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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

****** HISTORIC
Anderson, William, General Merchandise Store
AND/OR COMMON
Anderson's Corner

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 15700 S.W. 232nd St., Goulds, Florida
S.W. corner of the intersection of Silver Palm Dr. NOT FOR PUBLICATION & Newton Rd.
CITY, TOWN Goulds CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 12
 VICINITY OF
STATE Florida CODE 12 COUNTY Dade CODE 025

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Vacant

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Cothron, Eleanor P.
STREET & NUMBER
15750 S.W. 232nd Street
CITY, TOWN Goulds STATE Florida
 VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Dade County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Miami STATE Florida

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Dade Heritage Trust Survey

DATE 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Dade Heritage Trust Files/Historical Assoc. of Southern Fla.

CITY, TOWN Miami STATE Florida

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Anderson's Corner General Merchandise Store was built in 1912 and was typical of the rural frame architecture of that period, reflecting the indigenuous response to the climate with high ceilings, wide hallways and generous porches on the east and north side of the building.

The building is a rectangular 2- story structure built of Dade County pine. It has a high pitched shingled roof. An interesting aspect of the roof framing is that the structure seems to have been built in a jig on the ground and put into place, which was unusual for carpenters of that day unless, of course, the carpenters had been ship builders.

The building has horizontal lapped siding, double hung windows, picket rails at the first floor, and solid rails at the second. The solid rails did not come in contact with the second floor porch but were mounted on the column supports. This allowed the sloped floor of the second floor balcony to drain freely.

The west side of the building has a single story shed roof element that at one time had a metal roof but has been re-roofed with shingles - having minor changes made to the structure at that time.

At present it is hard to visualize the interior space of the building since it had been partitioned into living spaces to house migrant workers. This was done some time after 1935, but this would be relatively easy to remove and leave the building close to its original state.

The structure is mounted on concrete filled block piers 12" x 14" set 10' on center. The perimeter support for the exterior bearing wall is made up on one 6" x 10" and one 6" x 8". The interior main support bearing on the 12" x 14" pier are 6" x 8"'s with 2" x 10" joists at 2' on center 14' long. The sub-flooring is made up of 1" x 3"'s. The condition of all this material is good. The first floor planking has limited areas of wood rot most of which stems from water leaking from the roof over many years. The condition of the structural framing from the first floor to the second and from the second to the roof is generally in good condition. The second floor boards have considerable more wood rot caused by leaks in the roof. It still can be isolated and repaired. Roof rafters are sound but the building needs a completely new roof.

The store building is still in a rural setting, but the huge virgin stands of Dade County pine once surrounding it have given way to avocado groves and farm land. Within the last decade, many people have been attracted to the area as one of the last bastions, of country living against the encroachment of the giant city to the north.

Anderson's Corner is one of the few remaining pioneer structures in the neighborhood retaining its original exterior appearance. While other early buildings exist, such as the schoolhouse, they have been altered to make them liveable according to modern standards. The blacksmith shop to the west is now a gift shop, the school is a residence and day care center.

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Pioneer & Settlement
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **+1911**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT **Mr. Rawls**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The tremendous growth of Dade County between 1910 and 1920 was a turning point in the history of the county as it changed from a deserted country of swamps and mosquitos to the beginnings of urbanization. The population in the county quadrupled in that decade as more and more settlers arrived to take advantage of the newly drained swampland of the Everglades which formed the basis of extensive agricultural development. The widely dispersed population within the county did not have the necessary transportation to travel to larger towns for supplies. As a result, several general stores were established throughout the county to serve the needs of the outlying farms. Anderson's Corner is the only known example of one of these stores remaining in the county. It is indicative of the simple, utilitarian buildings constructed in the area during its rapid growth. These two facts make Anderson's Corner one of the most important physical remnants of the settlement and growth of Dade County in the early part of the 20th century.

Historically, the Silver Palm area was known for its extensive pinelands and plentiful game. (Cadwallader, interview p.5; Craig, p.17; Thompson, interview) Will Anderson came to this area from Indiana in the early 1900's to join his friend and hunting companion Charles Gossman, who was the first settler in the area. (Taylor, interview) Anderson decided to remain and to homestead the land east of Gossman and west and south of the Perrine Grant. (Bow and Horne Survey, 1914)

For several years, in addition to homesteading his land, he operated a commissary car for the Drake Lumber Company. (Thompson, interview) These cars provided staples and necessities for workers in remote lumber camps. (Taylor, interview)

About 1911, Will Anderson established The William Anderson General Merchandise Store selling everything from dynamite to lace. A Mr. Rawls constructed a store building with living quarters on the 2nd floor for Anderson to use for his business. (Abstract; Cadwallader, interview, p.6; Dade County Tax Information Sheet; Thompson, interview) During earlier days homesteaders were forced to travel approximately fifteen miles by horse and wagon to the town of Cutler, on the coast for supplies. (Connelly; Craig, 13) The site selected for Anderson's Corner was located at the intersection of a rock road and a scarified road across the way from the Silver Palm School. (Bow and Horne, Survey; Cadwallader, interview, p.8) Then the hub of the community, this school building is still in existence today. (Fletcher)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

(see continuation sheet)

