



# HISTORIC NORTHWEST CRA: INVENTORY OF SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE AND PLACES



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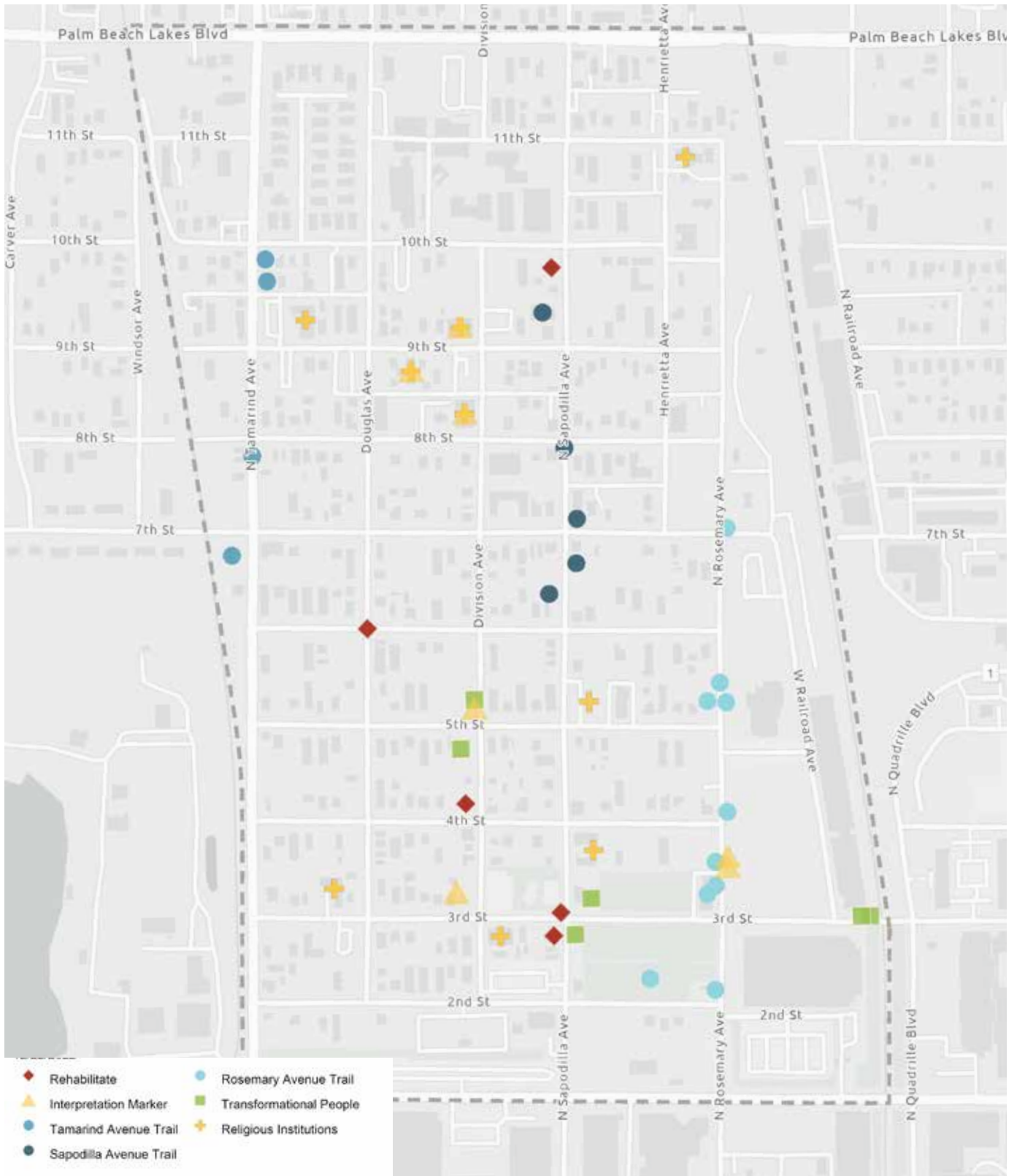
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Preservation action recommended for the West Palm Beach CRA's Historic Northwest district are categorized according to theme and/or location. Details are provided in the following table and attached inventory report.



# MICKENS, DR. ALICE FREDERICK

ADDRESS: 801 4TH STREET (FMSF 8PB225)



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Home during the significant influence of pioneer, educator, and philanthropist Dr. Alice Frederick Mickens and listed in the National Register:

- Building served as a meeting place for community activities and hosted local, state, national Black and white educators to promote civic and social opportunities for WPB and particularly higher education for Black residents across Florida
- Guests included educators Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. Ralph Bunch, Deborah Cannon Partridge, Dr. Helen G. Edmund, Dr. Howard Thurman, Henrine Ward Banks and civic leaders A. Phillip Randolph, Lois Towles, and Phillip Schyler

Built c. 1917, still exists:

- Interior craftsmanship by Thomas Wilkens, who worked throughout WPB applying geometric plasterwork ceilings

High integrity

**Ownership: West Palm Beach CRA**

## Images:

1. Florida Master Site File, 1983
2. Photograph from City of West Palm Beach
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
4. Image of the Mickens Family from City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Equality website



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of transformational people and has **HIGH importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of any additions from the public ways
- Continue preservation of fenestration patterns, historic windows and doors, and awnings and only repair or replace to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including dormer, roof profile, wood siding, windows/awnings, railings, porch, and stoop
- Maintain fence columns and wood railing
- Conduct archaeological testing prior to any ground disturbance

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Opportunity to use as a physical repository for public visitation
- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for transformational people
  - Another possible location for the Transformational People Heritage Trail marker
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information

# BOWSER INN

Also known as: J.G. Lake Building, Seminole Hotel (1932)

ADDRESS: 317-325 N SAPODILLA AVE (FMSF 8PB627)



### FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

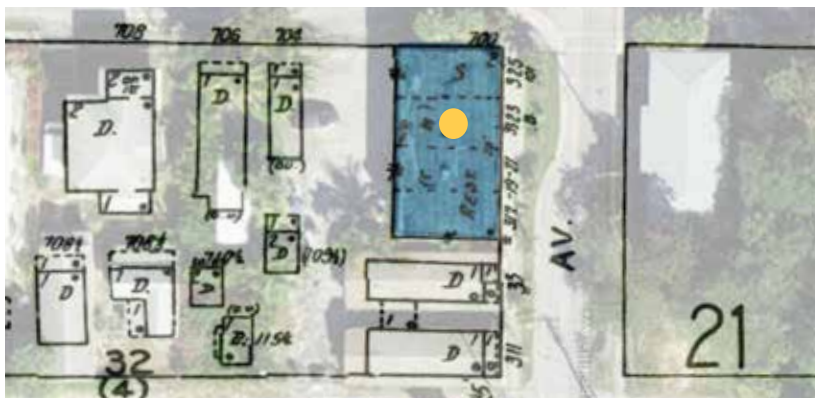
Representative of multi-use commercial building with transient/temporary lodging

Built by 1927 and still exists

- Lake Building inscribed on parapet stone

Good integrity, form, openings, and design elements remain

**Ownership: West Palm Beach CRA**



### Images:

1. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
2. Photograph by PDP
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
4. Historic photograph courtesy of City of West Palm Beach
5. Palm Beach Post, May 12, 1932



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of social establishment and has **HIGH importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of proposed additions from the public way
- Maintain fenestration patterns and restore existing windows and doors or replace where possible to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including parapet, barrel tiles, canale/drain blocks, decorative emblems, and banded sill and beltcourse
- Reconstruct missing features where possible such as window awnings

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Sapodilla Ave
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Recognize the role of lodging establishments and their trends in the neighborhood
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify any other long-term occupants and businesses, collect oral histories



# ASIA, WALLACE AND SADIE HOME

Also known as:

ADDRESS: 1031 N SAPODILLA AVE (FMSF 8PB657)



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of a residence of Black entrepreneurs during the early 1900s:

- Early home for Wallace Asia, a local grocer, and his wife, Sadie for at least 20 years

Built prior to 1918, still remains

- Constructed with cast stone ground floor and wood frame second floor

Average integrity with changes over time leaving overall form and patterns intact

**Ownership: West Palm Beach CRA**



## Images:

1. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
2. Photograph from City of West Palm Beach Survey, 2010
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of transformational people and has **MEDIUM** importance

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of proposed additions from the public way
- Maintain fenestration patterns and restore existing windows and doors or replace to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including second floor stucco finish, first floor rusticated block, hipped dormers, extended eaves, and open grade level arcade
- Reconstruct front stair based on historic photograph, including simple, metal, picket railing
- Consider reconstruction of stucco perimeter wall based upon historic photograph



Windows in the dormer appear to have 6-lites on the top sash and a single light on the lower sash.



