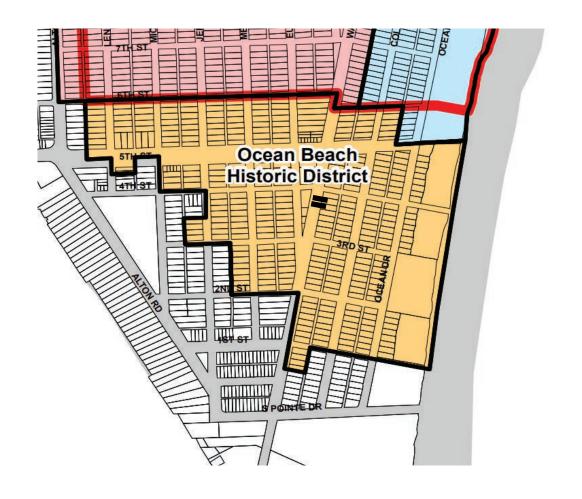


HISTORICAL RESOURCES REPORT FOR 245 / 251 WASHINGTON AVENUE MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

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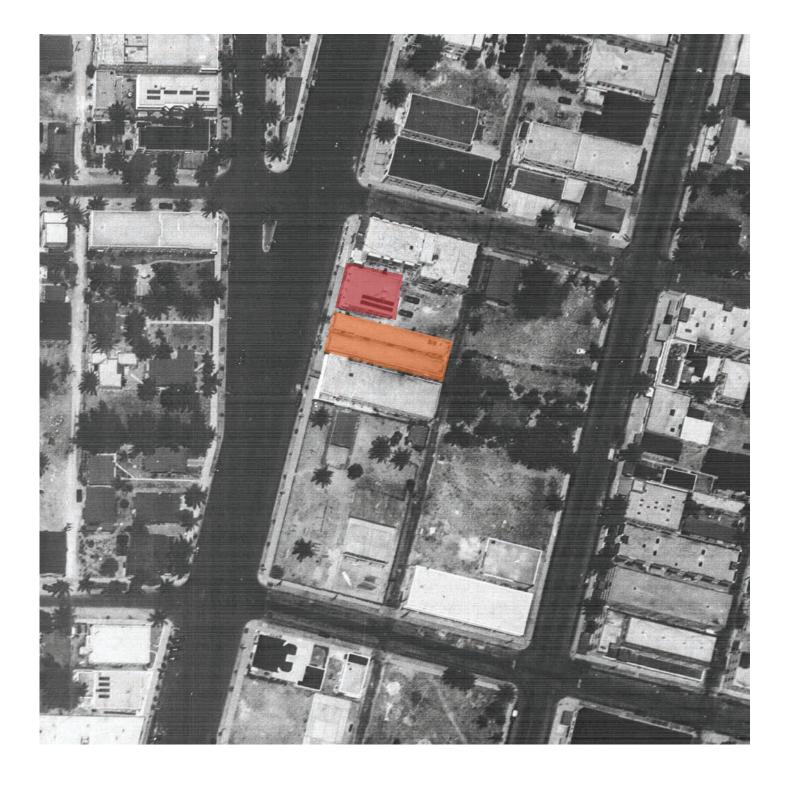
OCEAN BEACH HISTORIC DISTRICT

"In 1995, after noting the potential loss of significant structures and sites in the South Pointe Redevelopment Area, the Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board designated the Ocean Beach Historic District south of Sixth Street."³

The "district represents a significant part of the first settlement on Miami Beach, becoming a magnet for pioneer tourists and adventurous residents of fledgling Miami in the early twentieth century. It is also the site of the first subdivision and infrastructure on the Beach, known as the Ocean Beach subdivision platted in 1912. The first hotel (still in existence at 112 Ocean Drive) is located within that original subdivision. The first recreational bathing facility, Smith's Casino, preceded even the original Ocean Beach subdivision. The "Ocean Beach" area was also at the site of Government Cut, which upon opening, enabled Biscayne Bay to be dredged for ocean liner use and influenced the development of the greater Miami area."⁴

"Ocean Beach was not built for the social elite as areas further north, but as a modest resort community by the sea welcoming the common man. The small scale and simplicity of the architecture is reflective of generally modest Art Deco and Mediterranean Revival Hotels and small apartment houses within the center."









Visible in the 1941 aerial are both the Pall Mall Apartments at 251 Washington Avenue and 245 Washington Avenue. Both would have been completed by 1937.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, 1941

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The 1954 aerial now includes the addition of a 4-unit, one-story apartment building at the rear of 251 Washington Avenue.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, 1954









In 1989 both of the apartment buildings on 251 Washington Avenue have been demolished, as shown in this aerial from 1994.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, 1994

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An Emergency Demolition Order is issued by a City Official in 2003 for 245 Washington Avenue. In this aerial from 2004, both parcels are shown vacant.



