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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name TINKER FIELD

other names/site number FMSF# OR 5915

2. Location

street & number 1610 West Church Street

N/A ☐ not for publication

city or town Orlando

N/A ☐ vicinity

state Florida code FL county Orange code 095 zip code 32805-2445

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination
☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of
Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property
☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Barbara C. Mattick / DSHPO for Survey & Registration 4/11/04
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional
comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet

- ☐ determined eligible for the
National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.

- ☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.

- ☐ removed from the National
Register.

- ☐ other, (explain) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Tinker Field
Name of Property

Orange Co., FL
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☐ private
☒ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- ☐ buildings
☐ district
☒ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	1	buildings
1	0	sites
0	10	structures
0	1	objects
1	12	total

Name of related multiple property listings
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

"N/A"

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION & CULTURE: Sports Facility

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION & CULTURE: Sports Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A
walls N/A

roof N/A
other N/A

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☒ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 36) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

Period of Significance

1922-1948

Significant Dates

1922

Significant Person

Tinker, Joe

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State Agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of Repository

Tinker Field
Name of Property

Orange Co., FL
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 7 acres

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

1	1	7	4	6	0	4	4	0	3	1	5	7	0	0	0
Zone	Easting			Northing											
2															

3															
Zone	Easting			Northing											
4															

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Bureau of Historic Preservation date April 2004

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city or town Tallahassee state FL zip code 32399-0250

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Orlando

street & number 400 S. Orange Avenue telephone 407-246-3300

city or town Orlando state FL zip code 32801-3360

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SUMMARY

Tinker Field is located at 1610 West Church Street, on the east side of Tampa Avenue, just south of its intersection with West Church Street, in Orlando, Florida. The nominated property includes the entire baseball park, but only the original 1922 baseball playing field constructed by the City of Orlando during the rise of professional baseball in the state of Florida is a contributing resource.

SETTING

Tinker Field, a city park facility, is approximately two miles west of downtown Orlando. The seven-acre park is located on the western part of the larger "Citrus Bowl" lot. The baseball playing field itself covers approximately 3 acres. Its northeast corner is flanked by the Citrus Bowl stadium, part of which looms over the right field fence. Twelve non-contributing resources immediately adjacent to the playing field are included in the boundaries because they create an appropriate setting for the small municipal ballpark that has been part of the city of Orlando since 1922.

DESCRIPTION

The playing field at Tinker Field consists of a standard major league-size baseball diamond with a pitching mound, grass infield, and cutout dirt baselines (Photos 1-3). The original dimensions were 332 down the left field line, 332 down the right field line, and 412 feet to center field. The dimensions from home plate to the outfield wall were increased c1948 to the present dimensions: 340 feet down the left field line, 320 feet down the right field line, and 425 feet to center field. In 1989, due to the expanded Citrus Bowl, Tinker Field home plate was moved back 13 feet. The dirt portions of the field consist of red Georgia clay, a soil used in ball field construction since the early twentieth century. The grass outfield is composed of Bermuda sod, a variety of sports turf commonly used in the Southeast.

NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES

The playing field is surrounded by a warning track and a plaster block wall reinforced by steel rods in the outfield (Photo 2). A V-shaped steel beam and truss grandstand wraps around home plate and the right and left lines (Photos 4 & 5). It was constructed in 1963 to replace an original wooden grandstand that was built in 1922. Nine hundred nine (909) of the seats in the new grandstand were originally in historic, early nineteenth century Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C., prior to the demolition of that facility. The grandstand also includes 17 wooden ceiling fans in the upper portion of the grandstand. The top of the grandstand has an open-air media box and several VIP rooms. Other non-contributing features associated with the ball field include right field bleachers made out of aluminum, and left field bleachers made of wood reinforced by steel beams (Photo 6). Behind the right field bleachers are stand-alone batting cages and an elevated pitching mound.

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Flanked between the grandstand and right field bleachers is the original press box and VIP section. This is of block construction that may date back to 1925, but verifiable proof of the date has not been obtained. Behind the grandstands are new bathrooms and concession stands that were added in 1990 (Photo 7). Near the entrance of the grandstand is a bronze and granite statue, dedicated to Clark C. Griffith on March 23, 1968, for his bringing the Washington Senators to Orlando for Spring Training in 1936. The Senators trained at the same location until 1990.

In spite of the new grandstands and auxiliary structures, Tinker Field maintains its historic character to a large degree. The new facilities serve the same functions and maintain the same basic layout as the historic park. The wooden ceiling fans and historic seats from the old Senators' stadium in Washington, D.C., contribute to the sense of tradition and history at this old field.

Contributing Resource: Playing field built in 1922

Non-contributing Resources:

- Concessions Building
- Grandstand, including New Press Box
- Old Press Box
- Dugout
- Metal Bleachers
- Practice Pitching Mound
- Batting Cages
- Dugout
- Wooden Bleachers
- Warning Track
- Wall
- Clark Griffith Memorial (object)

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SUMMARY

Tinker Field is significant at the **local level** under **Criterion A** in the area of **Entertainment/Recreation** as one of the oldest remaining major league baseball spring training sites in Florida. It was initially constructed in December 1922 and was commemorated as "Tinker Field" during its grand opening on April 19, 1923. In 1923 the Cincinnati Reds signed a three-year contract to begin spring training at Tinker Field. Tinker Field is also significant to the City of Orlando under **Criterion B** because of its association with the baseball career of professional baseball player **Joe Tinker**. He was instrumental in bringing the Reds and spring training to Orlando, and in promoting the construction of the field. Furthermore, at the time of his death in 1948, Tinker was the only Floridian in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The association of Major League Baseball with Tinker Field lasted from 1923-2000. The Tinker Building (NR 1980), also located in Orlando, is associated with Tinker's commercial endeavors in Orlando, rather than his baseball career. Joe Tinker is a historically significant figure primarily because of his successful baseball career. His later ventures into business and real estate were made possible by the acclaim and financial resources he amassed as a baseball player and manager.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Major League Baseball in Florida

The history of major league baseball spring training in Florida dates back to 1888. The Washington Statesmen (later the Washington Senators/Minnesota Twins) spent three weeks in Jacksonville preparing for the upcoming season. Connie Mack, a member and long time manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, recalled the negative attitude held toward baseball players at the time. They were turned away from many hotels and seen as unsavory. Florida was chosen for two major reasons. The consistently warm climate helped the players get in shape and perfect their skills, and it was close to many of the teams' home cities located in the Northeast and Midwest. Jacksonville became a popular choice because of the convenient transportation connections. Between 1903 and 1909, Jacksonville hosted the Philadelphia Athletics (1903), Cincinnati Reds (1905), Boston Braves (1906), and Brooklyn Dodgers (1907-1909). In 1914, the teams training in the state established the "Grapefruit League," in which teams played a five-week schedule of pre-season exhibition games against semi-pro teams and each other. Thirteen of the existing sixteen teams spent at least one pre-season in Florida from 1910-1920.¹

Due to travel restrictions, spring training in the South was interrupted during World War II. However, following the war came a boom to spring training in Florida. During the late 1940's and 1950's, between twelve

¹ William Zinsser, Spring Training: The Unique American Story of Baseball's Annual Season of Renewal (New York: Harper and Row, 1989) and Stephen Olausen and Sherry Piland, "Terry Park Ballfield," National Register nomination, 1995. On file at the Florida State Historic Preservation Office, Bureau of Historic Preservation, Tallahassee, Florida.

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and fourteen teams trained in Florida prior to the regular season. Between 1961 and 1977 the major leagues expanded from sixteen to twenty-six teams, and as a result, Florida's Grapefruit League increased from twelve to eighteen teams.²

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

Major League Baseball in Orlando

The first major league team to visit Orlando was the Philadelphia Athletics in March of 1915. They played two pre-season games against the Birmingham Barons at the Fairgrounds. Philadelphia took the first game 9-2, while the second game ended in a tie, 5-5. The Barons were given a farewell banquet at the San Juan Hotel on the evening of the 25th. Orlando was a baseball-starved town and its citizens liked what they saw. In June of the same year, Bert Humphries, formerly with the Chicago Cubs, organized The Orlando Baseball Club. When he decided to leave in 1920, the club hired Joe Tinker to be their new manager.³

It was not long before Tinker, also a former Chicago Cub, had the city thinking about major league baseball. In March of 1921 Tinker's team played in two exhibition games at the fairgrounds against a group of major league players organized by his friend, Clark Griffith. The game showcased the pitching of Walter Johnson. Inspired by the demonstration, the city decided to build a new field. In December of 1922, Orlando finished construction on a new ballpark that was state-of-the-art for the time. It was constructed just to the south of Lake Lorna Doone and cost \$50,000. The new park was larger than the New York Yankees Field, with a distance from home plate to the right field fence of 278 feet. It was 310 feet to left field and 425 to center. The Orlando Bulldogs began to train at the facility on March 20, 1923, and that same month, the Cincinnati Reds signed a three-year contract to begin spring training at the new facility. On April 19, 1923 Orlando Mayor E.G. Duckworth gave the address, officially dedicating the field to Joe Tinker. On that day all businesses in town closed and 1,700 fans witnessed the Orlando Bulldogs defeat the Lakeland Highlanders 3-1. Joe Tinker was the vice-president of the club at the time.⁴

Major league spring training officially began in Orlando with the arrival of the Cincinnati Reds. Additionally, the field has hosted the Brooklyn Dodgers (1934-1935), Washington Senators/Twins (1936-1999), and Orlando Rays (2000). When the field was not hosting major league spring training, it was used by the local franchise of the Florida State League. Established in 1919 with six charter members, the League was an affiliation of minor league teams at the class D level, then the lowest placement on the professional baseball hierarchy. Tinker

² Olausen and Piland.

³ Eve Bacon, Orlando: A Centennial History, Vol. I. 1821 to 1925, Pioneer Era and the First Fifty Years of Incorporation. (Chuluota, Florida: The Mickler House, 1975), 303-347.

⁴ Bacon, 303-347; Orlando Morning Sentinel, 19 April 1923, p. 9; Dylan Thomas to Leslie Divoll, personal communication 1980; City of Orlando, Real Property Records.

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Field has seen such famous players as Warren Spahn, Rod Carew, Jackie Robinson, and Stan Musial. It was actually while pitching for the Daytona Beach Club in 1940 that Musial dove for a ball and dislocated his shoulder at Tinker Field. This injury ended his pitching career and he transitioned to become one of the greatest hitters of all time.⁵

Joe Tinker

Joe Tinker was born in Muscotah, Kansas, July 27, 1880 and began his baseball career in 1899 with a semi-professional team in Coffeyville, Kansas. He arrived in Orlando in December of 1920 to manage the Orlando Tigers, a local Florida State League baseball team. Prior to this, he had a successful playing and managing career in professional baseball. Tinker played in several smaller leagues in a few western states before he was sold to the Chicago Cubs in 1902. In his tenure with them, the Cubs captured the National League pennant four times (1902, 1907, 1908, 1910) and the World Series twice (1907, 1908). Tinker was never a strong hitter, batting just 262 lifetime, but was considered one of the best fielders of his era. He led the National League shortstops four times in fielding percentage, three times in total chances, twice each in putouts and assists, and once in double plays. Additionally, he had great speed and stole, on average, 28 bases a season for the Cubs. On July 28, 1910, he tied a major league record by stealing home twice in one game.⁶

Tinker and his teammates, Johnny Evers and Frank Chance, called attention to fielding skills. Together they developed new ways to defend against the bunt, hit-and-run, and stolen base, and developed the rotation play. The prowess they displayed for fielding was forever immortalized by a New York writer, and loyal Giants fan, on July 10, 1908 when he wrote a poem about Tinker and his teammates that appeared in the New York Evening News:

These are the saddest of possible words:
"Tinker to Evers to Chance."
Trio of bear cubs, and fleeter than birds,
Tinker to Evers to Chance.
Ruthlessly pricking our gonfalon bubble,
Making a Giant hit into a double-
Words that are heavy with nothing but trouble:
"Tinker to Evers to Chance."⁷

⁵ Tom Tinker to Jon Miller, personal communication, 2 July 2003; Pat Anthony to Jon Miller telephone communication, 1 July 2003

⁶ Martin Appel and Burt Goldblatt, Baseball's Best—The Hall of Fame Gallery (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1977), 362-364.

⁷ Ibid.

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In the days before radio, Tinker became a successful Vaudeville performer. In fact, he was regarded so highly, that in 1913 he considered switching to a career in Vaudeville, but instead signed a deal with the Cincinnati Reds as shortstop and manager. Following that year, Tinker resigned as manager and was sold to the Brooklyn Dodgers. Unhappy with the situation, Tinker jumped his contract and joined the new Federal League as manager and part owner of the Chicago Whales. He used his influence to attract other players, announcing, "You are invited to come to the Federal League quarters in Chicago and discuss terms. Even if you decide not to sign a contract, all your expenses will be paid by the Federal League." The new League had built or renovated eight ballparks in time for the 1914 season. One of the new fields, later renamed Wrigley Field, was for the Chicago Whales. Under Tinker, the Whales won the Federal League pennant in 1915, but the league folded the same year. The Whales owner then purchased the Chicago Cubs and hired Tinker as manager. Joe Tinker left the Cubs after the 1916 season to become manager and president of the Columbus team in the American Association. He then became president of the American Association.⁸

In the 1920s, Tinker went to Florida, where he was very successful managing the Orlando Tigers of the Florida State League. In 1921, "Tinker's Tigers" won the League championship, thereby winning the Temple Cup. Mrs. William Chase, whose then-deceased husband had been the owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, donated the cup. During those years, Tinker also became involved in the Florida Land Boom. Along with his business partner, Roy C. McCracken, he formed the Tinker-McCracken Realty Company, Inc., a land development and real estate firm in Orlando. The venture was very successful monetarily. Tinker's first residential development in the Orlando area was known as Lawson Park (1921). This was followed by Tinker Heights and Jamajo in 1923. Jamajo was so named because of the joint effort by Ja-(Dr. Jason Pitts), ma (his wife Maude), and jo-(Joe Tinker). Members of the Cincinnati Reds purchased many of the first lots.⁹

In 1925, Tinker built a small commercial building on West Pine Street in downtown Orlando for his company's headquarters. The "Tinker Building" was reputed to have cost \$90,000 at the time. This building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980 and is representative of Tinker's contribution to Orlando's commercial development. He also operated a bar and billiard parlor.¹⁰

Although he had become a businessman, Tinker still kept his hand in baseball. He spent his leisure time teaching baseball skills to youths at the Joe Stripps School of Baseball, and was a regular at Tinker Field. In his later years he scouted for the Washington Senators. It was actually Tinker's friendship with Calvin Griffith (owner of the Senators) that helped Orlando to land spring training in 1936. The Washington Senators/Minnesota Twins trained there every year after that until 1999. There is monument to Clark Griffith at

⁸ Charles Einstein, ed., *The Third Fireside Book of Baseball* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1968), 260.

⁹ Dan G. Deibler, "Tinker Building," National Register nomination, 1980, on file at the Florida State Historic Preservation Office, Bureau of Historic Preservation, Tallahassee, Florida; *Orlando Evening Star*, 27 July, 1948, p. 1; Calvin Griffith to Leslie Divoll, personal communication 18 January 1980

¹⁰ Deibler.

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Tinker Field that was erected in 1968 to honor the owner who helped to forge a second home for his professional baseball team in Orlando (Photo 8).¹¹

Like many investors in the Florida Land Boom, with the collapse of the Boom in 1926, Tinker lost most of the fortune he had made in land development, mostly because of lawsuits filed against him as he reached the end of his life. He died of complications from diabetes on his birthday, July 27, 1948. Just prior to his death, one of his legs was amputated as a result of the diabetes. A major consolation during these difficult years was his election to the Pro Baseball Hall of Fame in 1946; he was the first Floridian to receive this honor. Tinker not only transformed the way baseball was played defensively, but also played a significant role in introducing Major League Baseball to Orlando. He helped to forge a relationship between the city and the sport that lasted from 1923-2000.¹² Joe Tinker is historically significant primarily because of his successful baseball career. His later business ventures in the Orlando area were made possible by the acclaim and financial resources he amassed as a baseball player and manager. Tinker Field, therefore, best represents Joe Tinker's significance to the City of Orlando.

¹¹ Deibler; Orlando Evening Star, 27 July 1948; Calvin Griffith to Leslie Divoll, personal communication 18 January 1980.

¹² Greg Thompson to Jon Miller, personal communication 18 July 2003.

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- Dylan Thomas, Tinker Field Manager, personal communication with Leslie Divoll, 18 January 1980.
- Greg Thompson, Manager of Tinker Field, personal communication with Jon Miller, 18 July 2003.
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- Orlando Evening Star, 27 July 1948, p. 1.
- Orlando Morning Sentinel, 19 April 1923, p.9.

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Real Property Records, 1973, City of Orlando.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Tinker Field is a portion of parcel #27-22-29-1349-00-010, known to the Orange County Property Appraiser as the Citrus Bowl. The Tinker Field baseball complex occupies approximately 7-acres within Citrus Bowl or Orlando Sports Arena. The boundary is shown on the accompanying site plan. The National Register boundary is defined by geographic features; the outfield wall and fence on the east; parking lots on the north and south, and right-of-way of Tampa Avenue on the west.

The boundary of the nominated property, Tinker Field, encompasses the historic playing field, including the diamond, infield, and outfield, as shown on the attached site plan, as well as 12 non-contributing resources: batting cages, practice pitching mound, metal bleachers, 2 dugouts, old press box, grandstand, wooden bleachers, wall, and warning track, Clark Griffith Memorial, and Concession Building.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

In addition to the historic playing field, the boundary encompasses the 12 non-contributing resources because, though not from the period of significance, they provide an appropriate setting for the historic ball field and clearly define its use as a municipal baseball facility.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Tinker Field
2. Orlando, Orange County, Florida
3. Jonathon W. Miller
4. October 29, 2003
5. Original negative at office of U.S. Congressman Ric Keller, 605 E. Robinson Street, Suite 650, Orlando, Florida 32801
6. View from behind home plate, camera facing N
7. Photo 1 of 8

Items 1-5 are the same for the remaining photographs unless noted otherwise.

- 2)
 6. View from center field, camera facing S
 7. Photo 2 of 8
- 3)
 6. Aerial view of Citrus Bowl, camera facing S
 7. Photo 3 of 8
- 4)
 6. View from grandstand, camera facing W
 7. Photo 4 of 8
- 5)
 6. View from grandstand, camera facing E
 7. Photo 5 of 8
- 6)
 6. View of right bleachers from first baseline, camera facing SE
 7. Photo 6 of 8
- 7)
 6. Concession stands and bathrooms, camera facing NW
 7. Photo 7 of 8
- 8)
 6. Monument for Clark Griffith, camera facing N
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

Announcement of Stadium opening on 4-19-23.

1930's Grandstand at Tinker Field

1956 Tinker Field (Outside the stadium.)

1963 Tinker Field during renovations.

1920 Orlando Tigers Team Photo/Joe Tinker is manager.



TINKER FIELD, Orlando, Orange County, Florida
Locator Map

W. CHURCH STREET

S. TAMPA AVENUE

PARKING

WALL

WARNING TRACK

WOODEN BLEACHERS

DUGOUT

GRANDSTAND

PRESS BOX

CONCESSIONS

CLARK GRIFFITH MEMORIAL

DUGOUT

METAL BLEACHERS

OLD PRESS BOX

BATTING CAGES

PRACTICE PITCHING MOUND

CITRUS BOWL STADIUM

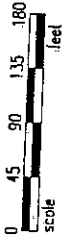
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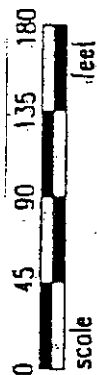
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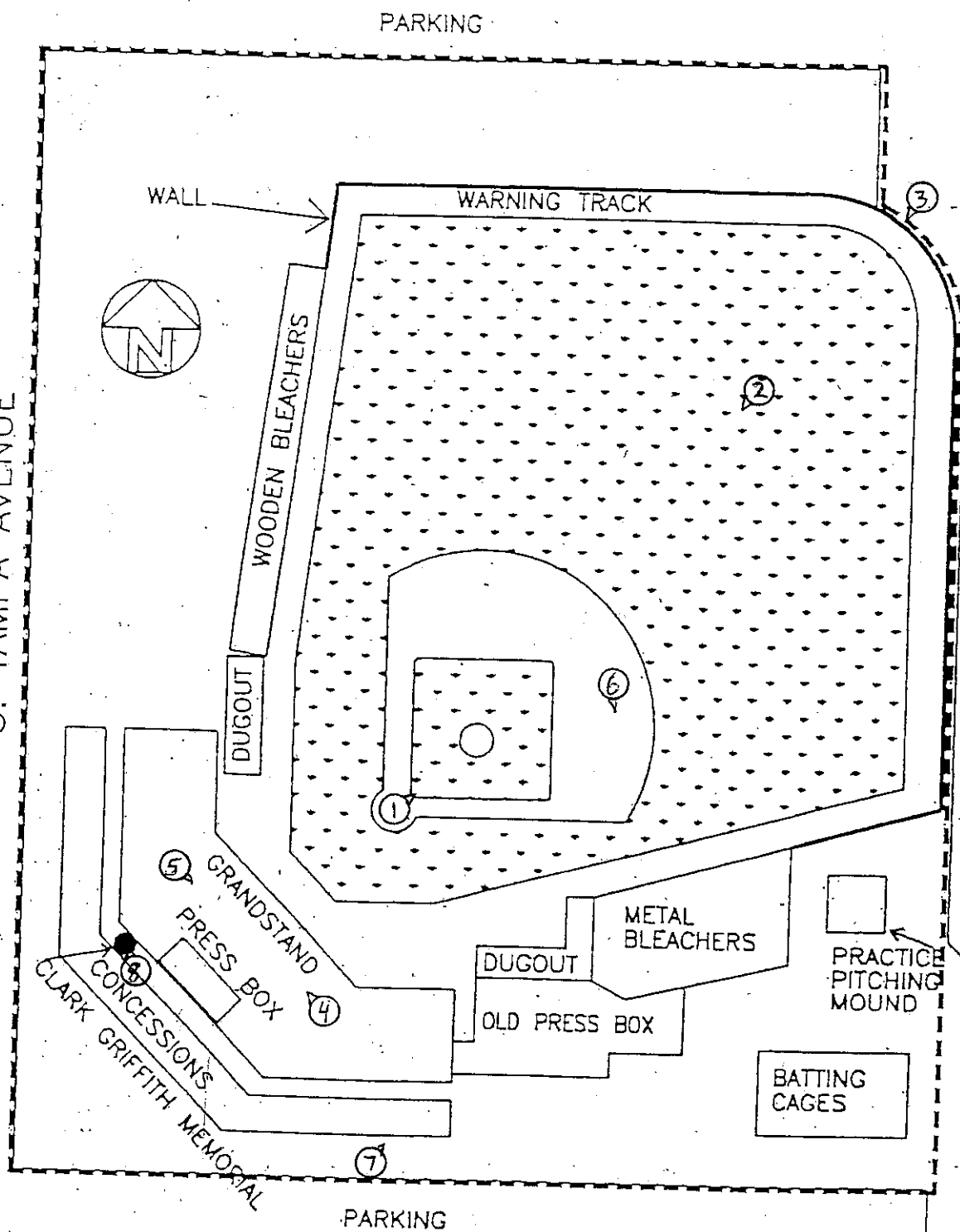
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ORLANDO (ORANGE COUNTY), FLORIDA

HISTORIC BOUNDARY GRASS FIELD





S. TAMPA AVENUE



TINKER FIELD, Orlando, Orange Co., Florida

Site Map & Photo Diagram





Baseball! TODAY! Baseball!

