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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Florida
COUNTY:	Hillsborough
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	NOV 15 1972

1. NAME

COMMON: Cuban Club

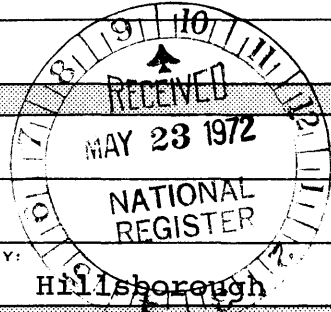
AND/OR HISTORIC: Circulo Cubano de Tampa

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Tenth Avenue and Fourteenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Tampa

STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Hillsborough CODE: 057



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 type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Private Club for men</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Circulo Cubano de Tampa

STREET AND NUMBER: Tenth Avenue and Fourteenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Tampa STATE: Florida CODE: 12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hillsborough County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Tampa STATE: Florida CODE: 12

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 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 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

Tampa's Circulo Cubano is an impressive structure of yellow brick. The building is a full four stories in height and occupies one half of a block. A double staircase of red tile curves up the main entrance while there is a smaller and less impressive entrance beneath the stair which leads to the lower level. The main entrance is composed of double glass doors with transom flanked by engaged columns and topped with a broken pediment. In the entablature are the words CIRCULO CUBANO. Above this is a large, arched, stained glass window and all of this is flanked by coupled columns of colossal size. The wall area to either side of the main entrance is broken both vertically and horizontally by bands of brick and granite. This treatment creates a series of advancing and receding planes. The twelve windows located within this area have a fixed pane of glass over three smaller hinged sections. A brick and stone balustrade defines a deck at the front of the building. Projecting onto this deck is a rectangular room, the walls of which are broken by eleven windows. Atop this is a pediment, the cornice of which surrounds the entire top of the building. There is a secondary balustrade at the uppermost portion of the building enclosing another rooftop deck.

The building is in excellent condition today, probably due to its constant use and maintenance. It is impressive in its sheer size when compared with the buildings around it. It dominates the busy corner on which it sits, and is one of the finest buildings in Ybor City.

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**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) **1907**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

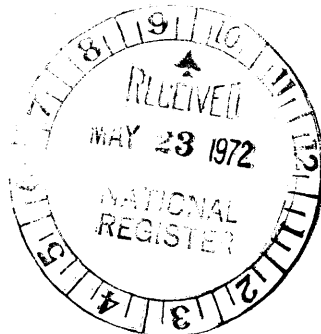
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |   | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Circulo Cubano de Tampa was the first of many such private men's clubs in Ybor City which evolved out of solid nationalism. This building, completed in 1907, served as headquarters of the exclusive club, and included a board of directors comprised of the most prominent Cuban businessmen in Tampa at the time. The Cuban influx to Ybor City was a direct result of the establishment of the cigar industry in the area. Typical of other nationalistic settlements in this country, the Cuban community in Ybor City retained its customs, traditions, and unity which pervaded all facets of the Cuban culture.

The club not only provided an elegant gathering place for men of affluence and prominence, but also served as a unifying force within the entire community. The scene of political and social events, the Circulo Cubano de Tampa formed the nucleus of Cuban life, and established a precedent to be followed in later years as other clubs were organized by the German, Spanish, and Italian peoples.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hillsborough County Records, Hillsborough County Courthouse, Tampa, Florida. Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. (Subgroup: Resolution accompanying Mortgage; Mortgage Book.7, p. 154).

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		N27° 57' 39"	W82° 26' 42"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than an acre**

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:  
**Diane D. Greer, Historic Sites Specialist**

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Archives, History, & Records Mgmt.** DATE: **February, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Department of State - The Capitol**

CITY OR TOWN: **Tallahassee** STATE: **Florida** CODE: **I2**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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 William*

Title State Liaison Officer

Date May 15, 1972

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

*Robert W. Utley*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/75/72

ATTEST:

*William H. Mumford*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 11-14-72

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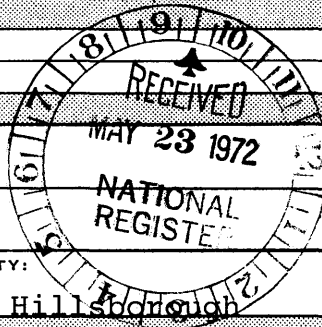
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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Tampa			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Florida	12	Hillsborough	057
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
USGS Tampa Quadrangle			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1956			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





BROOKSVILLE 39 MI. 4540 III SW (SULPHUR SPRINGS) R. 19 E. 360 25'

27'30"

357

356

25'

PAMPA

Ybor City

Seddon Island

MC KAY BAY

North

Cuban Club

N 27 37 39

82 42

Playground  
Rivercrest Park  
Wilder Ave  
Osborne Ave  
Chelsea St  
Tampa Ave  
Central Ave  
Floribaska Ave  
Lee Sch  
Washington Jr High Sch  
Henderson Sch  
Meacham Sch  
Oaklawn Cem  
Harlem Academy  
Cumberland Ave  
Flat St  
Garrison Channel  
Seddon Island

Hillsborough High Sch  
Memorial High Sch  
Tampa Academy  
Sacred Heart Academy  
Robles Park  
St. Joseph Hospital  
St. Joseph Hospital  
Henderson Sch  
Meacham Sch  
Oaklawn Cem  
Harlem Academy  
Cumberland Ave  
Flat St  
Garrison Channel

Edison Sch  
College Hill Sch  
Orange Grove Sch  
Ybor Sch  
Sharon Sch  
Shore Sch  
Ybor Channel  
Light

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Ybor Sch  
Sharon Sch  
Shore Sch  
Ybor Channel  
Light

Middleton High Sch  
Lomax Sch  
Memorial Park Cem  
Hospital  
Lincoln Hospital  
Ybor City  
Most Holy Name Sch  
DeSota Sch  
Bayside Sch

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