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245 WASHINGTON AVENUE



Demolished by Emergoncy Demolition Order of Biulding Official 2003

STATUS: CONTRIBUTING

ADDRESS: 245 WASHNGTON AVENUE

OTHER ADDRESSES:

LEGAL: BLOCK 8, LOT 14

ZONING: LPS -3

NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT: OUFAN BEACH - OPIGINAL SUBDIVISION

ORIGINAL OWNER: M. STEIN HARDT

CURRENT OWNER: BEATING KARSTEIN 245 WASHINGTON AVE. MIAMI BEACH, FL 33139.
PREVIOUS NAMES: MECCH APARTMENTS

PROPERTY NAME:

ARCHITECT: B. MNGSTON HAZL DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1936



STYLE/PERIOD: MEDITERPHIEAN / HET. EXTERIOR CONDITION: 400 POOR DEANSITION AN (UNSELVER)
CURRENT USE: RESIDENTIAL (VARANT)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: MODEST FACADE (STUCCO) W/SCORED ADMISORITH BANDING ACROSS FRONT; STAMMETERCAL ASS W/BANDED & FRUTED PREPARED BY:

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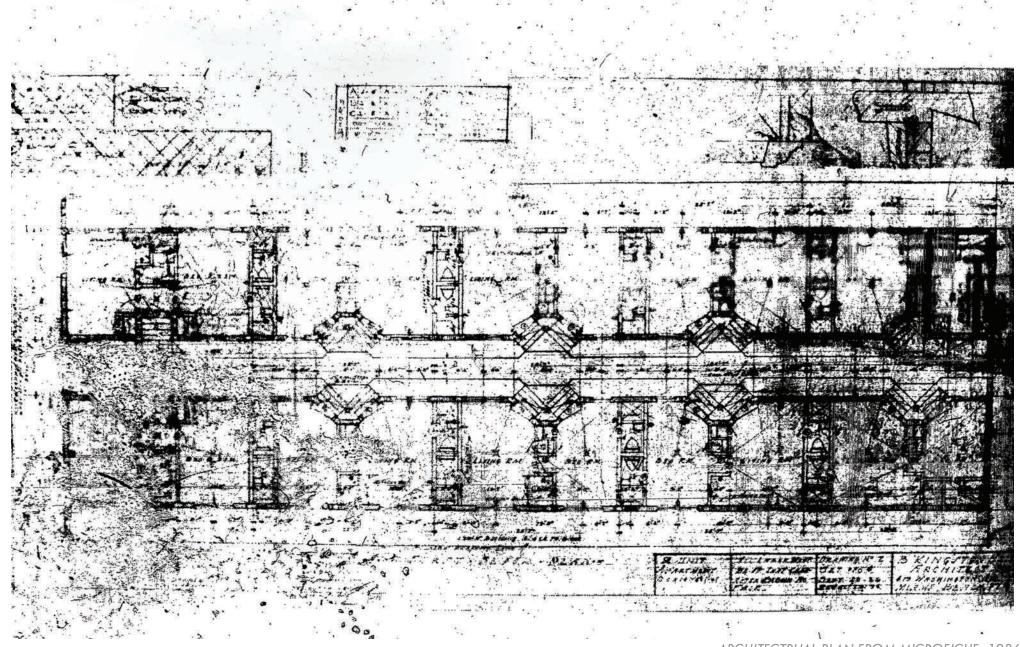
F. DEL TOPO

SUMMARY

On November 30th of 1936, a permit was issued to M. Steinhardt by the Building Department of the City of Miami Beach for the construction of a one-story, concrete block and stucco building. The building, named the Mecca Apartments during the ownership of O. Engelberg, would consist of eight apartments and three hotel rooms.\(^1\) The modest apartment building was designed by B. Kingston Hall, a respected local architect known for his Art Deco work. From the Building Records it appears that the building exhibited minimal upkeep and improvements, other than limited roofing repairs. The building appears to have begun to fall into disrepair by the mid-80's. The continued decline in its upkeep would lead to it's demolition in 2003 under an Emergency Demolition Order issued by the Building Official.\(^2\) The demolition would occur without a Certificate of Appropriateness.







245 WASHINGTON AVENUE

The one-story structure is classified as "contributing" in the Historic District Designation Report and as being designed in a Mediterranean Revival – Art Deco Transitional ("Med-Deco") style.6

The front façade is symmetrical about a central portal that decoratively edged by a rectangular frame consisting of convex fluting. The front wall is composed of a series of horizontal bands with wide, shallow recesses marking the bands. Two rectangular, horizontal windows flank the portal. The top of the parapet is capped by a single row of barrel tiles.