OPENING TINKER FIELD

Orlando's New \$50,000 Athletic Park

Gates Open
at 2:45

Orlando vs. Lakeland

Game Called
at 4:15

The New Tinker Ball Field will be in ship-shape for today's game. The big grand stand has been completed and should be inaugurated by an immense crowd. Come along and bring with you, your full supply of pep, for it's going to be a peppy game. Arrangements have been made for transportation of those who haven't cars, no extra charge; see below.

Free Transportation for those who do not have cars.

Tickets for the game bought at the Orange Belt Auto Line Station, will allow bus transportation both ways free of extra charge. Buses will leave from O.B.A.L. Station and only tickets purchased there are good for free bus ride.

MONDAY IS LADIES' DAY

Ladies with or without escort will be admitted free to games every Monday, when played at home. Here you are, Fady Faus, don't miss the Monday games. These Bulldog boys are preparing to make some grandstand plays for your benefit. The Daytona Islanders will be here to play next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Orlando Baseball Club

Member

Florida State League



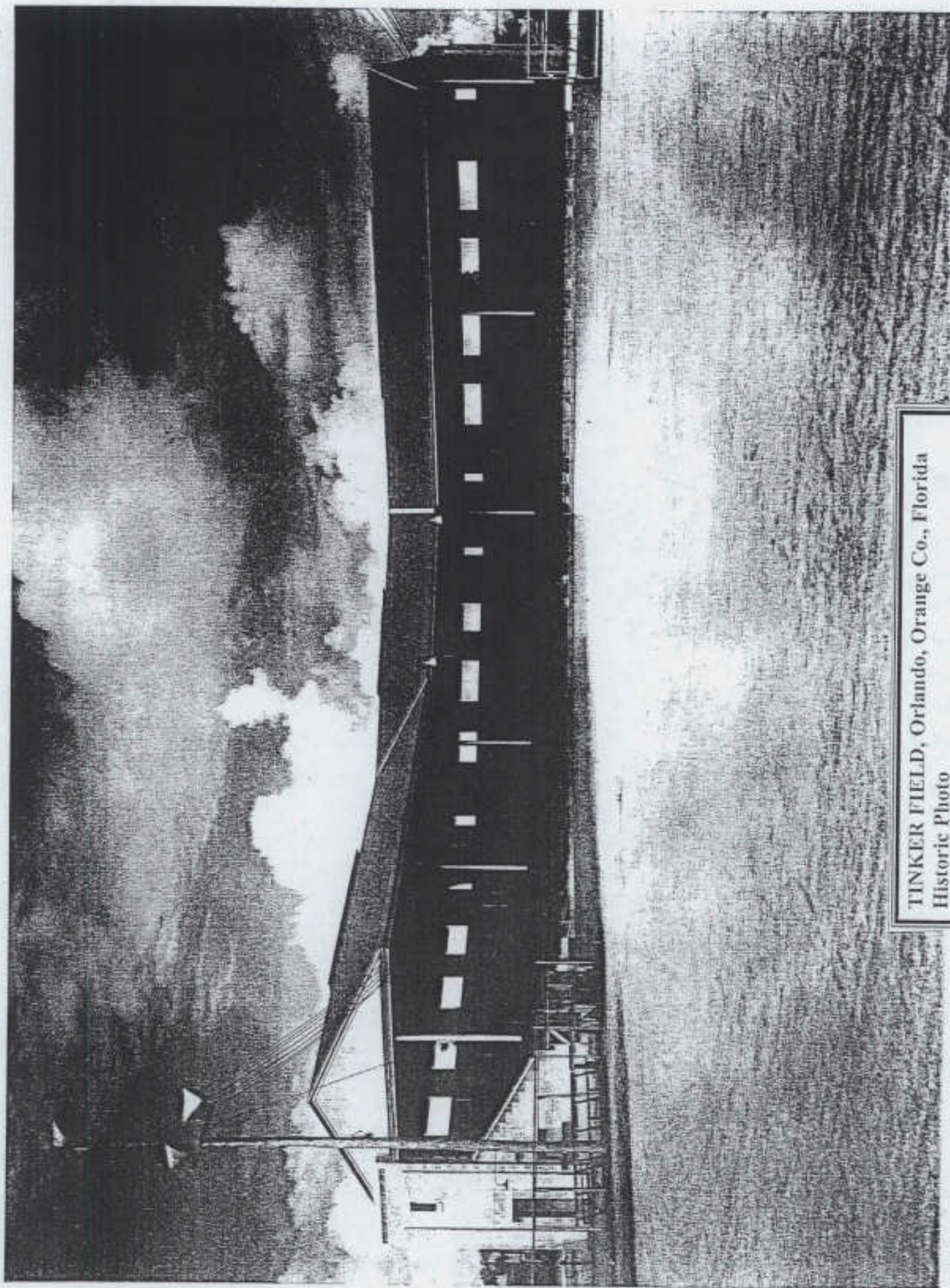
Special music will be furnished by the Pythian Band. Tinker Field at the end of West Church Street has been in the process of completion for several weeks and work was hurried to get on the final touches for today's game. We are proud to announce that Central Florida's finest ball-park will be opened to the fans of Orlando and vicinity this afternoon.



Tickets on sale at Chico's Smoke House, San Juan Hotel Cigar Counter, Angebilt Hotel Cigar Counter, First National Bank and Orange Belt Auto Line Terminal Station.

Admission—85c Grand Stand, Including War Tax.
55c Bleachers, Including War Tax.

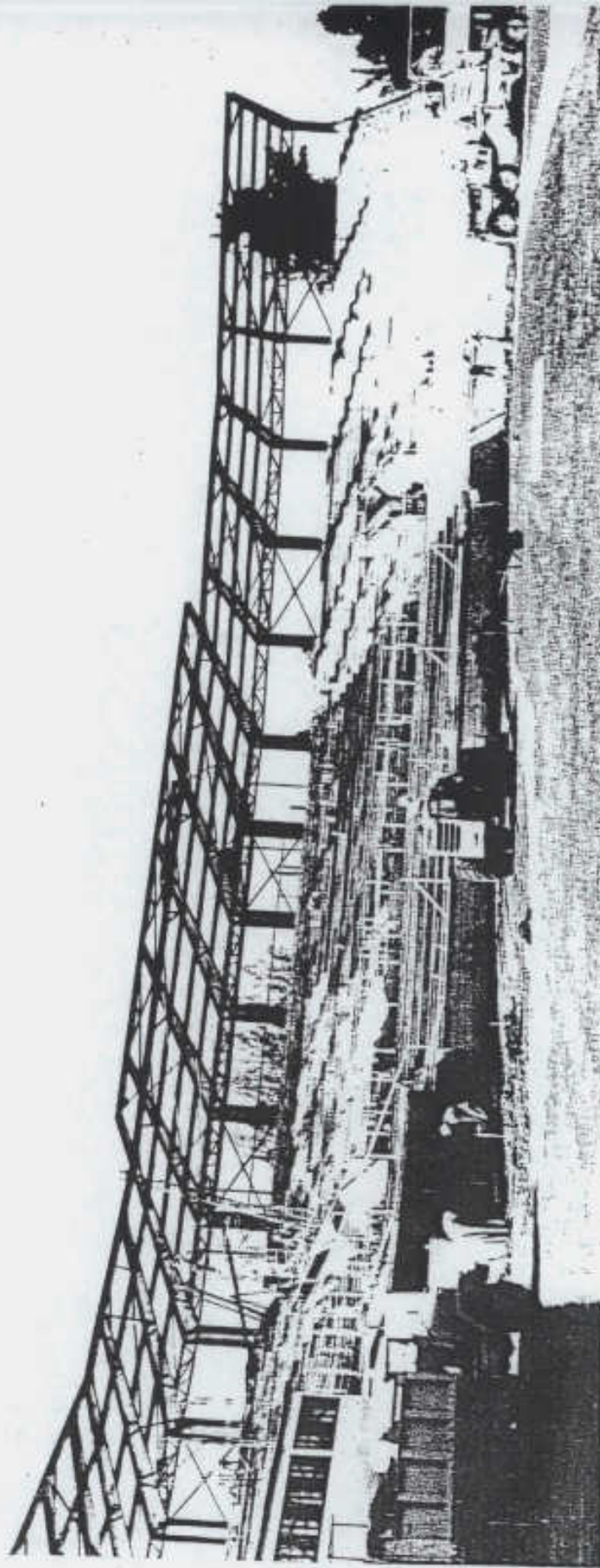
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Historic Photo
1923 Announcement of Stadium Opening



TINKER FIELD, Orlando, Orange Co., Florida
Historic Photo
1930s Grandstand

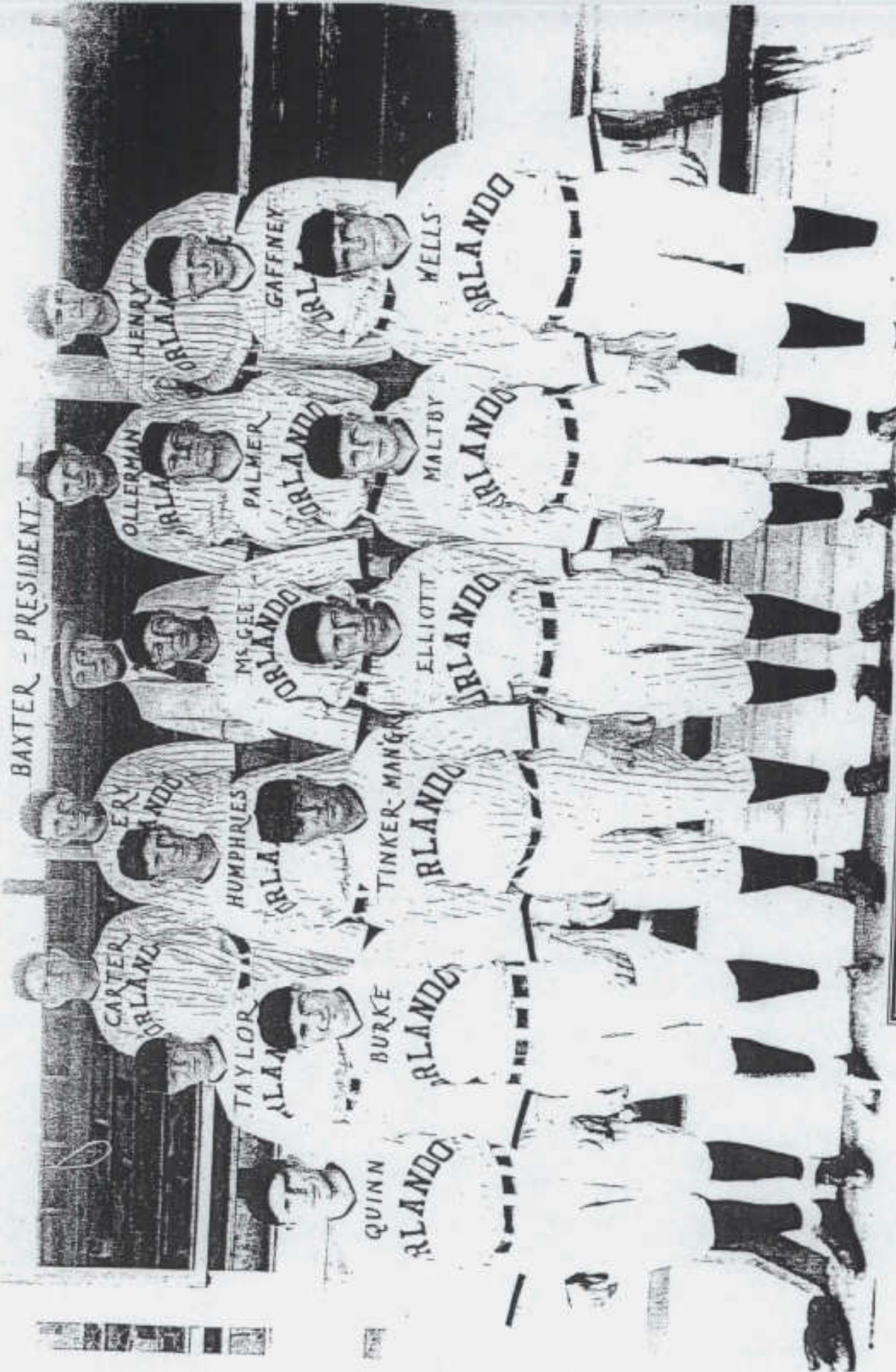


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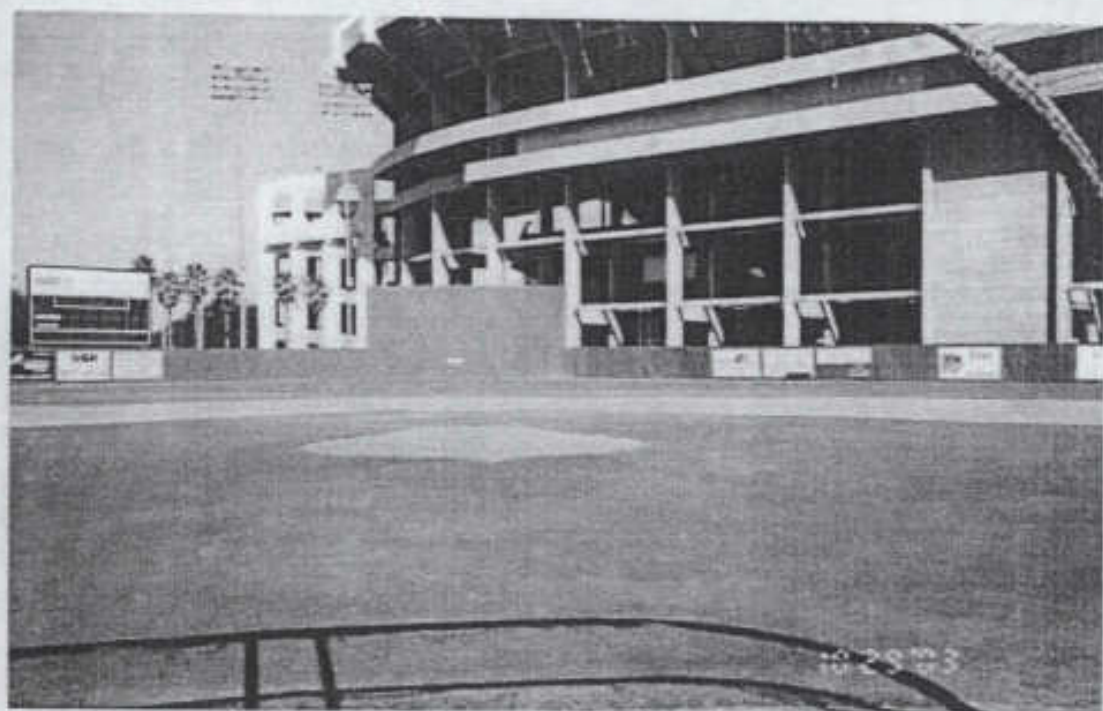


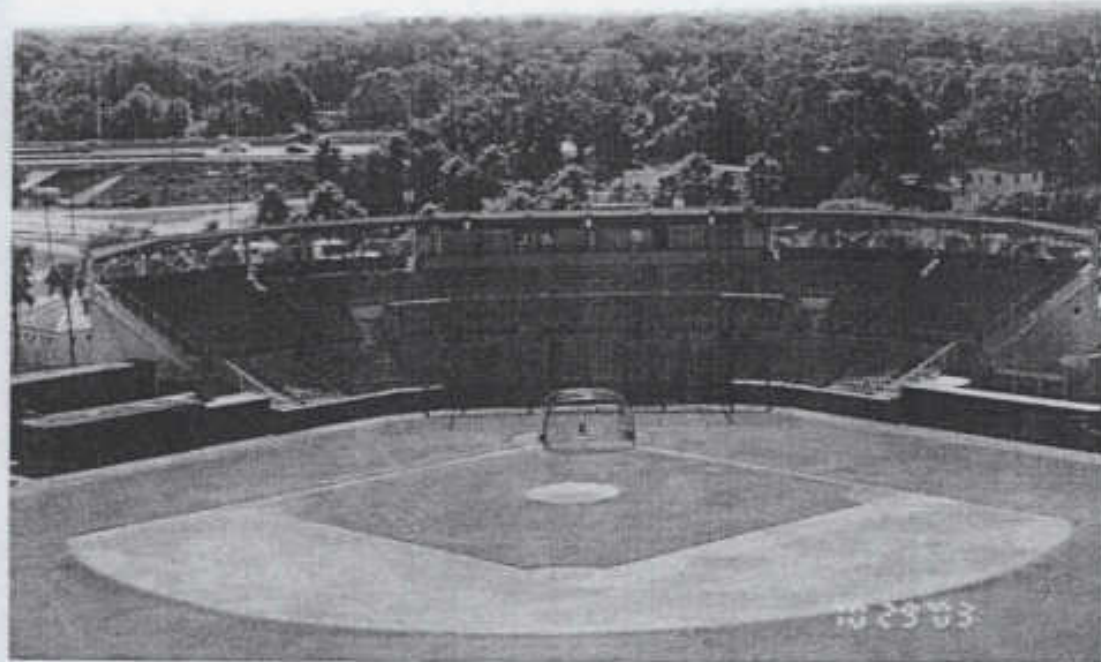
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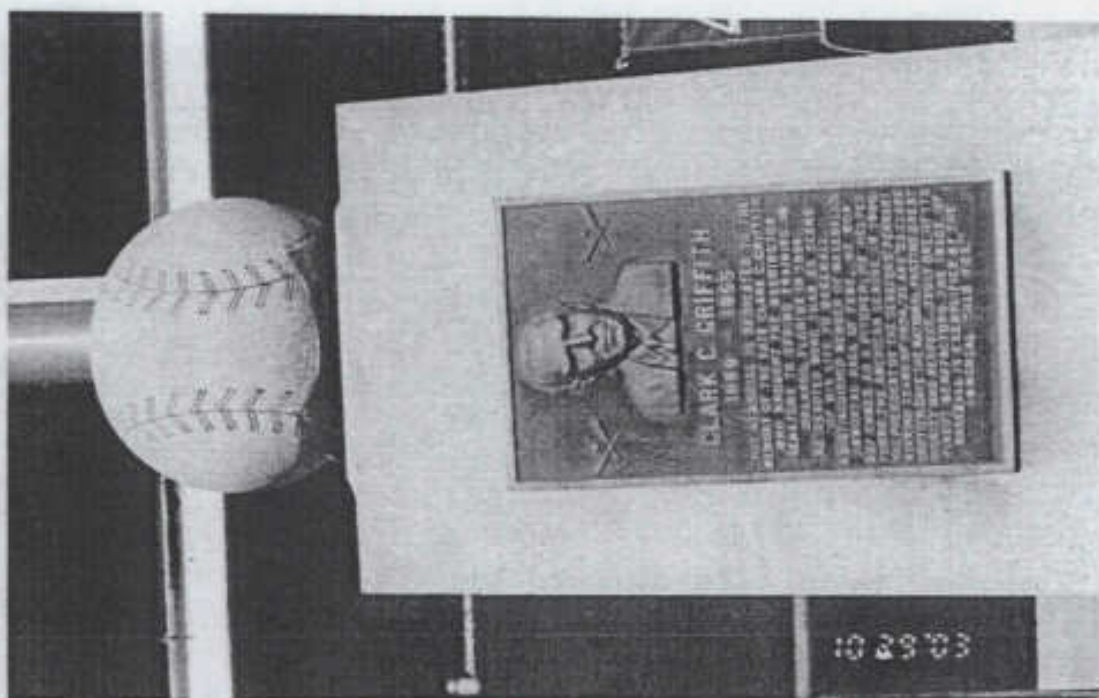


TINKER FIELD, Orlando, Orange Co., Florida
Historic Photo
1920 Orlando Tigers Team Photo with Joe Tinker









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Specify: Orlando West Quad Map

May 21, 2004

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KEY: State, County, Property Name, Address/Boundary, City, Vicinity, Reference Number, NHL, Action, Date, Multiple Name

ALASKA, WRANGELL-PETERBURG BOROUGH-CENSUS AREA, Five Finger Light Station, Island of The Five Fingers, approx. 37 mi. NW of the city of Petersburg, Petersburg vicinity, 04000416, LISTED, 5/12/04 (Light Stations of the United States MPS)

CALIFORNIA, COLUSA COUNTY, Cecil Ranch, 1840 CA 45, Grimes, 03000988, LISTED, 5/14/04

CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, Anderton Court Shops, 332 N.Rodeo Dr., Beverly Hills, 03000987, LISTED, 5/14/04

CALIFORNIA, MONTEREY COUNTY, Monterey County Jail, 142 W. Alisal St., Salinas, 03000337, REMOVED/DETERMINED ELIGIBLE, 5/13/04

CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, Canfield--Wright House, 420 Avenida Primavera, Del Mar, 02001747, LISTED, 5/14/04

CONNECTICUT, HARTFORD COUNTY, Southern New England Telephone Company Building, 55 Trumbull St., Hartford, 04000417, LISTED, 5/12/04

FLORIDA, ORANGE COUNTY, Tinker Field, 1610 W. Church St., Orlando, 04000456, LISTED, 5/14/04

ILLINOIS, BUREAU COUNTY, Lone Tree School, 19292 250 North Avenue, Tiskilwa vicinity, 04000418, LISTED, 5/12/04

ILLINOIS, DU PAGE COUNTY, Emery, Jr., William H., House, 281 Arlington, Elmhurst, 04000421, LISTED, 5/12/04

ILLINOIS, LOGAN COUNTY, Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 902 Broadway,

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

Adapted for the
PROPOSAL
of Properties in Florida for
Nomination to the National Register
of Historic Places

Grayed Areas for Use by Staff

1. Name of Property

historic name TINKER FIELD

other names None

FMSF Number OR 5915

2. Location

street & number 1610 W. Church St. n/a ☐ not for publication

city or town Orlando n/a ☐ vicinity

state FLORIDA code FL county Orange code 095 zip code 32805-2445

3. Owner Awareness Statement

As the owner, or official representative of the owner, of the property identified above, I am aware of this proposal for its nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. I have been advised of the procedures for review of the proposal by the State Historic Preservation Office and the Florida National Register Review Board, and for the formal nomination of the property at the discretion of the State Historic Preservation Officer. I understand that I will be notified of the date and place of the public meeting at which the proposal will be considered by the Florida National Register Review Board, and that I will be given an opportunity to submit written comments and to appear in person in support of or opposition to the nomination of the property.

At this time I ☐ support ☐ oppose ☐ reserve opinion on this proposal.

Signature of property owner or representative

Date

4. Legal Description of Property (according to county property appraiser's office)

Citrus Bowl 25/30 Lot 1 (Citrus Bowl \$ Tinker Field) (Less Leased Sky Boxes)

Attach continuation sheet if necessary

TINKER FIELD

Name of Property

ORANGE CO., FL.

County and State

5. Classification**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☐ private
☒ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☐ buildings
☐ district
☒ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing

Noncontributing

0	1	buildings
1	0	sites
0	10	structures
0	1	objects
1	12	total

Name of related multiple property listings

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

n/a

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE/ SPORTS FACILITY

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE/ SPORTS FACILITY

7. Description**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other N/A

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuations sheets.)

TINKER FIELD

Name of Property

ORANGE CO., FL.

County and State

8. Statement of significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution broad patterns of our history.
- ☒ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction of represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology | <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Government |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Social History |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medicine | Other: _____ |

Period of Significance

1922-1948

Significant Dates

1922

Significant Person

TINKER, JOE

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

UNKNOWN

TINKER FIELD
Name of Property

ORANGE CO., FL.
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 3 acres

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

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☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

Boundary justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jonathon W. Miller/ Field Representative and Barbara E. Mattick/DSHPO for Survey & Registration

organization U.S. Congressman Ric Keller date January 2004

street & number 605 E. Robinson St., Suite 650 telephone 407-872-1962

city or town Orlando state Fl. zip code 32801-2017

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets (All information on continuation sheets must be typed.)

