

NOMINATION PROPOSAL - FLORIDA

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, HISTORY AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Helms House

AND/OR COMMON

Rose House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

721 Sharar Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Opa-Locka

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

COUNTY

Dade

2 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
___ STRUCTURE
___ SITE
___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
___ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
___ IN PROCESS
___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
___ UNOCCUPIED
___ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
___ YES: UNRESTRICTED
___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE
___ COMMERCIAL
___ EDUCATIONAL
___ ENTERTAINMENT
___ GOVERNMENT
___ INDUSTRIAL
___ MILITARY
___ MUSEUM
___ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ RELIGIOUS
___ SCIENTIFIC
___ TRANSPORTATION
___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles A. Rose, III

STREET & NUMBER

721 Sharar Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Opa-Locka

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

ZIP CODE

33054

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dade County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

73 West Flagler Street

CITY, TOWN

Miami

STATE

Florida

ZIP CODE

33131

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Dade County Historic Survey

DATE

1981

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ☒ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Division of Historical Resources

CITY, TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED. DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

HELMS HOUSE (OLTR #13)

ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Helms House was distinguished by a slightly projecting entrance and flanked by bays which formed a porte cochere on the east end of the facade of the building and one of the main rooms on the west. The entrance employed a double door behind a wooden rail in a brickwork pattern crossing a wide pointed arch. The arched entrance of the porte cochere repeated that of the entrance to the residence, and both arches were visually united across the facade at the roof line by a crenelated parapet in a bold dentil pattern. The west bay of the facade featured a pair of casement windows beneath an antique Cuban tile roof. The bay was ornamented by a distressed brick pattern at the outer wall of the casements and a small window covered by openwork grille bars below the roof line. A double chimney with six semi-circular openings punctuated the profile of the roof line. The outer wall of the west facade curved outward to form a square plinth supporting a vase. Another vase was planned in front of the pier shared by the front entrance to the porte cochere and the arched entrance to the house. Repeated on the side elevation were unadorned casement windows, a small window with a grille under the tiled roof, and a distressed brick motif. The bold crenelated parapet found over the central and west bays of the facade was repeated on the east side of the house. Cement spouts and ornamental tiles were arranged around the residence over the casement windows and above the spandrels of the large arches.

PRESENT PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Changes to the Helms House include painting of the distressed brick patterns on the front and sides of the building, replacement of the Cuban tile roof with modern tiling, replacement of the casement windows with modern windows, and enclosure of the entrance archway.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1926

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Roy Helms/B. E. Muller

The Helms House is a typical example of Moorish Revival architecture during the mid-1920s. It was designed by Bernhardt E. Muller for Roy and Alice Helms in November, 1926. Mr. Helms, a building contractor, owned the property only one year.

Research indicates that Hugh and Estia E. Robinson the house in 1928. Hugh Robinson was a pioneer aviator and had been Glen Curtiss' chief mechanical engineer since 1909. He later became president of the Curtiss Aerocar Company. His son, Hugh Robinson, Jr., was chief of the Opa-locka Fire Department and a member of the city council. Another son, Harold H. Robinson, owned the Opa-locka Garage, located in the Hurt Building.

9 BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Site Size (Approx. Acreage of Property):

.15 acre

UTM Coordinates:

17	574660	2865400
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

Township	Range	Section
52 S	41 W	21

LOCATION SKETCH OR MAP

N

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 74, Lot 9

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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N/A

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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N/A

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

February, 1987

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CITY OR TOWN

Coral Gables

STATE

Florida

ZIP CODE

33146