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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 Miakka School House

and/or common Miakka Community Club

2. Location

street & number Corner of Miakka Road and Wilson Road N/A not for publication

city, town N/A X vicinity of Old Miakka

state Florida code 12 county Sarasota code 115

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 checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Community Clu

4. Owner of Property

name Miakka Community Club, Inc.

street & number 650 Myakka Road

city, town Sarasota N/A vicinity of state Florida

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Sarasota County Courthouse

street & number 2000 Main Street

city, town Sarasota state Florida

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

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"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Miakka School House is a simple, frame vernacular building constructed in 1914 in a rural area of eastern Sarasota County. The rectangular building is orientated on a north-south axis with its main entrance located at its north elevation. The building sits on moulded concrete piers and is clad in beveled horizontal pine siding. A medium pitch gable roof clad in cedar shakes covers the building. The shakes replicate the original roofing material which had been replaced by a later galvanized metal roof. A pyramidal roofed bell tower containing its original cast iron bell is located at the north end of the building. Fenestration is double hung sash, two over two. The north elevation displays two windows, the east and west elevations five windows each and the south elevation three windows. Wooden louvered ventilators also are located in the north and south gable ends of the building. The main (north) entrance to the school house is through a projecting gabled porch which is also covered with pine siding. Two secondary entrances located on the west elevation of the building retain their original wood decks and galvanized metal shed roofs.

The interior of the building consists of a main classroom space and a smaller south room presently used as a kitchen. Walls and ceilings are of beaded pine, the floors of wooden planks. The classroom space includes a raised platform at its south end, presumably for the teacher's desk, a simple chair rail molding and slate black boards. The school desks presently in the room are not original to the building. The building has no indoor plumbing, although a recently constructed out building provides restroom facilities. The original electrical wiring was replaced and updated in 1985.

Resources Inventory

Contributing resources: 1 building
Non-contributing resources: 0

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1914

Builder/Architect J.B. Rogers, Builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Miakka School House is significant in the areas of architecture and education at the level of local significance. Constructed in 1914, the building served as the only educational facility for the fledgling settlement of Miakka for nearly thirty years and was the first school in the county to be constructed under the provisions of a local bond issue. Architecturally, the building typifies the simple rural school house and is the only such remaining example of its type in Sarasota County. The building is largely unaltered and possesses excellent physical integrity.

Settled around 1850 by a party of cattlemen, the settlement of Miakka (or Old Miakka) is the oldest settlement in Sarasota County. The land occupied by the school was originally owned by the State of Florida as a much larger parcel. It was subsequently acquired in 1890 by George A. Carson, an early resident of the Miakka settlement, and then by August M. and Calidonia Wilson in 1893. "Gus" Wilson was born December 26, 1850 in Thomasville, Georgia. He came to Florida as an infant and was educated in the public schools of Polk County. He married Calidonia "Callie" Drum of Homestead, Polk County, and raised six sons and four daughters. He was appointed postmaster of Miakka upon the establishment of a postal office and served in this capacity for over thirty years. He also served as tax assessor for Manatee County, a census enumerator, school board member and a state representative in 1913 and 1915.

In February 1914, the Miakka School District No. 13 voted to take advantage of the issuance of public bonds for the construction of a new school building. The district was the first school district in the county to take advantage of a law passed in the previous year by the state legislature which permitted the sale of public bonds to finance the construction of new schools. In July of the same year, J.B. Rogers, a builder from Palmu Sola, Manatee County, was awarded a contract for the construction of the new school. Roger's bid of \$1,390 was the lowest of several bids. With its bell tower and utilitarian plan and appearance, Rogers' simple frame vernacular building was a typical example of a small, rural school house. Aside from the replacement of its roof and updating of its electrical wiring, the building remains virtually unchanged.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Sarasota Times: February 30, 1914; July 16, 1914; September 24, 1914; April 15, 1915.

"Myakka: A Community Portrait."

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property Apx. 2 acres

Quadrangle name Old Myakka

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A 117 3743170 302123010
Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A

11. Form Prepared By

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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

George W. Perry
date 5/29/86

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 5/29/86

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

Entered in
National Register

date 7-3-86

for Alores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

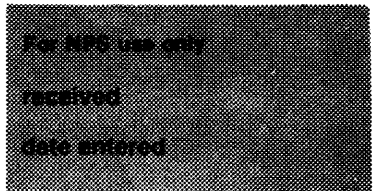
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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The school house was completed in September 1914 with a professor Lee Hall serving as its first instructor. For his efforts Hall was paid a monthly salary of \$55. The method of education followed by the school differed considerably from today's primary or grade school education. Students did not follow a progression of grades but rather were guaged by the number of books they were in the process of studying, namely book one, book two or book three. The lower grades or books were taught in the school's smaller back room. A diploma would be awarded at the completion of the eighth grade. At first grades one through eight were taught at the school but this was later dropped to grades one through six and then to grades one through five.

Typically one teacher served the needs of the entire school which sometimes reached as many as fifty students. The school teacher would generally reside with one of the families of the community, sometimes taking turns with each family. The school year lasted only five months, leaving the students plenty of time to help out with the family crops and other chores. Even when school was in progress, a day was always set aside for wash day. Teachers of the Miakka School include:

1914	Lee Hall
1915	J. C. Roberts
1916	J. C. Roger
1920	Miss Corrine Wyatt
1925-26	Beulah Conyer
1929	Iva Stokes
1930	Linda Lee King
1930	Mrs. Hathaway
1932	Linda Lee King
1933-44	Jasper Crowley

The building remained in continuous use as a school to around 1944. The school and its adjoining two acres of property were acquired by the Miakka Community Club in 1948. The building is presently used as a community meeting hall.

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Beginning at the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 26 Township 36 South Range 20 East: Thence South 140 yards, thence West 70 yards thence North 140 yards, thence East 70 yards to place of beginning. This area coincides with the property acquired by the Manatee County School Board in 1914 and includes the Miakka School House.