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) Do not write upon or attach labels to this map.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.
(Do not write upon or attach permanent labels to the photographs.)

Additional items

(check with the area Historic Sites Specialist at [904] 487-2333 for any additional items)

Property Owner

name CITY OF ORLANDO

street & number 400 S. ORANGE AVE. telephone 407-246-3300

city or town ORLANDO state FL zip code 32801-3360

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Orlando, Orange Co., FL

SUMMARY

1610 W. Church St

Tinker Field is located on the east side of Tampa Avenue, just south of its intersection with West Church Street, in Orlando, Florida. The nominated property includes the entire ballpark, but only the original 1922 baseball field constructed by the City of Orlando during the rise of professional baseball in the state of Florida is a contributing resource.

SETTING

Tinker Field, a city park facility, is approximately two miles west of downtown Orlando. The seven-acre park is part of the larger "Citrus Bowl". The area known as Tinker Field occupies approximately three acres. The ball field itself is located on the western part of the "Citrus Bowl" lot and is flanked on the immediate northeast corner of the field by the Citrus Bowl stadium. This stadium is clearly visible as part of it looms over the right field fence. Twelve non-contributing resources are immediately adjacent to the field and are included in the boundaries because they create an appropriate setting for the small municipal ballpark that has been part of the city of Orlando since 1922.

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DESCRIPTION

Tinker Field consists of a standard major league-size baseball diamond with a pitching mound, grass infield, and cutout dirt baselines (Photos 1-3). The original dimensions were 332 down the left field line, 332 down the right field line, and 412 feet to center field. The dimensions from home plate to the outfield wall were increased c1948 to the present dimensions: 340 feet down the left field line, 320 feet down the right field line, and 425 feet to center field. In 1989, due to the expanded citrus Bowl, Tinker field home plate was moved back 13 feet. The dirt portions of the field consist of red Georgia clay, a soil used in ball field construction since the early twentieth century. The grass outfield is composed of Bermuda sod, a variety of sports turf commonly used in the Southeast.

NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES

covered concrete

The field is surrounded by a warning track and a plaster block wall reinforced by steel rods in the outfield (Photo 2). A V-shaped steel beam and truss grandstand wraps around home plate and the right and left lines (Photos 4 & 5). It was constructed in 1963 to replace an original wooden grandstand that was built in 1922. Nine hundred nine (909) of the seats in the new grandstand were originally in historic, early nineteenth century Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C., prior to the demolition of that facility. The grandstand also includes 17 wooden ceiling fans in the upper portion of the grandstand. The top of the grandstand has an open-air media box and several VIP rooms. Other non-contributing features associated with the ball field include right field bleachers made out of aluminum, and left field bleachers made of wood reinforced by steel beams (Photo 6).

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Behind the right field bleachers are stand-alone batting cages and an elevated pitching mound. ~~Flanked~~
~~Between~~ the grandstand and right field bleachers is the original press box and VIP section. This is of block construction that may date back to 1925, but verifiable proof of the date has not been obtained. Behind the grandstands are new bathrooms and concession stands that were added in 1990 (Photo 7). Near the entrance of the grandstand is a bronze and granite statue, dedicated to Clark C. Griffith on March 23, 1968, for his bringing the Washington Senators to Orlando for Spring Training in 1936. The Senators trained at the same location until 1990.

In spite of the new grandstands and auxiliary structures, Tinker Field maintains its historic character to a large degree. The new facilities serve the same functions and maintain the same basic layout as the historic park. The wooden ceiling fans and historic seats from the old Senators' stadium in Washington, D.C., contribute to the sense of tradition and history at this old field.

Contributing Resource: Playing field built in 1922

Non-contributing Resources:

Concessions Building
Grandstand, including New Press Box
? Old Press Box 1925
Dugout
Metal Bleachers
Practice Pitching Mound
Batting Cages
Dugout
Wooden Bleachers
Warning Track
Wall
Clark Griffith Memorial (object)

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SUMMARY

Tinker Field is significant at the **local level** under **Criterion A** in the area of **Entertainment/Recreation** as one of the oldest remaining major league baseball spring training sites in Florida. It was initially constructed in December 1922 and was commemorated as "Tinker Field" during its grand opening on April 19, 1923. In 1923 the Cincinnati Reds signed a three-year contract to begin spring training at Tinker Field. Tinker Field is also significant to the City of Orlando under **Criterion B** because of its association with the baseball career of professional baseball player **Joe Tinker**. He was instrumental in bringing the Reds and spring training to Orlando, and in promoting the construction of the field. Furthermore, at the time of his death in 1948, Tinker was the only Floridian in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The association of Major League Baseball with Tinker Field lasted from 1923-2000. The Tinker Building (NR 1980), also located in Orlando, is associated with Tinker's commercial endeavors in Orlando, rather than his baseball career. Joe Tinker is a historically significant figure primarily because of his successful baseball career. His later ventures into business and real estate were made possible by the acclaim and financial resources he amassed as a baseball player and manager.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Major League Baseball in Florida

The history of major league baseball spring training in Florida dates back to 1888. The Washington Statesmen (later the Washington Senators/Minnesota Twins) spent three weeks in Jacksonville preparing for the upcoming season. Connie Mack, a member and long time manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, recalled the negative attitude held toward baseball players at the time. They were turned away from many hotels and seen as unsavory. Florida was chosen for two major reasons. The consistently warm climate helped the players get in shape and perfect their skills, and it was close to many of the teams' home cities located in the Northeast and Midwest. Jacksonville became a popular choice because of the convenient transportation connections. Between 1903 and 1909, Jacksonville hosted the Philadelphia Athletics (1903), Cincinnati Reds (1905), Boston Braves (1906), and Brooklyn Dodgers (1907-1909). In 1914, the teams training in the state established the "Grapefruit League," in which teams played a five-week schedule of pre-season exhibition games against semi-pro teams and each other. Thirteen of the existing sixteen teams spent at least one pre-season in Florida from 1910-1920.¹

Due to travel restrictions, spring training in the South was interrupted during World War II. However, following the war came a boom to spring training in Florida. During the late 1940's and 1950's, between twelve

¹ William Zinsser, Spring Training: The Unique American Story of Baseball's Annual Season of Renewal (New York: Harper and Row, 1989) and Stephen Olausen and Sherry Piland, "Terry Park Ballfield," National Register nomination, 1995. On file at the Florida State Historic Preservation Office, Bureau of Historic Preservation, Tallahassee, Florida.

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and fourteen teams trained in Florida prior to the regular season. Between 1961 and 1977 the major leagues expanded from sixteen to twenty-six teams, and as a result, Florida's Grapefruit League increased from twelve to eighteen teams.²

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

Major League Baseball in Orlando

The first major league team to visit Orlando was the Philadelphia Athletics in March of 1915. They played two pre-season games against the Birmingham Barons at the Fairgrounds. Philadelphia took the first game 9-2, while the second game ended in a tie, 5-5. The Barons were given a farewell banquet at the San Juan hotel on the evening of the 25th. Orlando was a baseball-starved town and its citizens liked what they saw. In June of the same year, Bert Humphries, formerly with the Chicago Cubs, organized The Orlando Baseball Club. When he decided to leave in 1920, the club hired Joe Tinker to be their new manager.³

It was not long before Tinker, also a former Chicago Cub, had the city thinking about major league baseball. In March of 1921 Tinker's team played in two exhibition games at the fairgrounds against a group of major league players organized by his friend, Clark Griffith. The game showcased the pitching of Walter Johnson. Inspired by the demonstration, the City decided to build a new field. In December of 1922, Orlando finished construction on a new ballpark that was state of the art for the time. It was constructed just to the south of Lake Lorna Doone and cost \$50,000. The new park was larger than the New York Yankees Field, with a distance from home plate to the right field fence of 278 feet. It was 310 feet to left field and 425 to center. The Orlando Bulldogs began to train at the facility on March 20, 1923, and that same month, the Cincinnati Reds signed a three-year contract to begin spring training at the new facility. On April 19, 1923 Orlando Mayor E.G. Duckworth gave the address, officially dedicating the field to Joe Tinker. The day saw all businesses in town close and 1,700 fans witnessed the Orlando Bulldogs defeat the Lakeland Highlanders 3-1. Joe Tinker was the vice-president of the club at the time.⁴

Major league spring training officially began in Orlando with the arrival of the Cincinnati Reds. Additionally, the field has hosted the Brooklyn Dodgers (1934-1935), Washington Senators/Twins (1936-1999), and Orlando Rays (2000). When the field was not hosting major league spring training, it was used by the local franchise of the Florida State League. Established in 1919 with six charter members, the League was an affiliation of minor league teams at the class D level, then the lowest placement on the professional baseball hierarchy. Tinker

² Olausen and Piland.

³ Eve Bacon, Orlando: A Centennial History, Vol. I, 1821 to 1925, Pioneer Era and the First Fifty Years of Incorporation. (Chuluota, Florida: The Mickler House, 1975), 303-347.

⁴ Bacon, 303-347; Orlando Morning Sentinel, 19 April 1923, p. 9; Dylan Thomas to Leslie Divoll, personal communication 1980; City of Orlando, Real Property Records.

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Field has seen such famous names as Warren Spahn, Rod Carew, Jackie Robinson, and Stan Musial. It was actually while pitching for the Daytona Beach Club in 1940 that Musial dove for a ball and dislocated his shoulder at Tinker Field. This injury ended his pitching career and he transitioned to become one of the greatest hitters of all time.⁵

Joe Tinker

Joe Tinker was born in Muscotah, Kansas, July 27, 1880 and began his baseball career in 1899 with a semi-professional team in Coffeyville, Kansas. He arrived in Orlando in December of 1920 to manage the Orlando Tigers, a local Florida State League baseball team. Prior to this, he had a successful playing and managing career in professional baseball. Tinker played in several smaller leagues in a few western states before he was sold to the Chicago Cubs in 1902. In his tenure with them, the Cubs captured the National League pennant four times (1902, 1907, 1908, 1910) and the World Series twice (1907, 1908). Tinker was never a strong hitter, batting just 262 lifetime, but was considered one of the best fielders of his era. He led the National League shortstops four times in fielding percentage, three times in total chances, twice each in putouts and assists, and once in double plays. Additionally, he had great speed and stole, on average, 28 bases a season for the Cubs. On July 28, 1910, he tied a major league record by stealing home twice in one game.⁶

Tinker and his teammates, Johnny Evers and Frank Chance, called attention to fielding skills. Together they developed new ways to defend against the bunt, hit-and-run, and stolen base, and developed the rotation play. The prowess they displayed for fielding was forever immortalized by a New York writer, and loyal Giants fan, on July 10, 1908 when he wrote a poem about Tinker and his teammates that appeared in the New York Evening News:

These are the saddest of possible words:
"Tinker to Evers to Chance."
Trio of bear cubs, and fleetier than birds,
Tinker to Evers to Chance.
Ruthlessly pricking our gonfalon bubble,
Making a Giant hit into a double-
Words that are heavy with nothing but trouble:
"Tinker to Evers to Chance."⁷

⁵ Tom Tinker to Jon Miller, personal communication, 2 July 2003; Pat Anthony to Jon Miller telephone communication, 1 July 2003

⁶ Martin Appel and Burt Goldblatt, Baseball's Best—The Hall of Fame Gallery (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1977), 362-364.

⁷ Ibid.

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In the days before radio, Tinker became a successful Vaudeville performer. In fact, he was regarded so highly, that in 1913 he considered switching to a career in Vaudeville, but instead signed a deal with the Cincinnati Reds as shortstop and manager. Following that year, Tinker resigned as manager and was sold to the Brooklyn Dodgers. Unhappy with the situation, Tinker jumped his contract and joined the new Federal League as manager and part owner of the Chicago Whales. He used his influence to attract other players, announcing, "You are invited to come to the Federal League quarters in Chicago and discuss terms. Even if you decide not to sign a contract, all your expenses will be paid by the Federal League." The new League had built or renovated eight ballparks in time for the 1914 season. One of the new fields, later renamed Wrigley Field, was for the Chicago Whales. Under Tinker, the Whales won the Federal League pennant in 1915, but the league folded the same year. The Whales owner then purchased the Chicago Cubs and hired Tinker as manager. Joe Tinker left the Cubs after the 1916 season to become manager and president of the Columbus team in the American Association. He then became president of the American Association.⁸

In the 1920s, Tinker went to Florida, where he was very successful managing the Orlando Tigers of the Florida State League. In 1921, "Tinker's Tigers" won the League championship, thereby winning the Temple Cup. Mrs. William Chase, whose then-deceased husband had been the owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, donated the cup. During those years, Tinker also became involved in the Florida Land Boom. Along with his business partner, Roy C. McCracken, he formed the Tinker-McCracken Realty Company, Inc., a land development and real estate firm in Orlando. The venture was very successful monetarily. Tinker's first residential development in the Orlando area was known as Lawson Park (1921). This was followed by Tinker Heights and Jamajo in 1923. Jamajo was so named because of the joint effort by Ja-(Dr. Jason Pitts), ma (his wife Maude), and jo-(Joe Tinker). Members of the Cincinnati Reds purchased many of the first lots.⁹

In 1925, Tinker built a small commercial building on West Pine Street in downtown Orlando for his company's headquarters. The "Tinker Building" was reputed to have cost \$90,000 at the time. This building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980 and is representative of Tinker's contribution to Orlando's commercial development. He also operated a bar and billiard parlor.¹⁰

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Tinker Field that was erected in 1968 to honor the owner who helped to forge a second home for his professional baseball team in Orlando (Photo 8).¹¹

Like many investors in the Florida Land Boom, with the collapse of the Boom in 1926, Tinker lost most of the fortune he had made in land development, mostly because of lawsuits filed against him as he reached the end of his life. He died of complications from diabetes on his birthday, July 27, 1948. Just prior to his death, one of his legs was amputated as a result of the diabetes. A major consolation during these difficult years was his election to the Pro Baseball Hall of Fame in 1946; he was the first Floridian to receive this honor. Tinker not only transformed the way baseball was played defensively, but also played a significant role in introducing Major League Baseball to Orlando. He helped to forge a relationship between the city and the sport that lasted from 1923-2000.¹² Joe Tinker is historically significant primarily because of his successful baseball career. His later business ventures in the Orlando area were made possible by the acclaim and financial resources he amassed as a baseball player and manager. Tinker Field, therefore, best represents Joe Tinker's significance to the city of Orlando.

¹¹ Deibler; Orlando Evening Star, 27 July 1948; Calvin Griffith to Leslie Divoll, personal communication 18 January 1980.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Tinker Field occupies approximately 3 acres of the 7-acre Tinker Field baseball complex, which in turn is part of the Citrus Bowl or Orlando Sports Arena. The boundary is shown on the accompanying site plan.

The boundary of the nominated property, Tinker Field, encompasses the historic playing field, including the diamond, infield, and outfield, as shown on the attached site plan, as well as 12 non-contributing resources: batting cages, practice pitching mound, metal bleachers, 2 dugouts, old press box, grandstand, wooden bleachers, wall, and warning track, Clark Griffith Memorial, and Concession Building.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

In addition to the historic playing field, the boundary encompasses the 12 non-contributing resources because, though not from the period of significance, they provide an appropriate setting for the historic ball field and clearly define its use as a municipal baseball facility.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1)
 1. Tinker Field
 2. Orlando, Orange County, Florida
 3. Jonathon W. Miller
 4. October 29, 2003
 5. Original negative at office of U.S. Congressman Ric Keller, 605 E. Robinson Street, Suite 650, Orlando, Florida 32801
 6. View from behind home plate, camera facing N
 7. Photo 1 of 8

Items 1-5 are the same for the remaining photographs unless noted otherwise.

- 2)
 6. View from center field, camera facing S
 7. Photo 2 of 8
- 3)
 6. Aerial view of Citrus Bowl, camera facing S
 7. Photo 3 of 8
- 4)
 6. View from grandstand, camera facing W
 7. Photo 4 of 8
- 5)
 6. View from grandstand, camera facing E
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 6. View of right bleachers from first baseline, camera facing SE
 7. Photo 6 of 8
- 7)
 6. Concession stands and bathrooms (NC, 1990), camera facing NW
 7. Photo 7 of 8
- 8)
 6. Monument for Clark Griffith, camera facing N
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

Announcement of Stadium opening on 4-19-23.

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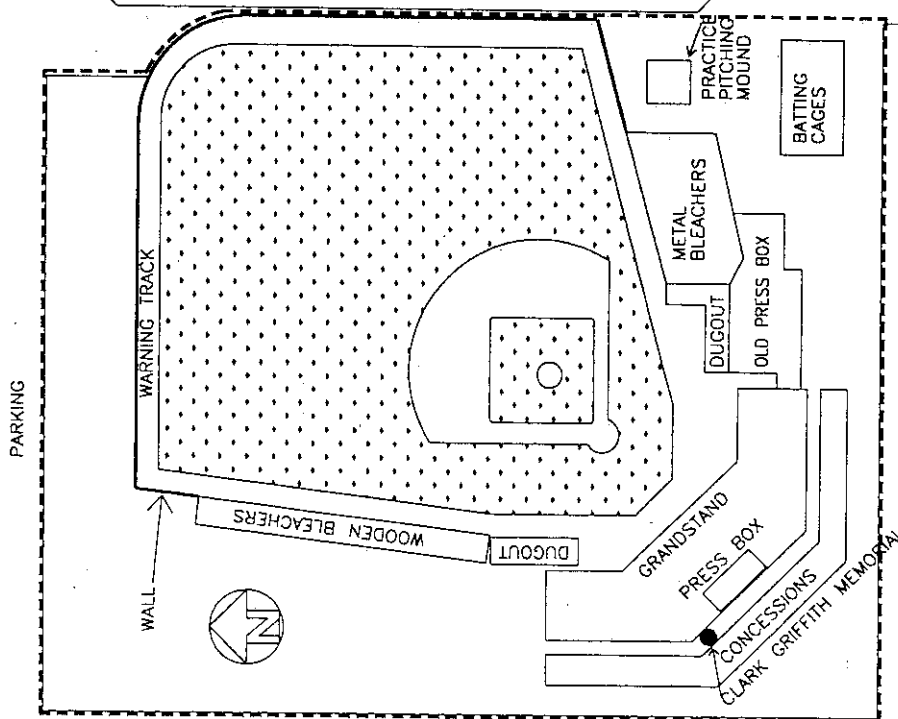
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1930's Grandstand at Tinker Field
1956 Tinker Field (Outside the stadium.)
1963 Tinker Field during renovations.
1920 Orlando Tigers Team Photo/Joe Tinker is manager.

W. CHURCH STREET

S. TAMPA AVENUE



TINKER FIELD
ORLANDO (ORANGE COUNTY), FLORIDA

HISTORIC BOUNDARY - - - - - GRASS FIELD













Baseball! TODAY! Baseball!

OPENING TINKER FIELD

Orlando's New \$50,000 Athletic Park

Gates Open at 2:45
Orlando vs. Lakeland
 Game Called at 4:15

The New Tinker Ball Field will be in ship-shape for today's game. The big grand stand has been completed and should be inaugurated by an immense crowd. Come along and bring with you your full supply of pep, for it's going to be a peppy game. Arrangements have been made for transportation of those who haven't cars, no extra charge; see below.

Free Transportation for those who do not have cars.

Tickets for the game bought at the Orange Belt Auto Line Station will allow bus transportation both ways free of extra charge. Buses will leave from O.B.A.L. Station and only tickets purchased there are good for free bus ride.



Special music will be furnished by the Pythian Band. Tinker Field at the end of West Church Street has been in the process of completion for several weeks and work was hurried to put on the final touches for today's game. We are proud to announce that Central Florida's finest ball park will be opened to the fans of Orlando and vicinity this afternoon.

Tickets on sale at Chico's Smoke House, San Juan Pharmacy, San Juan Hotel Cigar Counter, Angebilt Hotel Cigar Counter, First National Bank and Orange Belt Auto Line Terminal Station.

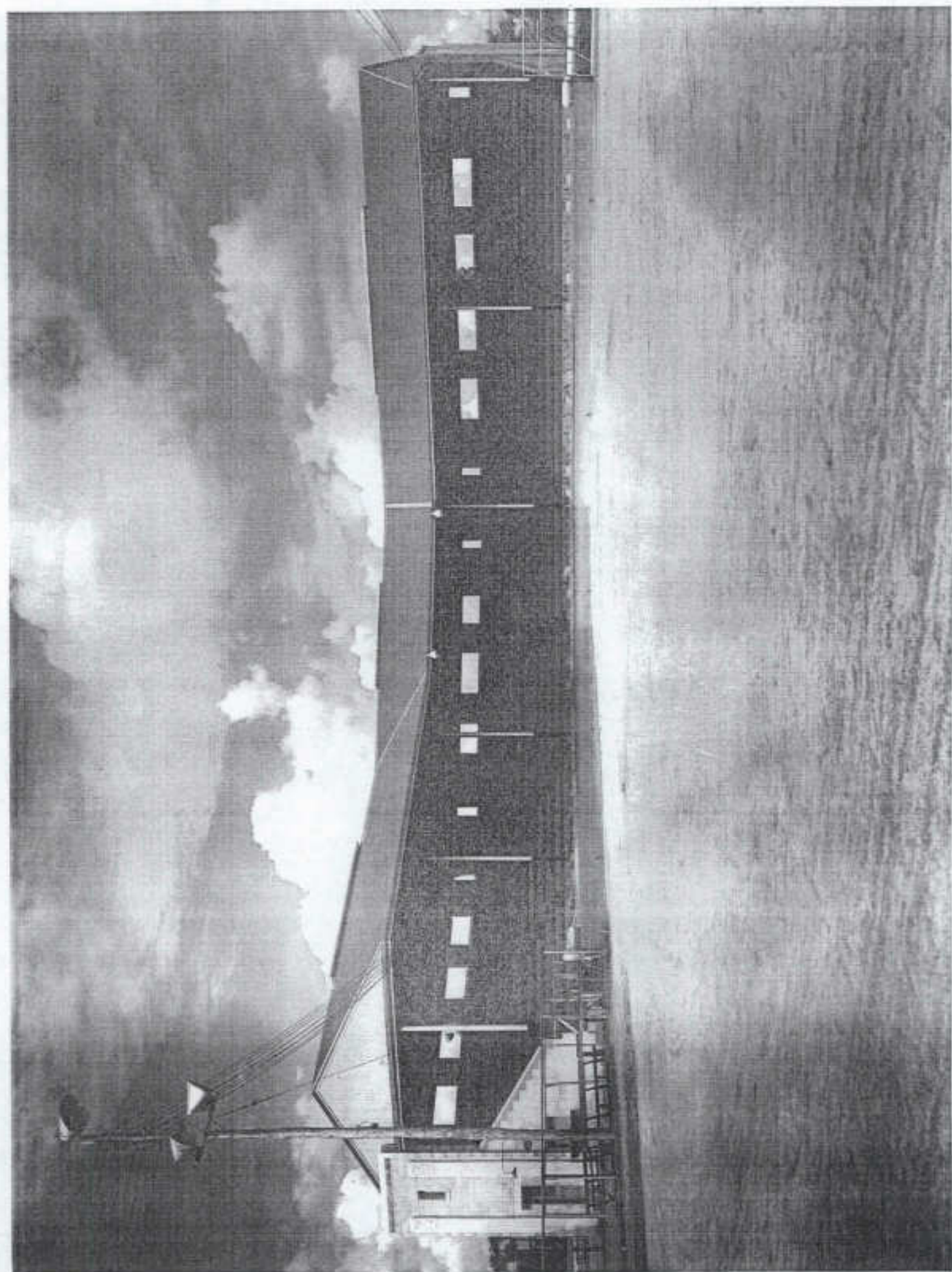
Admission—85c Grand Stand, Including War Tax.
 55c Bleachers, Including War Tax.

