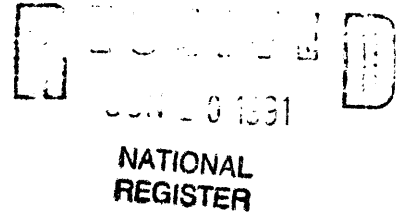


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 18). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Smith, H.W. Building
other names/site number Smith Arcade/8CH218

2. Location

street & number 121 East Marion Avenue N/A not for publication
city, town Punta Gorda N/A vicinity
state Florida code FL county Charlotte code 015 zip code 33950

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Punta Gorda Multiple Property Group

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

George W. Perry
Signature of certifying official State Historic Preservation Officer Date 6/6/91
Florida Dept. of State, Bureau of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) _____

Patrick Andrews 7/25/91

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade: specialty store
specialty store

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant

Government: post office

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Stucco

roof Asphalt

other Ceramic Tile

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Please see continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Commerce
Communications
Architecture

Period of Significance

1926- 1930

Significant Dates

1926

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Please see continuation sheet.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see cover nomination.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: Bureau of Historic Preservation

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property 5/4 acre (approximately)

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

C

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D

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Punta Gorda BLK 34 LTS 3 & 4.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes those lots that have been historically associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tulie W. Taylor, Historic Sites Specialist Peter Taylor, Property
organization Bureau of Historic Preservation date 5-15-91 Owner
street & number 500 S. Bronough Street telephone (904) 487-2333
city or town Tallahassee state Florida zip code 32399

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DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

The H.W. Smith Building at 121 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, is a one story, rectangular, Mission style building. Built in 1926, it was designed as an arcade and has a central hallway with commercial space on both sides. It contributes to the Punta Gorda Multiple Property Group under Associated Property Type, Buildings of Punta Gorda, 1884-1930 as an example of the subtype Commercial Architecture.

DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT

The H.W. Smith Building, built in 1926, is a one story, rectangular, Mission style building. The structural system is post and beam, and the columns and tie beams are reinforced poured concrete. The building's walls, interior and exterior, are hollow clay tile. Interior walls are plastered and exterior walls are stuccoed. The built-up asphalt roof is flat with parapets and skylights.

The front elevation has five bays and is symmetrical in design. The main entrance, located in the central bay, consists of sliding glass doors. It is topped with a curvilinear parapet which features a small crest and the date 1926. It is flanked by two bays which have large, storefront windows and pent roofs covered in clay barrel tile. Brackets adorn the eaves. The two outer bays have matching parapets, storefront windows, and their own entrances. All five bays have decorative plaster diamond shapes and leaded transoms above the canopy line. (See photos 1 and 2)

The interior of the building has a wide central hallway with commercial space divided up for shops and businesses on either side. (See photo 3) The roof has a total of eight skylights, four in the central hallway and four spread throughout the commercial areas.

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ALTERATIONS

The building has undergone no major structural alterations since it was built in 1926. The main entrance, originally open, has been enclosed with sliding glass doors. The store front entrance and display window in the west bay have been replaced with aluminum frame storefront windows and doors. Each of the commercial units had exterior doors on the side elevations, but they were sealed off when abutting buildings were constructed. (Only the northeast side wall now has a building abutting it.) Over the years, as some of the businesses expanded, interior doorways were created between interior units by removing a portion of the non-load bearing hollow clay tile wall. All of these changes have been relatively minor, and the building continues to maintain its integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

The H.W. Smith Building, 121 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, is significant at the local level under Criterion A as one of the city's commercial centers at the end of the Florida Land Boom (c. 1924-1926). It is significant at the local level under Criterion C as a fine local example of Mission style architecture in the City of Punta Gorda. The building contributes to the Punta Gorda Multiple Property Group under Associated Historic Context: Exploration, Settlement and Early Development of Punta Gorda, 1884-1930, and Associated Property Type: Buildings of Punta Gorda, 1884-1930. The one story, Mission style building is a fine example of the subtype, Commercial Architecture.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

During the 1920s, H.W. Smith owned a small bakery in Punta Gorda and delivered baked goods to local merchants in a horse-drawn wagon. In 1926, as the prosperity of the Florida Land Boom was about to collapse, Smith built an arcade in the commercial area down by the Long Dock, the base of operations for the Charlotte Harbor fishing industry. The arcade was designed with a central hallway flanked by commercial space for shops and offices. Smith relocated his bakery to the arcade and rented out the rest of the space to the U.S. Post Office and several other businesses.

During the 30 years the Post Office occupied the rear of the building, mail was shipped twice daily to Punta Gorda. There was no home delivery at that time, so residents picked up their mail at the arcade. The Post Office provided a steady stream of potential customers for the other businesses in the building, which included a pharmacy, a home supply store and Smith's bakery.

The H. W. Smith Building is significant for its former role as the main communication center for the town of Punta Gorda. Local citizens stopped by the arcade to pick up

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their mail, which made the building a local meeting place. In addition, the Smith Building is the only arcade in Punta Gorda dating from the 1920s.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The H.W. Smith building, built in 1926, is a one story, rectangular, Mission style building with a stucco finish. Designed as an arcade, it has a wide central hallway with commercial space divided up for shops and businesses on either side. The only historic arcade in Punta Gorda, the building represents a commercial building form frequently found throughout Florida before 1930. Twenty-eight arcades, most of which were built in the 1910s and 1920s, have been recorded in the Florida Master Site File, the state's inventory of cultural resources.

