

NOMINATION PROPOSAL - FLORIDA

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Tooker House

AND/OR COMMON

Quick House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

811 Dunad Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Opa-Locka

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

COUNTY

Dade

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert and Lois L. Quick

STREET & NUMBER

811 Dunad Avenue

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		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

W.P. TOOKER HOUSE (OLTR #2)

ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The front elevation of the two-story Tooker House was divided into six bays consisting of a porch entrance and an exterior stairway leading to the second floor. The entrance featured double pointed arches with a pair of French doors in each opening. The arches were visually set apart from the rest of the facade by a bracketed overhang of standing-seam copper. The porch was surrounded on its three free sides by large horseshoe arched openings decorated by polychromed wooden spindles and a central door. The hip roof surmounting the porch was surrounded by a crenelated parapet of pointed dentils. The opposite end of the house featured a concrete exterior stair projecting from the wall and leading to a single second floor room. The second floor is surrounded on its four free sides by matched pairs of casement windows and a single entrance door. It was set off from the rest of the facade by a copper-covered hood matching that over the entrance, and was surmounted by a dome resting on an octagonal base. The walls intersecting the first floor ended in a straight line that curved to form an S-shaped buttress that meets the parapet line of the first floor. At the opposite end of the facade, a chimney with a rounded cap matching that of a dome balanced the profile of the superstructure. The entrance forecourt is enclosed by a wall of inverted arches with a central gate.

PRESENT PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tooker House is the only residence with an intact original dome. Modern changes to the facade include the removal of the copper hoods at the entrance and second floor, the addition of Perma-Stone to the window surrounds, front garden wall and exterior stairs. The wooden spindles of the porch have been removed and the arches in-filled with windows. All other windows and doors remain intact.

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

Opa-Locka Co./B. E. Müller

SIGNIFICANCE

The Tooker House is one of Opa-locka's finest architectural adaptations of the Moorish Revival style. It is the only remaining residence in Opa-locka with its original roof dome intact. The wood-framed, stucco finished dome, a signature of Muller's work, rests on an octagonal base and is capped by a metal globe finial.

The property originally belonged to G. Carl Adams, President of Opa-locka Company and half-brother of Opa-locka developer Glenn Curtiss. Mr. Adams was in charge of developing Opa-locka for Curtiss beginning in 1925. He was also a direct investor in the enterprise, as evidenced by his ownership of the lots this house occupies.

The Tookers purchased the double-sized lot in 1926 from Adams and built the present house late in that year. Records show they owned the property until 1927. The two-story, concrete block with stucco finish residence is one of the larger original homes constructed in the community. It is an outstanding example of Opa-locka's Moorish Revival architectural theme as designed by Bernhardt Muller and built by the Opa-locka Company.

The house has a nearly identical floor plan and exterior design to that of the Long House at 613 Sharar Avenue. The exterior stair to the second floor, like that of the Baird and Long homes, exemplifies Muller's practice of re-using residential plan arrangements while only slightly altering their exterior physical appearance.

9 BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Bibliographical Continuation Sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Site Size (Approx. Acreage of Property):

.34 acre

UTM Coordinates:

17	574790	2865360
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

LOCATION SKETCH OR MAP N

Township	Range	Section
52 S	41 W	21

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 61, Lot 9 and 10

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

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

February, 1987

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CITY OR TOWN

Coral Gables

STATE

Florida

ZIP CODE

33146