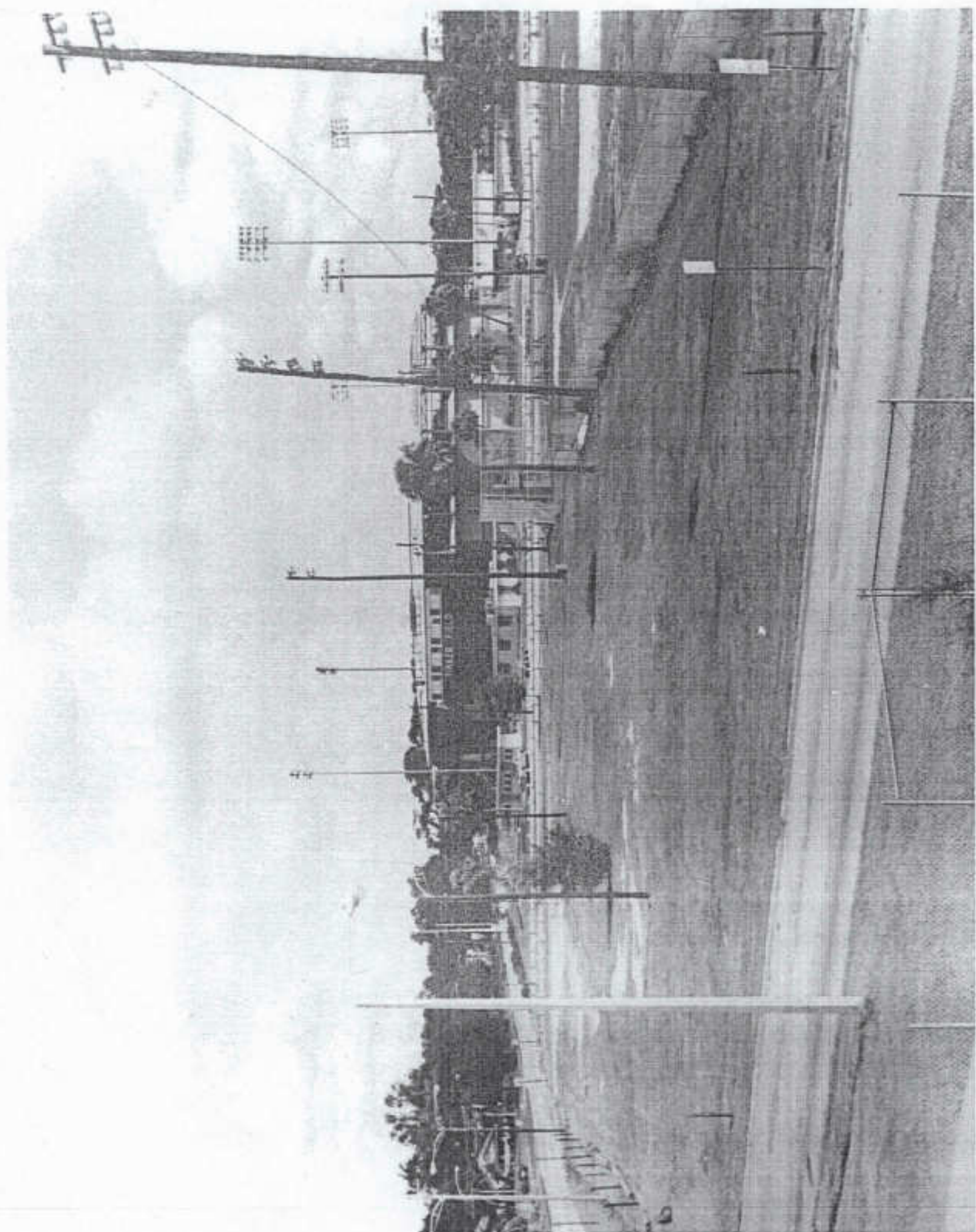
MONDAY IS LADIES' DAY

Ladies with or without escort will be admitted free to games every Monday, when played at home. Here you are, Fady Fans, don't miss the Monday games. These Bulldog boys are preparing to make some grandstand plays for your benefit. The Daytona Islanders will be here to play next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Orlando Baseball Club Member Florida State League

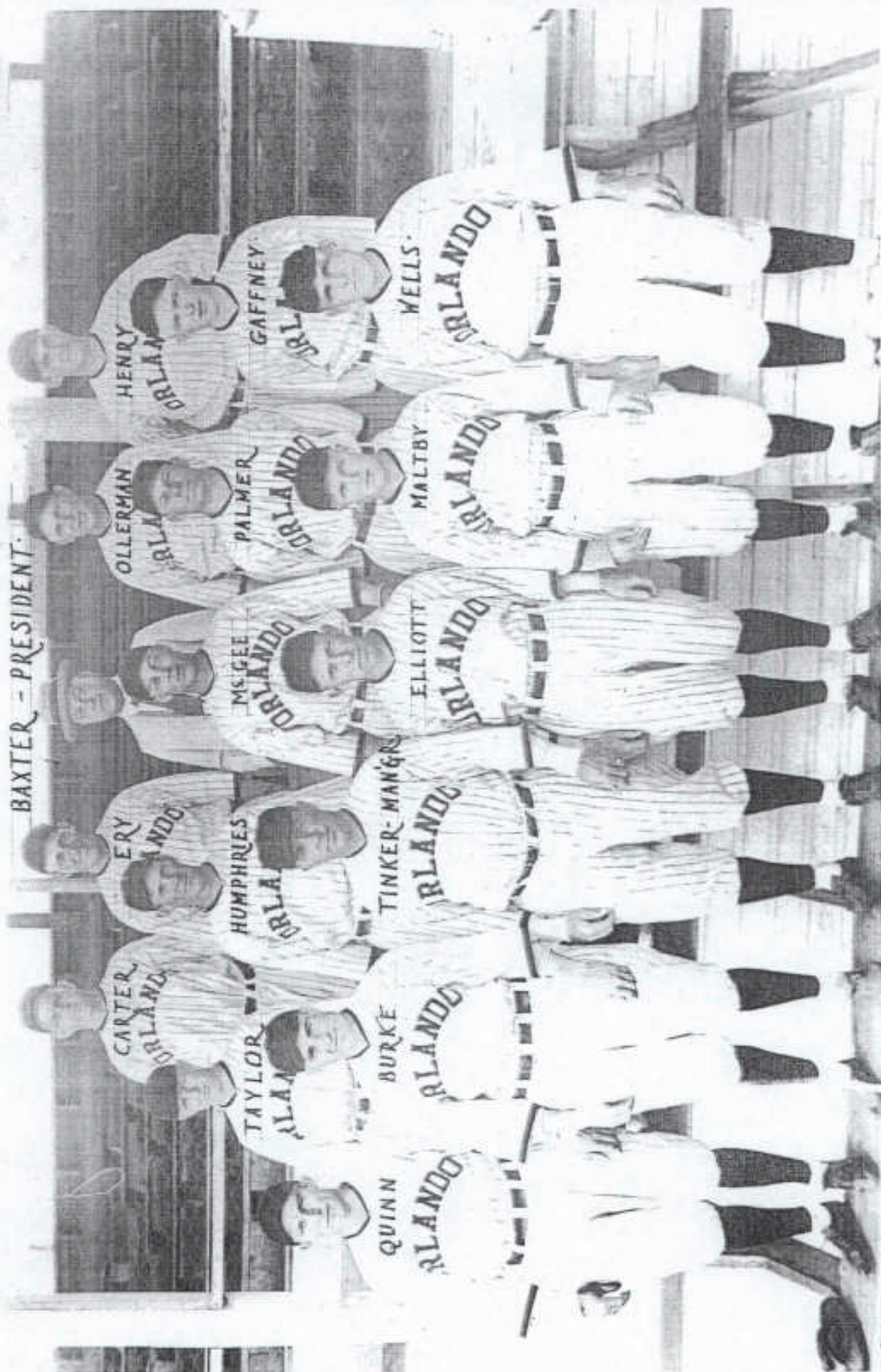








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Tinker Field is located on the East Side of Tampa Avenue, just south of its intersection with West Church Street, in Orlando, Florida. The ball field contributes to the Historic Resources of Orange County, Florida, multiple property group under property type F.4. Government and Public Resources.

SETTING

Tinker Field, a city park facility, is approximately two miles west from downtown Orlando. The seven-acre park is part of the larger "Citrus Bowl". The area known as Tinker Field is located on approximately 3 acres. The ball field is located on the western part of the "Citrus Bowl" lot and is flanked on the immediate northeast corner of the field by the Citrus Bowl stadium. This stadium is clearly visible as part of it looms over the right field fence. A number of non-contributing resources are immediately adjacent to the field, but are not within the boundaries.

DESCRIPTION

Tinker Field consists of a standard major league-size baseball diamond with a pitching mound, grass infield, and cutout dirt baselines (photos 1-3). The dimensions from home plate to the outfield wall are 340 feet down the left field line, 320 feet down the right field line, and 425 feet to center field. The original dimensions were 310, 278, and 425 respectively. The dirt portions of the field consist of red Georgia clay, a soil used in ball field construction since the early twentieth century. The grass outfield is composed of 419 Bermuda sod. The field is surrounded by a warning track and plaster block wall in the outfield reinforced by steel rods. (Photo 2).

NON-CONTRIBUTING SURROUNDINGS

A V-shaped steel beam and truss grandstand wraps around home plate and the right and left lines. (Photos 4 & 5). It was constructed in 1963, replacing an original wooden grandstand that was built in 1922. 909 of the new grandstand seats were originally in historic Griffith Stadium in Washington D.C. prior to its demolition. The grandstand also includes 17 wooden fans that hang down from the ceiling in the upper portion of the grandstand. The top of the grandstand has an open-air media box and several VIP rooms. Other non-contributing features associated with the ball field include right field bleachers that are made out of aluminum and left field bleachers, which are made of wood reinforced by steel beams. (Photo 6) Behind the right field bleachers are batting cages that are stand-alone and an elevated pitching mound. Flanked between the grandstand and right field bleachers is the original press box and VIP section. This is a block

construction and is reported to date back to 1925, although verifiable proof has not been obtained. Behind the grandstands are new bathrooms and concession stands that were added in 1990. (Photo #7) The front of the stadium features a bronze and granite statue dedicated to Clark C. Griffith on 3-23-68 for his bringing the Washington Senators to Orlando for Spring Training in 1936. They trained at the same location until 1990.

SUMMARY

Tinker Field is one of the oldest remaining major league baseball spring training sites in Florida. It was initially constructed in December of 1922 and was commemorated as "Tinker Field" during the grand opening on April 19, 1923.² In 1923 the Cincinnati Reds signed a three-year contract to begin Spring Training at Tinker Field.² It is significant to the City of Orlando and the State of Florida, due to the association of Joe Tinker who, at the time of his death in 1948, was the only Floridian in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The City of Orlando benefited greatly by having Joe Tinker associated with the stadium. Through his baseball connections, he was able to establish Spring Training and minor league baseball in Orlando. The association of Major League Baseball with Tinker Field lasted from 1923-2000.⁹

HISTORIC CONTEXT

The history of Major League Baseball spring training in Florida dates back to 1888. The Washington Statesmen (later the Washington Senators/Minnesota Twins) spent three weeks in Jacksonville preparing for the upcoming season.⁶ Connie Mack, a member and long time manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, recalled the negative attitude held toward baseball players at the time. They were turned away from many hotels and seen as unsavory.⁶

Florida was chosen for two major reasons. The consistently warm climate helped the players get in shape and perfect their skills, and its proximity to many of the teams' home cities, located in the Northeast and Midwest. Jacksonville became a popular choice because of the convenient transportation connections.⁶ Between 1903 and 1909, Jacksonville hosted the Philadelphia Athletics (1903), Cincinnati Reds (1905), Boston Braves (1906), and Brooklyn Dodgers (1907-1909). In 1914, the teams training in the state established the "Grapefruit League," in which teams played a five-week schedule of pre-season exhibition games against semi-pro teams and each other. Thirteen of the existing sixteen teams spent at least one pre-season in Florida from 1910-1920.

The first major league team to visit Orlando was the Philadelphia Athletics in March of 1915. They played two pre-season games against the Birmingham Barons at the Fairgrounds. Philadelphia took the first game 9-2, while the second game ended in a tie, 5-5. The Barons were given a farewell banquet at the San Juan hotel on the evening of the 25th.² Orlando was a baseball starved town and like what they saw. In June of the same year, Bert Humphries, formerly with the Chicago Cubs, organized The Orlando Baseball Club. However, when he decided to leave in 1920, the club hired Joe Tinker to be their new manager.²

It wasn't long until Tinker, also a former Chicago Cub, had the city thinking about major league baseball. In March of 1921 Tinker's team played in two exhibition games against a group of major league players organized by his friend, Clark Griffith, at the fairgrounds. The game showcased the pitching of Walter Johnson.²

In December of 1922, Orlando finished construction on a new ballpark that was state of the art for the time. It was constructed just to the south of Lake Lorna Doone and cost \$50,000.¹¹ The new park was larger than the New York Yankee Field, with a distance from home plate to the right field fence of 278 feet. It was 310 feet to left field and 425 to center.⁴ The Orlando Bulldogs began to train at the facility on March 20, 1923. However, that same month, the Cincinnati Reds signed a three-year contract to begin Spring Training at the facility.²

On April 19, 1923 Mayor Duckworth gave the address, officially dedicating the field to Joe Tinker. The day saw all businesses in town close and 1,700 fans witnessed the Orlando Bulldogs defeat the Lakeland Highlanders 3-1.² Joe Tinker was the vice-president of the club at the time. (Announcement #8)

Due to travel restrictions, spring training in the South was interrupted during World War II. However, following the war came a boom to Spring Training in Florida. During the late 1940's and 1950's between twelve and fourteen teams trained in Florida prior to the regular season. Between 1961 and 1977 the major leagues expanded from sixteen to twenty-six teams, and as a result, Florida's Grapefruit League increased from twelve to eighteen teams.³

Spring training officially began in Orlando in March of 1923 when the Cincinnati Reds signed a three-year contract to begin play at the new \$50,000 Tinker Field. Additionally the field has hosted the Brooklyn Dodgers (1934-1935), Washington Senators/Twins (1936-1999), and Orlando Rays (2000).⁹ When the field was not hosting major league spring training it was used by the local franchise of the Florida State League. Established in 1919 with six charter members, the league was an affiliation of minor league teams at the class D level, then the lowest placement on the professional baseball hierarchy.³ Tinker Field has seen such famous names as Warren Spahn, Rod Carew, Jackie Robinson, and Stan Musial.⁹ It was actually while pitching for the Daytona Beach Club in 1940 that Musial dove for a ball and dislocated his shoulder at Tinker Field. This injury ended his pitching career and he transitioned to one of the greatest hitters of all time.⁷ (Photo's 9-11)

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

Joe Tinker arrived in Orlando in December of 1920 to manage the Orlando Tigers, a local Florida State League baseball team. Prior to this, he had a successful playing and managing career in professional baseball. He began his playing career in Coffeerville, Kansas in 1889. Tinker played in several smaller leagues in a few western states before being sold to the Chicago Cubs in 1902. In his tenure with them, the Cubs captured the National League pennant four times (1902, 1907, 1908, 1910) and the World Series twice (1907, 1908). Tinker was never a strong hitter, batting just 262 lifetime, but was considered one of the best fielders of his era. He led the National League shortstops four times in fielding percentage, three times in total chances, twice each in putouts and assists, and once in double plays. Additionally, he had great speed and stole, on average, 28 bases a season for the Cubs. On July 28, 1910, he tied a major league record by stealing home twice in one game.¹

The prowess Tinker displayed for fielding was forever immortalized by a New York writer, and loyal Giants fan, on July 10, 1908 when he wrote a poem about Tinker and his teammates Johnny Evers and Frank Chance that appeared in the New York Evening News:

These are the saddest of possible words:
"Tinker to Evers to Chance."
Trio of bear cubs, and fleeter than birds,
Tinker to Evers to Chance.
Ruthlessly pricking our gonfalon bubble,
Making a Giant hit into a double-
Words that are heavy with nothing but trouble:
"Tinker to Evers to Chance."¹

In the days before radio, Tinker became a successful Vaudeville performer. In fact, he was regarded so highly, that in 1913 he considered switching to a career in Vaudeville, but instead signed a deal with the Cincinnati Reds as shortstop and manager. Following that year, Tinker resigned as manager and was sold to the Brooklyn Dodgers. Unhappy with the situation, Tinker jumped his contract and joined the new Federal League as manager and part-owner of the Chicago Whales. He used his influence to attract other players, announcing, "You are invited to come to the Federal League quarters in Chicago and discuss terms. Even if you decide not to sign a contract, all your expenses will be paid by the Federal League." The new League had built or renovated eight ballparks in time for the 1914 season. One of the new fields, later renamed Wrigley Field, was for the Chicago Whales. Under Tinker, the Whales won the Federal League pennant in 1915, but the league folded the same year. The Whales owner then purchased the Chicago

Cubs and hired Tinker as manager. Tinker would leave the Cubs after the 1916 season to become manager and president of the Columbus team in the American Association. He then became president of the American Association.⁵

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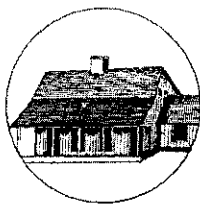
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Commence at the south 1/4 corner of section 27, township 22 south, range 29 east, thence N 89°23'00" W for 30.00 feet to the point of beginning, thence N 00°28'17" E for 659.27 feet, thence N 89°24'48" W for 1261.82 feet, thence S 00°32'14" W for 658.61 feet, thence S 00°50'48" W for 200.00 feet, thence S 89°23'00" E for 1261.81 feet, thence N 01°04'12" E containing 24.89 acres more or less. Citrus Bowl 25/30 Lot 1 (Citrus Bowl & Tinker Field) (Less Leased Sky Boxes.)

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary, as shown on the site plan, was drawn to include only the playing field. Adjacent non-contributing resources, including a grandstand, locker rooms, bathrooms, concession stands, batting cages, and stand alone pitching mound were excluded because they were constructed after the historic period.

- ☒ Original
☐ Update
 (give site#)



HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE

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Consult Guide to Historical Structure Forms for detailed instructions.

Site #8 OR 5915
 Recorder # _____
 Field Date 5/21/04
 Form Date 5/21/04

Site Name(s) (address if none) Tinker Field

Multiple Listing [DHR only]

Survey # _____

Survey # _____

National Register Category (Please check one: consult with Site File before using last four): ☐ building ☐ structure ☐ district ☒ site ☐ object

LOCATION & IDENTIFICATION

Address (Include N,S,E,W; #; St., Ave., etc.) 1610 W. Church StreetCross Streets (nearest / between) S. Tampa AvenueCity / Town (within 3 miles) OrlandoIn Current City Limits: ☒ y ☐ n ☐ unknownCounty OrangeTax Parcel #(s) 27-22-29-1349-00-010Subdivision name Citrus BowlBlock 25Lot 1

Ownership (Please check one): ☐ private-profit ☐ private-individual ☒ city ☐ county ☐ Native American
☐ private-nonprofit ☐ private-unspecified ☐ state ☐ federal ☐ foreign ☐ unknown

Name of Public Tract (e.g., park) Citrus Bowl / Orlando Sports Arena

Route to (especially if no street address) _____

MAPPING

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Plat or other map (map's name, location) _____

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Windows (types, materials, etc.)* _____

Main Entrance (stylistic details) n/aPorches: #open 0 #closed 0 #incised 0 Location(s) n/aPorch roof type(s) n/aExterior Ornament n/aInterior Plan* n/aCondition (Please check one): ☒ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ ruinousSurroundings (N=None, S=Some, M=Most, A=All/nearly all): ☒ commercial ☐ residential ☐ institutional ☐ undeveloped

Ancillary Features (No., type of outbuildings; major landscape features. Use continuation sheet for descriptions of interior, landscaping, etc.)

12 non-contributing resources: concessions building, grandstand, old press box, dugout, bleachers (metal)
practice pitching mound, batting cages, dugout, bleachers (wooden), warning track, wall, memorial

Archaeological Remains None known☐ Check if Archaeological Form completed

Consult Guide to Historical Structure Forms for preferred descriptions (coded fields at the Site File).

DHR USE ONLY ***** OFFICIAL EVALUATIONS ***** DHR USE ONLY

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HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM

Site #8 OR 5915

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HISTORY

Construction date: Exactly 1922 (year) Approximately — (year) Earlier than — (year) Later than — (year)
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 Additions: ☐ yes ☒ no ☐ unknown Dates — Nature* —
 Original Use* (give date ranges) Baseball field 1922 to present
 Intermediate Uses* (give date ranges) None
 Present Use* (give date ranges) Baseball field
 Ownership History (especially original owner, dates, profession, etc.) City of Orlando

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RESEARCH METHODS (Check all choices that apply; if needed write others at bottom)

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Potentially eligible for local register? ☐ yes: name register at right ☐ no ☐ insufficient info Name of local register if eligible: —
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One of the early ball fields associated with the establishment of spring train in Florida and professional baseball in Orlando. Joe Tinker was the first Floridian in the Baseball Hall of Fame and was instrumental in bring professional baseball to Orlando.

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Photographs (required) B&W print(s) at least 3 x 5, at least one main facade.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Glenda E. Hood

Secretary of State

DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Mr. Jon Miller
605 East Robinson Street
Suite 650
Orlando, Florida 32801

September 1, 2004

Dear Mr. Miller:

Congratulations! It is a pleasure to forward the enclosed certificate honoring the official listing of the Tinker Field in the National Register of Historic Places on May 14, 2004. This is a proper tribute to the historic significance of this property.

We hope that you will display this certificate in an appropriate location as a permanent reminder of the historical significance of this property. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the National Register program, and to work with you in any way we can to preserve this important cultural resource.

On behalf of Secretary of State Glenda E. Hood and our historic preservation staff, I salute you on achieving this formal acknowledgement. We appreciate your interest in preserving this important element of Florida's cultural resources.