Access points from the public sidewalk and to the front door can be recreated without the need to reconstruct an exact match.



The property wall exists in part and can be used to match the texture and dimension of a new knee-wall or a full height wall.

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Opportunity to use as a physical repository for public visitation
- Streetscape Installations:
  - Marker, sign, or monument legible from the sidewalk
  - Potential location for the Transformational People Heritage Trail marker that identifies other noted individuals and orients the visitor to the locations of related sites
  - Solicit community input on an honorary building name
  - Employ temporary signage during special events/seasons
  - Reconstructed property wall is an opportunity for public art
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Perform deed research or additional city directory research to identify any other long-term residents/property owners

# FLUELLEN SERVICE STATION

Also known as: Pine Ridge Sundries

ADDRESS: 701 3RD STREET



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of a neighborhood auto and convenience store

- Operated by locals Samuel M. Fluellen and wife Inez; Inez was a school teacher at Industrial High
- Fluellen residence located at 820 15th Street

**Ownership: City of West Palm Beach**

## Images:

1. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
2. Underlying aerial map showing current land use
3. Photograph by PDP



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a social establishment with **MEDIUM importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Space should be prioritized in the park to provide interpretation markers such as the heritage trail panel(s)
  - Specific interpretation markers can include local entrepreneurs and the auto service industry
  - Future redevelopment could include construction of a concession within the approximate footprint
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify any other long-term businesses and operators





# DOUGLASS AVE SHOTGUN HOMES

ADDRESS: 320-334 DOUGLASS AVE



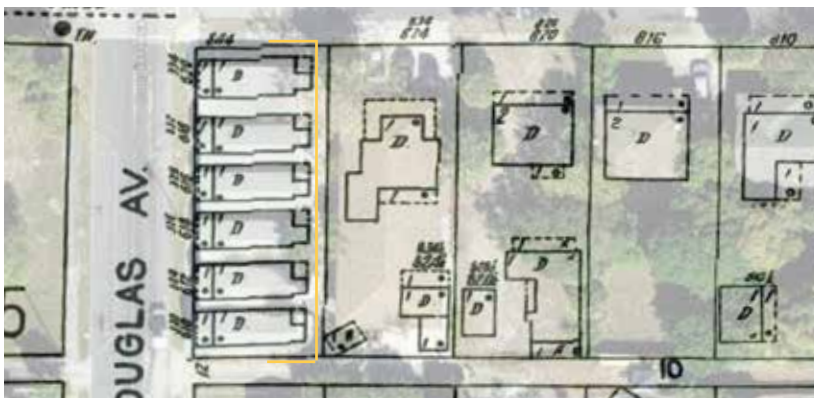
## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of a very traditional and predominant type of home building style brought to the US from African building forms

Early housing type accommodating a small building footprint in a neighborhood exclusively assigned as the only place for Black residents to live

Very few contiguous shotgun homes remain in the Historic Northwest

**Ownership: Private**



## Images:

1. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
2. Photograph by PDP
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)

## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of transformational people and has **MEDIUM importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of proposed additions from the public way
- Maintain fenestration patterns and restore existing windows and doors or replace to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including second floor stucco finish, first floor rusticated block, hipped dormers, extended eaves, and open grade level arcade

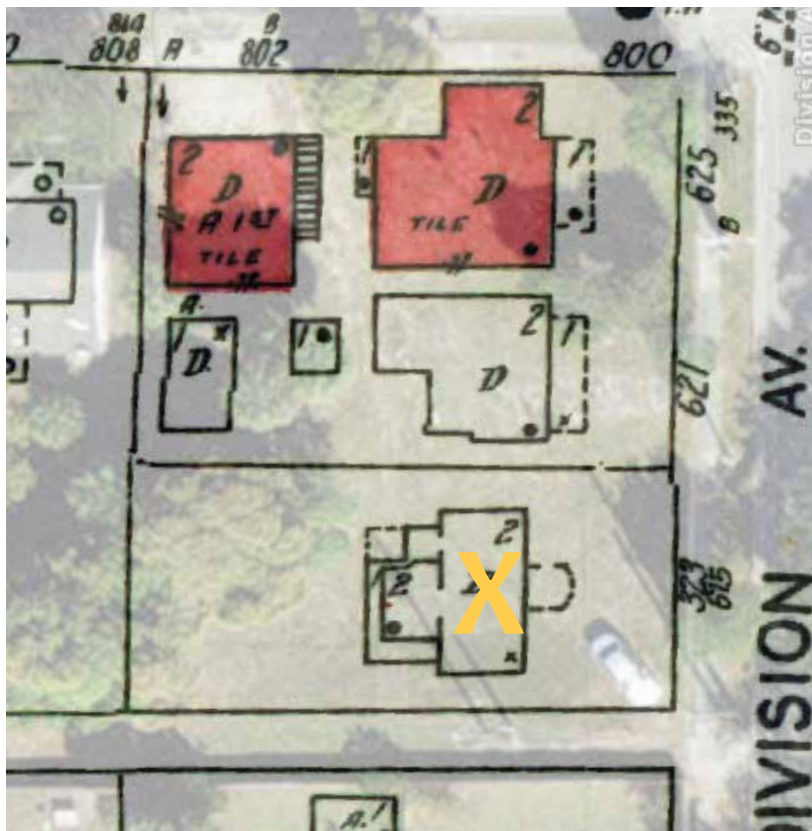
#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Coinciding with building preservation, install interpretation marker describing the significance of the building form and history
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify long-term residents/property owners that can be added to digital interpretation programs

# AUGUSTUS, HAZEL HOME

Also known as:

ADDRESS: 615 DIVISION AVE (FMSF 8PB201)



### FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Significant for representation Colonial Revival architecture and home of first WPB Black architect Hazel Augustus:

- Augustus worked for wealthy Palm Beach and Philadelphia clients
- Augustus designed this home replicating one he designed for a Palm Beach family
- Augustus designed Payne Chapel

Built by 1916, no longer exists

Integrity not applicable, home was demolished following years of deterioration and vandalism

Site is vacant

**Ownership: West Palm Beach CRA**

### Images:

1. Florida Master Site File, date unknown
2. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
3. Underlying aerial map showing vacant land
4. Streetscape image showing a sign for H.H. Augustus Architect, Historical Society of Palm Beach County website
5. Drawings available in the Florida Master Site File





## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a transformational person and has **HIGH** importance

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

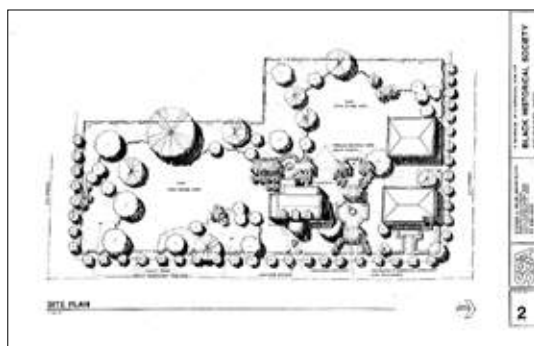
- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists and site is vacant
- Additional photographs may be available and can provide information on building details
- Encourage in-fill to recognize the footprint and height; reconstruction is an option if building dimensions and materials can be documented
- Measured drawings may be available from Steven J. Bruh Architects completed for Black Historical Society
- If possible, locate the Palm Beach house that modeled Augustus' home

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install an interpretation marker legible from the sidewalk denoting the significance of Mr. Augustus' professional career and residence in the neighborhood
  - Potential location for the Transformational People Heritage Trail marker that identifies other noted individuals and orients the visitor to the locations of related sites
  - Display temporary signage on the sidewalk during special events/seasons
  - Encourage site development to include related public art
  - Design a memorial garden/landscape feature(s)
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: If model home is found, create interpretive opportunity with a marker at that location