The plan is arranged as two 16 ft wide bars set apart by a 6 ft wide passageway. An interesting detail is the articulation of the apartment entries. Each apartment appeared to have a central entry feature consisting of two, 3 riser steps stairs meeting at 45° and leading to two door openings - one leading to the bedroom and one to the living room.













B. KINGSTON HALL

A local Miami Beach architect with offices during the 1930's on Washington Avenue.⁷ There are over 20 remaining structures designed by Hall remaining on Miami Beach. Of these, most are designated as "contributing" structures.8

THE BLACKSTONE HOTEL

In 1929 Kingston Hall designed the Blackstone Hotel. It was the tallest structure in Miami Beach, which at that time was still "a resort town of low-rise structures." "In 1934, V.H Nellenbogen remodeled the hotel. Originally the structure had 246 hotel rooms but in 1953, Henry Hohauser did the remodeling of 88 apartment units with one bedroom and two baths. In 1988, there were also some renovations but overall the structure has remained essentially unchanged over the years."10

THE SEYMOUR HOTEL

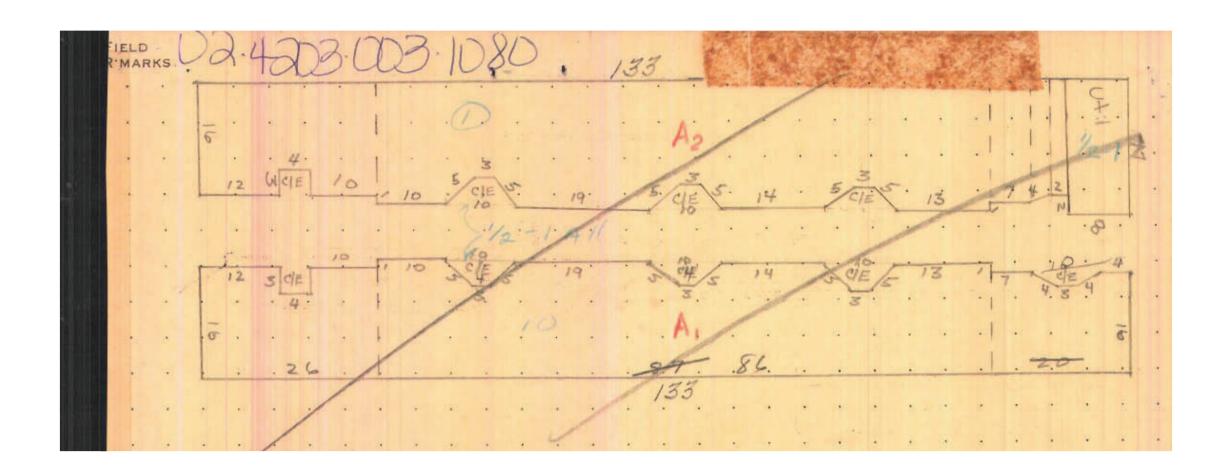
The Seymour Hotel, located at 945 Pennsylvania Avenue, was built in 1936. It has been recently acquired by a boutique hotel brand and will be renovated.

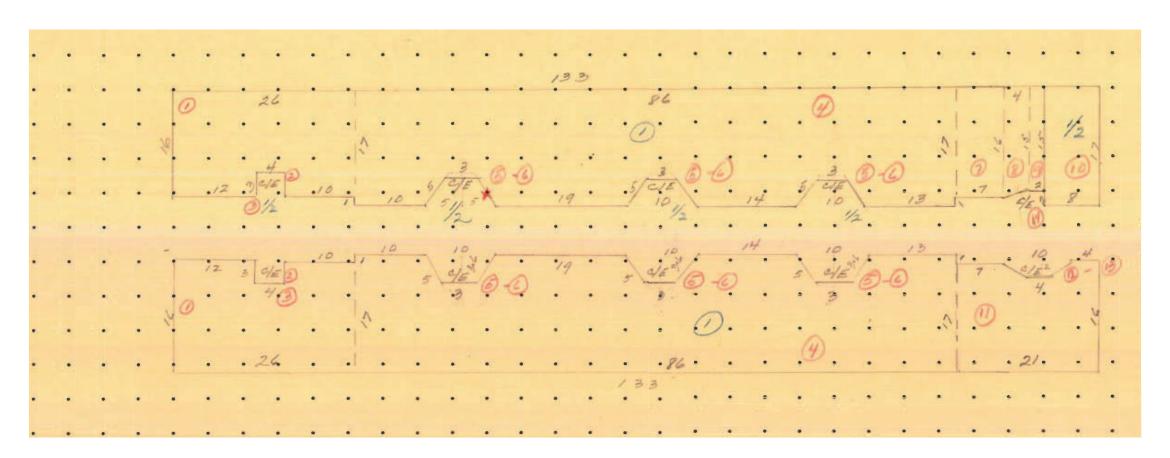
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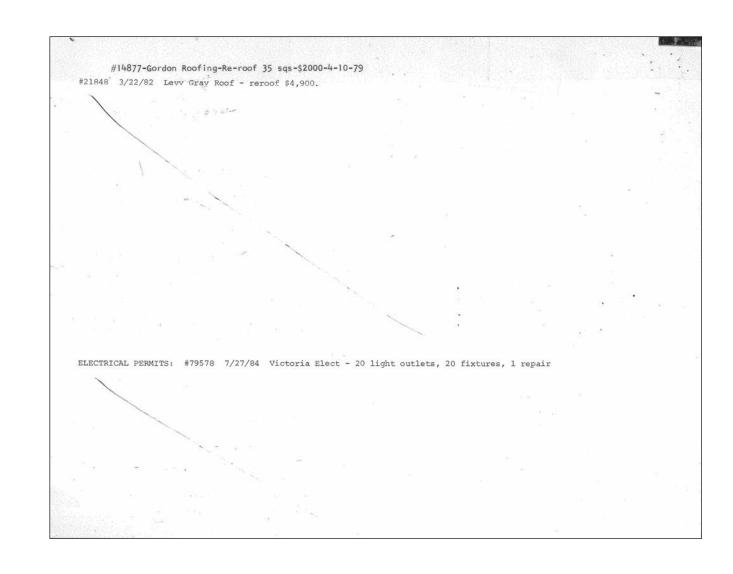