With every good wish and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Mattick

Mrs. Barbara E. Mattick
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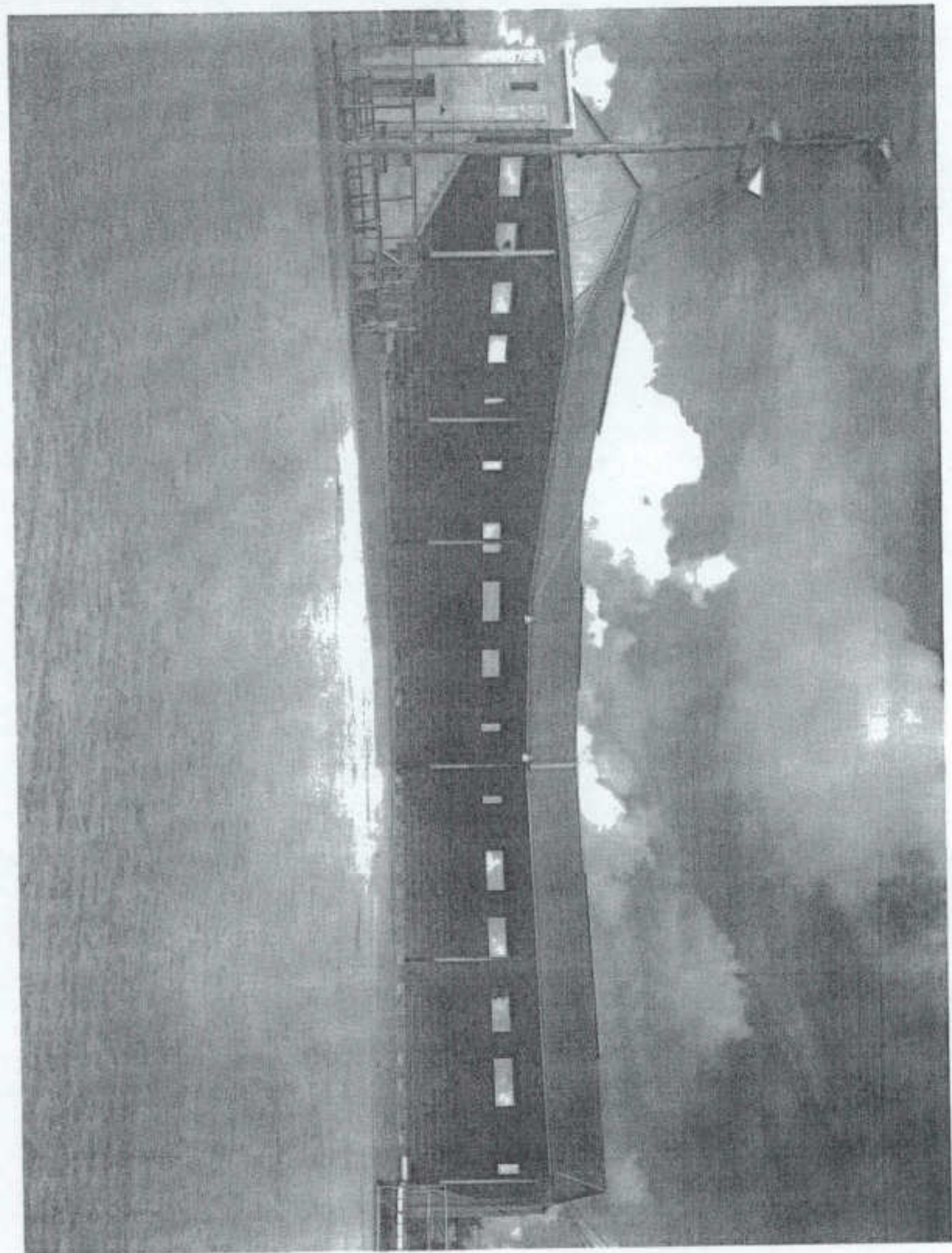
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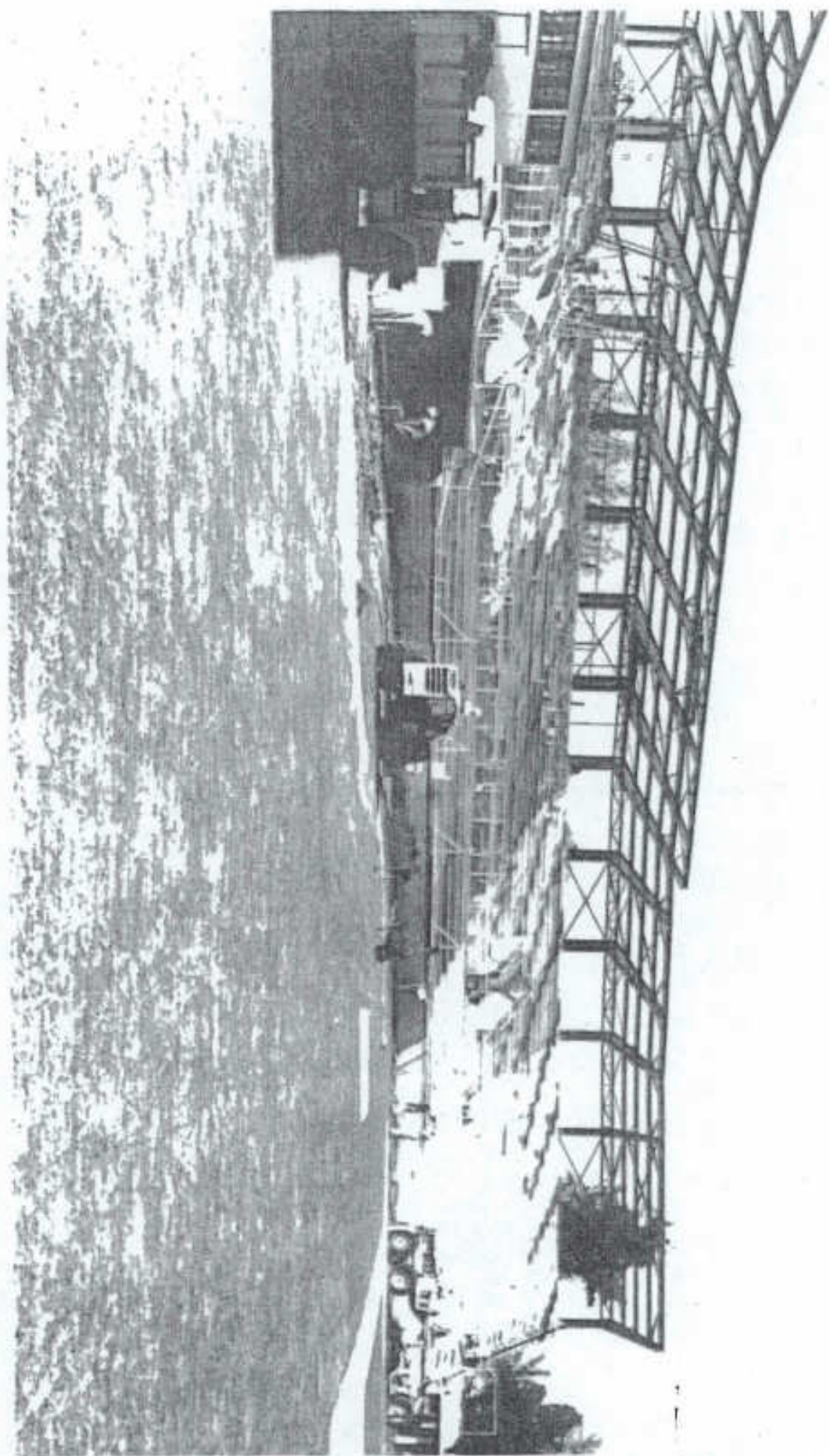
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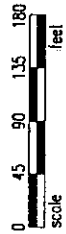
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Baseball! TODAY! Baseball!

OPENING TINKER FIELD

Orlando's New \$50,000 Athletic Park

Gates Open
at 2:45

Orlando vs. Lakeland

Game Called
at 4:15

The New Tinker Ball Field will be in ship-shape for today's game. The big grand stand has been completed and should be inaugurated by an immense crowd. Come along and bring with you, your full supply of Pep, for it's going to be a peppy game. Arrangements have been made for transportation of those who haven't cars, — no extra charge; see below.

Free Transportation for those who do not have cars.

Tickets for the game bought at the Orange Belt Auto Line Station, will allow bus transportation both ways free of extra charge. Buses will leave from O.B.A.L. Station and only tickets purchased there are good for free bus ride.



Special music will be furnished by the Pythian Band. Tinker Field at the end of West Church Street has been in the process of completion for several weeks and work was hurried to put on the final touches for today's game. We are proud to announce that Central Florida's finest ball park will be opened to the fans of Orlando and vicinity this afternoon.

Tickets on sale at Chico's Smoke House, San Juan Pharmacy, San Juan Hotel Cigar Counter, Angebilt Hotel Cigar Counter, First National Bank and Orange Belt Auto Line Terminal Station.

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Ladies with or without escort will be admitted free to games every Monday, when played at home. Here you are, Fady Fans, don't miss the Monday games. These Bulldog boys are preparing to make some grandstand plays for your benefit. The Daytona Islanders will be here to play next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

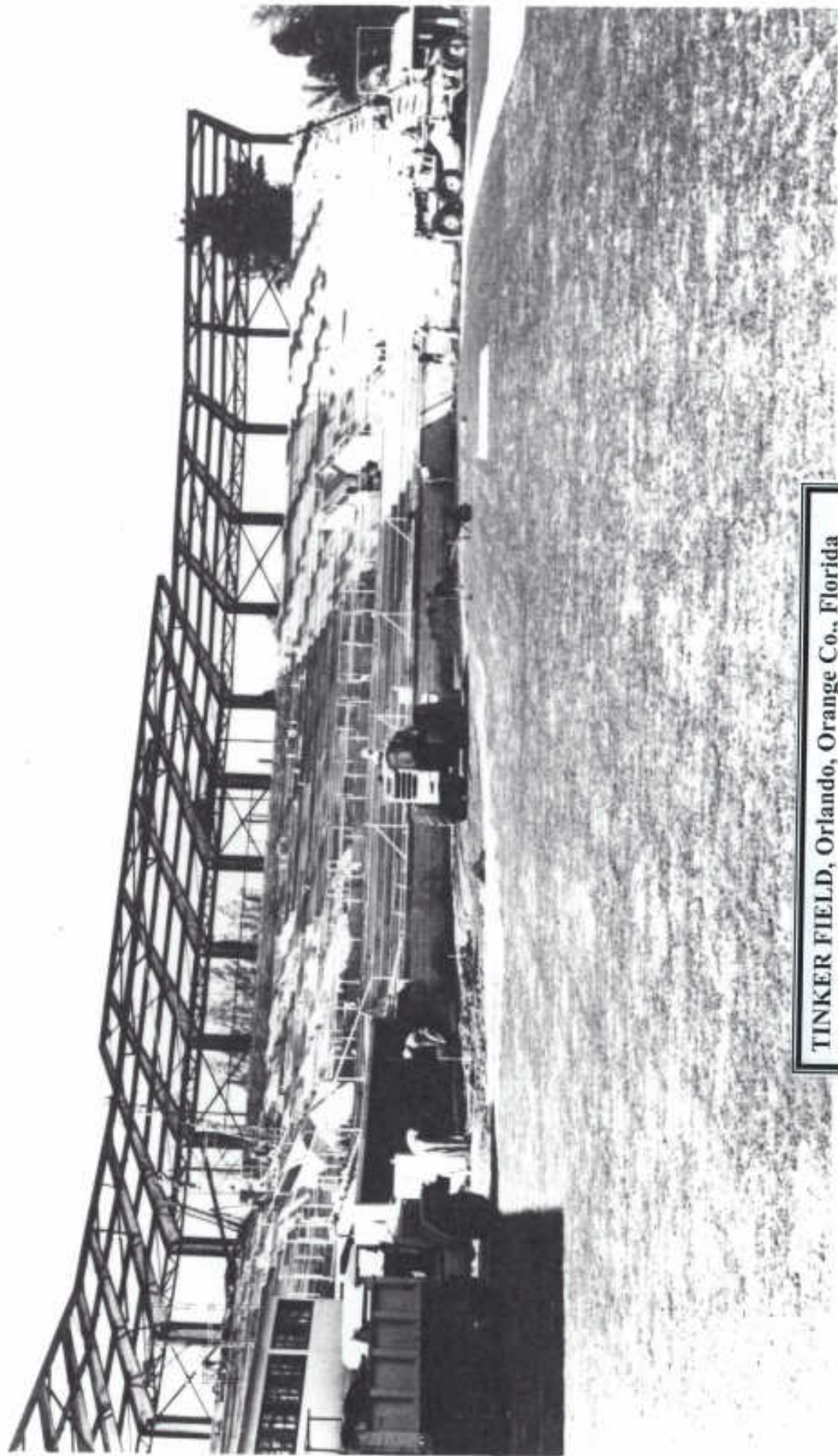
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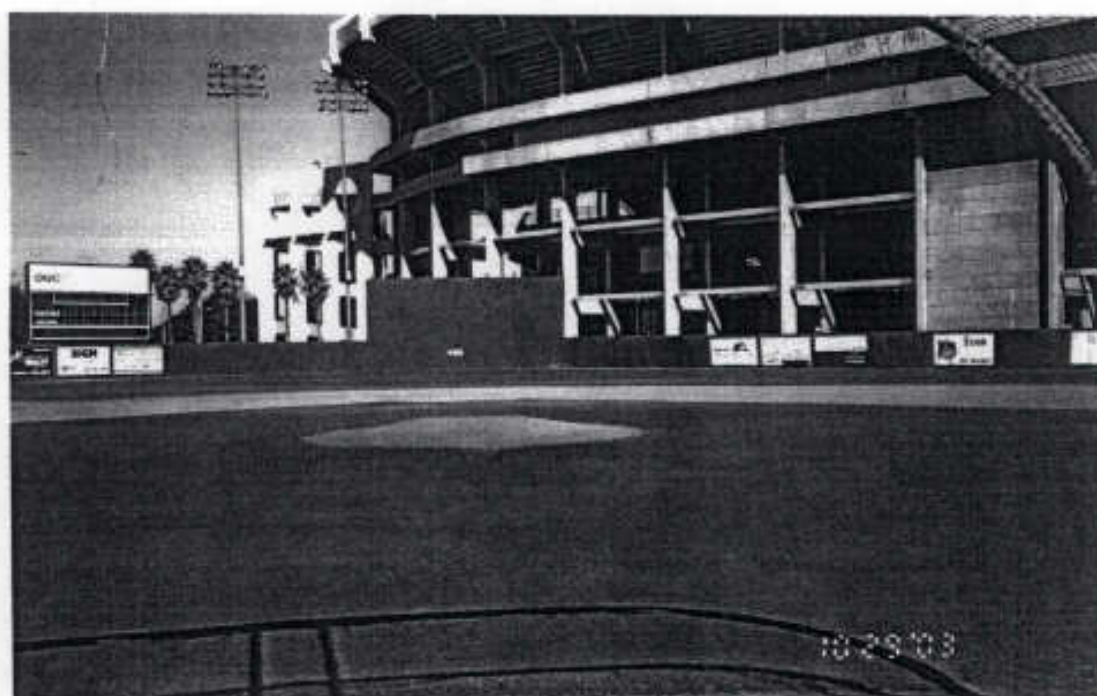
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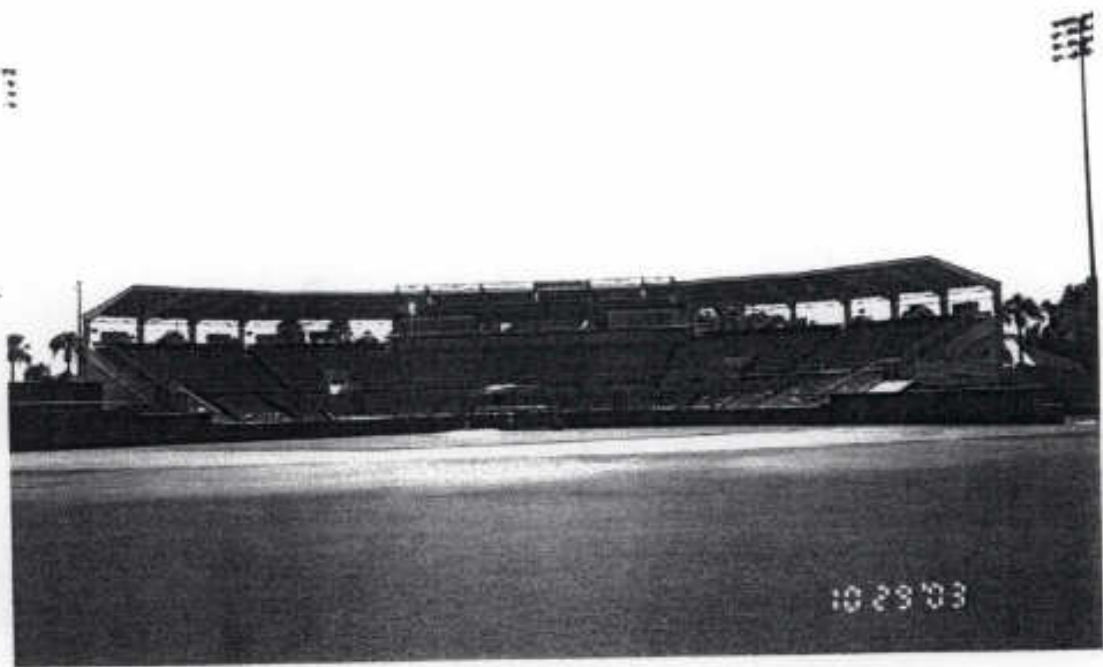


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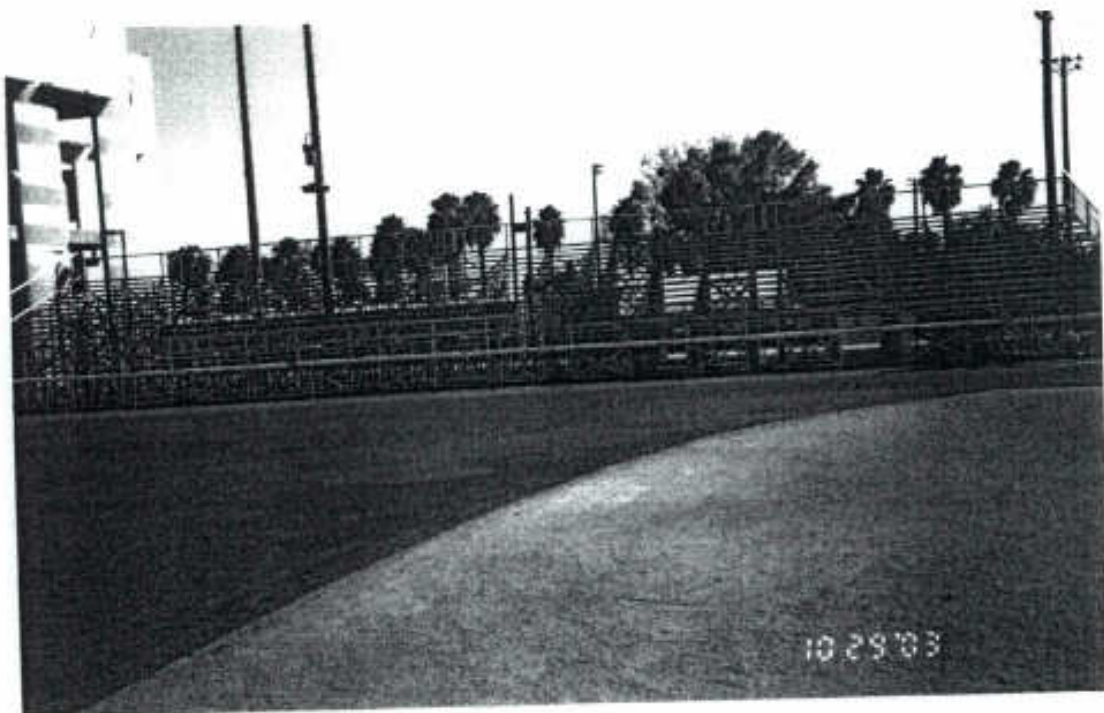


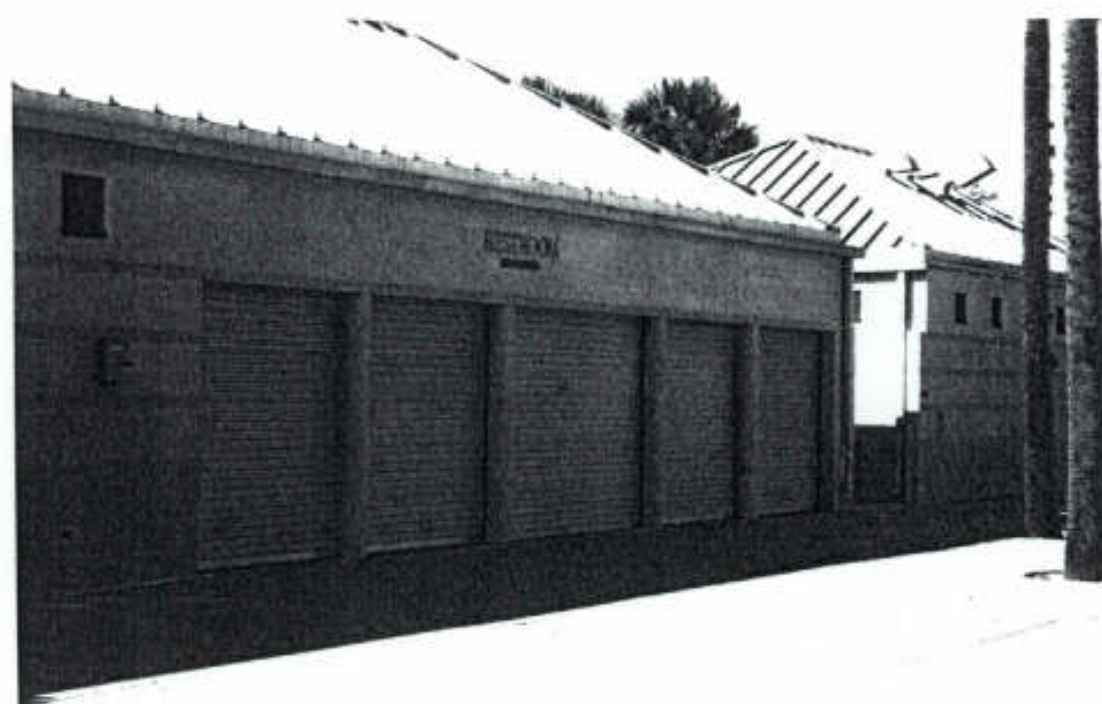
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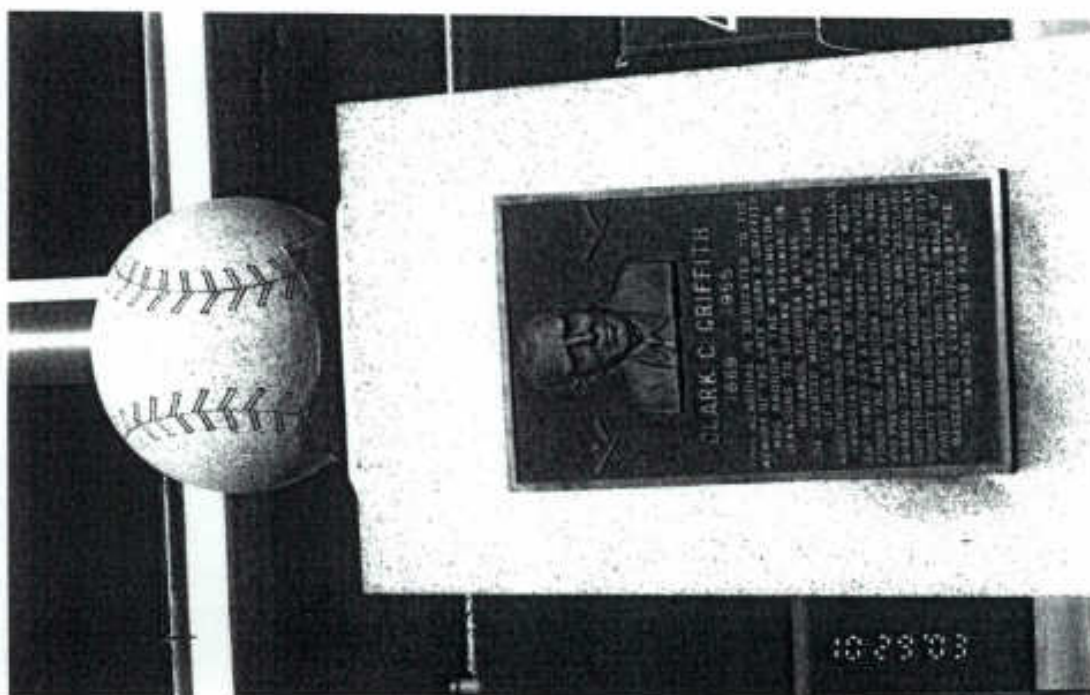