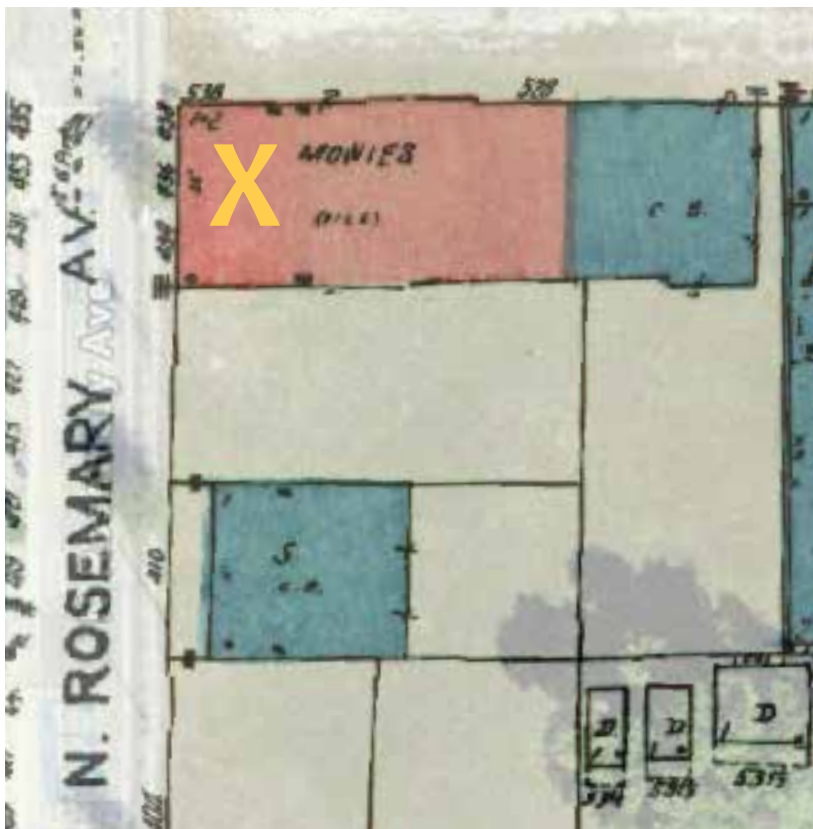
Concept elevation drawing for proposed Black Historical Society museum and memorial.



Concept plan for ground improvements at a once proposed museum and memorial.

# GRAND THEATRE

ADDRESS: 434 N ROSEMARY AVE



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Significant cultural institution as a place of entertainment and source of news and health information:

- One of three neighborhood movie houses
- A place of entertainment, also a designated storm shelter, war bond sales office, host for social welfare education for WPB African Americans
- Eugene Racz, Elmer Hecht, and E.R. Covington (white) were managers; also Margaret Ham and Alice Terrel
- Some events included sections reserved for white patrons

Built prior to 1922 (no longer exists)

- Constructed with reinforced concrete; expanded and remodeled in 1941

Integrity not applicable, demolished in 1988

Site is vacant

**Ownership: Private**

## Images:

1. Photograph from City of West Palm Beach Survey, no date
2. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
3. Palm Beach Post, November 23, 1941, article accessed via newspapers.com
4. Palm Beach Post, March 22, 1945, article accessed via newspapers.com

## New Negro Theater Will Open Thursday

With "black light" a promised feature, the Grand Theater will open next Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at Rosemary Avenue at Fourth Street.

It will be the only theater in the South and the only negro theater to have the new lighting arrangement for murals as well as for the carpet, according to Elmer Hecht, manager.

Fluorescent light, passing through a special filter, becomes visible when reflected from a specially treated carpet or other material.

When used on mural decorations, it makes the paintings visible when the room is darkened.

Doubled in size since it was closed three months ago, the negro theater will have cushioned seats for the first time. The lobby walls and floor have been covered with tile and new fixtures installed.

## Film To Be Presented By University Women

Two showings of the motion picture "King of Kings" will be presented to the Palm Beaches at no admission charge Friday and Saturday under auspices of the American Association of University Women as the yearly project of its social studies group.

The film portrayal of the life of Christ will be shown at the Florida Theater Saturday at 10 a. m., with a performance for negro audiences at the Grand Theater Friday at 11 a. m.

A free-will offering will be taken at the door to defray expenses of bringing the film to West Palm Beach.

## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes entertainment facilities as **HIGHLY** important

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists
- Additional photographs are likely available and can provide information on building details
- Encourage in-fill to approximate the footprint and height, reconstruction is an option if building dimensions and materials can be documented

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install an interpretation marker legible from the sidewalk denoting importance and presence of multiple entertainment facilities
  - Display temporary signage on the sidewalk during special events/seasons
  - Encourage site development to include related public art
  - Construct concrete block or poured concrete knee-walls to recall the building footprint; raised above ground for use as landscape bedding or placed even with the ground as a flat surface only
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct research to discover details on any programs, shows, and operators



# ROYAL PALM ICE

ADDRESS: NORTH RAILROAD AVE



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of a large land-owner, industrial heritage, and local employer of some area residents

- Historically was a subsidiary of South Eastern Public Utility Company of New York
- This facility was district headquarters for plants in Delray Beach and Lake Worth
- Supplied ice to refrigerated railroad cars to support seasonal agricultural trade

Site is vacant

**Ownership: Private**

## Images:

1. Historic photo courtesy of Palm Beach Historical Society
2. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
3. Underlying aerial map showing vacant land
4. Ad taken from 1950 Polk City Director
5. Photograph courtesy of Florida Memory



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building was a large industrial facility and employment center in the neighborhood and has **HIGH importance**

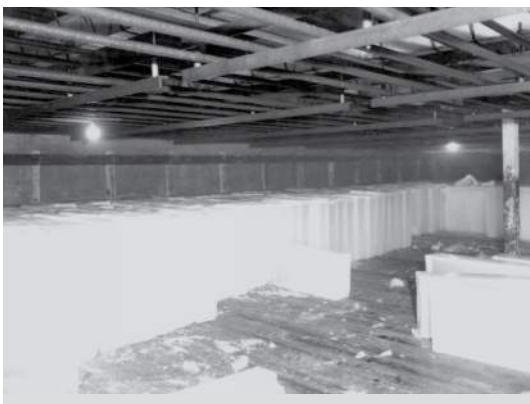
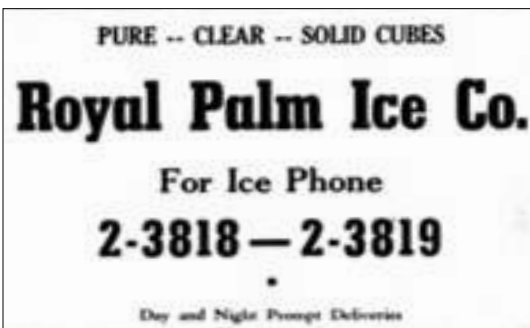
### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists
- Additional photographs may be available to document other building facades and interior activities

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install multiple markers/plaques along the streetfronts or a prominently visible interpretation marker to recognize importance of this business to the community, its connection of local people to the F.E. C. Railroad, and the state's economic development
  - Display temporary signage on the sidewalk during special events/seasons
  - Incorporate information about the ice house in proposed development on the site
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct oral histories with employees' families to uncover personal accounts of business and social culture related to the facility



Ice blocks in a Royal Palm Ice Company in Jacksonville, FL 1948.

