

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**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 FUCHS BAKERY

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 102 S. Krome Avenue N/A not for publication

city or town Homestead N/A vicinity

state FLORIDA code FL county Dade code 025 zip code 33030

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.)

Suzanne P. Walker / Deputy SHPO 10/11/96
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historical Resources
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) _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action
11-15-96

Entered in the
National Register

Fuchs Bakery
Name of Property

Dade 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	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/Specialty Store

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE/Specialty Store

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

NO STYLE/Vernacular

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stucco
walls Stucco
roof Metal
other _____

Narrative Description

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

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)

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

1913-1925

Significant Dates

1913

ca. 1925

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Arch: Unknown

Blder: Unknown

Primary location of additiona data:

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

Name of Repository

Fuchs Bakery
Name of Property

Dade Co., FL
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

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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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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

street & number telephone

city or town state zip code

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DADE CO., FL.**

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The Fuchs Bakery, a modest, one-story, rectangular building at 102 S.W. 177th Avenue (Krome Avenue), was built in 1913 and is believed to be the first concrete building constructed in Homestead, Florida. The building has a low-pitched, gable roof covered with V-crimp metal. It rests on a concrete foundation. The building contributes to the **Historic Resources of Homestead, Florida**, multiple property group by its association with property type F.2, **Commercial Buildings**.

SETTING

The Fuchs Bakery is situated on an irregular plot of ground on the west side of South Krome Avenue. First Street extends along the north side of the building; on the south side, running at a diagonal, is Second Street. The building is on the first block west of the Florida East Coast Railroad tracks, which were significant to the early development of Homestead. A vacant lot is to the rear (west) of the building. To the north is another commercial building.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The main (east) facade faces onto South Krome Avenue (Photo 1). This facade has a simple parapet, stepped in the center, and is finished with a raised molding. The double entrance doors are centrally located and are surmounted with a two-pane, fixed transom. Above this is a second fixed transom with three lights. The entrance is flanked by fixed display windows with metal frames. Above the windows are three-light transoms. The parapet is stepped-up over the entrance bay. Although the facade windows and doors are replacements, their composition is based on historic photographs.

A similar single pane window, smaller in size, is located at the east end of the north elevation (Photo 2). This is the only other window in the building. Five air vents are evenly placed below the roof line on the north elevation. A door is located at the west end of this elevation.

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Aluminum double doors and an overhead garage door are located near the west end of the south elevation (Photo 3). The rear (west) elevation is a plain, unbroken wall (Photo 4).

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The interior of the building appears to have always been a large open area (Photo 5). Original plaster which covered the interior walls is believed to have been made from local dirt and sand. It is now in poor condition and the current owners have carefully covered it with new plaster. The Dade County pine rafters are original with the exception of three replacements.

An L-shaped, wood, loft area extends along the west half of the interior on the south, and across the rear. A wood stairway provides access to this loft area.

ALTERATIONS

The current owners used old photographs and interviews with knowledgeable citizens of Homestead during the rehabilitation of this building following damage by Hurricane Andrew in 1992. Although the actual entrance doors are not shown in a historic photograph of ca. 1914 (Photo 6), the original entrance appears to have been higher than it is currently. To compensate, the current aluminum framed, double doors are surmounted with a two-pane, fixed transom. In the historic photograph it appears that a metal or wood molding separates the windows and the transom. In the reconstructed facade, they are separated by a plain stucco band. A historic photograph of ca. 1925 (Photo 7) shows the entrance relocated to the south end of the main facade. The date of its move back to a central location is unknown. Historic photographs also indicate that the building was lengthened, probably ca. 1925. The location of the vents on the north elevation is consistent with the location of small overhead windows shown in the ca. 1914 historic photograph.

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The Fuchs Bakery, located at 102 S.W. 177th Avenue in Homestead, Florida, is significant at the local level under Criterion A in the areas of Exploration and Settlement, and Commerce. The 1913 building is one of Homestead's earliest commercial buildings and was the home of the company that eventually evolved into Holsum Bakers of Miami, an affiliate of the largest bakery in the United States, Interstate Brands Corporation. It contributes to the **Historic Resources of Homestead, Florida**, multiple property group under context II, **Incorporation/Boom Time Era, 1913-1926**, and under property type F.2, **Commercial Buildings**.