FIELD NOTES AND SKETCH PLAN DIMENSIONED

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APARTMENTS * O. Engel Owner M. STEINHARDT Mailing	Address Permit N		2 34
Lot 14 Block 8 Subdivis	sion 0.B. No. 245	Street Washington	AvDate Nov.30-1
General Contractor A.Kaplan	1099 Address		
Architect B. Kingston Hall	Address		
Front 39-10 Depth 129-9 Height	Stories	1 U	Apartment ho
Type of construction c-b-s- Cost \$	20,000.00 Foundati	on Spread footing	Roofflat r
Plumbing Contractor Fixzit	# 9658 Address		Date Dec. 3-1936
No. fixtures 82 Rough a	approved by gas ok JJ Farr	ev- June 1937	Date
No. Receptacles		W221	©
Plumbing Contractor People's Gas Co		o #	Date June 14-19
No. fixtures set 1 gas stove - Final ag	9 gas heater oproved by		Date
Sewer connection 1 Septic t	ank Make	10 No.	Date
Electrical Contractor Goddard : #	7910 Address		Date Dec. 18-19
No. outlets 54 Heaters Stoves	Motors Fans	Temporary service	•
Rough approved by Recentacles Refrigerator	55 S Date		
Electrical Contractor Goodard	# 8137 Address		DateJan, 12-193
No. fixtures set 92 Final ap	oproved by H.C.Inman		Date
Date of service Jan. 13- 1937			
Alterations or repairs # 12186- Alterat	ion for Boiler room Contracting Company	\$ 500.00-	Date Jan 18-19
	er & tank (275 gals) Merrit	t Oil Burner Mfg.	Co. \$170-Jan. 23-19
# 34920 Painting - 0 # 35609 Roof repairs	Wher - Guaranty Roofing Co. Ir	\$ 200 \$ 82	Jan. 19, 1951 April 18, 1951
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FOUND.	Spr.			,						
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ROOF	TAR	10								
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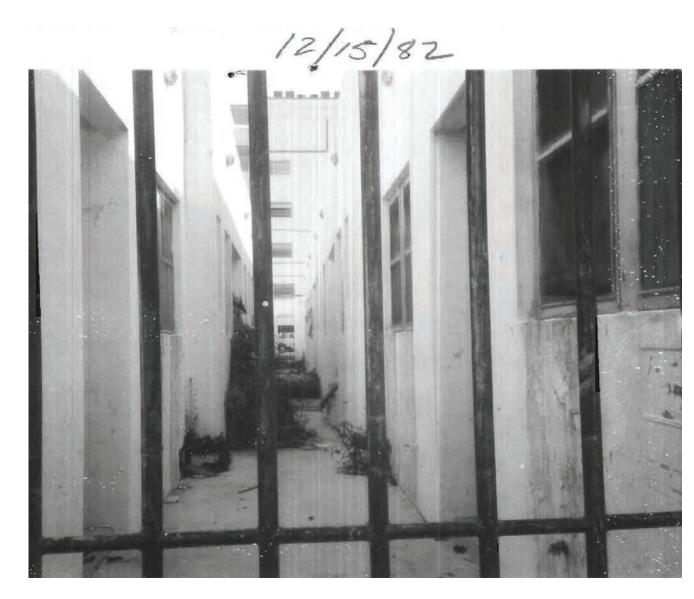