# SPEED, HENRY AND HENRIETTA

ADDRESS: 801 3RD STREET



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representation of one of the first Black families to settle in the neighborhood

- Speed donated land for public institutions (hospital) and owned one of first Black-owned lumberyards

Built in 1921, no longer exists

Site is vacant except for wall feature

**Ownership: West Palm Beach CRA**



## Images:

1. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
2. PDP photograph
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)





## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of transformational people and has **MEDIUM** importance

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists
- Additional photographs may be available and can provide information on building details
- Encourage in-fill to recognize the footprint and height; reconstruction is an option if building dimensions and materials can be documented
- Preserve historic property wall and conduct repair to match original character

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install an interpretation marker conveying the contributions of the Speed family to the neighborhood's development
  - May be placed or installed on the property wall if it could be removed in the future without damaging the wall
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Perform deed research to identify all neighborhood properties owned by Speed

# HAMBURGER HAVEN

ADDRESS: 1020 N TAMARIND AVE (FMSF 8PB1654)



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of a historic commercial block and a legacy food establishment

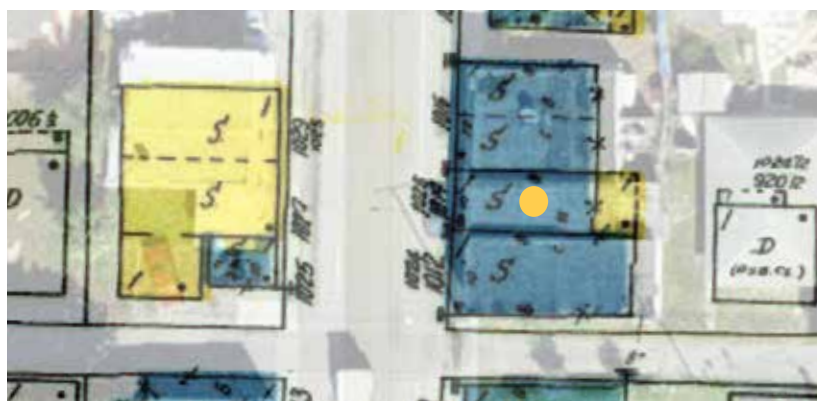
- Building block also housed a branch store of Robinson and Johnson Grocery, a grocery serving Black WBP community

Built by 1929, still exists

Continuously operated since 1942

Good integrity, overall form and detail remains

**Ownership: Private**



## Images:

1. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
2. Photograph from City of West Palm Beach Survey, 2010
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
4. Photo in Palm Beach County Historical Society, West Palm Beach Police Department Historical Collection, 1977-1986

## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a social establishment with **MEDIUM importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve commercial building series' form and massing, limiting view of proposed alterations from the public way
- Maintain the storefront patterns and repair or replace to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including parapet, bulkhead, and quoins; restoring raised beltcourse and quoins where possible

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Tamarind Ave
  - Display temporary signage on the sidewalk during special events/seasons
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify any other long-term residents/property owners of adjacent units



# HARVEY'S BARBECUE

Also known as: JW Downtown Foodstore

ADDRESS: 717 N TAMARIND AVE (FMSF 8PB16309)



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of a legacy food establishment, begun 1943 and ran at least through 1968

- Operated by Jay Gould Harvey (died 1970), wife Lillian C.
- He also operated billiards at 1318 N. Tamarind
- Restaurant was “newly reopened” in 1989 at same location, was previously boarded up
- Nephew Herman C. McCray, Jr. took over family restaurant and relocated it to Riviera Beach after the building was sold
- McCray was a local civil rights advocate and Congress Ave Bridge was named for him

Building built by 1938, could be same building with additions and alterations

**Ownership: Private**



## Images:

1. Photograph by PDP
2. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
3. Palm Beach Post, November 30, 1972, accessed via newspapers.com
4. Palm Beach Post Times, June 12, 1943, accessed via newspapers.com



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a social establishment with **LOW importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

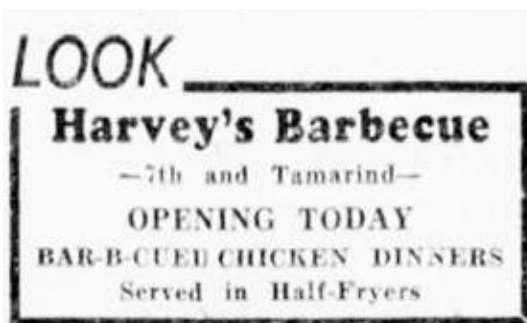
- Maintain and preserve the building mass and height
- Maintain the four-part storefront fenestration pattern and parapet
- Building is highly altered however the original building may still be within the footprint

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Tamarind Ave
  - Adjacent right-of-way landscape buffers is a potential site for the Tamarind Ave Heritage Trail marker that orients the visitor to the locations of related sites
  - Including information about important foodways and specifically the nature of barbecue in African and Caribbean traditions
- Digital:
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct research to confirm building's expansion and long-term employees



The Palm Beach Post Times photographed Albert Wilder in 1972, who was then manager of the restaurant.



1943 advertisement in Palm Beach Post.

# PLANTATION RESTAURANT

ADDRESS: 1028 N TAMARIND AVE



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of a legacy food establishment  
Site is vacant

**Ownership: West Palm Beach CRA**

## Images:

1. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
2. Underlying aerial map showing vacant land
3. Palm Beach Post, January 30, 1948, accessed via newspapers.com
4. Photo in Palm Beach County Historical Society, West Palm Beach Police Department Historical Collection, 1977-1986.

## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS



WANTED— Colored second cook or kitchen helper, night work. Plantation Restaurant, corner 10th and Tamarind.

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a social establishment with **unknown importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Tamarind Ave
- Digital:
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify any other long-term businesses and operators



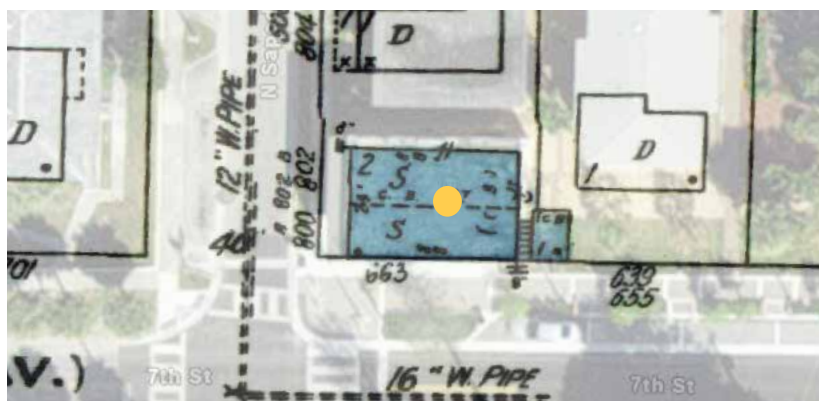
The corner of the restaurant is visible in the far left side of the image.



# DARDEN, WILLIAM BOONE

Also known as: Robinson Market No. 2 (1930), Peak's Liquor Store (1950)  
and Owen's Shoe Repair

ADDRESS: 800 & 802 N SAPODILLA AVE (FMSF 8PB638)



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

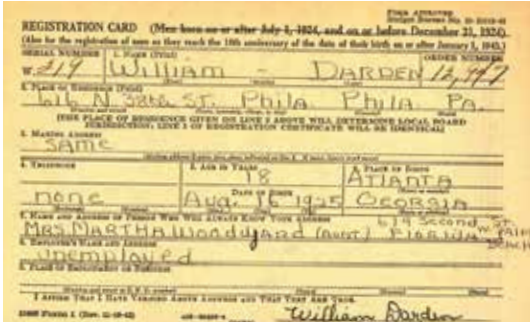
Representative of an historic mixed use building developed by Mr. Henry Speed and occupied by many establishments and individuals through time:

- Darden was a significant political figure and broke the color barrier in local law enforcement
- Building has association with the Darden family but date of connection to Mr. Darden was not confirmed in archival records
- William Boone Darden was first Black police chief in Riviera Beach after serving as first Black police officer in West Palm Beach
- Darden was nominated to national executive committee of the Democratic Party in 1980 working under President Carter's administration

Built by 1929, still remains

Average integrity with changes over time leaving overall form and patterns intact

**Ownership: Private**



Draft card showing Mr. Darden's signature with his aunt's address in the Historic Northwest.



Honorable discharge document reflecting Mr. Darden's address in 1950.



Account of Mr. Darden's achievement as police chief in Riviera Beach.

## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a social gathering place and a transformational person with **LOW importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of any additions or major alterations from the public way
- Maintain fenestration patterns and restore window and door designs where possible to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including roof parapet, porch/balcony, and opening sizes

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker legible from the sidewalk to coordinate with the heritage trail markers for Rosemary Avenue and Transformational People
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Perform deed or more city directory research to identify specific dates of ownership or occupation by Mr. Darden as well as other business establishments

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- ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
- Archival images accessed from www.ancestry.com and www.newspapers.com

# SHERMANS

Also known as: Wayside Drive-In

ADDRESS: 701-709 N SAPODILLA AVE (FMSF 8PB14636)



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of a long-standing family commercial and residential business and mid-century property development

- Site file associates with Dennis and Mabel Sherman

Built by 1956 and still remains

Average integrity, appears building forms and major details remain

**Ownership: Private**



## Images:

1. Photographs by PDP
2. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of social gathering and neighborhood development and has **LOW importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building forms and massing, limiting view of proposed additions from the public way
- Maintain fenestration patterns and restore existing windows and doors or replace to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including flat roof canopy of the commercial building, double stair and stoop features of the residential building

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Sapodilla Ave
- Digital:
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information that includes information about local entrepreneurs
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct interview to develop oral histories

# HEATH GROCERY

Also known as: DeLux Barber Shop (#718), Beauty Shop (#716), Queen of Sheeba

ADDRESS: 716 -720 N SAPODILLA AVE (FMSF 8PB631)



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

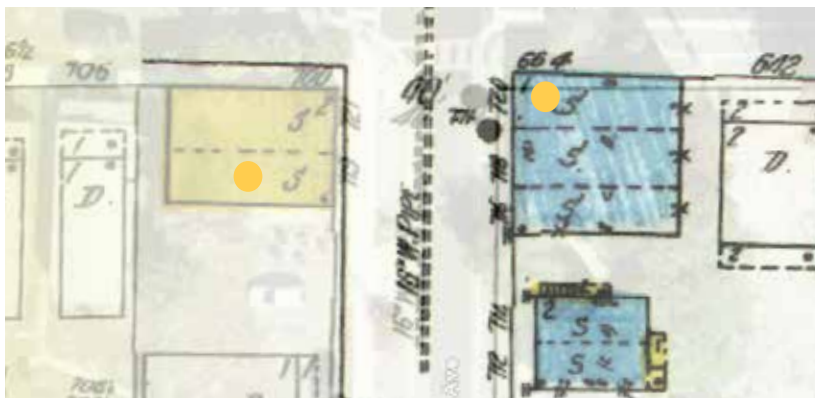
Representative of early grocer operating by 1928 through at least 1950 in this block

- Walter O. Heath, wife Rosa Lee, then Margie by 1948
- Heath Store first located across the street (1928-?) in a frame building then to this masonry building

Built by 1928, still exists

Good integrity, form and design remains

**Ownership: Private**



## Images:

1. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
2. Photograph by PDP
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)

## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of transformational people and has **unknown importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of proposed additions from the public way
- Maintain fenestration patterns and restore existing windows and doors or replace to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including parapet

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Rosemary Ave
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Other opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify any other long-term residents/property owners



# YWCA

Also known as: Mamie Adair Branch

ADDRESS: 1009 N SAPODILLA AVE



### FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of local efforts of Black women to establish support services for women and children

- Building opened as the Mamie Adair Branch of the YWCA in 1957

Good integrity, appears to have minimal change over time

**Ownership: Private**



### Images:

1. Photo in Palm Beach County Historical Society, West Palm Beach Police Department Historical Collection, 1977-1986
2. Photograph by PDP
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)

## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative for important social services offered and has **unknown importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of proposed additions from the public way
- Maintain fenestration patterns and restore existing windows and doors or replace to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including parapet, rectangular projections, surface textures, brick wall/planter features

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Sapodilla Ave
- Digital:
  - Recognize efforts of the women who established the center as part of a digital interpretation program

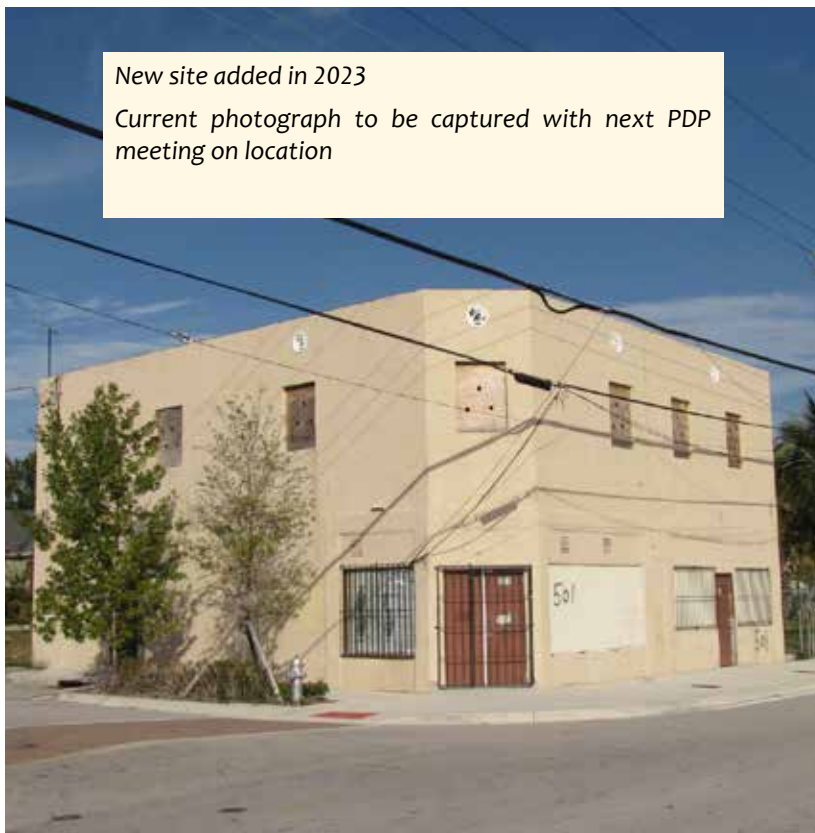
# ECONOMICAL DRUG STORE

Also known as: Prichard's Place, Boysaw Law

ADDRESS: 501 N. ROSEMARY AVE (FMSF 8PB14600)



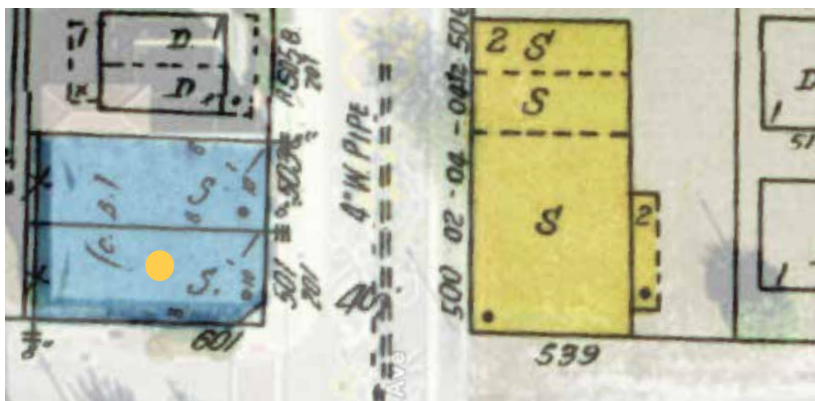
New site added in 2023  
Current photograph to be captured with next PDP meeting on location



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of commercial building constructed for Dr. Joseph Wiley Jenkins as a drug store, one of the first Black pharmacists  
Later was operated by Sara Lowe-Pritchard as Pritchard's Place (current owner's grandmother)  
Built ca. 1937

Ownership: Private



## Images:

1. Photo in Palm Beach County Historical Society, West Palm Beach Police Department Historical Collection, 1977-1986
2. Photo to be replaced with current image by PDP
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative for important social services offered and has **unknown importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of proposed additions from the public way
- Maintain fenestration patterns and restore existing windows and doors or replace to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including parapet, rectangular projections, surface textures, brick wall/planter features

