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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Atlantic Gas Station

and or common Valiant Auto Body Shop

2. Location

street & number 668 N. W. 5th Street

not for publication

city, town Miami

vicinity of

state Florida 33128 code FL

county Dade

code FL 025

3. 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 type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Jose and Laura Quintero

street & number 1015 N. W. 32nd Avenue

city, town Miami

vicinity of

state Florida 33125

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dade County Courthouse

street & number 75 W. Flagler Street

city, town Miami

state Florida 33130

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title FMSF-Miami Multiple Resource
Historic Preservation Survey

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June, 1985

federal state county local

depository for survey records Bureau of Historic Preservation

city, town Tallahassee

state Florida 32399-0250

7. Description

Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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DESCRIPTION:

Condition: Fair

The Atlantic Gas Station is a one-story masonry structure executed in a Mediterranean Revival style. The building sits on a triangular parcel of land, and its orientation is a rectangular "footprint" perpendicular to the apex of the triangle. The building was commissioned in 1937 by the Atlantic Refining Company, and its design was executed by E. A. Ehmann.1

The Atlantic Gas Station building comprises a two-part composition consisting of a projecting open canopy over the gasoline pump area and a closed structure behind to protect the cars being serviced. The projecting canopy is supported by four square posts that are sheathed in stucco. A hipped roof covered with Mission tiles is supported by stylized brackets emerging from the square posts. The enclosed building is capped by a square pyramidal roof, also covered with Mission tiles, at its center. The remainder of the building's roof is flat and concealed by a low parapet wall with tile coping. The enclosed building contains garage entrances on the north and south elevations.

The facade of the enclosed building is characterized by a main entrance that is offset from the center and contains a wood panel door. Flanking the door are glass windows set within wooden frames. The windows are capped by glass transoms that are set within corbeled masonry corner frames. Excepting for the addition of signs, and the reduction of the size of the garage doors, the appearance of the building remains unchanged from the day it was constructed.

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		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1937	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates 1937

Builder/Architect E. A. Ehmman

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Specific Date: 1937

Architect: E. A. Ehmann

The Atlantic Gas Station is significant as an excellent example of the Mediterranean Revival style of architecture as applied to a utilitarian structure. The appearance of the building serves to characterize a popular trend throughout the 1920s and 1930s in South Florida architecture. The composition of the Atlantic Gas Station is noteworthy for its combination of prevailing architectural taste with a newly-created building type whose plan and configuration were just emerging. The building is also significant as a reflection of the importance of the automobile to a tourist-oriented city.

The Atlantic Gas Station comprises a rarity within the 1930s built environment remaining in Miami today. Built in an era prior to the "standardization" of gas station design, the Atlantic Gas Station displays both a stylistic and functional approach to architectural design. Its primary significance is derived from the physical features which characterize it as an unusual example of Mediterranean design in Miami.²

The Atlantic Refining Company, a natural petroleum retailer, was known for its efforts to make gas stations a pleasing addition to the cityscape, rather than an eyesore. The company frequently adopted prevailing architectural styles and in Miami selected the popular Mediterranean Revival. The versatility of the style is particularly evident in the gas station on N. W. 5th Street.

The Atlantic Gas Station is also significant because it exemplifies the work of E. A. Ehmann in Miami. The building's specialized function and articulation of details make it one of the most interesting examples of Ehmann's work in Miami. E. A. Ehmann was a principal in the firm of Hampton and Ehmann throughout the 1920s. The firm's designs were characterized as being executed in the "Spanish style."³ The architecture of the Atlantic Gas Station represents the articulation of such a style, even to a building type whose purpose for existence had just recently been established.

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NOTES

1. City of Miami, Building and Zoning Department, Building Permit applied for 28 June 1937.
2. Metropolitan Dade County, Office of Community and Economic Development, Historic Preservation Division, From Wilderness to Metropolis: The History and Architecture of Dade County (1825-1940) (Miami, Florida: Metropolitan Dade County, 1982), "Selected List of Significant Sites."
3. Metropolitan Dade County, From Wilderness to Metropolis, "Selected List of Architects and Their Work."

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see Bibliography for Cover Nomination

10. Geographical Data

54S/41E/37

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Miami

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	7	5	7	9	6	0	0	2	8	5	1	1	8	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Please see continuation sheet. Boundary follows historic and legal boundary.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sarah Eaton/Vicki L. Welcher, Historic Sites Specialist

organization Bureau of Historic Preservation date October, 1988

street & number 500 South Bronough Street telephone (904) 487-2333

city or town Tallahassee state Florida 32399-0250

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date October 17, 1988

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning 10 feet south of the northeast corner of Lot 5, thence westerly 57 feet to the point of curvature, thence southerly along the arc of a curve concave to the southeast having a radius of 22 feet and a central angle of $129^{\circ}30'$ for a distance of 49.72+ feet, thence southeasterly along the northerly right-of-way of N. W. North River Drive for a distance of 80+ feet to the point of curvature of a circular curve concave to the northeast having a radius of 152 feet to the easterly lot line of Lot 5, thence northerly 116+ feet to the point of beginning, of Block 71 of the plat of RANDE SUBDIVISION (PB 2-99)