PROPERTY APPRAISER'S CARD, JUNE 2, 1959

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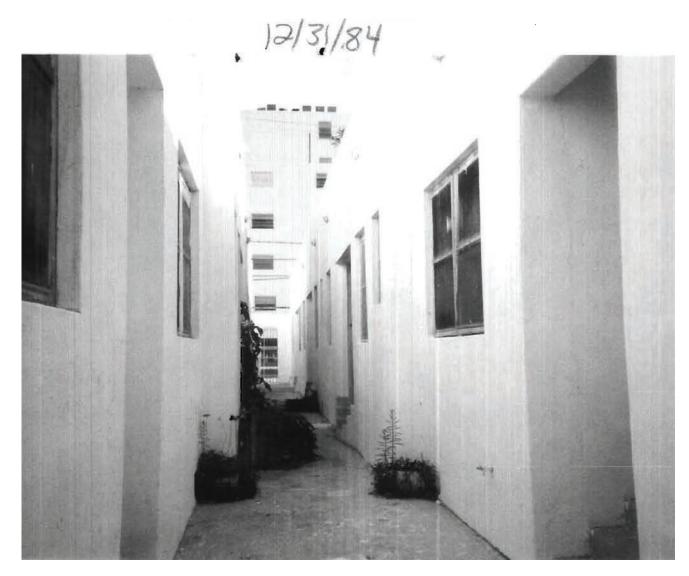


02-4203-03-1080 _ SIGNED J. CHAY DECEMBER 15, 1982

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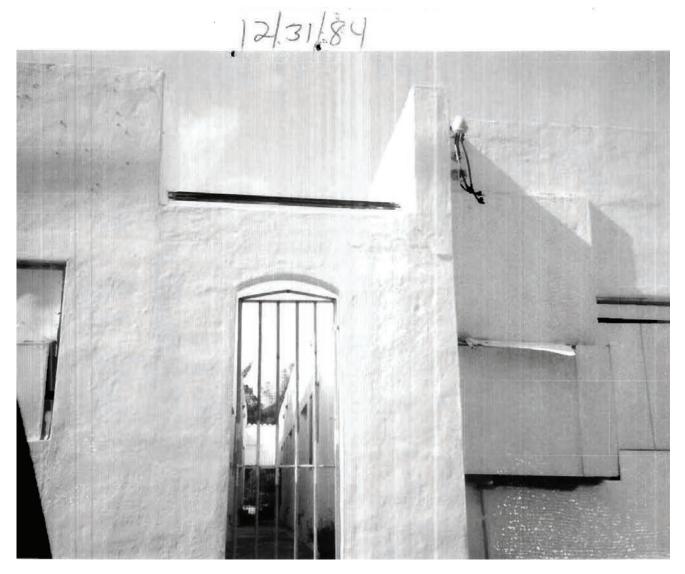


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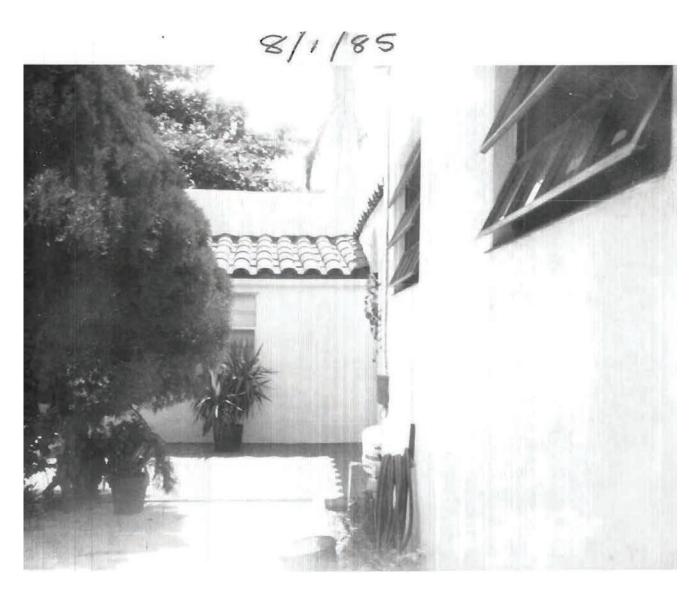
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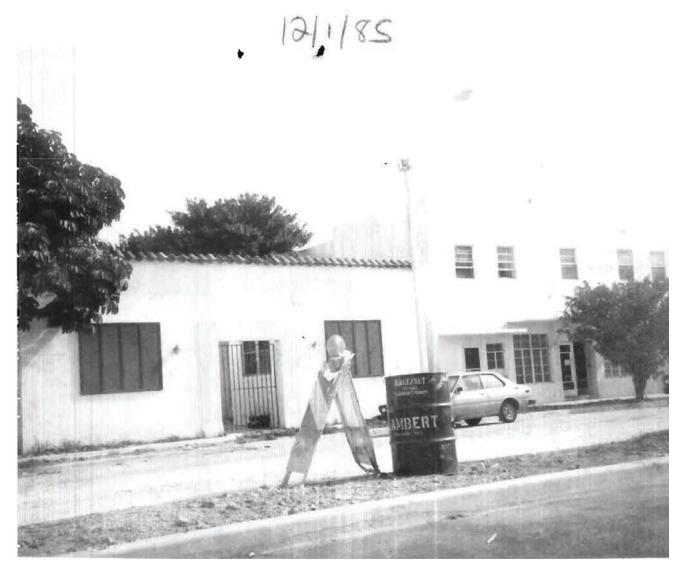


