

NOMINATION PROPOSAL - FLORIDA

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

TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Helm Stores and Apartments

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1217 Sharazad Boulevard

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

Jose and Gesela Martinez

STREET & NUMBER

510 N.E. 106th Street

CITY, TOWN

Miami

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

ZIP CODE

33150

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		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED. DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

HELM STORES AND APARTMENTS (OLTR #16)

ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Helm Building was a two-story structure housing two shops on the first floor and four apartments on the second. The first story was dominated by an arcade composed of five horseshoe arches. On the extreme outer ends of the arcade were placed small, thin windows covered by iron bars. The plainness of the first story was contrasted by the elaborate detail found in the second story of the superstructure. In the second story, which was smaller in size than the first, the center of the facade was marked by a balcony with a copper overhang. At one side of the balcony were two pairs of casement windows surmounted by pointed arches of alternating voussoirs and raised tiles. A simple set of casement windows supporting a wide wood lintel was placed on the other side of the facade beneath spouts. At either end of the second story of the facade, the wall line bowed out to meet the first story, forming graceful plinths for ornamental vases. The flat roof was dramatized by a painted dome and copper finial, a sculpted parapet ending in rounded corner akroteria, and an octagonal minaret which featured "arrow-slit" windows in the shaft, ornate molding at its neck, an iron railing around the stanchion, and a copper cupola with a finial. A crenelated parapet stretched across the facade, uniting the dome and minaret.

PRESENT PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Major alterations include removal of the dome, parapet, and minaret. On the second story, the three sets of casement windows have been replaced by four modern windows covered by iron bars. On the street level, the horseshoe arches have been enclosed and altered to form simple pointed arches.

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 1927

BUILDER/ARCHITECT W. L. Helm/B. E. Muller

SIGNIFICANCE

The Helm Building was first announced in the Opa-locka Times on December 1, 1926. Construction had just begun when the building was mentioned four weeks later in the Times. Later editions of the newspaper indicate that construction had progressed much faster than expected. It was reported that the Knoll and Houk Cash Grocery and Meat Market would open in the building on February 1, 1927.

9 BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Bibliographical Continuation Sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Site Size (Approx. Acreage of Property):

.17 acre

UTM Coordinates:

17 | 57,53,2,0 | 2,86,52,3,0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

Township	Range	Section
52 S	41 W	22

LOCATION SKETCH OR MAP	N
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 13, Lot 22

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

NAME / TITLE

Michael Maxwell, AICP

ORGANIZATION

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DATE

February, 1987

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Coral Gables

STATE

Florid8

ZIP CODE

33146