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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Florida	
COUNTY: Monroe	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME

COMMON:
U. S. Coastguard Headquarters, Keywest Station

AND/OR HISTORIC:
U. S. Navy Coal Depot and Storehouse; also, Building #1

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
N.W. Corner Front Street and Whitehead Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Key West Twelfth Congressional District

STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Monroe CODE: 087

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
U. S. Coastguard

STREET AND NUMBER:
United States Government

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 11

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Monroe County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Whitehead Street

CITY OR TOWN: Key West STATE: Florida CODE: 12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

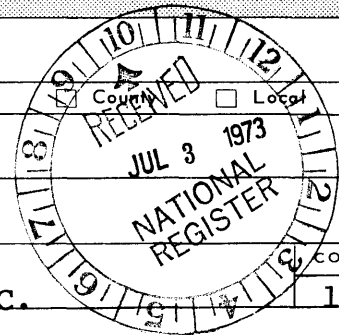
TITLE OF SURVEY:
HABS

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 Federal State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 11



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The United States Navy Coal Depot and Storehouse is a building which has received minor modifications and is structurally sound. The foundation of the building is bearing limestone with brick above grade. The wall construction is brick masonry laid in common bond, stuccoed and painted in a yellow-brown color. Buttressed piers separate arched window recesses in the north and south elevations. There are two corbelled courses at the spring line of the arches. There are rectangular windows in each window recess. The cornice above consists of four courses of corbelled brick and three header courses corbelled to define the entablature. The east and west elevations are stuccoed and scored to simulate dressed ashlar stone. Irregular joints in the masonry suggest separate stages in the construction process. The building has no porches, stoops or chimneys.

The central doorways are similar in the east and west elevations; that is, they contain large recessed arched openings with masonry infill and two horizontal sliding doors of sheet metal. There is a decorative arch pattern in stucco over the rectangular opening into the first floor central passage. The window openings in the east elevation appear to have been doorways as there are operating metal louvers and out-swinging metal shutters between window sills and floor lines. All openings in the east and west elevations have large metal pintles at the jambs, indicating that out-swinging shutters or doors once served these openings.

The building has a gable roof covered with sheet metal tile in a corrugated texture and painted silver. There is a sheet metal finial at each end of the gable ridge and wood cornice at both gable ends. The roof has wire glass skylights and there is a cupola with a wood frame base and house. Over the cupola frame is covering of textured sheet metal painted a yellow-brown color. There is a stepped pendant decoration in the cupola cornice and above that a wood and pipe handrail.

The Navy Coal Depot is an excellent example of the architecture necessary to maintain the United States Navy during the late nineteenth century. Its architectural character is determined by buttressed brick piers, arched window recesses, gable roof and cupola with lookout.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1856-1861**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On September 13, 1833, the United States Government purchased the irregularly shaped lot known as Square 4, from the four American proprietors of Key West, John W. Simonton, Mrs. John W.C. Fleming, Pardon C. Greene, and William Whitehead. By an Act of Congress approved July 21, 1852, a depot for Naval supplies was established at Key West. The site selected for the building was on the western point of the Island fronting on the harbor. From 1823 until 1826 this area had been used by the United States Navy Antipirate Squadron. In 1861, Key West became headquarters of the East Gulf Blockade Squadron. Upon completion of this building, the construction of which was supervised by Captian J.M. Scarritt of the U.S. Corps of Engineers, it became known as the "Number One Building" and served as the Naval Administration Building until 1923. On December 15, 1932, The Secretary of the Navy entered into an agreement with the Department of Commerce to exchange Building No. 1 for the old Post Office Building next to it. The 7th Lighthouse District took over the building as its headquarters. In 1939 the Lighthouse Service became part of the United States Coast Guard, which now uses it as the Key West Station Headquarters. This large brick building was the first permanent Naval building and the oldest brick building on the Island.

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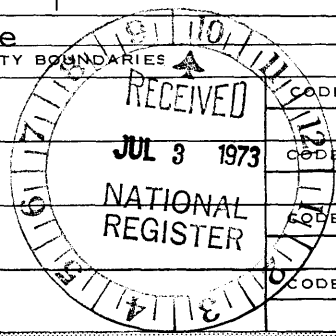
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		N24° 33' 31"	W81° 48' 27"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than an acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Diane Greer and Mary Evans, Historic Sites Specialists

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Archives, History, & Records Mgt.** DATE: **3-20-72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of State, The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: **Tallahassee** STATE: **Florida** CODE: **12**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Robert Williams*

Title State Liaison Officer

Date June 26, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly
~~Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation~~
 Associate Director
 Professional Services

Date OCT 15 1973

ATTEST:
Wm J. Smutsky
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 10-9-73