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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:  
Florida  
COUNTY:  
Broward  
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ENTRY DATE  
OCT 2 1973

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1. NAME

COMMON:  
The Pioneer House  
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
~~The~~ Stranahan House *use this*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
335 S.E. Sixth Ave.  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Ft. Lauderdale  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Ninth District  
STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Broward CODE: 011

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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <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 type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" 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

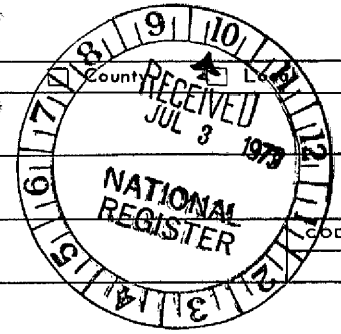
OWNER'S NAME:  
Seventh Day Adventist Church  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
1501 S. Andrews Ave.  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Ft. Lauderdale  
STATE: Florida CODE: 12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Broward County Courthouse  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Ft. Lauderdale  
STATE: Florida CODE: 12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
N/A  
DATE OF SURVEY:  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN:  
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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 Pioneer House is a two-story frame building with full attic under a rather steeply pitched hipped roof. The roof eaves extend to cover a two-story veranda that originally surrounded the main structure. Extensive alterations at the rear of the building have enclosed the veranda and adjacent concrete cistern. At the front of the building, facing New River, repeated extension of the first floor veranda and enclosure of second floor have greatly altered the appearance, but not the basic structure. The front entrance and bay windows still remain intact, forming the interior wall of the present restaurant dining room.

The main entrance foyer, and two front rooms on the first floor, the central stair well, and the second floor interior have not been appreciably altered. Tongue and groove milled sheathing, trim, and moldings, all in dark stained pine are used throughout. The first floor rear rooms have been extensively altered to provide kitchen facilities for the restaurant. An original interior back stairway has been removed, and an exterior stairway added. Many of the original furnishings and decorative objects, along with other momentos of early Fort Lauderdale, are on display in the dining room, which serves in addition as an informal museum.

The design and construction of the house are well suited to its location and climate. Large double-hung windows opening onto the wide verandas allow ample light and air without admitting rain of direct semitropical sunlight. The four dormers, typical of the period in low latitudes, served to ventilate the interior by providing for the free circulation of air. The pitch of the roof is designed to withstand hurricane winds.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1902

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" 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)
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<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	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pioneer House, built in 1902, was the home of Frank G. and Ivy Cromartie Stranahan from 1902 until his death in 1929 and her death in 1971.

Frank Stranahan was the first permanent white settler in Fort Lauderdale. In January, 1893, he took over the operation of a ferry on the New River, and established the New River Camp (on the present site of the Pioneer House) to provide lodging for travellers and a trading post for commerce with the Seminole Indians. With construction of the Florida East Coast Railroad through the area in 1895, a community of planters, fishermen, and traders began to develop. In 1899 a one-room schoolhouse was built, and Miss Ivy Cromartie arrived as the first school teacher in the community. She married Frank Stranahan in 1900. Their new home was built on the site of his original store, and served as both residence and place of business until his new store was completed several blocks nearer the railroad, and again after that building burned in 1912.

Frank Stranahan continued to play a leading role in the commercial and political development of Fort Lauderdale. He served for ten years on the city council with four years as president of that body. Ivy Stranahan was equally active and influential in civic and cultural affairs. Their joint importance in their community is reflected in the fact that the Stranahan name has been given to a river, a park, and a school. But perhaps the most significant contributions of both were in their relationships with the Seminole Indians. By his understanding and unfailing sincerity in the conduct of trade, Frank Stranahan won the respect and friendship of the Seminoles. Ivy Stranahan was instrumental in drawing Seminole children into the educational system and extending the services of religious institutions to the Seminole reservations. Their contributions as unofficial intermediaries during the first two decades of the twentieth century, a critical period of adjustment for both the Seminole and the rapidly expanding white population, has been recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and leaders of the Seminole Tribes alike.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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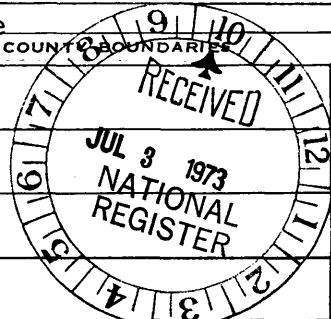
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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:  
William N. Thurston, Chief Preservation Planner

ORGANIZATION: Division of Archives, History, & Records Mgt. DATE: 11/8/72

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Department of State, The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

*Robert M. Kelly*  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/2/73

ATTEST:

*Wm. P. ...*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 9.28.73

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After the death of her husband in 1929, Mrs. Stranahan leased a portion of her home for use as a commercial dining room. The success of this venture led to its continued operation and progressive enlargement. Thus, the Pioneer House has continued to serve as a combined residence and commercial establishment from the earliest beginnings of Fort Lauderdale.



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