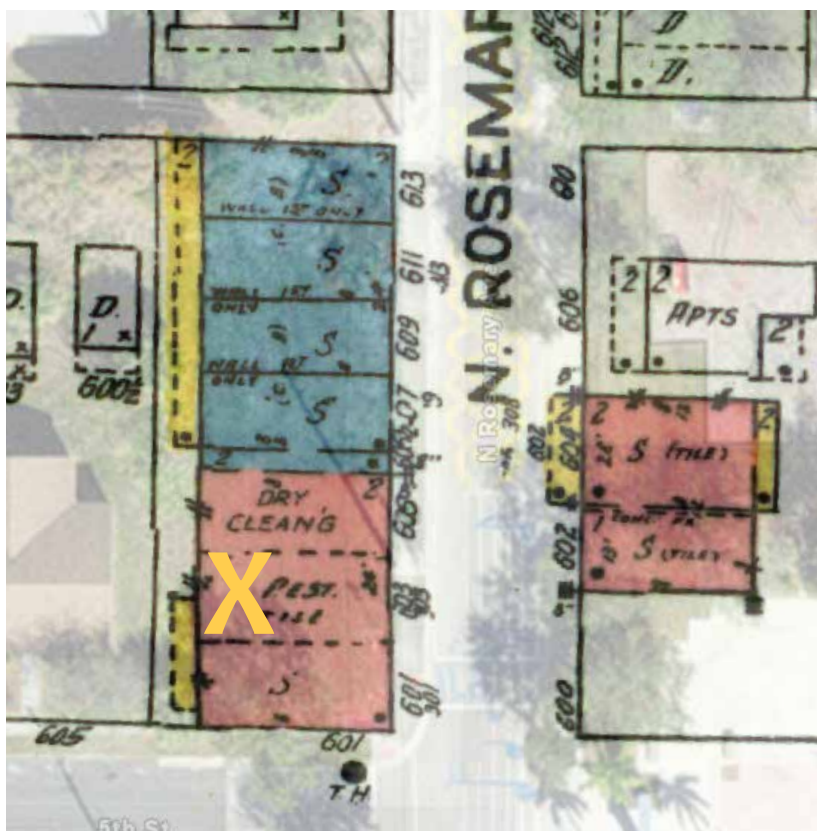
#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Sapodilla Ave
- Digital:
  - Recognize efforts of the women who established the center as part of a digital interpretation program

# M.J. BAISDEN BUILDING

Also known as: Black Max Grocery, McKinnon Restaurant, McKinnon Grocery (1950)

ADDRESS: 601 N. ROSEMARY AVE (FMSF 8PB1592)



### FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of commercial building constructed by one of the first Black physicians  
Built ca. 1922, no longer exists

Integrity, not applicable

Site is vacant

Ownership: Private

### Images:

1. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
2. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
3. Underlying aerial map showing vacant land
4. Photo in Palm Beach County Historical Society, West Palm Beach Police Department Historical Collection, 1977-1986.



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a social gathering place and has **MEDIUM** importance

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists
- Additional photographs may be available and can provide information on building details
- Encourage in-fill to recognize the footprint and height; reconstruction is an option if building dimensions and materials can be documented

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Rosemary Ave
- Digital:
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information describing the businesses along this commercial corridor
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify any other long-term property owners/businesses

# CLUB ALA-BAM

Also known as:

ADDRESS: 512 N. ROSEMARY AVE



### FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of a popular social establishment for middle-class community members

- Johnny Reese managed in 1956
- House for bolita, a popular gambling game operated by Adam ‘Beggie Boo’ Lewis in 1964

Site is vacant

Ownership: Private

### Images:

1. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
2. Underlying aerial map showing vacant land





## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a social establishment with **MEDIUM importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists

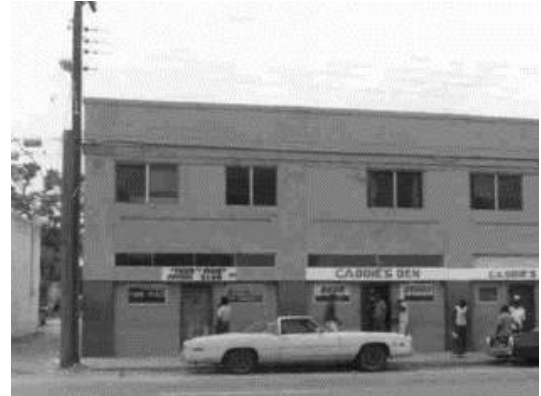
#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Rosemary Ave
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify any other long-term businesses and operators

# DODGER'S DUGOUT POOL HALL

Also known as: Collie Building

ADDRESS: #419 OF 419-435 N ROSEMARY AVE (FMS# 8PB1588)



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of a bar and gambling establishment for middle-class community members

Built ca. 1922

- Located in part of what was the Collie Building, see also W.H. Collie
- Demolished by 1989

Site is partially occupied with temporary structures (food court)

**Ownership: Private**

## Images:

1. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
2. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
3. Aerial map showing vacant land
4. Obituary of Frank Green, Palm Beach Post June 3, 1987, accessed via newspapers.com
5. W.H. Collie Building, courtesy of Palm Beach County Historical Society website




**FRANK (CHUMP) GREEN**

Of 1300 W. 3rd St, Riviera Beach, Fla. He came to this area 63 years ago from Waynesboro, Ga, and was a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. He was proprietor-owner of "Dodgers Dug-Out" Pool Hall, 3rd Street and Rosemary Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida. Veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by his wife, Cora Coleman Green, RB; a daughter, Annie M. Ross, WPB; two granddaughters, Renee' B. Zanders, WPB; Kim R. Patrick and her husband, Keith L. Patrick, WPB; two great grandchildren, Arnetra C. Zanders and Keigt L. Patrick II, WPB; sister, Cleo G. Hamilton, Immokalee, Fla; sister-in-law, Mamie F. Blackmon, RB; a devoted cousin, Hattie Lewis, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla; a god-daughter, Jennifer Cook, WPB; a devoted friend, Timothy Lundey, RB; eight nephews, two nieces, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 1987, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 718 3rd Street, West Palm Beach, Florida, STEVENS BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME in charge of arrangements.



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of transformational people and an important social establishment with **HIGH importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Rosemary Ave
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify any other long-term businesses and operators







## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a social establishment with **MEDIUM importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Rosemary Ave
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify any other long-term businesses and operators

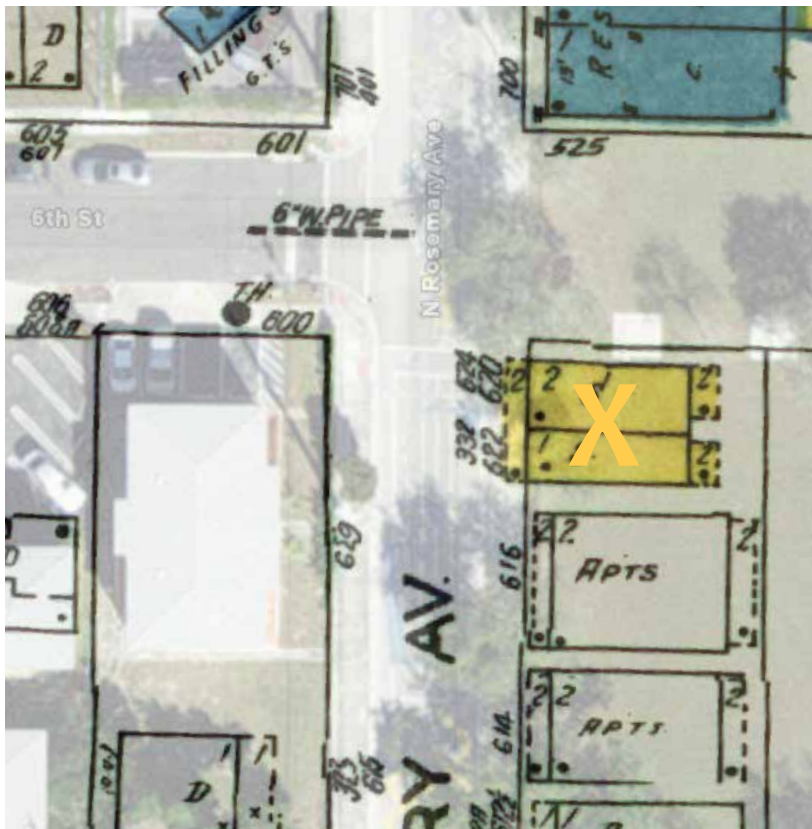


Historical Society of Palm Beach County  
 A later color photo shows the a sign for the “ET” establishment and little other change.

