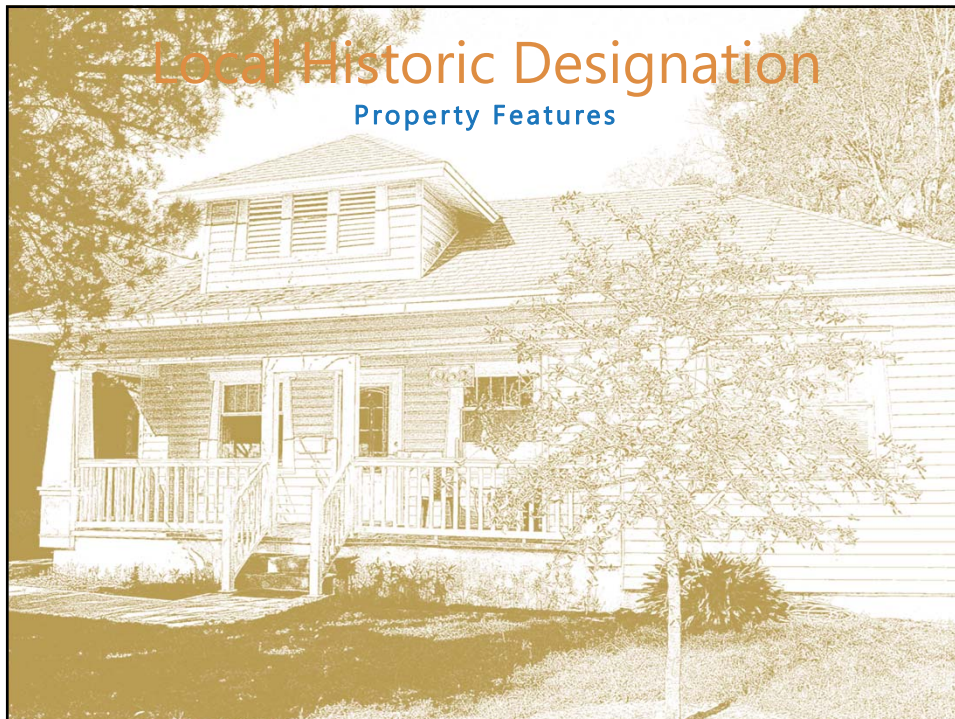


- 1700s
  - Spanish & English rule over Florida
  - Original Indian tribes (Ais) decimated due to disease/warfare/malnutrition
  - Florida haven for runaway slaves, Seminole Indians, and British loyalists
- 1818-1821
  - Florida invaded by Andrew Jackson (U.S.) during the First Seminole War leading to Florida joining United States
- 1835
  - Settlement of Titusville begins
- 1867
  - Titusville founded (as Sand Point)
- 1873
  - Town officially named Titusville
- 1915-1920
  - House built by Mr. Thomas G. Knight
- 1920
  - House sold to William B. Dobson, publisher of the Cocoa Star
  - William B. Dobson buys the East Coast Advocate and combines it with the Cocoa Star to produce the Star-Advocate

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# Property Features



- Exterior Features
  - Bungalow Style
  - 1-story building
  - Hipped Roof
  - Front porch featuring battered (tapered) columns
  - Two dormers (on east and west facades)
  - 5/1 and 3/1 double hung sash windows with battered casings
  - Battered walls above foundation



