

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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COUNTY: Monroe	
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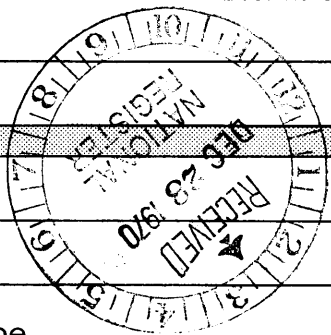
1. NAME

COMMON:
The Armory
AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Armory

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
600 White Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Key West
STATE
Florida

CODE 12	COUNTY: Monroe	CODE 087
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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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	None at present
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		see grant sheet
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Florida, Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
STREET AND NUMBER:
Elliot Building
CITY OR TOWN:
Tallahassee
STATE:
Florida
CODE
12

STATE:
Florida

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

COUNTY:
Monroe

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
STATE:
CODE

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Armory has deteriorated from neglect and vandalism. Extensive work will be necessary to stabilize the exterior. Roof repair, including gutters and cornices, replacing of broken windows and paint will be necessary as first steps. An architectural survey last year reported the building as structurally sound and worthy of restoration.

The Armory is a rectangular frame building, 62' x 90', built on a masonry foundation, and is Victorian Gothic in design. The first two floors of the building occupy the entire corner lot and support an A-frame roof. The third floor runs across the front only and supports a turret or lookout tower at each end.

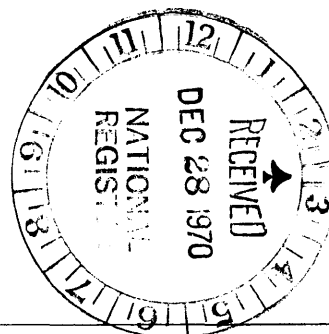
Details of the facade consist of the main entrance with double doors and is reached by a flight of masonry steps. The doorway is enhanced by a clear glass fanlight and an arched cornice above. On the second floor a short balcony extends over the main entrance and has a door similar in design but smaller. The second floor roofline has a deep cornice which terminates in a short cornice return on the facade. The third floor cornice is more elaborate with a center arch and fret work. A single window opens under the arch onto the flag staff. The pointed turrets are six sided with a window in each side.

The main entrance opens into a lobby with a stairway at either side. Double doors lead from the lobby into the 70' drill hall which comprises the rest of the first floor. A large archway in the center of the room supports the high ceiling and there are balconies which run the length of the hall.

The second floor is divided into several rooms which provided meeting rooms, offices and storage space for equipment. Numerous large double-hung windows provide light and air on the first two floors.

Only minor alterations appear to have been made in this building.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

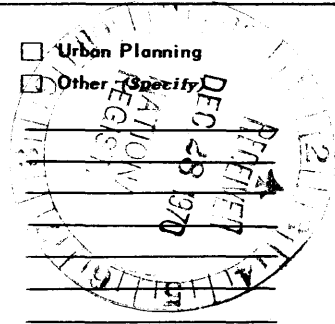
- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1901

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"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
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| <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

Historic - Built at the turn of the century to serve Monroe County and Key West as housing for arms and men.

Architecture - The turn of the century was an opulent period in Key West's history. The census in 1890 had found it to be the state's largest and wealthiest city. Although isolated from the Florida mainland by sea, it was a vigorous and cosmopolitan community. A major seaport, its cigar and sponge products were at the peak of their production. The Armory exemplifies this period in the island's architectural heritage and is one of the few remaining large frame buildings.

Designed by T. F. Russell and built by John T. Sawyer, the building's distinctive style was popular in Key West at this time. Another outstanding example of Russell's design was William Curry and Sons, ship chandlery which before it was destroyed by fire in the early 1960's was a famous landmark. It had been selected just a short time before by the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials as a worthy site.

Military History - Since its settlement in 1822 Key West has been of strategic importance to the Federal Government. The British and Spanish, during their occupation of Florida, were aware of its military potentialities but failed to act and it was not until Florida was ceded to the United States in 1821 that steps were taken to use the island. In 1823 the Navy made it the base for a special anti-pirate squadron and in 1831 the Army Post was established. The construction of a major fortification, Ft. Zachary Taylor, was begun in 1845 and since that time additional military installations have been added until by 1967 the military occupied 29.2% of the urban area of Key West.