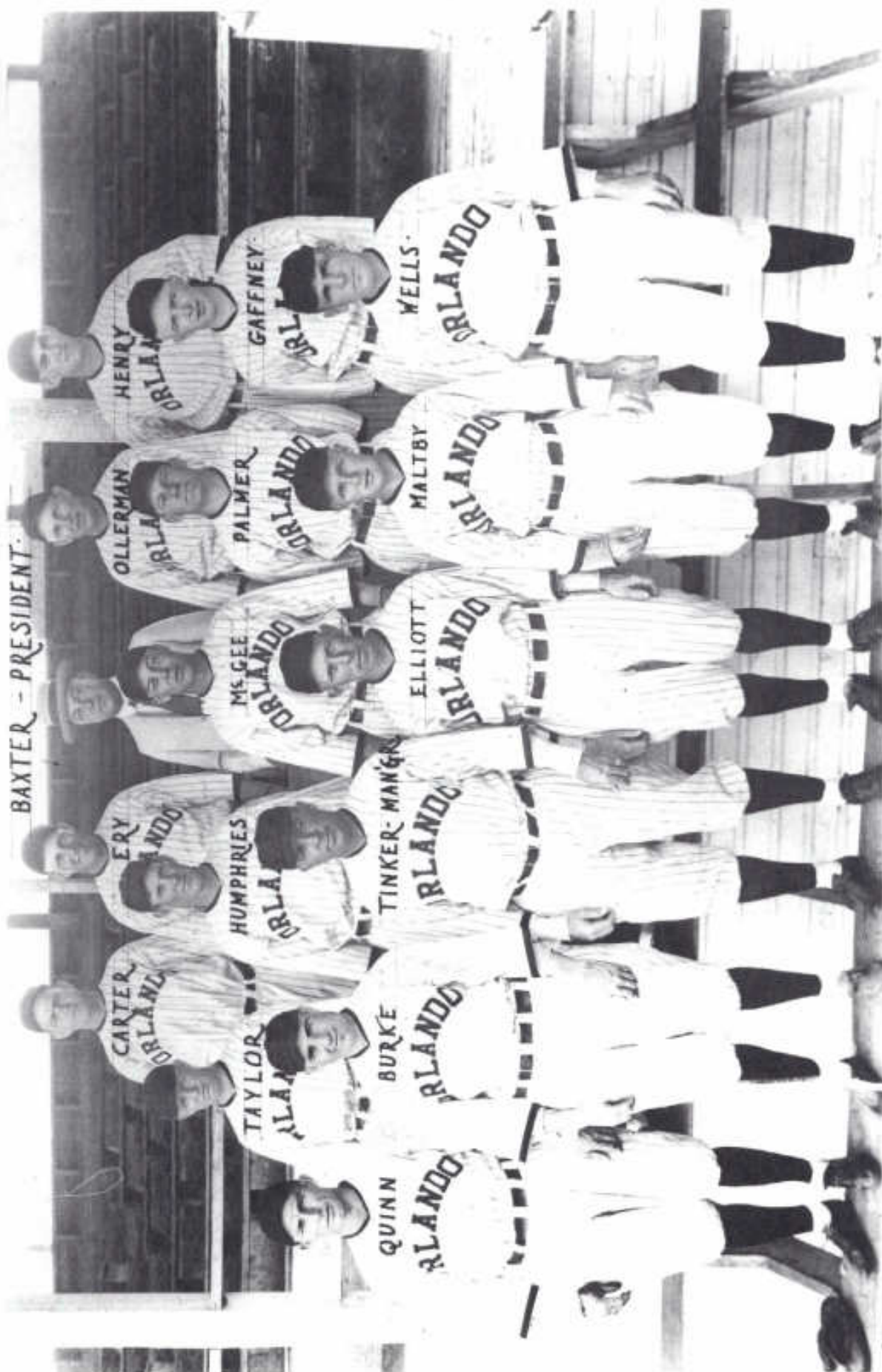






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Joe Tinker

Joseph Bert Tinker

Born: **July 27, 1880, Muscotah, Kansas**

Died: July 27, 1948, Orlando, Florida

Bats: right

Throws: right

Played for: Chicago Orphans, Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati Reds, Chicago Chi-Feds, Chicago Whales

Elected to Hall of Fame by Committee on Baseball Veterans: 1946

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The **standout shortstop** in the Chicago Cubs' famed doubleplay trio, **Joe Tinker was an aggressive and spirited performer who excelled in clutch situations.** He became a regular in 1902 as a 21-year-old rookie and five times led National League shortstops in fielding, contributing greatly to four Chicago pennants. He concluded his career as a player-manager for the Cincinnati Reds, the Chicago Federals and the Cubs.

Did you know ... that on June 28, 1910, Joe Tinker stole home twice in the same game, a feat that has been accomplished less than a dozen times in big league history?

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JOSEPH B. TINKER
 FAMOUS AS A MEMBER OF ONE OF BASEBALL'S
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Joe Tinker

1880-1948

SS 1902-16 *Cubs*, *Reds*, *Chicago*
Manager in 1913-16 *Chicago*, *Cubs* 304-308,

Joe Tinker's Teams

• Hall Of Fame in 1946

	Games	Average	HR	RBI
Career	1805	.263	31	782
World Series	21	.235	1	7

Books and articles about Joe Tinker

Tinker was immortalized in Franklin P. Adams's verse, "Baseball's Sad Lexicon," better-known, although incorrectly so, as "Tinker to Evers to Chance." An intelligent, smooth-fielding, mediocre-hitting shortstop, Tinker and second baseman Johnny Evers, first baseman Frank Chance, and third baseman Harry Steinfield **formed one of the better defensive infields of the day**. But the celebrated Chicago trio did not actually turn that many double plays. During that era, none did, compared to today. Yet under Chance's often brilliant guidance, **what the trio did was to bring fielding into focus. They devised new defensive strategies to defeat the bunt, the hit-and-run, and the stolen base (the key run-producing techniques of the dead-ball era) and implemented the first known version of the rotation play.** They brought Chicago to four World Series, in 1906-08 and 1910. All three went on to manage the Cubs.

Tinker had an aggressive, spirited playing attitude, but otherwise was quite an innocuous character. Yet one day in 1905, he argued with Evers over a cab fare, which led to a fistfight on the field. The contentious Evers would not speak to Tinker for decades, and gave him an unrepeatable nickname. Unbeknownst to one another, both were invited to help broadcast the 1938 Cubs World Series, 33 years after their falling-out. When they saw each other, after a moment's strained silence, they hugged and cried for some time.



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Matthew Fulling

Tinker first came up in 1902, and remained Chicago's everyday shortstop for 11 years. **Always the elegant fielder, he led NL shortstops four times in fielding percentage, three times in total chances, twice each in putouts and assists, and once in double plays (he also led Federal League shortstops in total chances in 1914). He had superior speed, and stole an average of 28 bases a season for Chicago.** On July 28, 1910, he tied a major league record by stealing home twice in one game. Though he was a respectable hitter, few pitchers feared his bat. Yet Christy Mathewson had trouble with him. Tinker

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registered a lifetime mark against the Giants great of almost 100 points better than his career batting average.

Tinker concentrated on his salary as few players had before. In 1909, earning a reported \$1,500, he demanded a \$1,000 raise. He sat out the early part of the season before settling for a \$200 increase. After the 1912 season, the Cubs traded him to Cincinnati, where he became a shortstop-manager. Throughout the year, Tinker argued with owner Gary Hermann over money. Hermann, tired of the talk, sold Tinker to the Dodgers after the season. In the most outrageous player demand to that time, Tinker refused to play for either team unless "commissioned" with \$10,000 of his \$25,000 sale price. Federal League agents, always on the lookout for discontented stars, quickly signed Tinker as a player-manager with the Chicago Whales. Tinker brought them in second in 1914, and first in 1915. In 1916, he managed the Cubs, but finished fifth.

Tinker went on to become president and manager of Columbus (American Association), and bought controlling interest in the Orlando Gulls (Florida State League) in 1921. He briefly managed in the International League, and scouted for the Cubs. During the 1920s, he made and lost a fortune in Florida real estate; a stadium named after him was built on one property and was used by the Reds in spring training for decades. On his 68th birthday, he died from complications of diabetes. Along with Evers and Chance, he was elected to the Hall of Fame by the Committee on Baseball Veterans in 1946. (AA)

FROM THE BASEBALL CHRONOLOGY

» **September 1, 1902:** In today's split with the Phillies, Tinker, Evers, and Chance appear together in the Chicago Cubs lineup for the first time, but not in the positions that will earn them immortality. Johnny Evers, a New York State League rookie, starts at SS, with Joe Tinker at 3B, Frank Chance at 1B, and veteran Bobby Lowe at 2B. Philadelphia takes the opener, 11-3 behind White, while Chicago is victorious in the nitecap, 6-1, behind Jack Taylor's pitching.

» **September 13, 1902:** Tinker, Evers, and Chance play their first game as a SS-2B-1B combo for Chicago. Germany Schaefer is at 3B as Chicago clips St. Louis, 12-0.

» **September 15, 1902:** Chicago's infield combo of Tinker, Evers, and Chance pull off their first double play to back up Carl Lundgren's 6-3 win over the Reds.

» **November 17, 1903:** Chicago Cubs SS Joe Tinker tells an interviewer that it is "impossible to fix" a ML baseball game.

» **September 14, 1905:** Joe Tinker and Johnny Evers engage in a fist fight on the field during an exhibition game in Washington, IN, because Evers took a taxi to the park, leaving his teammates in the hotel lobby. The pair will not speak to each other ever again.

» **April 16, 1906:** In Cincinnati, the Cubs lose 3-2 as Johnny Evers and Frank Chance get ejected. Following the game, Joe Tinker gets into a fight with a fan to complete the circuit.

» **July 17, 1906:** The Cubs beat back the Giants, 6-2, as Three Finger Brown tops Christy Mathewson. Joe Tinker's 2-run homer in the 6th is the big blow for Chicago. The loss drops the Giants to six games behind the Cubs.

» **August 18, 1906:** The Cubs turn back the visiting Giants, 6-2 behind Three Finger Brown. Christy Mathewson has an off day for New

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York, allowing 12 hits, three by his nemesis Joe Tinker.

» **July 20, 1907:** Chicago's Carl Lundgren and New York's Christy Mathewson are stingy today with the Cubs twirler allowing just four hits while the Cubs scratch three off Matty. The Giants score in the 4th when Cy Seymour parks a drive in the bleachers with two on. Prevailing rules make the hit a single, with just one run scoring; it is enough as Matty wins, 1-0. Joe Tinker is hitless against Matty, the only time this year that Mathewson shuts down his nemesis.

» **July 17, 1908:** In another classic matchup, Three Finger Brown and Christy Mathewson pair off with Brown winning 1-0. The Cubs pitcher allows six hits, with Matty giving up 7. The only run comes on a 5th inning inside-the-park home run by Matty's nemesis, Joe Tinker, who runs through the arms of 3B coach Heinie Zimmerman to score. In the 12 matchups between the two pitchers, Brown has won eight. A tragic occurrence happens during Tinker's home run dash when a boy, standing on the roof of a nearby building to view the game, falls 50 feet to his death.

» **July 18, 1908:** The Cubs win by a run, beating the Giants, 5-4, behind Orval Overall. Hooks Wiltse takes the loss as Joe Tinker once again wins the game, this time with a two-run double in the 9th inning. Tinker also had a 6th inning triple off Hooks.

» **June 28, 1910:** Joe Tinker steals home twice in Chicago's 11-1 home win over the Reds. Mordecai Brown is the winner.

» **June 28, 1911:** In the Cubs' 11-1 win over the Reds, Joe Tinker becomes the first player to steal home twice in one game. Chicago will swipe home plate 17 times this year to establish the ML mark, which will be tied next year by the Giants in the NL. The Yankees will steal home 18 times in 1912 to set the ML mark.

» **August 5, 1911:** Cubs manager Frank Chance suspends Joe Tinker and fines him \$150 for indifferent play. He is reinstated the next day.

» **August 7, 1911:** The matchup between Three Finger Brown and Christy Mathewson is something less than a pitching duel as Chicago bangs out 10 hits, including two singles, a double and a triple by Joe Tinker. Tinker also adds a steal of home. The Giants collect 13 hits, but Chicago wins the game, 8-6.

» **September 28, 1911:** In Chicago, Joe Tinker doubles in two runs in the 3rd inning off Christy Mathewson, and the Cubs make it hold up, winning 2-1.

» **April 12, 1912:** The Tinker-Evers-Chance double play combination (with Ed Lennox at 3B) plays its final ML game together, a 3-2 loss in Cincinnati. Vic Saier will replace Chance at 1B.

» **December 11, 1912:** The Reds trade outfielders Mike Mitchell and Pete Knisely, infielders Red Corriden and Art Phelan, and P Bert Humphries to the Cubs for C Harry Chapman, P Grover Lowdermilk, and SS Joe Tinker, who will manage the Reds for one year.

» **November 24, 1913:** Joe Tinker is out as Reds manager, but is still their property as a player. On December 12th he will be sold to Brooklyn for \$25,000, \$10,000 of which goes to him. P Earl Yingling and OF Herbie Moran are sent to Cincinnati later as part of the deal. When Charles Ebbets puts off signing Tinker, he jumps to the Reds, signing to manage Chicago for \$12,000.

» **January 5, 1916:** The National League, happy to be rid of fractious Cubs owner Charles W. Murphy, allows Charles H. Weeghman, owner of a restaurant chain and president of the Federal League Chicago

Whales, to buy the Cubs for \$500,000. By putting up \$50,000, William Wrigley, Jr. becomes a minority stock holder. Whales manager Joe Tinker succeeds Roger Bresnahan, and the Cubs will play in the FL's newly built park on the North Side, soon to become Wrigley Field.

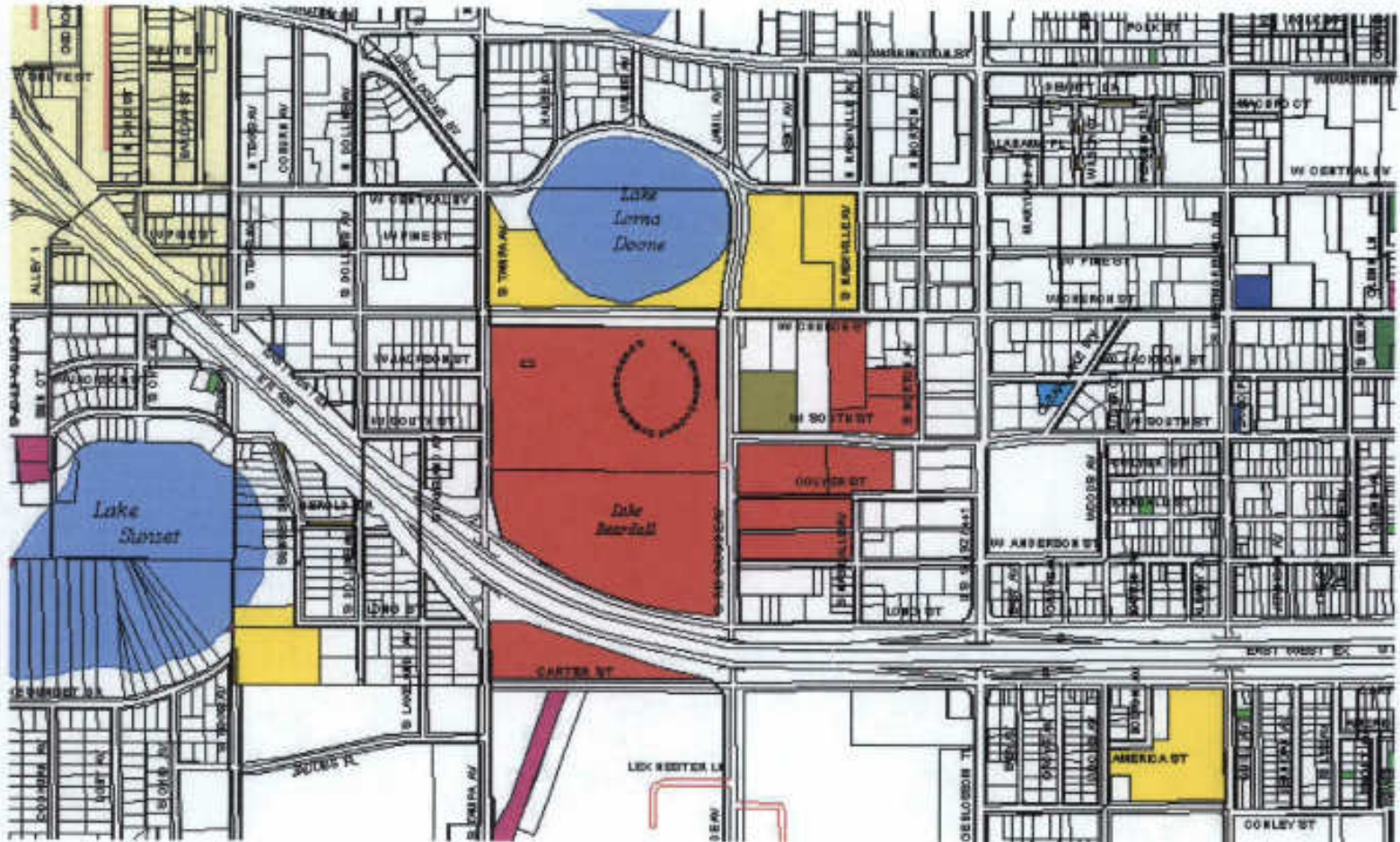
» **February 10, 1916:** In a sweet deal, the Cubs send cash to the sinking Chicago Whales (Federal League) and bring back Three Finger Brown, Clem Clemens, Mickey Doolan, Bill Fischer, Max Flack, Claude Hendrix, Les Mann, Dykes Potter, Joe Tinker, Rollie Zeider, and George McConnell.

» **September 16, 1916:** At Baker Bowl, Grover Cleveland Alexander is coasting with a two hit, 6-0 lead in the 8th over the Cubs, when weak-hitting Steve Yerkes lines a single followed by manager Joe Tinker's only hit of the year. On a DP grounder, 1B Fred Luderus pulls his foot of the bag and Chicago goes on to score three runs. Second-place Philadelphia wins, 6-3, to pull with one 1/2 games of Brooklyn.



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Tinker Field Site Map 2003. Located at the southeast corner of Tampa Ave. & Church St.



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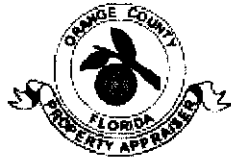
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ADDRESS2:	
ADDRESS3:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	ORLANDO, FL. 32801
COUNTRY:	
CITY CODE:	ORL - ORLANDO
MILLAGE CODE:	26
PRTY USE CODE:	8900
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Property Name	Owner	Address	Parcel Id
CITRUS BOWL	CITY OF ORLANDO	1610 W CHURCH ST	27-22-29-1349-00-010



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City Code	ORL - Orlando	Millage Code	26 - Reflects Tax Rates	Tax Year	2003

Value Summary

Value Method	Market
Number of Bldgs.	68
Depreciated Bldg. Value	\$3,206,698
Depreciated XFOB Value	\$73,374,455
Land Value (Market)	\$2,310,000
Land Value AG	\$0
Just (Market) Value	\$78,891,153
Assessed Value (SOH)	\$78,891,153
Exempt Value	\$78,891,153
Taxable Value	\$0
Mapsheet	

Owner Information

Owner(s)	CITY OF ORLANDO
Address	400 S ORANGE AVE
City, State, ZipCode	ORLANDO, FL. 32801

Legal Description

CITRUS BOWL 25/30 LOT 1 (CITRUS BOWL & TINKER FIELD) (LESS LEASED SKY BOXES)

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Show Building Sub Areas

Land Information

Item	Land Use Code	Zoning*	Frontage	Depth	Land Units	Unit Price	Land Value

1	8900	P			23.1 AC	\$100,000.00	\$2,310,000
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**Please contact your local Zoning Department for the latest zoning information.*

Extra Feature Information

Item	Description	Units	Unit Price	XFOB Value
1	ELEVATOR	4	\$50,000.00	\$200,000
2	STADIUM	9999	\$1,000.00	\$9,999,000
3	STADIUM	9999	\$1,000.00	\$9,999,000
4	STADIUM	9999	\$1,000.00	\$9,999,000
5	STADIUM	9999	\$1,000.00	\$9,999,000
6	STADIUM	9999	\$1,000.00	\$9,999,000
7	STADIUM	9999	\$1,000.00	\$9,999,000
8	STADIUM	9999	\$1,000.00	\$9,999,000
9	STADIUM	7	\$1,000.00	\$7,000
10	BLEACHERS	5101	\$500.00	\$2,169,965
11	ESCALATOR	1	\$110,000.00	\$110,000
12	ESCALATOR	1	\$214,000.00	\$214,000
13	ESCALATOR	1	\$321,000.00	\$321,000
14	ESCALATOR	1	\$321,000.00	\$321,000
1	PATIO III	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000
2	PAV CON	3549	\$10.00	\$35,490

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Glenda E. Hood

Secretary of State

DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

May 13, 2003

*Congressman
(Ric Keller's Office)*

Mr. John Miller
605 E. Robinson Street, Suite 650
Orlando, Florida 32801

Address Reply To:

Mrs. Barbara E. Mattick
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
for Survey and Registration
(850) 245-6333 or 1-800-847-7278

Re: Tinker Field

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your request for information on the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed information sheets will describe the program in general terms and provide an outline of the criteria for eligibility and the procedures for nominating properties for National Register listing.

I have also enclosed a Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire. If you feel, after reviewing the information sheets, that the property in question may meet the eligibility criteria, please complete and return the Questionnaire with at least one photograph showing the general appearance and condition of the property and a sketch map indicating its general location and setting. This will enable us to make an initial evaluation as to its potential eligibility for listing.

If the information received in the Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire indicates that the property may be worthy of further consideration, I will send you the forms and instructions for the preparation of the Florida Nomination Proposal. I will also be happy to provide any guidance and assistance I can in preparing the proposal. Please bear in mind, however, that the nomination process involves detailed research and documentation and review at several levels prior to the final determination by the Keeper of the National Register and usually takes up to six months to complete. As the final decision is made by the National Register, we can not guarantee that a particular property will be accepted for listing.

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Mr. John Miller
May 13, 2003
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If the property does not appear to merit National Register listing, we may be able to suggest other means of attaining appropriate recognition, or provide information that will be helpful in your preservation efforts. In any event, we look forward to receiving the completed Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire, and to working with you in any way we can. In the meantime, please write or call me at (850) 245-6333 if you have any questions.

On behalf of Secretary of State Glenda E. Hood, we appreciate your interest in Florida's historic heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara E. Mattick".

(Mrs.) Barbara E. Mattick
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for Survey and Registration

Enclosures

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PRELIMINARY SITE INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE -

SECRETARY OF STATE

This questionnaire is intended only to provide preliminary information about the property to the Bureau of Historic Preservation.

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Name and Location of Property

Tinker Field
Citrus Bowl 25130 Lot 1
(Citrus Bowl and Tinker Field)
1616 W. Church St.
Orlando, FL

County: Orange

Has it ever been moved? No ☒ Yes _____ (year)

Date of Construction or Significant Associations

Field constructed and established in 1914

Type of Property:

- ☒ Archaeological or Historic Site
- ☐ Residential Building
- ☒ Public Building
- ☐ Commercial Building
- ☐ Other (Describe)

Name and Address of Owner(s)

City of Orlando
400 S. Orange Ave.
Orlando, FL 32801

I support ☒ oppose _____ this effort to list or seek a determination of eligibility for listing my property in the National Register of Historic Places.

Buddy Wilson
Owner's Signature & Date

Telephone: 407-246-2000

Original Use:

Baseball stadium for Major League Baseball
Since 1923.

Present Use:

used as baseball field for Lake Highland
High School.

Physical Description (Indicate basic design and construction, and general condition at present time.)

The structure of the stadium and field are architecturally sound and stable. Although it has not been used for Major League Baseball since 2000, the City of Orlando has maintained the field and the stadium remains in fair condition.

Why is the property significant?