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

One of Homestead's early settlers was Charles T. Fuchs, Sr. He was born in Germany in 1864. As a youth he had been a baker's apprentice. He immigrated to the United States ca. 1880. He settled in New York, and married Annie Linke in 1888. Around 1895, the couple decided to move to a predominantly German settlement in Milan, Tennessee. Fuchs first tried his hand at farming, but by 1903 had purchased a small bakery. By 1911, Fuchs had contracted malaria and his doctor advised him to seek a healthier place in which to live. He visited the Homestead area with his brother-in-law, Fred Linke, in early 1912. He liked the area so much that he returned to Tennessee, sold his property there, and moved his wife and children to Homestead in April 1912. Once again he tried farming for a brief period, but in January 1913, with the financial aid of another brother-in-law, Richard Linke, Fuchs purchased a small bakery and grocery store.

The store Fuchs and Linke purchased, a simple wooden structure, was owned by William Nobles, who operated it as the Nobles Homestead Bakery and Meat Market and Grocery. They renamed it the Linke and Fuchs Homestead Bakery and Meat Market. Within a few months Linke sold his portion to Fuchs and left Homestead. Two months after purchasing the building, Fuchs moved the wooden building off the site and in its place constructed Homestead's first poured concrete building. With support from the entire Fuchs family, the market began to thrive, and the bakery became the mainstay of the business. Charles Fuchs, Jr. (Charlie) was especially active in the business and was

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considered a partner by his father. Annie Fuchs operated the cash register and took telephone orders for deliveries of meat, groceries, and bread.

The first bread the Fuchs produced they called Cream Bread, and it became very popular. Production soon reached 200 loaves a day. The market was the first in Homestead to have electrical refrigeration. In 1919, the Fuchs introduced Liksom Bread, and the bakery side of the business continued to expand. Demand for their bread was so great that by 1921 a larger facility was needed. The bakery moved to larger quarters on South Flagler Avenue, while the grocery remained in operation on Krome Avenue. Charles Fuchs, Jr. then assumed operation of the bakery, and the elder Fuchs continued to operate the grocery until shortly after his wife's death in August 1922, when he sold the store to his son, Charles.

Charles Fuchs, Jr., however, was involved in the operation of his successful bakery. In addition, he had become a charter member of the Homestead Rotary Club, was vice president of the Homestead Bank, and in 1922-23, was president of the Homestead Chamber of Commerce. By 1925, he sold the store and it passed out of the hands of the Fuchs family.

The growth of the Fuchs Bakery continued its upward spiral, and in 1934 Fuchs moved it to South Miami where it eventually became the nationally recognized bakery of Holsum Bread. The Holsum Bakery has received numerous awards for its leadership in the bakery business. They were the first bakery to package sliced bread in cellophane wrappers. In June 1994 Holsum became affiliated with Interstate Brands Corporation, one of the largest independent bakeries in the world.

The building at 102 S.W. 177th Avenue later became the home of other Homestead businesses, including a blacksmith shop, welding firm, and a lawn mower business. The building had been vacant prior to Hurricane Andrew and remained vacant until 1995. It is now being used as an antique shop which includes a small museum commemorating early Homestead. Artifacts found on site during the renovations are included in the displays.

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"Fuchs Bakery Enters 25th Year in Business." Homestead
Leadership Enterprise, 18 March 1938.

Silver, Doris S. Papa Fuchs' Family 1881-1981. Miami: Korth
Company, 1982.

Interviews by Susan Krassy:

Cox, Jim, sales manager for Holsum Bakers of Miami, 25 September
1995.

Dryer, Susan and David, current owners of building, 20 September
and 20 October, 1995.

Griffis, Annabell May Redd, grand-daughter of Charles Fuchs, Sr.,
6 February, 1995.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

City of Homestead, Free's Addition, Lot 3 and North 5 feet
of Lot 2.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property includes the entire parcel
historically associated with the Fuchs Bakery.

