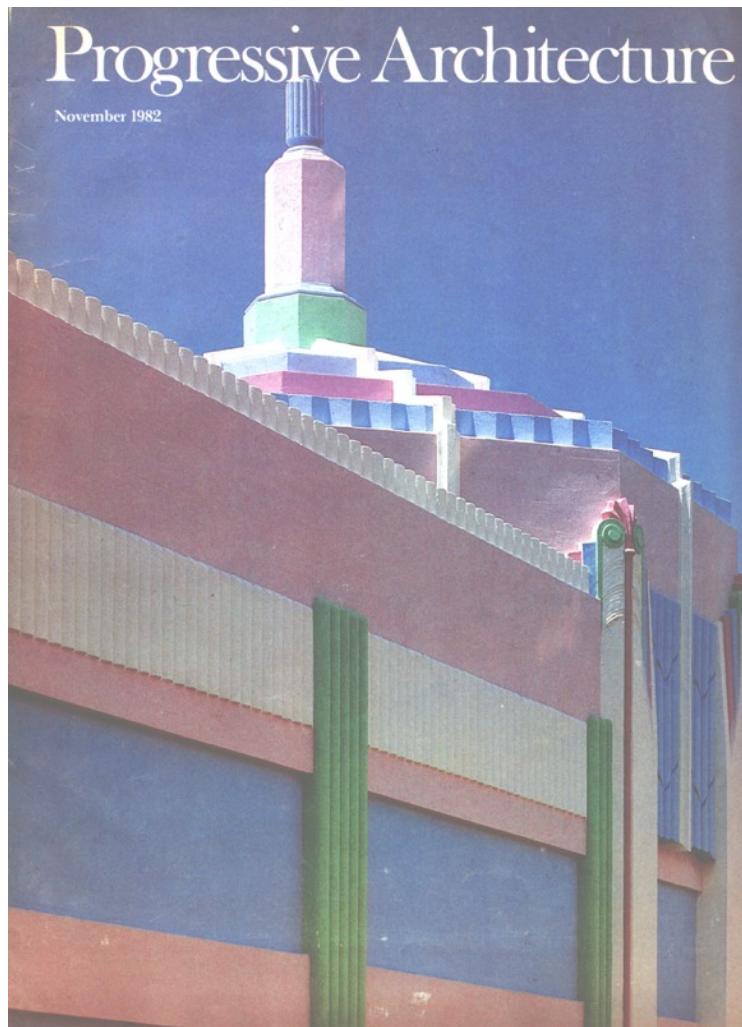


601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE



685 WASHINGTON AVENUE on the PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE MAGAZINE COVER  
NOVEMBER, 1982 courtesy COLLECTION of ARTHUR MARCUS

## HISTORIC RESOURCES REPORT

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655 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE circa 1980's courtesy HISTORY MIAMI

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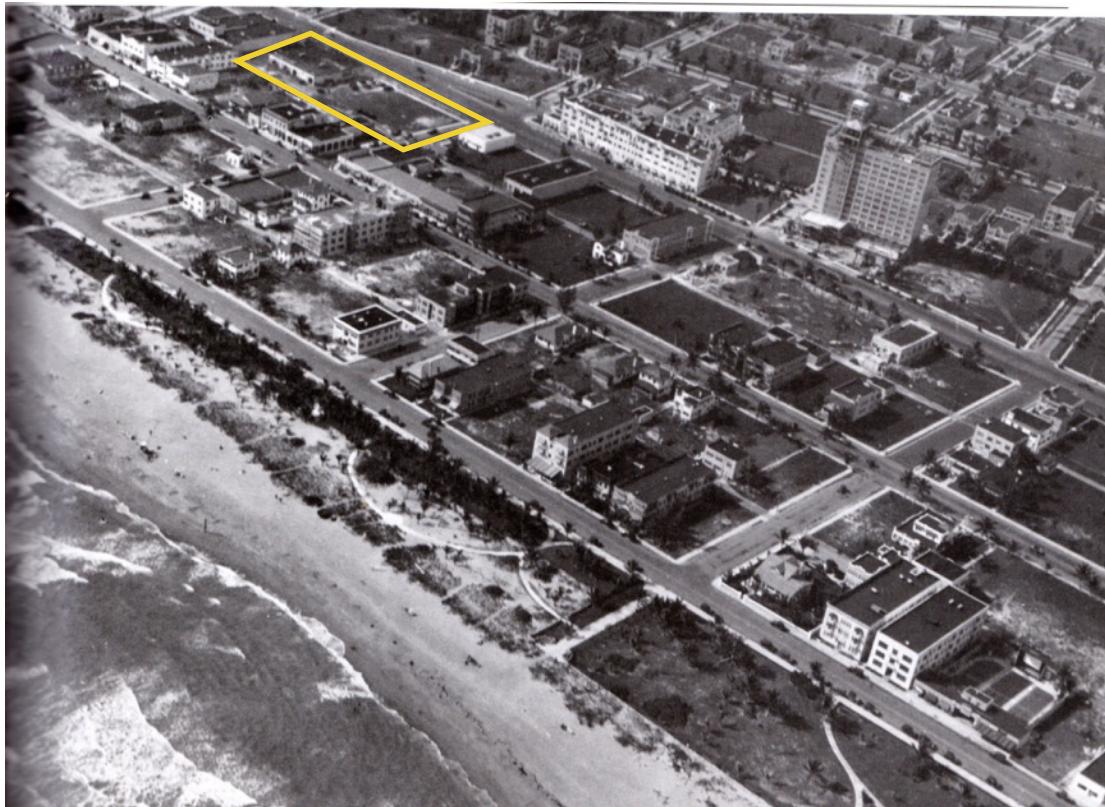
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601 WASHINGTON AVENUE DETAIL 2015 PHOTOGRAPH by ARTHUR MARCUS (11)

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NEIGHBORHOOD AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ABOVE COURTESY HISTORY MIAMI circa 1928.