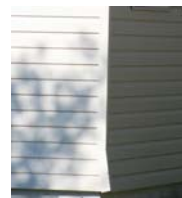
# Property Features



Battered Porch Columns



3/1 and 5/1 double hung sash windows  
Battered casing surrounding windows



Battered walls above  
foundation



Dormer with battered vent casings



Brick and metal chimneys protruding  
from roof

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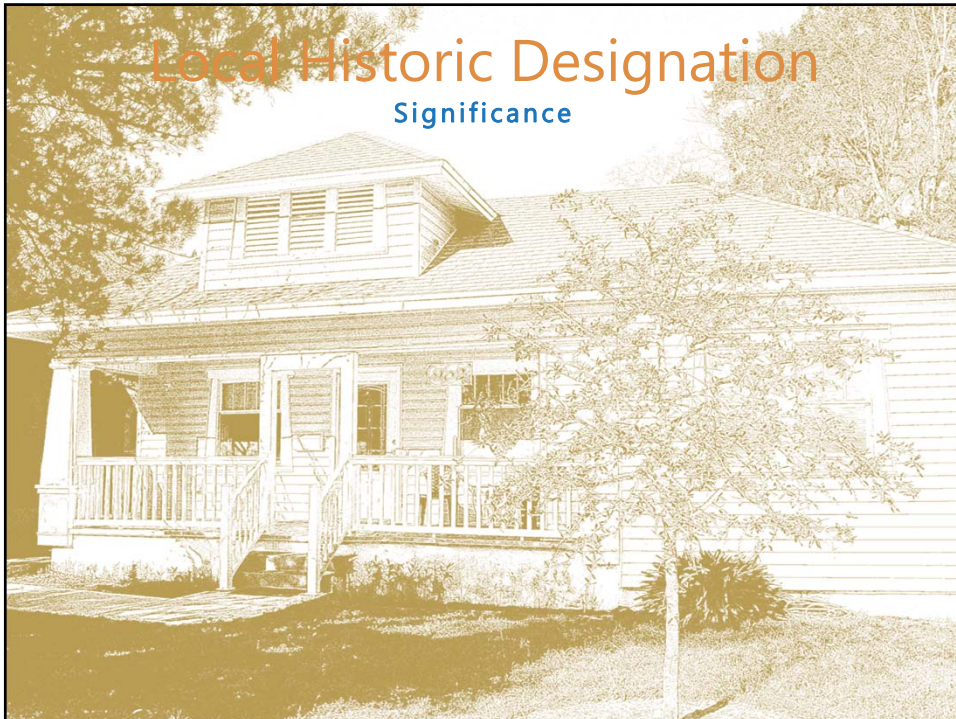


### Interior Features

- ❑ Original Merritt Island Pine flooring in living room and front bedroom
  - ❑ Original flooring has been covered in the rest of the original house
- ❑ Original hardware on bedroom doors
- ❑ Battered trim within house
- ❑ Original picture rail



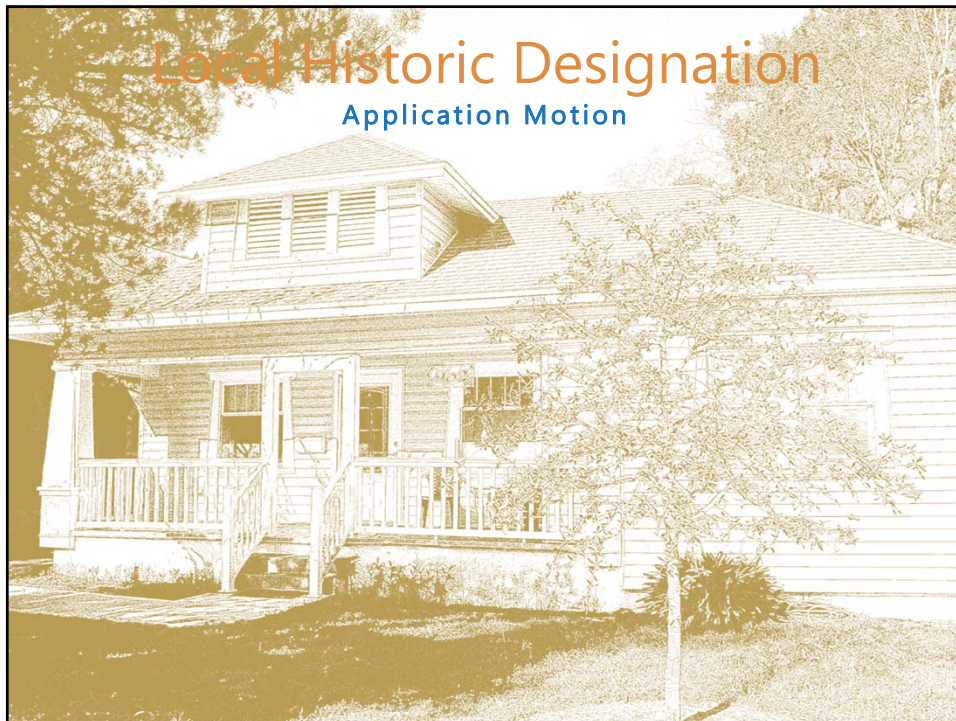
## Local Historic Designation Significance



# Significance



- Significance
  - Built circa 1915-1920
  - The house is significant for its association with the development of Titusville's residential area in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.
  - The building architecture, Bungalow, reflects national trends in architecture during the period in which it was constructed.





## Recommendation



- ❑ Options for the Board
  - ❑ Approve the proposed designation
  - ❑ Deny the proposed designation
  - ❑ Amend the proposed designation
  - ❑ Continue the matter for additional information or cause
- ❑ Staff Recommendation
  - ❑ Approve the proposed designation and forward the recommendation to the City Council for final consideration