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1. Fuchs Bakery, 102 S.W. 177 Avenue
2. Homestead, Dade County, Florida
3. Susan Krassy
4. 1995
5. Research Atlantica, Coral Springs, Florida
6. Main (east) facade on left, north elevation on right; view looking southwest
7. Photo 1 of 7

Unless otherwise noted, numbers 1-5 are the same for the remaining photographs.

6. Main (east) facade on left, north elevation on right; view looking southwest
7. Photo 2 of 7

6. South elevation, view looking northwest
7. Photo 3 of 7

6. Rear (west) elevation, view looking east
7. Photo 4 of 7

6. Interior view, looking west from entrance
7. Photo 5 of 7

3. Unknown
4. 1913, historic photo taken from Papa Fuchs' Family 1881-1981.
5. Research Atlantica, Coral Springs, Fl.
6. Main (east) facade on left, north elevation on right; view looking southwest
7. Photo 6 of 7

3. Unknown
4. ca. 1925
5. Susan Dryer, Dryer Enterprises, Homestead, Florida.
6. Main (east) facade on left, north elevation on right; view looking southwest
7. Photo 7 of 7

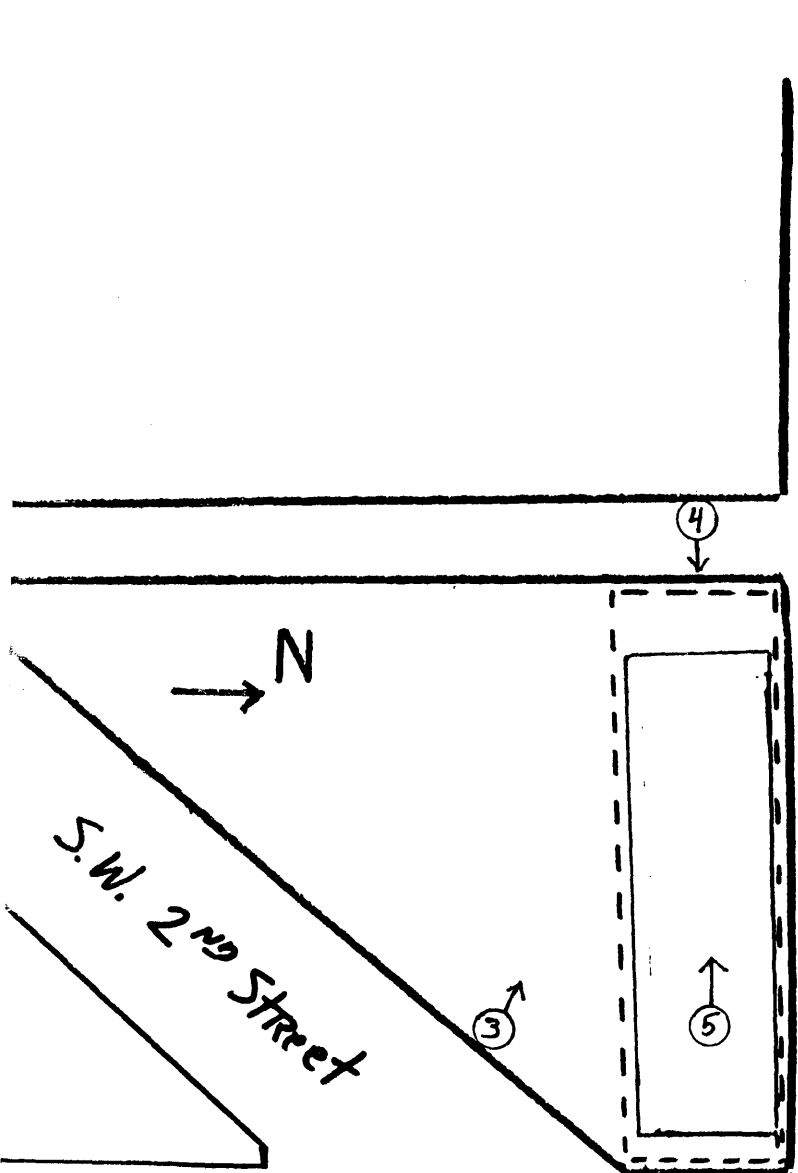
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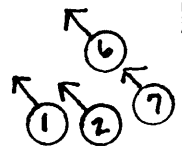
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