The field has been in existence since 1914 and from 1923-2000 it was used by Major League Baseball. More famous ball players have played the field than any other in Florida. Additionally, it was named after, and affiliated with, Joe Tinker who at his death in 1948, was the only Hall of Famer from Florida.

Enclosures: He is important to the history of baseball
area, and the stadium.

- ☒ Current Photos (original, required)
- ☒ Historic Photos (if available, photocopy acceptable)
- ☒ Location Map (required)
- ☒ Proof of Ownership (Property Appraiser record or notarized letter, required)

Name and Address of in Florida, the (owner) Florida Person Submitting

U.S. Congressman Ric Keller
605 E. Robinson St. Suite 620
Orlando, FL 32801

Telephone (Daytime)

407-872-1962

Contact → Email Jon.Miller@Mail.Hawaii.gov

Date: 6-4-03

Signature: [Signature]

BUREAU OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION - R.A. GRAY BUILDING
500 BRONOUGH STREET - TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0150
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Enclosures for the Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire

RE: Tinker Field in Orlando, Fl.

Attention: Barbara Mattick

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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1. Current Photos - Represented, in envelope, of the field and inside the stadium of the seats and adjacent Citrus Bowl. All were taken on 5-22-03.

2. Historic Photos - Included

- a. Joe Tinker as a player.
- b. 2000 aerial shot of the field from press box.
- c. 2000 front view of stadium.
- d. 2000 view of bleachers from inside the stadium.
- e. 2000 view of field from behind home plate.
- f. 1920 Team Photo. Joe Tinker as manager
- g. 1930's Grandstands photo of Tinker Field.
- h. ~~1930's~~ Front View of Tinker Field. 1956
- i. 1963 Expansion of Tinker Field.

*Note- f-i are photocopies of original photographs held in this office.

3. Location Map - 2003 Field Site Map from Orlando City Surveyor's office.

*Aerial Site Maps also available from 1939 and 2000 if needed. (Not currently in packet.)

4. Appraiser record - obtained 5-22-03 from Orange County Property Appraiser Property Line Inquiry System.

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Historic Photo Joe Tinker as a player.

2000 - Aerial shot from press level



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2000 - View from front of Stadium



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2000-View of inside the stadium



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2000- View from behind home plate



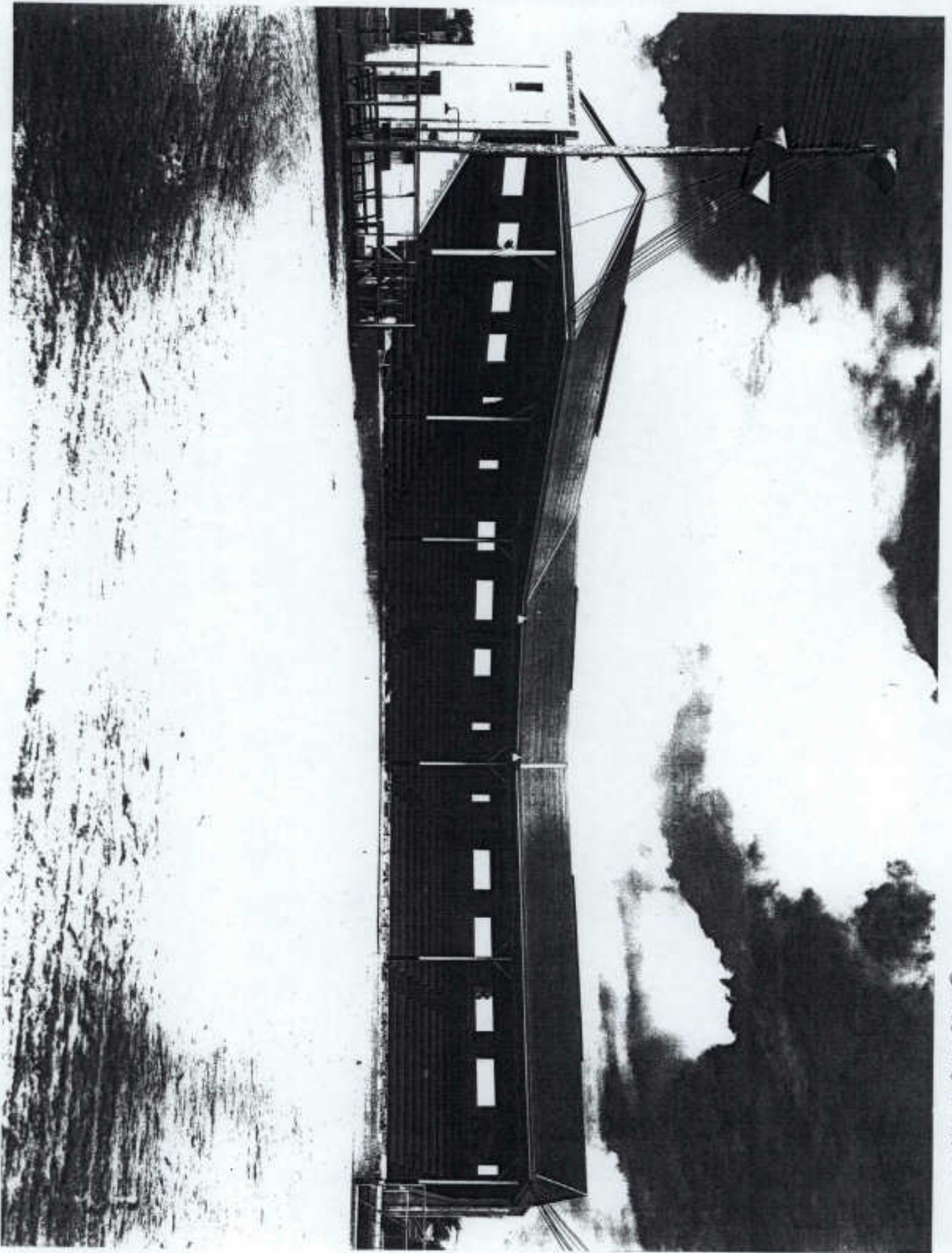
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1930 Team Photo. Joe Tinker as Manager

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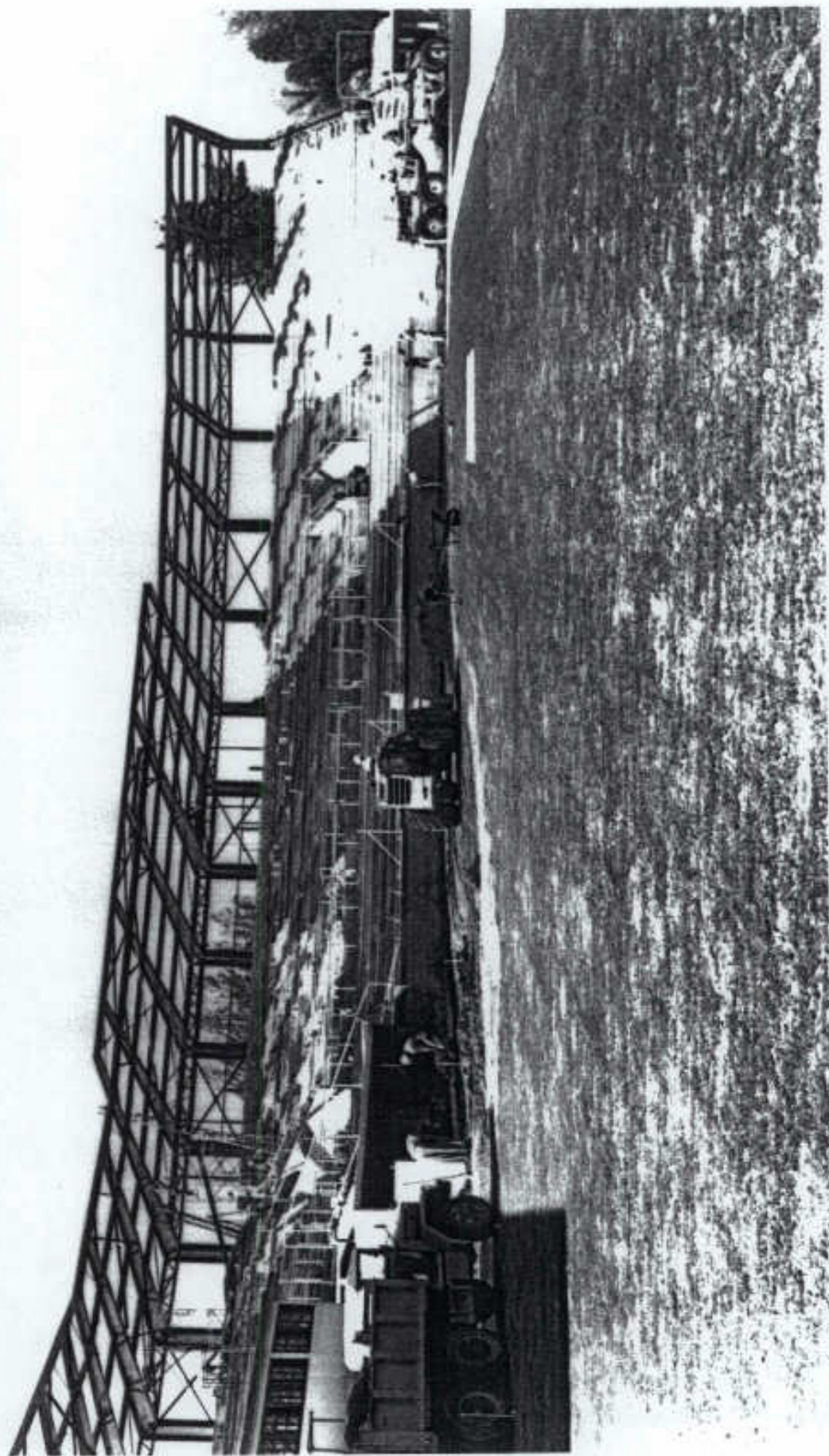
Grandstands photo of Tinker Field area
1930's

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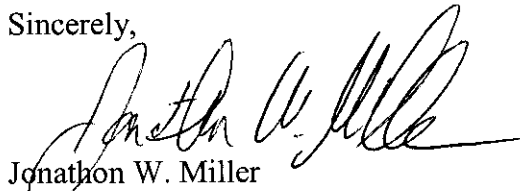
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Bureau of Historic Preservation
R.A. Gray Building
Barbara Mattick/Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0250

Dear Ms. Mattick,

Please find the enclosed aerial photographs of Tinker Field and the surrounding areas from 1947 and 2000. I have also enclosed a location map printed from the internet and a site map from the City Planner's Office. I also included a blown-up shot of Tinker Field and the surrounding area from the 1947 aerial. Please call me if there is anything else we may need to start this process. (407) 872-1962. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathon W. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

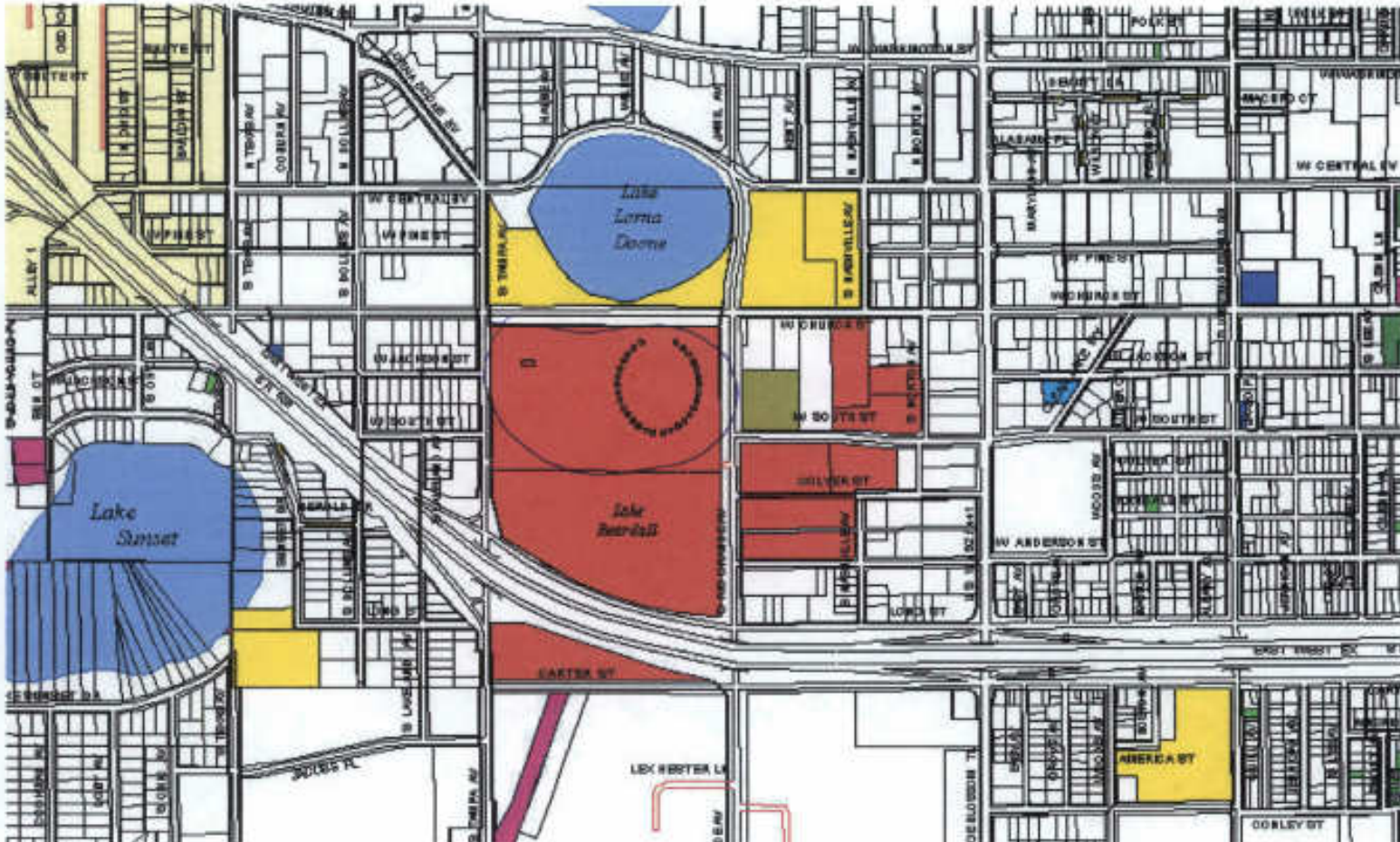
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Location Map \rightarrow 5-23-03 via internet

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Mattick, Barbara

From: Miller, Jon [Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2003 2:59 PM

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To: BMattick@dos.state.fl.us

Subject: Address Correction

Quick correction, but one of note. On the Nomination Form itself, the address at Tinker Field should read 1610 W. Church St. Orlando, Fl. 32805-2445. The address currently listed is on Pine St. and is actually the address for Tinker's office building. I have corrected my version. Sorry about that.

*Jonathon W. Miller
Field Representative
U.S. Congressman Ric Keller
8th Congressional District
Florida*

Mattick, Barbara

From: Miller, Jon [Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Saturday, October 18, 2003 4:52 PM
To: BMattick@dos.state.fl.us
Cc: Miller, Jon
Subject: Tinker Field Nomination
Importance: High

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Please find attached: 1. National Register of Historic Places Registration Form and 2. Historic Nomination Continuation Sheet. Please note that I will send an additional e-mail to follow this one that includes photos that are referenced in the Continuation Forms (following Section 9). If you just look at the photo e-mail there are 23 photos from top to bottom. I reference them as follows in the photo section:

Picture 1=photo 1
Picture 2=photo 4
Picture 3=photo 22
Picture 4=photo 13
Picture 5=photo 14
Picture 6=photo 3
Picture 7=photo 19

Announcement 8=not shown. I have this and will distribute with final packet.

Picture 9=historic photo. Will be in final submission.
Picture 10=historic photo. Will be in final submission.
Picture 11=historic photo. Will be in final submission.
Picture 12=historic photo. Will be in final submission.
Picture 13=photo 15

***This should be regarded as the first final submission. I am expecting additional information this week to review about Joe Tinker and his later years may be revised to some extent, however any additions to this would be minimal and approved by you <<National Registry Nomination Form.doc>> <<National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet.doc>>. Please review this submission and make any changes as necessary. If it becomes too difficult to point out all corrections on e-mail format please send a hard copy to me at:

Office of Congressman Ric Keller
Attention: Jon Miller
605 E. Robinson St.
Suite 650
Orlando, FL 32801

I look forward to hearing your response upon reviewing this submission. I have requested an original USGS map of Western Orlando that is scheduled to arrive this week. Additionally, I am attempting to make my own sketch map of Tinker Field. If you have any ideas where I might get one that is more official please let me know as I have been unable to reach our City Preservation person. It is my desire to have the final submission made in time for the December review. Please advise with any problems, corrections, or anything else that I may not have completed for this process. Also my # is 407-872-1962. or cell: 407-924-4724.

Sincerely,

Jonathon W. Miller
Field Representative
U.S. Congressman Ric Keller

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Glenda E. Hood

Secretary of State

DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

June 30, 2003

Address Reply To:

Gary V. Goodwin
Historic Preservation Planner
1-800-847-7278 or (850) 245-6333

Mr. Jonathon W. Miller
605 East Robinson Street
Suite 650
Orlando, Florida 32801

Re: Tinker Field

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have enclosed a Florida National Register Proposal form and instructions for completing it. Please let us know if you would like us to e-mail you the form so you can complete it on a computer. It will be in Microsoft Word. You should study both the form and the instructions carefully before you attempt to fill out any information. It is essential that you understand what kind of information is required and how it is recorded in order to avoid wasted time and effort. There are several points that must be emphasized.

First is the need for complete and accurate documentation. This applies to the physical description as well as the statement of significance. We need specific information regarding original construction, alterations, and uses of the property, as well as the historical events, developments, and persons with whom it has been associated.

Second, graphics can be extremely helpful. Current true black & white (not color-processed, such as C-41) photographs, including overall views and close-up shots of important details are required. Please see important instructions concerning photographs in your Florida Nomination Proposal Guidelines packet. Historic images should be included whenever they are available (good photocopies are sufficient). Please also provide a few color slides to use in a presentation to the Florida National Register Review Board. Sketch plans or diagrams of sites, interior floor plans, etc., should be carefully and accurately drawn, although not necessarily to scale.

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Third, site location and boundary information must be precise and accurate. Where street addresses are not applicable, location should be indicated by specific references to identifiable landmarks. Site boundaries should encompass only the site or property specifically identified and described in the nomination proposal.

Finally, the eligibility of the property for National Register eligibility depends on two essential points: 1) its "site integrity" or the extent to which the property retains the physical character and appearance of its period of significance, and 2) its association with significant historic events, developments, or personalities as reflected in its present condition and appearance.

Obviously, preparation of the proposal will require detailed investigation of both the physical development of the property itself and the broader historic context in which that development occurred. The information obtained must then be incorporated into narrative texts in the physical description and significance statement sections of the proposal form. While this is not a simple task, I am sure that the instruction booklet will provide ample guidance in most cases. However, should you need additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to call me. I will be happy to help in any way I can. I can be reached at (850) 245-6333 or (800) 847-7278.

A single copy of the proposal should be submitted to us as soon as you have it completed in draft form. Footnotes, photographs, and site and floor plans should accompany the draft proposal. This will enable us to give you our comments and to suggest any revisions that we feel may be necessary before you prepare the final document. Once the revisions are made, please submit the necessary copies for the Review Board along with the USGS map and slides. Make the appropriate copies of the proposal necessary for distribution to the Review Board. At that point, we should also be able to schedule the proposal for presentation to the Review Board.

We appreciate your interest in this property and look forward to receiving the proposal.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Barbara E. Mattick
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for Survey and Registration

Enclosures

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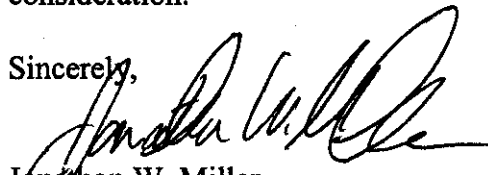
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Bureau of Historic Preservation
Division of Historical Resources
Department of State
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Dear Ms. Mattick,

Please find enclosed the hard final copy of the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. I have added footnotes and also sent that to you by e-mail. The original historic photos were copied onto 60 lb. bond paper as requested. I have the originals. Also, the pictures I took were in black and white and processed with black and white processing. They are enclosed separately, but I copied them onto bond paper and placed it into the packet. Please advise me as soon as possible of any changes that need to be made by me to meet the deadline in December. I previously sent you aerials and the Geological map as requested. Please also advise when I may need to come to Tallahassee for anything relating to this project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Jonathon W. Miller
Field Representative
U.S. Congressman Ric Keller

Received
11-25-03

Mattick, Barbara

From: Miller, Jon [Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Monday, December 08, 2003 10:05 AM

To: 'Mattick, Barbara'

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Subject: RE: Tinker Field

3. Name of photographer is Jonathon W. Miller

4. Date was 10-29-03

5. Original negative located in office of U.S. Congressman Ric Keller--605 E. Robinson St., Suite 650, Orlando, FL 32801.

6+7: Picture 1: View from behind home plate is facing north. Photo #3

Picture 2: View from center field is facing south. Photo #4

Picture 3: Aerial view from Citrus Bowl is facing south. Photo #15

Picture 4: View from the grandstands looking left is facing west. Photo #9

Picture 5: View from the grandstands looking right is facing east. Photo #10

Picture 6: View of right bleachers from the 1st base line is facing southeast. Photo #6

Picture 7: Concession Stands and bathrooms is facing northwest. Photo #11

Picture 13: Monument to Clark Griffith is facing north. Photo #12

I have not done a site plan. I have looked around, but nobody in the city really has one except for what is in the plat book. Is this something I can try to draw myself or are we supposed to contract someone to do it? Also, should I include the Citrus Bowl in the site map. It joins Tinker Field on the right outfield. I see in the Terry Park site map they actually have a scale in feet. I'm not sure I would know how to do that. I will send the other set of pictures up to you today.

Sincerely,

Jon Miller

Field Representative

U.S. Congressman Ric Keller

8th Congressional District

Florida

-----Original Message-----

From: Mattick, Barbara [mailto:BMattick@dos.state.fl.us]

Sent: Friday, December 05, 2003 4:25 PM

To: Miller, Jon

Subject: RE: Tinker Field

Hi Jon,

I have been working with the nomination, and it is coming along well. Can you please email me the information needed for each photograph:

- 1) Name of property (have)
- 2) County and state (have)
- 3) Name of photographer
- 4) Date of photograph
- 5) Location of original negative
- 6) Description of view (have), but need indication of direction of camera (i.e., facing north, south, southeast, west, etc.)
- 7) Number of photo

Did you send me your site plan? The location of the photos, with directional arrows, should be indicated on it. If you use pencil for the photo information, I can change it if need be.

I think there should be examples of all of this in the Terry Park nomination.

Thanks, Barbara

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-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Jon [mailto:Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2003 11:36 AM

To: 'Bmattick@dos.state.fl.us'

Subject: Tinker Field

<<National Registry Nomination Form.doc>> <<National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet.doc>>

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Jon Miller

Field Representative

U.S. Congressman Ric Keller

8th Congressional District

Florida

Mattick, Barbara

From: Miller, Jon [Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Friday, January 16, 2004 2:58 PM

To: 'BMattick@dos.state.fl.us'

Subject: FW: Final Questions...

Here are some of the answers provided by Greg Thompson who manages the Citrus Bowl and Tinker Field. It seems that only minor alterations occurred with the addition of the Citrus Bowl.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gregory_L_Thompson/CTX/EDV/Orlando@ci.orlando.fl.us

[mailto:Gregory_L_Thompson/CTX/EDV/Orlando@ci.orlando.fl.us]

Sent: Friday, January 16, 2004 12:57 PM

To: Miller, Jon

Subject: Re: Final Questions...