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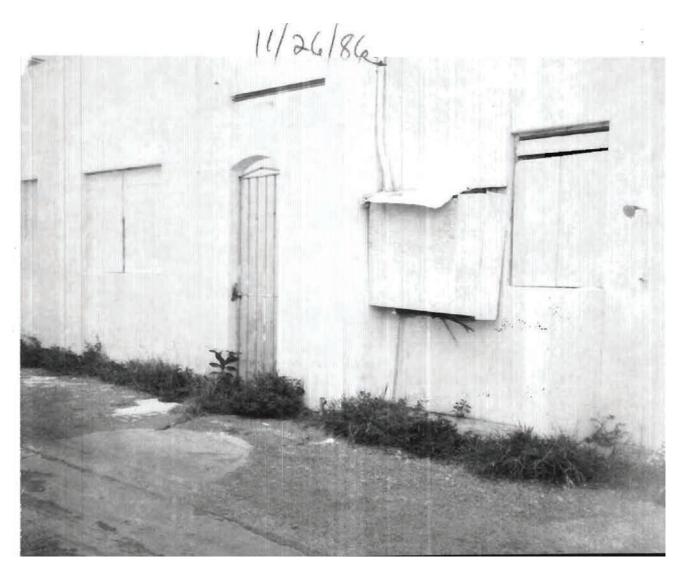


02-3227-08-1190 _ SIGNED RDARITY AUGUST 1, 1985

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02-4203-03-1080 _ SIGNED RDARITY DECEMBER 1, 1985



02-4203-03-1080 _ SIGNED R.LOUIE

"REAR - NO ELECTRIC CONNECTION.

METERS ARE RUSTED AND BROKEN."

NOVEMBER 26, 1986

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02-4203-03-1080 _ SIGNED R.LOUIE "BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS FROM REAR (NOTE BOUBLE PADLOCK)" NOVEMBER 26, 1986



02-4203-03-1080 _ SIGNED R.LOUIE "BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS FROM THE FRONT" NOVEMBER 26, 1986

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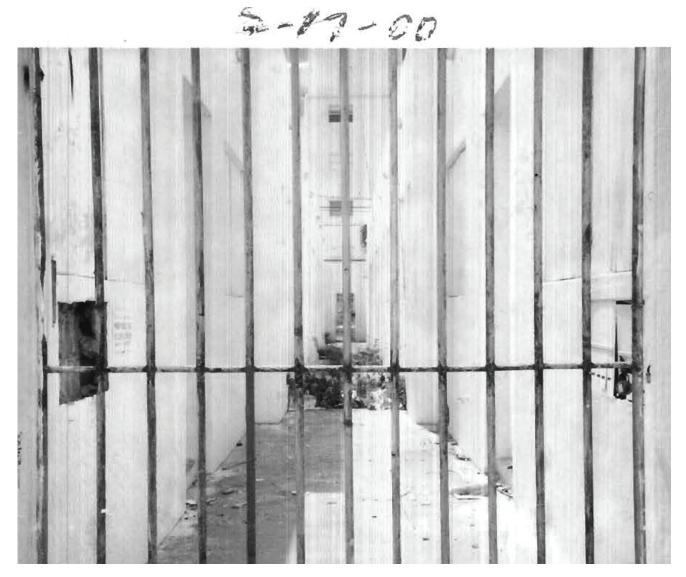


