

NOMINATION PROPOSAL - FLORIDA

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, HISTORY AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Griffiths House

AND/OR COMMON

Ortiz-Figueroa House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

826 Superior Street

CITY, TOWN

Opa-Locka

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

COUNTY

Dade

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

F. Ortiz and M. Figueroa

STREET & NUMBER

826 West Superior Street

CITY, TOWN

Opa-Locka

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

ZIP CODE

33054

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dade County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

73 West Flagler Street

CITY, TOWN

Miami

STATE

Florida

ZIP CODE

33131

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Dade County Historic Survey

DATE

1981

___FEDERAL ___STATE ☒ COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Division of Historical Resources

CITY, TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED. DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

GRIFFITHS HOUSE (OLTR #17)

ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Griffiths House was marked by a slightly projecting porch decorated by an alternating raised band voussoir and a lower wooden screen. The roof line of the entrance featured a raised band resembling a molding at the roof line and a molded parapet that bowed up slightly at the corners. Behind the entrance, the facade opened into two wings: the body of the house and the porte cochere. The latter comprised the front and rear square entrances capped by lintels of pecky cypress under square crenelated parapets. At the juncture of the crenelated parapet and the entrance porch, a bell tower with a semi-circular opening was located. On the other side of the facade, a pair of unadorned casement windows were placed. The raised band and carved parapet motifs found in the porch continued on this end of the house to a round minaret with a pinnacle roof and finial. Below the minaret, the wall curved out to form a plinth for a vase. Casement windows were placed next to a back entrance which abutted the porte cochere from beneath an overhanging asphalt roof. The back door was ornamented with leaded glass panels.

PRESENT PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Although no spouts or vents were originally used to ornament the front of the house, cement spouts and vents have been added to the rear and both side elevations. Since its construction, the house has lost the accoutrements of its minaret, although the molded form of the structure remains. Other alterations include the removal of the bell tower, the enclosure of the porte cochere and arched entrance, and window replacements.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1926

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown/B. E. Muller

SIGNIFICANCE

Designed in December, 1926, by Bernhardt E. Muller for Rue M. and Mamie Griffiths, the house employed the same floor plan as a house designed for W.H. Kendricks. According to the Muller Collection at the University of Miami, this same plan was repeated in five other residences designed by Muller in Opa-locka. The Griffiths property was not originally listed in the announcement of Opa-locka in 1926 but was subsequently listed with a value of \$1,250 in the company's June, 1927, price list.

9 BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Bibliographical Continuation Sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Site Size (Approx. Acreage of Property):

.17 acre

UTM Coordinates:

117	575020	2864450
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

Township	Range	Section
52 S	41 W	21

LOCATION SKETCH OR MAP

N

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 123, Lot 6 and W25FT of TR B, AKA Lot 6 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

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N/A			

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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