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Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Florida  
 COUNTY: Dade  
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 ENTRY DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME  
 COMMON: First Coconut Grove School House  
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 3429 Devon Road  
 CITY OR TOWN: Coconut Grove  
 STATE: Florida  
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Eleventh  
 COUNTY: Dade  
 CODE: 12  
 CODE: 025

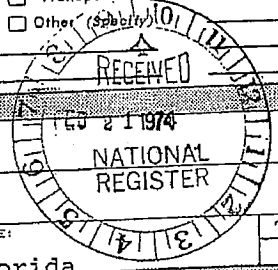
3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
 OWNER'S NAME: Plymouth Congregational Church, Inc.  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 3429 Devon Road, Coconut Grove  
 CITY OR TOWN: Miami  
 STATE: Florida  
 CODE: 12



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dade County Courthouse  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 73 West Flagler Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Miami  
 STATE: Florida  
 CODE: 12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
 TITLE OF SURVEY: Florida Historic Sites Survey  
 DATE OF SURVEY: Summer, 1972  
 Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Division of Archives, History and Records Management  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Department of State, The Capitol  
 CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee  
 STATE: Florida  
 CODE: 12

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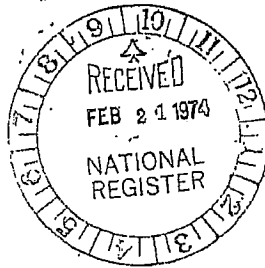
7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First Coconut Grove School House, a one-room structure, built of Dade County pine, was constructed in 1894, and still retains some of the original building materials, although it has undergone considerable restoration and reconstruction. The frame is original as are several ceiling beams, window glass, and one entire corner of the building. This structure was closely associated to the development of the Plymouth Congregational Church and was, therefore, relocated on the Church grounds in 1971 and dedicated as a school-house museum.

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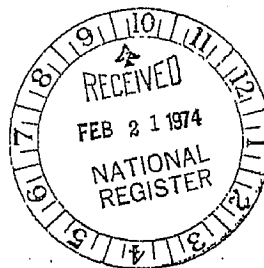
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SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1894			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry		<u>Settlement</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The First Coconut Grove School House relates directly to the settlement of Coconut Grove and is the forerunner of the Plymouth Congregational Church. This building, constructed by the men of the community, served the religious and educational needs of the pioneers. It also served as a meeting hall for the first women's club in the area, the Coconut Grove Housekeepers Club. This club, organized by Miss Flora McFarlane in 1891, received national coverage in an 1892 issue of <u>Harpers Bazar</u>. The Housekeepers Club met in the building from 1891 to 1894 when use of the school building was then restricted "to: School, Religious, or Literary purposes and meetings." As the community grew, need for a larger facility became apparent, and in 1894 the new school building was constructed. It is this building, a one-room bungalow style house of Dade County pine, that exists today as a museum on the grounds of Plymouth Congregational Church. Before its relocation to the present site, the school house was occupied as a private residence after it was no longer used as an educational facility. In 1902, it was sold by Charles Peacock for \$400, and it remained in the hands of the new owner until 1944 when it was again sold. The property was purchased by Ryder Systems in 1969 for the sum of \$75,000. The building was subsequently donated to the Church by Ryder, was relocated on the new site, and restored as a museum and reminder of the efforts of Coconut Grove's pioneer residents.</p>			



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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(See Attached Sheet)

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	N25°	43'	19"
NE	° ' "	° ' "	W80°	14'	54"
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: two

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Mary K. Evans, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Division of Archives, History and Records Mgt. DATE: 8/15/73

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Department of State, The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: [Signature] ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Historic Preservation Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Date: February 6, 1974 \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE , FLORIDA

Date Entered JAN 21 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
First Coconut Grove School	Coconut Grove Dade County

*Transmitted*

**COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION**

Also Notified

Hon. Richard Stone  
Hon. Lawton M. Chiles  
Hon. Dante B. Fascell