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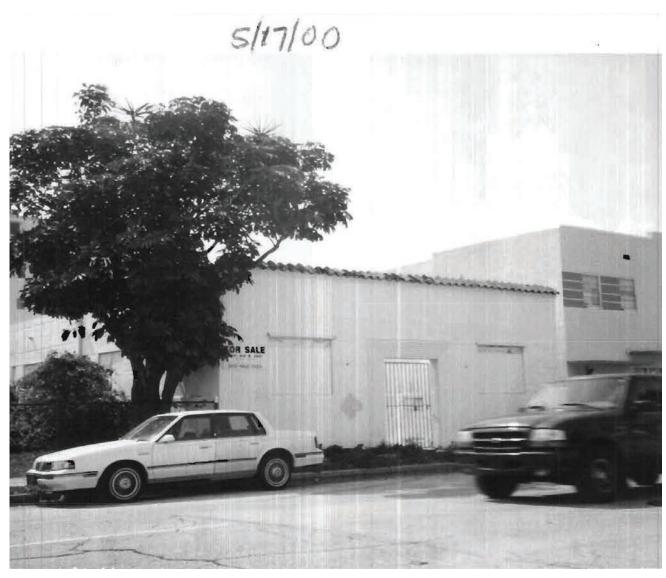
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02-4203-003-1080 _ SIGNED W.S MAY 17, 2000



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251 WASHINGTON AVENUE





Aerial c. 1941

251 WASHINGTON AVENUE

The original structure on 251 Washington Avenue was designed by Edward A. Nolan and built in 1937. It was a two-story, concrete block and stucco apartment building, The Pall Mall Apartments, which was designed for Louis Pall. The building contained four apartments and had a relatively small footprint – 40 feet in width by a depth of 55 feet.

The small footprint of the Pall Mall allowed the construction of a separate, smaller structure in 1952 for Lina Pascual. The second structure was designed by Leonard Glasser and it consisted of a one-story, flat roof, concrete block and stucco apartment building of four units. The footprint of this second structure on the site was 30 feet in width by a depth of 58 feet.

A building permit was issued on September 22nd of 1989 for an Unsafe Structure Demolition. The Building Permit record appears to show that the Unsafe Structure Demolition permit was possibly issued first for the 1937 structure and that a subsequent Demolition permit was then issued for the building at the rear, the 1952 structure.

We are unable to find any images of 251 Washington Avenue.







EDWARD A. NOLAN

The first structure to be built at 251 Washington Avenue was designed by Edward A. Nolan, a wellknown, local architect that worked in South Florida between the 1910's through the 1940's. One of his earlier projects in 1916 was The Chamberlain Apartments. He also designed The Chatham Apartments. Noted in the Historic report for the Chatham: "Symmetric tripartite front facade; ziggurat roofline; eyebrows above windows; horizontal striping on parapet wall; marquee "Chatam Apts" sign above primary entryway; applied wrought iron ornamentation above roofline in the center of the facade; rounded southeast corner of the building."

The Chatham Apartments.







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C	MALL APARTMENTS Owner LOUIS PALL	Mailing Address	Permit No. 10413	
L	ot 15 Block g	Subdivision Ocean Beach	No. 251 Street Washington	ADate Oct.12-193
C	General Contractor Jess E . Ma		Address	
A	Architect Edw. A. Nolan	Bond # 1716	Address N-C	
F	ront 40' Depth 55'	Height	Stories 2 Use	Apartment house
7	ype of construction c/b/s/	Cost 0\$ 18,000.00	Foundation spread footing	Roof flat
F	Plumbing Contractor Fixzit #	10503	Address	Date Oct. 21-1937
•	No. fixtures ¹⁴² NOVERCONSCINS GAS - 12 -	Rough approved by Gas OK J	JJ Farrey- Nov.5-1937 JJ Farrey- Nov.10-1937	Date
F	Plumbing Contractor		Address	Date
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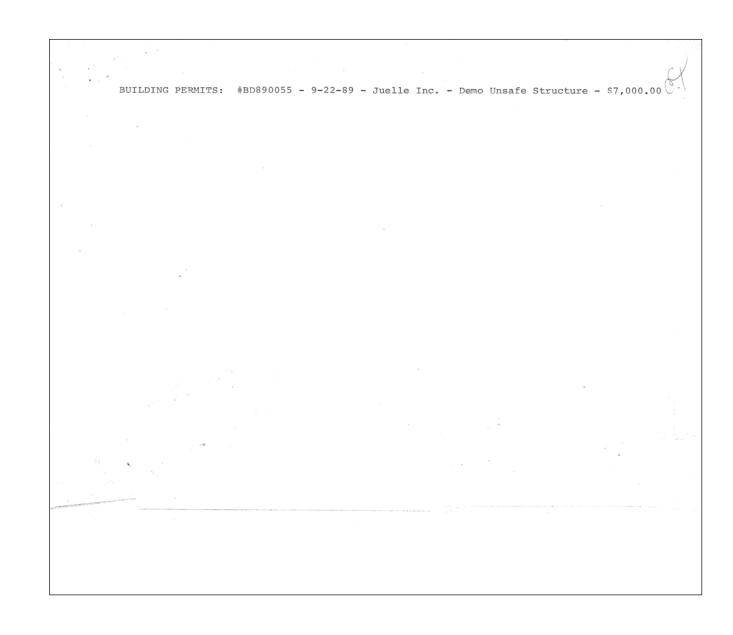
BUILDING CARD, 1937-1989