# FOLIA'S CHICKEN SHAK

Also known as:

ADDRESS: 622 N ROSEMARY AVE



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of a woman-owned neighborhood eatery

- Operated by Folia Troutman

Site is vacant

**Ownership:** City of West Palm Beach; leased to Salvation Army

## Images:

1. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
2. Underlying aerial map showing vacant land



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a social establishment with **LOW importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Rosemary Ave
  - Encourage future redevelopment to include buildings placed along the street edge
- Digital:
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify any other long-term businesses and operators







## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a social establishment with **undetermined importance**

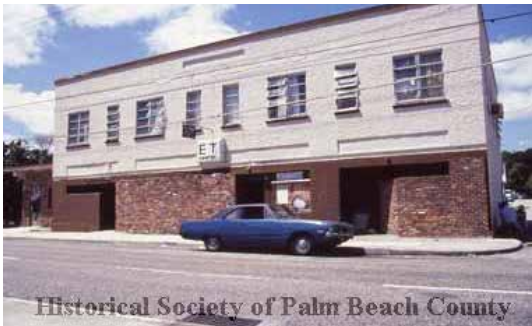
### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for Rosemary Ave
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify any other long-term businesses and operators



A later color photo shows the a sign for the “ET” establishment and little other change.

# WASHINGTON, PHYLLIS (PHILLIS)

ADDRESS: 517 DIVISION AVE (FMSF 8PB1616)



### FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representation of one of the first Black settlers:

- Washington lived in the residence from at least 1928 to her death in 1950, she was widowed as of 1930 census
- With husband Rev. Randolph they first lived at 809 Clematis Ave as early as 1916

Built c. 1925, still exists

Good integrity, changes over time are superficial

**Ownership: Private**



### Images:

1. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
2. Photograph from City of West Palm Beach Survey, 2010
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)

## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of transformational people and has **HIGH importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of proposed additions from the public way
- Maintain fenestration patterns and restore existing windows and doors or replace to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including roofs, carport, and horizontal siding pattern
- Restore original siding under 1969 stone veneer and vinyl siding if possible
- Preserve property wall and landscape edge features

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for transformational people
- Additional Opportunities: Include details of couple's first home on Clematis as a means to address the neighborhood boundaries which can be provided in a digital platform

# CHERRY, GWEN HOME

Also known as: Mollie Holt House

ADDRESS: 625 DIVISION AVE (FMSF 8PB1617)



### FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of residential architecture and significant heritage of West Palm Beach's Black society:

- Built for Mollie Holt one of first Black settlers
- Her grand-daughter Gwen Cherry lived here, became first Black female legislator in the state
- Black Historical Preservation Society owned the property at one time with intention to establish a museum with the adjacent Augustus property

Built by 1926, no longer exists

Integrity not applicable, home was demolished

Site is vacant

**Ownership: West Palm Beach CRA**

### Images:

1. Florida Master Site File, date unknown
2. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
3. Underlying aerial map showing vacant land
4. Drawing available in the Florida Master Site File





## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of transformational people and has **MEDIUM** importance

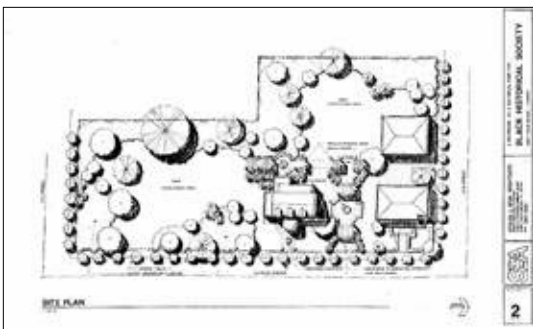
### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Not applicable, historic building no longer exists and site is vacant
- Additional photographs may be available and can provide information on building details
- Encourage in-fill to recognize the footprint and height; reconstruction is an option if building dimensions and materials can be documented
- Measured drawings may be available from Steven J. Bruh Architects completed for Black Historical Society

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker legible from the sidewalk to coordinate with the heritage trail marker for transformational people
  - Potential location for the Transformational People Heritage Trail marker that identifies other noted individuals and orients the visitor to the locations of related sites
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct interviews for oral history research



Concept plan for ground improvements at a once proposed museum and memorial. (FMSF)

# DYSON, CLIFTON

Also known as: Dyson Apartments

ADDRESS: 318 N SAPODILLA AVE (FMSF 8PB14590)



### FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of a multi-family housing type constructed by Mr. Dyson during segregated housing

- Black residents were limited to the legal areas they were allowed to live and housing density was necessary to accommodate population growth

Built by 1951, still exists

Good integrity, minimal apparent change to significant features

**Ownership: Private**



### Images:

1. PDP photograph
2. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)

## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of transformational people and has **LOW importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of proposed additions or additions from the public way
- Maintain fenestration patterns and make any repairs of windows and doors to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including roof and eave overhang, stairway and block railing, corner windows, and brick lintels

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker legible from the sidewalk to coordinate with the heritage trail marker for Transformational People to recognize Dyson's contribution to the neighborhood's housing needs

# WRIGHT, LAURA

Also known as: Homes of Rev. James and Ann Coleman (1947-61), Alex and Alberta Atkins (upstairs, 1950-?)

ADDRESS: 633 3RD STREET (FMSF 8PB1361)



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of early home in the neighborhood of a Black woman

- She was a widow to William Wright (d. 1922)
- Mrs. Wright was a domestic servant in 1926, employed at Beach Club in 1928, and a domestic again in 1929

• She was born in Atlanta, died in 1932 in WPB  
Representative of home of local pastor, Rev. James M. Coleman Sr. was Pastor of Union Baptist Church, died 1961

Built by 1923, still exists

Average integrity, form and overall setting remains

**Ownership: Private**



## Images:

1. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
2. PDP Photograph
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of transformational people and has **LOW importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of proposed additions from the public way
- Maintain fenestration patterns and restore existing windows and doors or replace to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including dormer, chimney, and porch
- Preserve property wall form and character

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker as part of the heritage trail for transformational people
- Digital:
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct deed or more city directory research to identify any other long-term residents/property owners

# COLLIE, W.H. AND STUDSTILL

## Known Affiliated Buildings:

401 Rosemary Ave (Collie building and Studstill family property)

419-435 Rosemary Ave (Collie Building, demolished)

509 3rd Street (Dentist Office, demolished)

521 3rd Street (Family home, demolished)



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Collie:

An instrumental community leader, investor, and health care practitioner:

- Born in St. Augustine and went to University of Pennsylvania for dentistry
- Practiced in WPB for 50 years
- Helped develop thriving commercial and residential buildings

Studstill (#401 Rosemary Building)

- Other businesses operating at this location during the Studstill family era included a dry cleaner, shoe shop, barber shop, and the Robinson and Johnson Grocery operated by Carl Robinson and Percy Johnson

**Ownership: Private**

## Image Credits:

1. Collie Building, Palm Beach County Historical Society website
2. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
4. 400-block, built by Collie and long-owned by Studstill family
5. Collie Dentist Office, Palm Beach County Historical Society website
6. 1924 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. Map



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes Collie as a transformational person and has **MEDIUM** importance

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

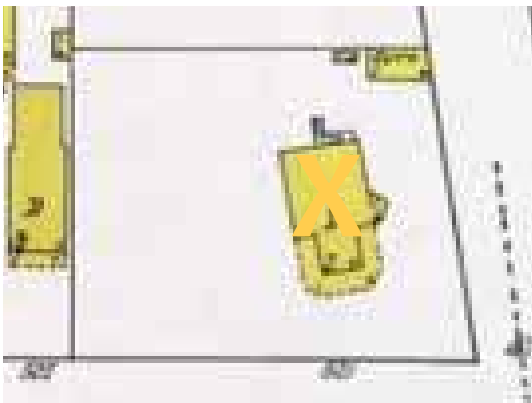
- Not applicable, no buildings remain

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker legible from the sidewalk at each location to coordinate with the heritage trail marker for transformational people
  - Collie Building site may be a potential location for the Rosemary Avenue Heritage Trail marker that identifies legacy commercial businesses that remain or used to exist in the area and orients the visitor to the locations of related sites
  - Display temporary signage on the sidewalk(s) during special events/seasons
- Digital:
  - Develop a digital medium accessible on site to provide more information to interested passersby
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Conduct interviews for oral history research



W.H. Collie's dental office, 509 3rd Street.



Collie homestead located nearby at 521 3rd Street.