Bermuda sod is one of the many varieties of sports turf in the southeast.

In 1989 due to the expanded Citrus Bowl, Tinker Field home plate was moved back 13 feet. The original field dimensions were 332 left, 332 right, 412 center. They are now 340 left, 320 right, 425 center.

The playing field is 3 acres.

"Miller, Jon" <Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov>

01/16/2004 12:27 PM

To "gregory.thompson@cityoforlando.net"
<gregory.thompson@cityoforlando.net>

cc

Subject Final Questions...

...for Tinker Field.

1. What is 419 Bermuda sod?
2. What are the years of changes made just to the field and to what extent? ie:change of dimensions.
3. What is the total acreage of Tinker Field only?

***If you can help me out with those I'd appreciate it. The nomination meeting is in Tallahassee on March 23. Within 60 days after that, Tinker Field will be listed on the National Registry.

Jon Miller

Field Representative

U.S. Congressman Ric Keller

8th Congressional District

Florida

Mattick, Barbara

From: Dan_Vivian@nps.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2004 10:48 AM
To: bmattick@mail.dos.state.fl.us
Subject: NR nomination for Tinker Field

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Hi Barbara,

Thanks for speaking with me by telephone yesterday morning about the draft National Register nomination for Tinker Field. As I mentioned during our conversation, it is an interesting property and appears to meet the National Register criteria. The nomination is, in its current form, a fine first draft (especially since I assume that it's the first nomination Jon Miller has ever prepared!). It certainly provides a great deal of information about Joe Tinker, his baseball career, and association with Tinker Field, and the statement of significance makes good use of material obtained through personal interviews. However, during my review I noted several technical errors that must be corrected. I also wish to offer several suggestions that would clarify the history of the property and better justify its historic significance and integrity.

Technical comments:

- under Sec. 2 of the registration form, the **county code is blank**. This needs to be filled in before the nomination is submitted.
- under Sec. 5 of the form, "Citrus Bowl" appears as the name of a related **multiple property listing**. This appears to be a mistake since there is no MPDF by this name.
- the entry for the **acreage of the property** under Sec. 10 must only pertain to the nominated property. The entry "7 acres or 550 sq. feet" is confusing and conflicts with information provided elsewhere in the nomination. It appears that the field itself is about three acres, while the entire Citrus Bowl complex encompasses about 7 acres. If this is in fact the case, then the entry here should be **"approximately 3 acres."**
- to make sure the verbal boundary description is clear, change the beginning of the first sentence to: **"Tinker Field occupies approximately 3 acres of the. . . ."** Also, change the beginning of the last sentence to: **"The boundary of the nominated property, Tinker Field, encompasses. . . ."**

Editorial comments (these are mainly intended to clarify sections 7 and 8):

- first paragraph, second sentence: change **"The nomination includes"** to **"The nominated property includes . . ."**
- second paragraph, second sentence: change to **"Tinker Field occupies approximately three acres."**
- third paragraph: what is **"419 Bermuda sod?"** What does the number refer to? Some clarification might be helpful.
- Sec. 8 (throughout): shouldn't **"Spring Training"** be lower-case? I don't believe this is an official title or requires capitalization for any other reason.

Substantive comments:

- significance: Section 8 does a good job of summarizing Joe Tinker's career in baseball and his association with Tinker Field. A few additional statements would help to tie everything together and conclusively demonstrate the significance of the property. First, I recommend inserting (either **in the summary/intro. paragraph**, and/or perhaps in the conclusion) a statement to the effect of: **"Joe Tinker is a historically significant figure primarily because of his successful baseball career. His later ventures into business and real estate were made possible by the acclaim and financial resources he amassed as a baseball player and manager."** This

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would forcefully articulate the reasons for which Tinker Field is significant under Criterion B for its association with Tinker, and also serve to differentiate its significance from that conveyed by the Tinker Building.

--property boundaries: I recommend changing the boundary of the nominated property to include the grandstands, dugouts, bleachers, and other buildings and structures in the Tinker Field complex, even though most of them were built within the last fifty years and would therefore be considered non-historic. The reason for this is that they constitute an appropriate setting for the field. Because they continue to be used more or less in the same manner as the original structures, they contribute to Tinker Field's character as a municipal baseball field. The fact that they fulfill an appropriate functional role helps to "read" the historic significance of the field. If, for example, they were to be demolished, the field would lose a important part of its setting and character. For this reason, it would be preferable to nominate the entire Tinker Field complex. If this is done, then the resource count under Section 5 of the registration form and the boundaries will change.

--integrity justification: A stronger statement in Section 7 justifying the integrity of the field would be useful, especially if the entire complex is nominated. Ideally, the information provided should demonstrate that the field is largely unchanged from the period of historic significance. Sec. 7 mentions that it consists of red Georgia clay and is planted with Bermuda sod. Is this original or from the historic period? Has the field undergone any significant changes in layout since the ca. 1948 expansion? Further information about these and related issues would be useful. In addition, if the entire complex is nominated, Sec. 7 should provide any information available about surviving historic elements. The paragraph under the heading "Non-Contributing Surroundings" mentions that the original press box and VIP section remains in a block of construction that may date to ca. 1925. Does firsthand inspection indicate that these elements of the complex date to the mid-1920s? Are there any other historic elements?

Again, I think this is a solid first draft, and it should not be difficult for the nomination preparer to make the revisions discussed above. We look forward to seeing the final version. As always, feel free to call if you have any questions.

Dan

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January 22, 2004

Address Reply to:

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Historic Preservationist
Supervisor
(850) 245-6333

The Honorable Buddy Dyer, Mayor
City of Orlando
400 South Orange Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32801

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Re: Tinker Field

Dear Mayor Dyer:

A Florida National Register Nomination Proposal for the above referenced property has been received by the State Historic Preservation Officer. We solicit your review and recommendation concerning eligibility in accordance with the procedures established by the National Historic Preservation Act [Title I, Section 101 (16 U.S.C. 470a) (c)(2)] which created the basis for the participation of Certified Local Governments in the Florida National Register of Historic Places nomination process.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara E. Mattick".

Mrs. Barbara E. Mattick
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Re: Tinker Field

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara E. Mattick".

(Mrs.) Barbara E. Mattick
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for Survey & Registration

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March 16, 2004

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Mrs. Barbara Mattick
Division of Historical Resources
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: National Register nomination for Tinker Field, Orlando, Orange County

Dear Mrs. Mattick:

This is a letter of support for the nomination of Tinker Field in Orlando, Florida to the National Register of Historic Places. At its February 4, 2004 meeting, the Orlando Historic Preservation Board reviewed the nomination. The Board found that Tinker Field qualifies for listing on the National Register. The Board, acting on behalf of the Certified Local Government of the City of Orlando, appreciates the assistance of staff and the Florida National Register Review Board in the review process.

If there is anything else you need, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jodi M. Rubin, AICP
Historic Preservation Officer

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Mattick, Barbara

From: Miller, Jon [Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2004 12:08 PM
To: 'Mattick, Barbara'
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

Barbara,

Thank you so much for all of the work you have done on the Tinker Field project and your presentation to the board. The entire town of Orlando is buzzing as we announce the board's approval in a press conference tomorrow. Congressman Keller, Orlando Mayor, and Tom Tinker (Joe's grandson) will speak at Tinker Field and focus on the next step of bringing baseball back to Orlando for next season. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Jon Miller
Field Representative
U.S. Congressman Ric Keller
8th Congressional District
Florida

-----Original Message-----

From: Mattick, Barbara [mailto:BMattick@dos.state.fl.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2004 11:13 AM
To: Miller, Jon
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

Jon,

I just got comments back from Dan Vivian, our reviewer in Washington who did a preliminary review for us. He was very complimentary about the proposal and thinks the field is eligible. He has some comments and suggestions for revisions which should not be difficult to make. Most of them I can address, but will need you to deal with the others. I have attached his comments here. Read over them and then give me a call and we can figure out how to make the revisions.

Barbara

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Jon [mailto:Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2004 10:23 AM
To: 'Mattick, Barbara'
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

Yes, I'll get them up to you by the end of the month.

Jon

-----Original Message-----

From: Mattick, Barbara [mailto:BMattick@dos.state.fl.us]
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2004 2:20 PM
To: Miller, Jon
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

They can be basically the same, but you do not have to duplicate the shot. 5-6 should be plenty. Just take what you think would fit in well with a quick overview discussion of what is there. Can you get them to me by March 1?

Barbara

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-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Jon [mailto:Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2004 12:43 PM
To: 'Mattick, Barbara'
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

So your basically looking for color slides of the field and stadium that aren't necessarily the exact ones I took in black and white? How many and when do you want them by? Any shots in particular that you feel should be captured?

Jon

-----Original Message-----

From: Mattick, Barbara [mailto:BMattick@dos.state.fl.us]
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2004 12:35 PM
To: Miller, Jon
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

We show slides or a power point presentation at the Review Board meeting. Color slides are most effective. They do not have to be the exact pictures (same shots) as the black and white ones that will be sent to Washington with the nomination. They are in addition to the archival black and white ones.

Barbara

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Jon [mailto:Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2004 12:08 PM
To: 'Mattick, Barbara'
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

You mention slides. Am I supposed to make some slides or just send you the originals of the pictures? Thanks for the rundown of the events.

Jon

-----Original Message-----

From: Mattick, Barbara [mailto:BMattick@dos.state.fl.us]
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2004 5:01 PM
To: Miller, Jon
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

Jon,

The NR Review Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, from 1-5. It will be held in the Museum Education Room on the Ground Floor of our building (R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street). We are working on the agenda. There is short time of introductions and announcements and then the review. I will do the presentation, but it would be good if you can answer questions, or just be there to show support. You will be given an opportunity to say something during the slide presentation (can I get the slides ahead of time?). It is a semi-formal affair, orderly, but very laid back. The board votes at the end of each presentation. I am still waiting to hear from Dan Vivian (just sent him the proposal after getting your comments today). If he says all is a go, I will try to get the nomination sent out as soon as possible after the Board Meeting. Once they get it in Washington, they have 45 days to go through all their notification requirements.

Barbara

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Jon [mailto:Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 05, 2004 12:46 PM
To: 'Mattick, Barbara'
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

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Last thing and I won't bother you for a while. My District Director and I are going to the meeting on March 23rd in Tallahassee. As soon as you find out could you let me know the address, time it starts, and an idea of what the program will be for that day. For instance, when would be the most appropriate time to address the panel and how should we develop our remarks? Will there be a panel vote at the end? Will you and Walt Marder be speaking? How long after this will there be the official announcement?

Thanks,
Jon Miller
Field Representative
U.S. Congressman Ric Keller
8th Congressional District
Florida

-----Original Message-----

From: Mattick, Barbara [mailto:BMattick@dos.state.fl.us]
Sent: Friday, January 02, 2004 11:13 AM
To: Miller, Jon
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

Happy New Year, Jon!

Attached is the nomination proposal, including a site plan Carl Shiver prepared for us, to send to Dan Vivian for preliminary review. Please look it over to see if anything needs to be changed. There may be some things you want to add to the site plan. If so, please print out the plan and indicate the changes by hand, then FAX back.

Hope you had good Christmas and New Years celebrations,

Barbara

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Jon [mailto:Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2003 10:09 AM
To: 'Mattick, Barbara'
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

We don't actually have a drop dead date. I know that the March meeting is what counts anyway. However, Ric wanted to do something media related before that date, so the sooner we get a positive review, the sooner we'll be able to do a big media event without looking dumb later if it ends up being denied.

Jon

-----Original Message-----

From: Mattick, Barbara [mailto:BMattick@dos.state.fl.us]
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2003 10:05 AM
To: Miller, Jon
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

Once we get the site plan done I will send up for the preliminary. What is your drop dead date? We can do our best to accommodate it.

Barbara

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Jon [mailto:Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2003 10:01 AM
To: 'Mattick, Barbara'
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

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Correction. I was reading my own e-mail and under #1 340+21-11=350 actual feet. Sorry about that. Hope the site plan I faxed was legible. Any idea how long it will take to hear back from the preliminary review by Washington? I'm just thankful we made the deadline. My boss would have had my head otherwise. Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Jon Miller
Field Representative
U.S. Congressman Ric Keller
8th Congressional District
Florida

-----Original Message-----

From: Mattick, Barbara [mailto:BMattick@dos.state.fl.us]
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2003 9:45 AM
To: Miller, Jon
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

Thanks, Jon. Good job! I think we can come up with a site plan now.

Merry Christmas,

Barbara

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Jon [mailto:Jon.Miller@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2003 2:15 PM
To: 'Mattick, Barbara'
Subject: RE: Boundary Description

I have just faxed you a map of Tinker Field that I prepared. I hope this will work. As for the measurements here they are as best as:

1. The grass part going from behind home plate and proceeding to the end of the left field is 341 feet. This is the measurement of 340 feet to the left field subtracting 11 feet for the warning track and adding 21 feet for extra field behind home plate. 2. Walking from the left field grass directly over to the far edge of right field (actually ends at center field) grass is just over 270 feet. 3. Walking from home to right field is 330 feet. This takes into account normal measurement minus warning track which is 11 feet plus 21 feet which is the extra field behind home plate to edge of field behind it.

***I'm not sure how to say this in a boundary description, but maybe you'll know how to put it together. I measured it myself with a measuring tape so it may not be exact. Next to hiring someone, I'm not sure how to get something more precise. What do you think?

Jon Miller
Field Representative
U.S. Congressman Ric Keller
8th Congressional District
Florida

-----Original Message-----

From: Mattick, Barbara [mailto:BMattick@dos.state.fl.us]

Sent: Friday, December 12, 2003 11:54 AM
To: Miller, Jon
Subject: Boundary Description

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Hi Jon,

What we have in the boundary description is the legal description for the entire sports complex, Citrus Bowl included, I think. All I have been able to get are some aerial photographs. Did the one I sent you get to you? They help, but what I really need is an explicit verbal description of the boundary itself, including dimensions number of feet, not just a general description of the diamond and fields. Will the boundary include the warning track and the walls? Can you approximate on the aerial photo what the boundary will be at right field - the Citrus Bowl obscures it in the overhead photo? Where is the Griffin memorial located? Can you indicate that on a site plan, even if crudely? Can you indicate from where your photos were taken and the direction of the camera?

Does the City actually have a plat that shows the buildings at Tinker Field?

Sorry this is so laborious, but the boundary is a crucial issue.

Thanks for any help you can provide,

Barbara



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February 20, 2004

Address Reply to:

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Historic Preservationist Supervisor
(850) 245-6333 or 1-800-847-7278

The Honorable Buddy Dyer, Mayor
City of Orlando
400 S. Orange Avenue
Post Office Box 4990
Orlando, Florida 32802-4990

Re: Tinker Field

Dear Mayor Dyer:

We are pleased to advise you that the above property has been proposed for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

You are invited to attend the public meeting at which the nomination proposal will be reviewed by the Florida National Register Review Board. The Board will meet at 9:00 am on March 23, 2004 in the R. A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida. A copy of the meeting agenda is enclosed. If the Review Board finds that this property meets the criteria for such listing, the State Historic Preservation Officer may submit a formal nomination to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington D.C., who will make the final decision whether or not to list the property.

It is very important to us that you understand the purpose of listing properties in the National Register and what this will mean to you as the owner of a listed property. In addition, you should be aware of your right to object to the listing of your property if it is privately owned, and how to register that objection if you desire to do so.

The National Register of Historic Places is the Federal government's official listing of historically significant properties throughout the country. It is maintained by the Keeper of the National Register, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior. It includes

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sites and properties that have been identified and documented as having played a significant role in the prehistoric occupation or historical development of our nation, states, and local communities.

There are three basic purposes for listing a property in the National Register. They are:

- 1) to provide official recognition of its historic significance and encourage consideration of its historic value in future development planning,
- 2) to provide the property limited protection from any Federally funded, licensed, or assisted projects that might adversely affect the character of the historic property, and
- 3) to make the property eligible for Federal financial incentives for historic preservation.

Listing your property in the National Register will not, in itself, restrict your rights as a property owner to use and dispose of your property as you see fit. Public visitation rights are not required of owners. The Federal government will not attach restrictive covenants to the properties or seek to acquire them. However, if the future use or redevelopment of the property should require approval or assistance from a Federal agency, the plans for such use or redevelopment would be subject to review by the State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. In that event, we will be happy to furnish information and guidance to help you in planning your activities so as to provide for the preservation of the historic characteristics of the property. This review requirement would also apply to any Federally funded, licensed, or assisted projects undertaken by others that could have an adverse effect on the property.

The enclosed fact sheets explain the criteria for listing properties in the National Register and the results of listing in the National Register, with references to major laws and Federal regulations relating to listed properties. We will be happy to provide additional information and to discuss any questions you may have on protection provisions, financial incentives, or other aspects of the National Register program.

If your property is privately owned, you may object to its being listed in the National Register by sending a notarized statement addressed to me as State Historic Preservation Officer by **March 23, 2004**. The statement must certify that you are the sole or part owner, as appropriate, of the private property in question and that you object to its listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is not necessary to state the reason for your objection, but we would appreciate having that information if you wish to include it.

If the property in question is privately owned, and if you as sole owner, or a majority of the partial owners, object to the listing of their property, it will not be listed. If the majority of the

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property owners in a district object, the district will not be listed. However, the nomination will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of eligibility of the property for listing in the National Register. A copy of your statement objecting to the listing of the property will be included. If the property is then determined eligible for listing, the protection from Federally funded, licensed, or assisted activities outlined above will become effective, but the property will not be eligible for the Federal financial incentives for preservation.

If the owners of a publicly owned property object to the listing of the property, the nomination will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register with a copy of their statement objecting to the listing.

We would certainly like to have your active support for the nomination of your property, as we feel it reflects an important part of Florida's historic heritage. However, any comment you may wish to send me will be appreciated. We also hope that you may be able to attend the Review Board meeting on March 23, 2004.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to write or call my staff, or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Barbara E. Mattick
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for Survey and Registration

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February 20, 2004

OR 5916

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April 2, 2004

Ms. Carol Shull, Keeper
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Department of Interior
1201 Eye Street, N.W. 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

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Hunt, Susanne

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This message was generated from the DHR web site:

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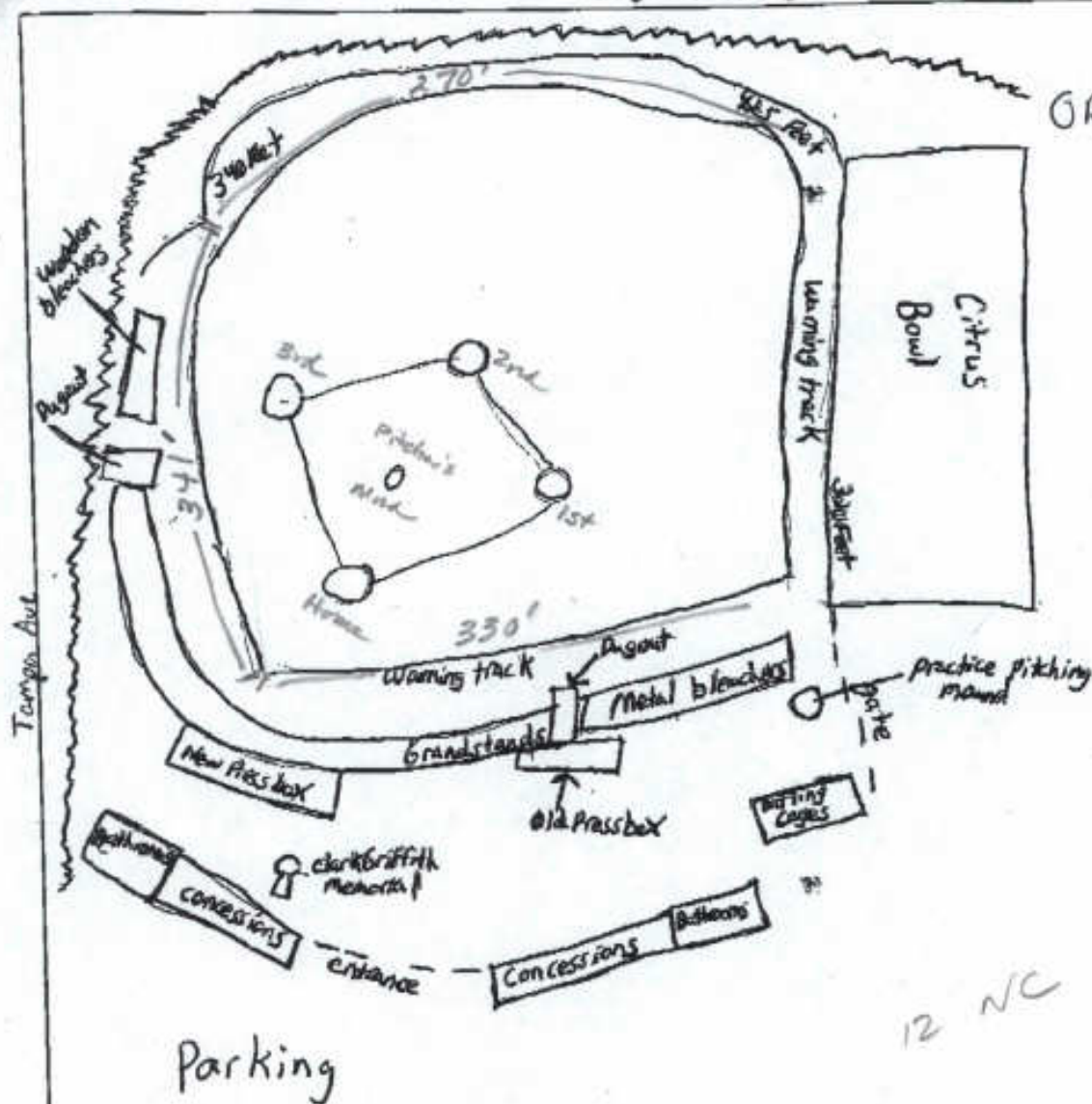
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■ TINKER FIELD • ORLANDO ■

he history of Major League Baseball spring training in Florida dates back to 1888, when the Washington Statesmen spent three weeks in Jacksonville preparing for their upcoming season. The first Major League team to visit Orlando was the Philadelphia Athletics in March of 1915. That June, Bert Humphries, formerly with the Chicago Cubs, organized the Orlando Baseball Club. When Humphries left in 1920, the club hired Joe Tinker to be their new manager.

Joe Tinker helped capture the National League pennant four times and the World Series twice. With his great speed and innovative defensive fielding skills, Tinker was one of the best fielders of his era. Tinker and his Chicago Cub teammates, Johnny Evers and Frank Chance, developed new ways to defend against the bunt, hit-and-run, and stolen base, and developed the rotation play. The prowess they displayed for fielding was forever immortalized by a New York writer, and loyal Giants fan, on July 10, 1908, when his poem about Tinker and his teammates appeared in the *New York Evening News*:

*These are the saddest of possible words:
"Tinker to Evers to Chance."
Trio of bear cubs, and fleetier than birds,
Tinker to Evers to Chance.
Ruthlessly pricking our gonfalon bubble,
Making a Giant hit into a double—
Words that are heavy with nothing but trouble:
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1920 Orlando Tigers, Florida State League

His successful management of the Orlando club led "Tinker's Tigers" to victory in the League championship in 1921. At the time of his death in 1948, Tinker was the only Floridian in the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

In December 1922 the City of Orlando built a new ballpark field and dedicated it to Joe Tinker on April 19, 1923. In the 1920s Tinker Field was state-of-the-art and larger than the New York Yankees' field. Today the field is one of the oldest remaining Major League Baseball spring training sites in Florida and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on May 14, 2004.

Tinker Field, a city park facility, is located at 1610 West Church Street on the east side of Tampa Avenue, just south of its intersection with West Church Street in Orlando, and next to the Citrus Bowl.













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WAS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATORS' PENNANY
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