The building reflects the stylistic characteristics of the Mission style, a simple form of the Mediterranean Revival style. Derived more from the early Spanish missions than the romantic eclecticism of southern Europe, Mission style buildings are usually simple designs with stucco walls, flat roofs with curvilinear parapets, and arched loggias or patios.

The H.W. Smith Building is architecturally significant as a fine example of Mission style architecture in a commercial building in the City of Punta Gorda. It is also significant as the town's only example of a 1920s arcade.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. H.W. Smith Building
2. Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Florida
3. John McCarthy
4. July 1988
5. Historic Preservation Consultants, Inc.
6. Front elevation, camera facing south
7. 1 of 3

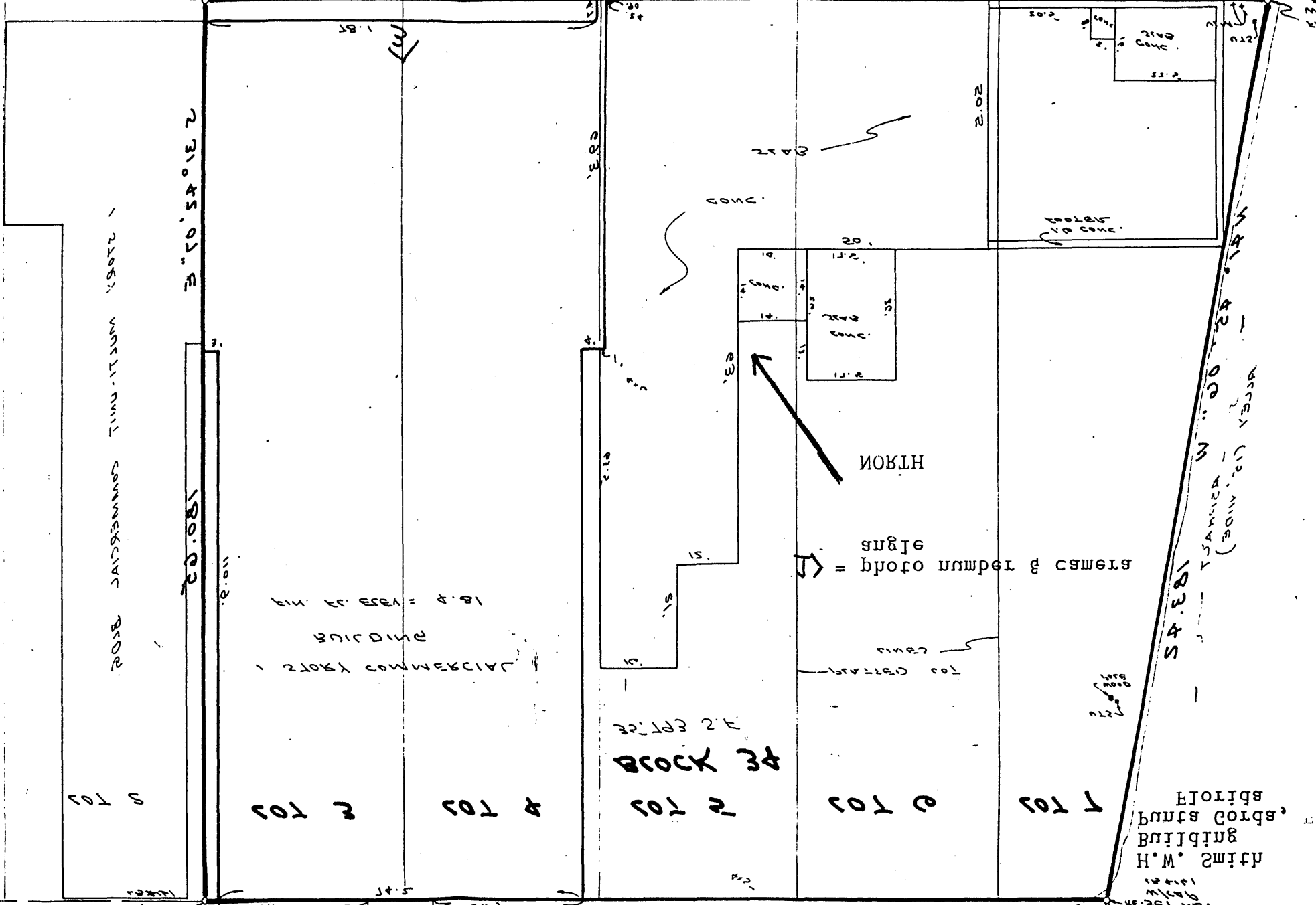
Items 1-5 are the same for photos 1-3.

6. Front elevation, detail of main entrance, camera facing southeast
7. 2 of 3

6. Central hallway, camera facing southeast
7. 3 of 3

East Marion Avenue

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NORTH

← = photo number & camera

Florida
Public Works
Building
H.M. Smith

SITE PLAN

ROAD COMMERCIAL BUILDING

COMMERCIAL BUILDING
COMMERCIAL LOT

APR 2008
BLOCK 2

1 TO 5

2 TO 3

4 TO 5

6 TO 7

8 TO 9

1 TO 5

18.34

18.12.00 (M) 18.12.00 (M)

SIDE DRIVE

ROAD

ROAD

ROAD