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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**
**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

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

(Complete applicable sections)

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
   - **COUNTY:** Dade

3. **CLASSIFICATION**
   - **CATEGORY:** Building
   - **OWNER:** Public
   - **STATUS:** Occupied
   - **ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC:** Yes

4. **OWNER OF PROPERTY**
   - **NAME:** Plymouth Congregational Church, Inc.
   - **ADDRESS:** 3429 Devon Road, Coconut Grove
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Miami
   - **STATE:** Florida
   - **COUNTY:** Dade

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
   - **COUNTY:** Dade

6. **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**
   - **TITLE OF SURVEY:** Florida Historic Sites Survey
   - **DATE OF SURVEY:** Summer, 1972
   - **DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:** Division of Archives, History and Records Management
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Tallahassee
   - **STATE:** Florida

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**ENTRY DATE:** 11-19-74

**STAMP:** NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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.
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 Harper's Bazaar. 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.
(See Attached Sheet)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Approximate acreage of nominated property: 20

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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12. STATE-LIISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 [x] Local

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

[Signature]

13. NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

[Signature]

Date: February 6, 1974

[Signature] Keeper of The National Register

Date: 

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE : FLORIDA

Date Entered  JAN 21 1975

Name  Location

First Coconut Grove School

Coconut Grove
Dade County

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