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8DA 5992, which is listed as a
National Register Site

SITE INVENTORY FORM

Site No. 8Da ~~1009~~==

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Site Name (Address) 2521 S. Bayshore Drive 905==

Other Names for Site Trapp House 930==

Other Nos. for Site _____ 906==

City & Zip Code Miami, Florida 33131 813==

Location New Biscayne Amend. B-16 /
subdivision name

38 / Part of Lots 1, 14 and 15 as described in DB 868==

block no. _____ lot no. 3289-526 868==

County _____ Dade _____ 808== Survey Date 7901 820==

Owner of Site: Name: CONNALLY, Florence Y. ;

Address: 2521 S. Bayshore Drive 902==

Miami, Florida 33133 902==

Occupant, Tenant, or Manager: Name: _____ 904==

Type of Ownership:

- Private 848==
- Corporate 848==
- Municipal 848==
- _____ 848==

Remarks: _____

Threats to Site:

- Zoning () 878==
- Development () 878==
- Deterioration () 878==
- Transportation () 878==
- Other (See Remarks): 878==

Condition of Site:

- Excellent 863==
- Good 863==
- Fair 863==
- Deteriorated 863==

Integrity of Site:

- Altered 858==
- Unaltered 858==
- Original Site 858==
- Restored () Date: 858==
- Moved () Date: 858==
- Destroyed () Date: 858==

Remarks: _____

Reporter (or local contact):

Name: Rodriguez, Ivan A. (Dade County Historic Survey) ;

Address: Dade County Park and Recreation Department
50 S.W. 32 Road; Miami, Florida 33129 816==

Name of Project: Dade County Historic Survey 980==

Recorder:

Name & Title: Monroe, Elizabeth B. (HSS) ;

Address: FDAHRM 818==

Previous Survey(s): enter activity/title of survey/name/date/repository)

839==

UTM Coordinates

Zone	Easting	Northing	890==

Photographic Record Numbers 79Da011 (frames 5 & 6) 860==

Address: 2521 S. Bayshore Drive

Significance:

This masonry construction residence represents a fine, unusual example of masonry vernacular architecture in Dade County at the turn of the century and in the 1920's. It is noteworthy for its porch details, use of materials, adaptability to the area's climate, cohesiveness within the neighborhood, straightforward functional character, location and setback, across the bay.

This is one of the oldest and most important houses in Coconut Grove. Known as the Trapp House, for its original builders and owners, it was erected during 1889 and 1890. It was the first native stone house erected in the area, possibly in the County. The "Ft. Dallas/Wm. English" building, a long building on the Miami River used as officers' quarters for Ft. Dallas personnel, was the only earlier building widely known to be of stone. It was built around 1846.

This house was built by Caleb L. Trapp with the help of his son Harlan A. Trapp.

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Original Use:

Private Residence	838==
Apartment Building	838==
Hotel	838==
Commercial	838==
Other:	838==

Areas of Significance:

<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	910==
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	910==
<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration & Settlement	910==
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	910==
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	910==

Present Use:

Private Residence	850==
Apartment Building	850==
Hotel	850==
Commercial	850==
Other:	850==
Culture/Phase <u>American</u>	840==

Period:

<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century	845==
<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	845==

N.R. Classification Category: Building 916==

Specific Dates: Beginning +1890c 844==

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SIGNIFICANCE: (Continued)

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Caleb and his wife, Henrietta Rhodes Trapp, had arrived in Coconut Grove in 1887 from Iowa with their son. They homesteaded land further south in Coconut Grove, then chose this site for a permanent residence. Caleb and Harlan hewed the native oolitic limestone from the natural bluff along Biscayne Bay, just in front of the house site. They quarried carefully, to form the expansive steps leading up to the house when they were finished. The walls of the house were completed on December 28, 1889. This unusually accurate historic date comes from deed records of another house, which used the newly erected Trapp stone house as a benchmark for property boundary-line measurement.

The Trapps were important early residents of Coconut Grove, and stayed for many years. Henrietta and her son Caleb were early and long-term school teachers in Coconut Grove. Henrietta was a sister to Samuel Rhodes, one of the first homesteaders in Coconut Grove (ca. 1876). The family also successfully developed a type of avocado which is known as the Trapp avocado.

Other interesting activities that took place at this house were the establishment of a servicement's canteen run by Mrs. Harlan Trapp during the Spanish-American War of 1898, and visits to the Trapp family by such noted writers as James Whitcomb Riley, Jack London, and Minnie Moore Wilson.

The house was remodeled and enlarged in 1926-1927.

Harlan and his wife Minnie Trapp were still residents of Coconut Grove in the 1940's.

The original portion of the house is probably the northeastern portion behind the second story addition on the present facade.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY: (Continued)

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Mrs. Harlan Trapp, 1940.

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ARCHITECTURAL SITE DATA SUPPLEMENT

ARCHITECT		872==
BUILDER		874==
STYLE AND/OR MODE	Masonry Vernacular	964==
PLAN TYPE	Rectangular	966==
EXTERIOR FABRIC(S)	Stucco, plain, Concrete, rusticated	854==
STRUCTURAL SYSTEM(S)	Masonry	856==
FEATURE OF STRUCTURE (942):		
FOUNDATION:		942==
ROOF TYPE:	Hip	942==
SECONDARY ROOF STRUCTURE(S):	Dormer: shed	942==
CHIMNEY LOCATION:		942==
WINDOW TYPE:	Casement #8: wood	942==
MATERIALS (882):		
CHIMNEY:		882==
ROOF SURFACING:	Abestos shingles	882==
INTERIOR WALLS:		882==
ORNAMENT INTERIOR:		882==
ORNAMENT EXTERIOR:	Same as exterior fabric	882==
QUANTITATIVE DATA (950-960):		
NO. OF STOREYS	2 1/2	950==
NO. OF CHIMNEYS		952==
OTHER (SPECIFY)		954==
		956==

Location of Site (Specific): photorevised, 1969
 Map Reference (incl. scale & date) Key Biscayne Quad.; 1:24000; 1962 812==

Township	Range	Section	1/4 Sec.	1/4 1/4 Sec.	1/4 1/4 1/4 Sec.
812==					

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A POLYGON LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
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812==												

Global Reference Code 884==

Description of Site:
 Site Size (approx. acreage of property) less than ten acres 833==

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Present & Original Physical Appearance (use continuation sheet if necessary)

The Trapp house is a two and one-half story rectangular plan structure with rough coral rock exterior walls and an asphalt shingle covered hipped roof. There is an open porch across the entire front of the first story. The house has three large circular columns on the front which are two stories tall. There is a separate garage with apartments above, located to the northwest of the house.

The stone of which the house is constructed was quarried from the site. The removal of the stone left a series of wide limestone steps in front of the house which are now grown over with plants. The limestone was cut into rough blocks. The beams supporting the porch floor are driftwood.

When built in 1889, the Trapp house was approximately half its present size, the north side of the house being the original portion. The house was remodeled and enlarged to its present size in 1926.

HISTORIC SITE DATA SUPPLEMENT

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Specific Dates: Beginning 1889 844== Ending 846 846==

Areas of Significance (check one or more as appropriate)

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Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary)

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Remarks & Recommendations:

Location of Legal Description:

Dade County Courthouse
73 West Flagler Street
Miami, Florida

Status: Occupied

Ownership: Private

Accessible to the public: restricted

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Major Bibliographic References:

Kent, Gertrude. History of Coconut Grove School

Connolly, Mrs. M. H. Personal interview (by M. K. Evans,
Ivan Rodriguez and Melissa Nash). Miami, Florida,
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