# HENRY SIMMONS

Also known as: William and Carrie Winn House (property address has historically and recently alternated as #908 or #910)

ADDRESS: 908/910 8TH STREET (FMSF 8PB1454)



### FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Place of residence where Mr. Simmons was taken on June 8, 1923 and hanged at an off-site location, elsewhere in the city:

- Mr. Simmons was married to Ethel and they rented a room on the first floor
- Mr. Simmons worked for Anartic Ice Company and E.H. Barto Contracting Company

Property development with rooming house is representative of a family that stayed and grew in the Historic Northwest

Built by 1927, portions remain

Average integrity, overall form and siting remains

**Ownership: Private**



### Images:

1. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
2. PDP photograph
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)
4. Death certificate on file with the Palm Beach County Historical Society
5. Newspaper article accessed via newspapers.com



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a historic and tragic event and has **HIGH importance**

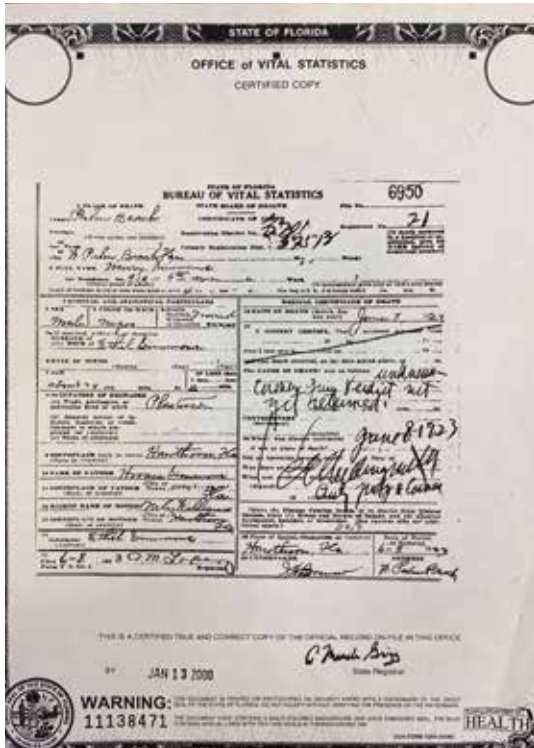
### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of proposed additions from the public way for all buildings on the property
- Maintain fenestration patterns and make any repairs of windows and doors to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including dormer/attic window gable, chimney, horizontal siding pattern
- Restore front porch and stoop features
- Maintain and reconstruct property wall when possible

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - Install a site identification marker legible from the sidewalk or near to the property conveying the life of Henry Simmons and how he was taken
  - Off-site commemoration may be preferable and could include a landscape element at a street corner or median area
- Digital:
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information
- Additional Opportunities: Consult and coordinate with the Equal Justice Initiative for any lynching memorial activities, conduct interviews to develop oral histories



Death certificate of Mr. Simmons recording the medical examiner's assessment.



# BONNER FUNERAL HOME

ADDRESS: 809 6TH STREET (FMSF 8PB1424)



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

- Representative of important long-time funeral service provider
- Joseph Bonner, wife Zula was a nurse
- Home builder was Forest and Alexander, constructed in 1926

**Ownership: Private**



## Images:

1. Florida Master Site File Survey Image, 1988
2. Photograph from City of West Palm Beach Survey, 2010
3. ArcGIS current aerial map with superimposed 1924-1952 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. (Sanborn Map is georeferenced for graphical purposes only)

## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of necessary social services and has **LOW importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of proposed additions from the public way
- Maintain fenestration patterns and restore windows, doors, and clamshell awnings where possible to match historic type, size, and configuration
- Maintain character-defining features including finish, porte cochere, extended eaves

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Streetscape Installations:
  - A site identification marker could be installed in another phase of heritage trail programs
- Digital:
  - Develop an interactive website with multiple types of archival information

# MASONIC LODGE

Also known as: Pride of Palm Beach Lodge #447

ADDRESS: 1112 1114 N TAMARIND AVE



## FACTORS OF IMPORTANCE:

Representative of the permanent home to an early Freemason's membership association

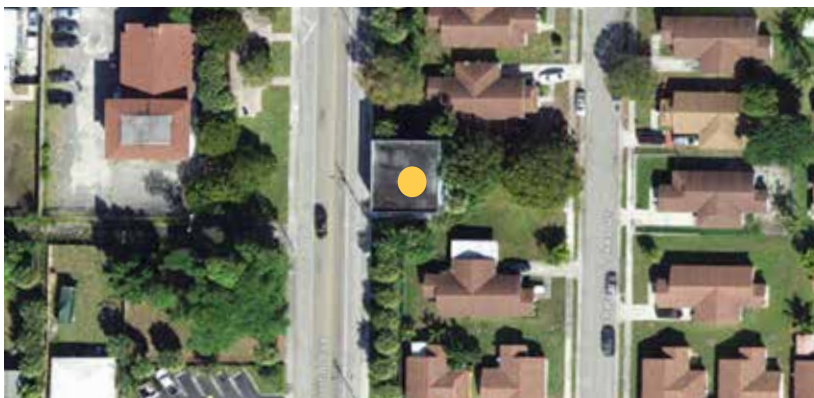
- Chartered in 1921 the masons met in various buildings

Built by 1954, still exists

- Design followed Masonic laws and specifications

Good integrity, appears to be minimally changed

**Ownership: Private**



## Images:

1. Photograph by PDP
2. ArcGIS current aerial map (building was constructed after available Sanborn map was printed)



## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes the building as representative of a long-standing membership organization with **unknown importance**

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve building form and massing, limiting view of proposed additions from the public way
- Maintain proportions of open and walled space
- Maintain character-defining features including smooth finish, recessed entry, flat canopy, second floor series of windows, banding, and foundation stones

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Conduct member interviews to collect information on significant people and projects involved with the organization





Many churches are located within the Historic Northwest neighborhood and should be celebrated for their contribution to the community heritage and diversity. Top left: Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Top Middle: St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Bottom left: Church of God, Bottom middle: Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Far right: Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.

## RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

### RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

- Architectural style
- Heritage of architect and builder
- History of the congregation
- Events and people associated with the building
- Changes to the building and site over time
- Florida Master Site File status

*The Black Church has influenced nearly every chapter of the African American story, and it continues to animate Black identity today, both for believers and nonbelievers. In that sense, the Black Church functions on several levels, as a spiritual center—a place of worship—and as a social center and a cultural repository as well, a living treasure trove of African American sacred cultural history and practice: literally the place where “the faith of the fathers and mothers” is summoned and preserved, modified and reinvented each Sunday, in a dynamic process of cultural retrieval and transformation, all at the same time.*

*Henry Louis Gates, Jr., 2021*

Without discussing the practice of a particular religion or any associated beliefs, churches are an important community symbol. In the Black heritage of West Palm Beach the development and prominence of churches in the Styx and then in the Historic Northwest has served to tell the story of the community through its architects, builders, its form and its growth. Churches are important landmarks that should be maintained and honored for their community role and long existence.

There is also an opportunity to engage congregations in sharing interpretive exhibits. Churches that participate could share information discovered from general research questions and any type of neighborhood topic.



Locations of identified churches in the Historic Northwest neighborhood. A heritage trail program can be used to guide visitors to the sites and interpretation markers are recommended for 3 churches deemed most influential by the community: Payne, Seventh Day, Tabernacle.



Payne Missionary Baptist Church



Church of Christ



Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church



Seventh Day Adventist



Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church



Consult the National Park Service Preservation Briefs for more technical information.

## FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

- Community recognizes religious institutions have **HIGH** importance

### PRESERVATION ACTIONS

#### RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION:

- Maintain and preserve all openings, leaded glass or other artwork visible to the exterior, roof lines and tower forms, and trim/molding details
- Document historic, architectural, and/or artistic qualities of the historic building and surrounding site
- Use best practices provided in Preservation Briefs for the preservation of historic building materials
- Periodically inspect all aspects of the building and develop a cyclical maintenance plan

#### COMMEMORATION:

- Install interpretation marker at the Payne AME, Tabernacle MBE, and Seventh Day Adventist churches in accordance with their individual high importance recognized by the community
  - Markers may be wall mounted if they are installed to avoid damage to historic surfaces (property owner maintenance agreement may be required)
  - At the same churches, support interior exhibit space to educate visitors and young parishioners about the community's heritage
- Recognize all churches in a heritage trail marker denoting the role of churches in the community
- Install identification markers at the Ebenezer MBC, Friendship MBC, Mt. Zion MBC, St. Patrick's Episcopal, and Third Street of Christ to coordinate with the heritage trail marker