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

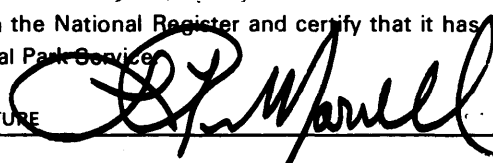
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL XX

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



L. Ross Morrell

TITLE Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

8/17/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DATE

10/12/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Robert B. Ketting

DATE

10/12/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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It is significant that Anderson's Corner still stands basically as Will Anderson had it built. (See description) The building was operated as a general store until the mid 1930's. (Anderson) At that time Anderson's Corner was converted into apartments which involved the addition of partitions, windows, doors and rudimentary bathrooms and kitchens. These changes were imposed on the existing building in such a manner as to leave the original structure intact. (See description)

Will Anderson, Sr., died February 17, 1961, at 83 years of age (Lane, p. 1) and ownership of Anderson's Corner passed to his son William Anderson, Jr. (Land, p. 3) who subsequently sold it on March 1, 1970, to James M. and Eleanor P. Cothron. (Abstract) Anderson's Corner was operated as apartments until 1974, when the building was condemned by Dade County.

As you visit this area today, the atmosphere is reminiscent of a life-style typical of South Dade pioneer development with the Silver Palm School across the intersection and the old blacksmith shop standing to the west of the general store. Anderson's Corner is presently unoccupied and awaiting restoration, a hardy survivor of a once common sight in early, rural South Dade.

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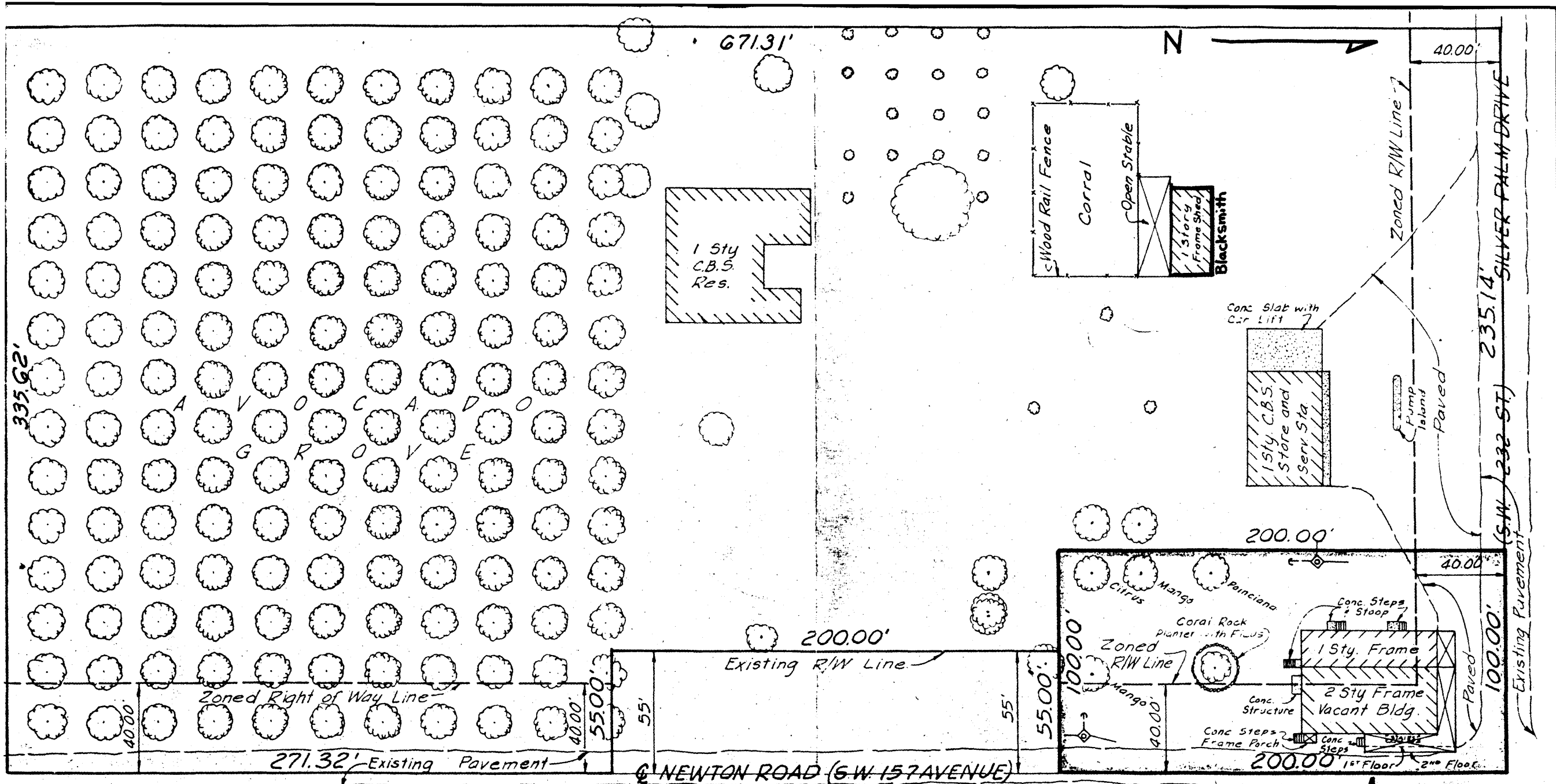
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