

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Fire Station No. 2

and or common Old Fire Station No. 2

**2. Location**

street & number 1401 North Miami Avenue

\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Miami \_\_\_ vicinity of

state Florida 33131 code FL county Dade code FL 025

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name City of Miami

street & number 3500 Pan American Drive

city, town Miami \_\_\_ vicinity of

state Florida 33133

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dade County Courthouse

street & number 75 W. Flagler Street

city, town Miami

state Florida 33130

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title FMSF-Miami Multiple Resource  
Historic Preservation Survey

has this property been determined eligible?  yes \_\_\_ no

date June, 1985

\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_ county  local

depository for survey records Bureau of Historic Preservation

city, town Tallahassee

state Florida 32399-0250

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# 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

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# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input 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"/> 1900–1938	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Comm. Development
<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

**Specific dates** 1926 **Builder/Architect** August C. Geiger

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see Bibliography for Cover Nomination

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Miami

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

A 17 580740 28523000  
Zone Easting Northing

B           
Zone Easting Northing

C         

D         

E         

F         

G         

H         

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Miami, The southerly 40 feet of Lot 10 and Lot 11 of Block 16 of the plat of ROBBINS-GRAHAM AND CHILLINGSWORTH (PB A-49). Boundary follows historic and legal boundary.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Bureau of Historic Preservation

date October, 1988

street & number 500 South Bronough Street

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city or town Tallahassee

state Florida 32399-0250

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *[Signature]*

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date October 17, 1988

### For NPS use only

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

**Entered in the National Register**

*[Signature]*  
Keeper of the National Register

date 1/4/89

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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DESCRIPTION:

Condition: Fair

Fire Station No. 2 is a two-story structure executed in the Mediterranean Revival style of architecture. The building is a masonry structure completed according to plans provided by the architect August Geiger.<sup>1</sup> The fire station was constructed in 1926 and is prominently placed at the intersection of North Miami Avenue and N. W. 14th Street.

The exterior of Fire Station No. 2 is characterized by a square tower flanked by lower wings which contain arched entrances providing vehicular access to the building. The tower is capped by a hipped pyramidal roof sheathed with Mission tiles. The pedestrian entrance to the building is situated next to the tower at the southwest corner of the building. The wings of the building are capped by gable roofs which are contained with masonry coping at the gable ends.

The elevations of Fire Station No. 2 are embellished with detailing characteristics of the Mediterranean Revival architectural style. Masonry quoins serve to highlight the corners of the second story, and window openings are recessed within the planar stuccoed elevations. Over the vehicular entrances are two projecting balconies embellished with a decorative twisted column.

The fenestration of the building is comprised of some original wood casement type windows set within wooden frames and double-hung windows also set within wooden frames. A small number of the window openings contain recent replacements of awning-type windows set within metal frames.

Over the years, a number of minor alterations have modified the appearance of the building, but its original design intent is visible and readily perceived. Later metal overhead garage doors have replaced the original wooden swinging doors that provided vehicular access to the building because of climatic conditions.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Specific Date: 1926

Architect: August C. Geiger

The appearance of Fire Station No. 2 is significant as a reflection of architectural tastes and urban expansion in Miami during the 1920s. The fire station is architecturally significant as an excellent example of the Mediterranean Revival style. The construction of Fire Station No. 2 reflects the city's response to the growing demand for municipal services during the rapid growth occurring at the height of Miami's Boom in 1925.

Fire Station No. 2 is an excellent example of the Mediterranean Revival style of architecture as evidenced through the articulation of its elevations and the application of decorative ornament. The building is architecturally noteworthy for the use of stylistic features and ornamental details which classify it as a representative structure in the Mediterranean Revival mode.<sup>2</sup> Although there were several fire stations constructed incorporating Mediterranean Revival details, Fire Station No. 2 is one of only two remaining stations.