Through the years civilian volunteers have supplemented the government forces. They were first called upon to serve in land and sea patrols in the Seminole War. Shortly after the Civil War began, a company of loyal citizens placed themselves under the Army commander of the island to aid in

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Browne, Jefferson B., "Key West, the Old and the New"
 Minute Books, County Commission, Vol. 5, St. Augustine, 1912
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 Sanborne Insurance Map of Key West, Florida, April, 1912

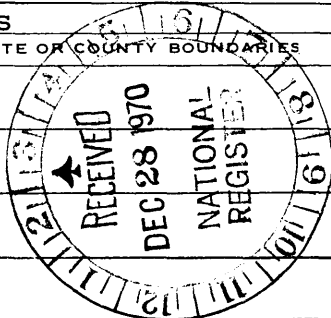
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
Key West District									
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	24°	33'	40"	81°	48'	42"	24°	33'	38"
NE	24°	34'	00"	81°	47'	59"	81°	47'	39"
SE	24°	33'	30"	81°	47'	30"	Sec. 6 Twp 68 Rge 25		
SW	24°	33'	10"	81°	48'	12"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .13 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11 FORM PREPARED BY Reviewed by: J. P. Schuck, Chief, Bureau of

NAME AND TITLE: Historic Preservation
Betty Bruce, Historic Research Dept., Monroe Co. Public Library
 ORGANIZATION: Old Island Restoration Foundation, Inc. DATE: 9/15/70
 STREET AND NUMBER: Mallory Square
 CITY OR TOWN: Key West STATE: Florida CODE: 12

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u><i>John X. Williams</i></u></p> <p>Title: <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>December 18, 1970</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u><i>Ernest A. Connolly</i></u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>MAR 11 1971</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u><i>William J. Swartz</i></u> Keeper of the National Register</p> <p>FEB 9 1971</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
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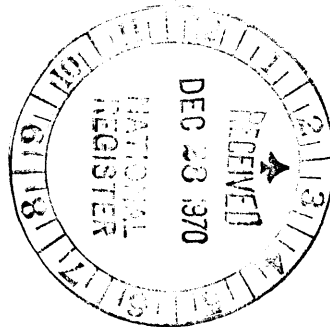
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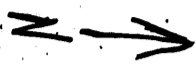
preventing Key West from falling into the hands of the Confederacy. The island remained an important Union base throughout the conflict.

After the war the Key West Rifles were organized and they were followed in 1888 by the Island City Guards. In 1901, Monroe County purchased a lot directly opposite the entrance to the U.S. Army Cantonment and built the Armory. A ruling by the Florida Supreme Court declared that it was the state's responsibility to furnish armories and the cost was refunded to the county. Since 1903 the Armory has been owned by the State of Florida.



~~KEY WEST DISTRICT~~ THE ARMORY

△ KINGFISH SHOAL LT



U. S. GOVERNMENT RESERVATIONS

KEY WEST

Fort Taylor

△ INNER REAR RANGE LT
N W CHANNEL
24° 33' 40"

MAIN SHIP CHANNEL REAR RANGE LT

NAVAL STATION LT

TIDAL BM 23

TIDAL BM 4

Whitehead Spit

81° 48' 18"

R B O P

81° 47' 59"

Key West Bight

U. S. GOVERNMENT RESERVATION

Trumbo Island

SEAPLANE LANDING RAMP

24° 34' 00"

Garrison Bight

81° 47' 30"

CUPOLA

Hotel

RADIO RANGE TOWER

Swimming Pool

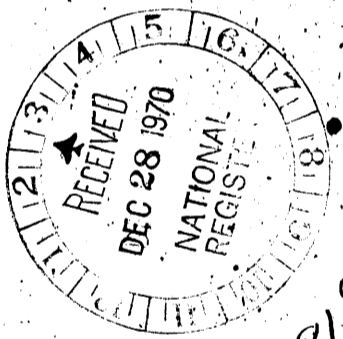
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ARMORY 81° 47' 39"

KEY WEST ISLAND

MEACHAM FIELD
U. S. Naval Air Station

TOWER



LONG CHANNEL

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ROOSEVELT BLVD

BLVD

STOCK I

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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STATE: Florida	CODE 12	COUNTY: Monroe	CODE 087
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S. Geological Survey Key West, Florida, Quadrangle			
SCALE: 7 1/2 min series - 1:24,000			
DATE: 1943			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