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BUILDING PERMIT # 32366 Four new kitchen windows - no plans- Owner, day labor # 33192 Painting, outside - Owner # 100...July 27, 1950 \$ 100...July 27, 1950 \$ 500: June 7, 1954 #60978 The Cornell Co. of Fla: Reroof 24½ squares - \$1082.00 - Jan. 7, 1960 #75620 Cornell Roofing Co.: Reroof - \$415 - 1/10/66 #75671 Carruth Roofing Co., Inc.: Reroof - \$600 -1/19/66 #75691 Adams & Beagle Roofing Co., Inc.: Reroof rear 1-story apt. - \$550 - 1/24/66 #85144 - Orkin Exterminating - Tent Fumigation \$758.00 9/26/70 #26480 1/31/85 owner water blast, seal and apint \$1,500. PLUMBING PERMIT # 28522 J.B. Forbes - 4 sinks, August 1, 1949 38039 Dixie Bell Oil Company: one hot water booster May 7, 1956 #47079 G J. Pitsch, 1 Gas Water Heater 2/20/69 #20898 9/17/81 Palmotto Roof - reroof 17 sq \$3,200. #62244 9/9/85 Vega & Son Plumbing 1 replace gas range, repair gas piping ELECTRICAL PERMIT # 29213 Baird Electric: 8 switch outlets, 4 receptacles - July 25, 1949 7/26/49

29246 Baird Electric: 8 Light outlets, 2 Receptacles, 8 Fixtures, 1 Refrigerator,
1 iron, August 1, 1949

251 Washington # 47367 Astor Electric: one receptacle May 4, 1956 OK, Fidler 5/9/1956





BUILDING CARD, 1937-1989

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PERMIT #	COMP_TYPE	SUB_TYPE	APPLIED	APPROVED	EXPIRED	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	STREET_NO STREET_DIRECTION	STREET_NAME	PARCEL_NO
BA905557	AUTOPROJ	ОТН	32997	32903	32918	CLOSED	GARBAGE AND DIRT ON ROOF	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BA910018	AUTOPROJ	DMO	32692		33253	CLOSED	DEMO UNSAFE STRUCTURE	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BA913280	AUTOPROJ	ОТН	32786	32792	32792	CLOSED	GARBAGE - TRASH ON ROOF IN REAR	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BA913558	AUTOPROJ	ОТН	32797	32804	32804	CLOSED	VACANT - TRASH - GARBAGE OF ALL KINDS	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BA914243	AUTOPROJ	ОТН	32811	32827	32827	CLOSED	PM - GARBAGE & JUNK ON ROOF	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BC930548	BCOMPL	ОТН	34214			CLOSED	BLDG FENCE W/O PERMIT/INCL 259 WASH AV	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BMS0402052	BMISC	RESEARCH	38064			CLOSED	RESEARCH	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BMS0404715	BMISC	RESEARCH	38251			CLOSED	RESEARCH	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BMS0701008	BMISC	RESEARCH	39087			CLOSED	RESEARCH	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BMS92302	BMISC	ОТН	36297	36297		CLOSED	MICROFILM	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BSL93011	BSECLIEN	ОТН	33983	32680	34366	CLOSED	BLDG DEPT LIEN FOR SECURING PROPERTY	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BSL93012	BSECLIEN	ОТН	33983	32428	34366	CLOSED	BLDG DEPT LIEN FOR SECURING PROPERTY	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
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BSL93014	BSECLIEN	ОТН	33983	32447	34366	CLOSED	BLDG DEPT LIEN FOR SECURING PROPERTY	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BD890055	DEMO	DMO	32692	32773	33253	CLOSED	DEMO UNSAFE STRUCTURE	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090
BD900010	DEMO	DMO	32938	33073	33253	CLOSED	TOTAL DEMO OF REAR BUILDING PO#D316-74	251	WASHINGTON AV	42030031090



BUILDING PERMIT HISTORY

FOOTNOTES/REFERENCES

- 1 245 Washington Avenue Building Card, City of Miami Beach Building Department
- 2 Ibid.
- 3 Miami Design Preservation League website
- 4 Ocean Beach Historic District Designation Report, Revised 12/10/95, pages 3, 4
- 5 MDPL website
- 6 Ocean Beach Historic District Designation Report, page 27
- 7 Microfiche of Architectural Plan for 245 Washington Avenue, City of Miami Beach Building Department
- 8 MDPL website
- 9 Ibid.
- 10 Ibid.



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