The design of Fire Station No. 2 represents the work of August C. Geiger in South Florida. Geiger was born in 1888 and came to Miami from New Haven, Connecticut in 1905.<sup>3</sup> He was the architect for the Dade County School Board and designed many of the most imposing municipal and institutional buildings in Miami and Miami Beach.<sup>4</sup> August C. Geiger was the tenth registered architect in the State of Florida and one of the most active and prominent in South Florida.<sup>5</sup>

The Miami Fire Department was organized in 1899 but did not have its first fire station until 1907.<sup>6</sup> The first motorized fire fighting equipment appeared in 1910 and consisted of a "Webb" combination chemical engine and hose cart.<sup>7</sup> Several fire stations were built during the first two decades of the twentieth century, but it was not until Miami's Boom that the city responded to the rapid suburban expansion by embarking on a massive construction project. Several fire stations, including the original No. 2 that had been constructed in 1915, were replaced with new buildings at this time.

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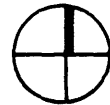
Fire Station No. 2 is significant both historically and architecturally within the context of the city as a whole, but also particularly important within the context of its surrounding neighborhood. The fire station has recently been purchased to be used to house the city's fire museum.

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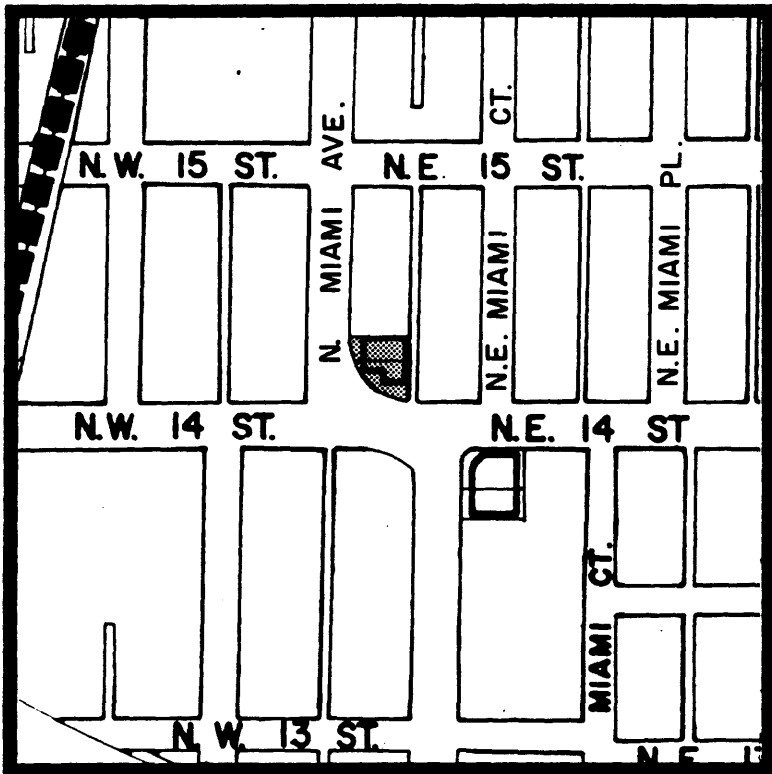
1. City of Miami, Building and Zoning Department, Building Plans on Microfilm, Roll 16, Plan M-33.
2. State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Archives, History and Records Management, "Florida Master Site File: Historic Site Data Sheet" for 1401 North Miami Avenue, "Statement of Significance."
3. Metropolitan Dade County, Office of Community and Economic Development, Historic Preservation Division, From Wilderness to Metropolis: The History and Architecture of Dade County, Florida (1825-1940) (Miami, Florida: Metropolitan Dade County, 1982), "Selected List of Architects and Their Work."
4. See note 3 above.
5. See note 2 above.
6. "Miami's Fire Department has High Rating in Equipment and Efficiency," The Miamian, August 1927, p. 9.
7. See note 6 above.

# FIRE STATION NO. 2

1401 NORTH MIAMI AVENUE



location



site plan