PLEASE NOTE

8DA 225 and 8DA 2057 are both part of 8DA 5992, which is listed as a National Register Site
DADE COUNTY HISTORIC SURVEY
SITE INVENTORY FORM

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. 10289-526 868==
lot no. 7901 820==
County Dade 808==
Survey Date 7901 820==
Owner of Site: Name: CONNALLY, Florence Y. 902==
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==
Remarks: Integrity of Site:
☐ Altered 858==
☐ Unaltered 858==
☐ Original Site 858==
☐ Restored ( ) Date: 858==
☐ Moved ( ) Date: 858==
☐ Destroyed ( ) Date: 858==
Reporter (or local contact):
Name: Rodriguez, Ivan A. (Dade County Historic Survey) 848==
Address: Dade County Park and Recreation Department 816==
50 S.W. 32 Road; Miami, Florida 33129 816==
Name of Project: Dade County Historic Survey 980==
Recorder:
Name & Title: Monroe, Elizabeth B. (HSS) 818==
Address: FDAHREM 818==
Previous Survey(s): enter activity/title of survey/name/date/repository 839==
UTH Coordinates

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Photographic Record Numbers 79Da011 (frames 5 & 6) 860==
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. (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

Bibliography:

UNPUBLISHED:
Abstract of Title, Dade Commonwealth Title Insurance Co., Lots 1 & 2, Blk. 30, New Biscayne. On loan from Mrs. E.L. Popenhager.

Miami. Building and Zoning Department, Plumbing Permits, 1919 to Present.


PUBLISHED:
"Father and Son Built Residence of Timber Found on Beach," The Miami Herald, July 25, 1943.


Original Use:
- Private Residence 838=
- Apartment Building 838=
- Hotel 838=
- Commercial 838=
- Other: 838=

Present Use:
- Private Residence 850=
- Apartment Building 850=
- Hotel 850=
- Commercial 850=
- Other: 850=

Nature/Phase American 840=

Areas of Significance:
- Architecture 910=
- Commerce 910=
- Exploration & Settlement 910=
- Social/Humanitarian 910=
- Other: 910=

N.R. Classification Category: Building 916=

Specific Dates: Beginning +1890c 844= Period:
- 20th Century 845=
- 19th Century 845=
SIGNIFICANCE: (Continued)

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.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: (Continued)

Trapp, Mrs. Harlan. My Pioneer Reminiscences. (Miami, Florida)-
Mrs. Harlan Trapp, 1940.
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==
OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING (FREE TEXT) (865==):

ROOF STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: 

MAIN ENTRANCE: Southeast, facade offset right, with glass double doors, with plain wood surrounds. Up 4 steps off of porch.

WINDOW PLACEMENT: 3 Bays first floor, 2 Bays second, regular

WINDOW SURROUNDS AND DECORATION: Casement windows - 6 per bay. Masonry sills first floor, wood surrounds and sills second floor.

PORCHES, VERANDAS, GALLERIES AND BALCONIES: Porch, 1 story, 2 bays, 3 colossal posts, concrete deck, 3-2 story masonry columns across facade resting on pedestals, 2 floor overhangs porch.

EXTERIOR ORNAMENT AND COLOR: Pink & white. 3 story bay at facade center-recessed dormer. Boarded up. Masonry string course between 1 & 2 Roof overhangs with exposed falters & bel boards.

INTERIOR COMMENTS: Carport entrance at left side of building.

OTHER (SPECIFY): 

MAJOR ALTERATIONS (FREE TEXT) (857==):

OUTBUILDINGS (FEATURES OF SITE) (876==): Facing S. Bayshore Drive with oolitic limestone wall at entrance. Several masonry outbuildings at rear (not accessible to survey).

SURROUNDINGS (CLASSIFICATION) Residential

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS (FREE TEXT) (859==):
FLORIDA MASTER
SITE FILE

Site No.  7 Da 225  1009==
Site Name  Trapp Residence  830==

Other Name(s) for Site  * Multi-Listed  8 Da 5992

Other Nos. for Site  930==
Type of Site  Building  906==

Location of Site:
County  Dade  832==
Instructions for locating site (or address)  2521 S. Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, Florida  808==

Ownership:
Owner of Site: Name  M. H. Connally  902==
Address  2521 S. Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove, Fl 903==

Occupant, Tenant or Manager:
Name  904==
Address  905==

Form Prepared By:
Reporter (or local contact):
Name  816==
Address  817==

Recorder:
Name & Title  M. K. Evans, Historic Sites Spec.  818==
Address  Dept. of State, Div. of Archives, History 819==

Date of Site Survey  July, 1972  820==

Previous Survey(s), Excavation(s) or Collection(s) (Enter title of survey, date, whether Federal, State, County or Local, Location of Survey Report(s) and Material's Collected).

N/A

Photographic Record Numbers  72-N-06-1050-1052  839==
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.
**Present Use (check one or more as appropriate)**

- Agricultural 838==
- Commercial 838==
- Educational 838==
- Entertainment 838==
- Government 838==
- Industrial 838==
- Military 838==
- Museum 838==
- Park 838==
- Private Residence 838==
- Religious 838==
- Scientific 838==
- Transportation 838==
- Other (Specify):

**Period (check one or more as appropriate)**

- Pre-Columbia 842==
- 16th Century 842==
- 17th Century 842==
- 18th Century 842==
- 19th Century 842==
- 20th Century 842==

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

**Areas of Significance (check one or more as appropriate)**

- Aboriginal 910==
- Architecture 910==
- Art 910==
- Commerce 910==
- Communications 910==
- Conservation 910==
- Education 910==
- Engineering 910==
- English 910==
- Industry 910==
- Invention 910==
- Landscape Architecture 910==
- Literature 910==
- Military 910==
- Music 910==
- Political 910==
- Science & Technology 910==
- Theatre 910==

**Thematic Classification:**

- Aboriginal 912==
- Architectural 912==
- The Arts 912==
- Exploration & Settlement 912==
- Military 912==
- Political 912==
- Science & Technology 912==

**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

Major Bibliographic References:

Kent, Gertrude. History of Coconut Grove School