## SUMMARY of BUILDINGS

ARCHITECT	DESIGNATION	ARCHITECT	YR BUILT	STYLE
<u>601 - 615</u> (1)	Contributing	E. L. Robertson	1934	Art Deco
<u>619 - 621</u> (1)	Non-Contributing	by Owner: J. Monfils	1925	Other
<u>623 - 625</u> (2) (5)	Contributing	John A. Bradley	1926	Other
<u>633 - 637</u> (1)	Contributing	Alexander Lewis	1930	Vernacular
<u>641 - 647</u>	Contributing	by owner: J.C.DeVine	1925	Med Revival
<u>657 - 665</u> (1)	Contributing	E. L. Robertson	1932	Art Deco
<u>669 - 675</u>	Contributing	E. L. Robertson	1933	Art Deco
<u>675 - 685</u> (1)	Contributing	E. L. Robertson	1934	Art Deco

Note that addresses sometimes vary regarding specific properties and between the City of Miami Beach Building Card and Miami Dade County Property Records.

## HISTORY

The first platting of the land in Miami Beach was completed by the Ocean Beach Realty Company owned by the Lummus brothers, who had purchased 605 acres of swamp land south of present day Lincoln Road from the Lum Plantation for a cost ranging from \$150.00 to \$12,500.00 per acre. The platting of this land was included in the third addition of the plat in 1914 for the area between 5th and 14th Sts. (1)

'Between 1912 and 1918 the land form and infrastructure of Miami Beach was created. The first roads were installed in 1913, the first land fill completed in 1914...Lots were given away as a promotion..prospective buyers were brought to the island on boats departing from the Miami mainland every 30 minutes.' (1)

'The basic form and layout of the nominated district was established during the early platting of property between 1912 and 1916. (3) 'By 1935 Miami Beach was ranked by Dun and Bradstreet ninth in the nation for new construction.' (2)

'The Mediterranean style flourished in Miami Beach during the boom period between 1919 and 1926. Art Deco (was) the earliest of the moderne styles, constructed primarily between 1930 and 1936.

The Mediterranean architecture that so dominated Florida in the early part of the twentieth century was at once picturesque - and yet well adapted to time and place". ...it was ... an artists pastiche of Spanish, Italian, French, Venetian, Moorish, Byzantine and Central American architectural elements transformed. (6)

TOP: RESIDENCES ON WASHINGTON AVENUE circa 1920  
 MIDDLE: WASHINGTON AVENUE LOOKING NORTH circa 1928 FROM 11 STREET WITH FRENCH CASINO AT RIGHT  
 LOWER: WASHINGTON AVENUE LOOKING SOUTH FROM 13 STREET circa 1935



The other major influence in architectural style on these buildings was Art Deco. "In the Art Deco style - the earliest of the moderne styles, constructed primarily between 1930 and 1936. The Art Deco structures incorporated classical themes, such as Egyptian and Mayan, in a modern context. (4)

'The building forms are angular, simpler than earlier Mediterranean structures, with elaborate surface ornamentation. The most striking form of ornamentation is the use of bas-relief panels. Some panels utilize geometric patterns, others incorporated stylized forms of tropical birds and plants. In this way, the buildings reinforced the seaside environment promoted to visitors.' (4)

This transitioning from Mediterranean towards Art Deco style architecture is quite evident in the buildings on this block since many incorporate details from the different styles.

'Curiously one of the best examples of Mediterranean Revival style within the nominated district is the "old" City Hall building ( a few blocks north on Washington Avenue) which was constructed in 1927, after the boom period. Again, the use of traditional architectural style was used to bolster a community; this time, to demonstrate that Miami Beach had quickly recovered from the devastating results of the 1926 hurricane. (3)

ABOVE: LOOKING NORTH ON WASHINGTON AVENUE circa 1920'S

MIDDLE: INTERIOR OF SAMETS KOSHER DELICATESSEN AT 737 WASHINGTON AVENUE (15)

BELOW: TYPICAL WASHINGTON AVENUE STORES, 1988  
PHOTOGRAPH by ARTHUR MARCUS



601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE



LOOKING SOUTH ON WASHINGTON AVENUE FROM OLD CITY HALL TOWER @ 11TH & WASHINGTON AVENUE.

*'Miami Beach is a layering of consecutive urban visions, built one on top of the other and compacted in time and space.'* (5)



As Ocean Drive and Collins Avenue more and more became identified almost exclusively with the tourism industry - it was Washington Avenue that developed into the street serving as a bridge between the Ocean Drive / Collins tourist corridor and the local Flamingo Park neighborhood.

Washington Avenue was the street that increasingly served the local residents with grocery stores and banks and theaters and delicatessens and all types of retail establishments. These local residents were also increasingly Jewish and the neighborhood retail establishments reflected this ethnic majority.

Eventually a strong Jewish retail, institutional and residential presence manifested itself in Ocean Beach, especially along Washington and Collins Avenues and Ocean Drive. In the middle decades of the twentieth century, these streets were dotted with small Jewish businesses and apartments filled with Jewish tenants.

At first glance this block of mostly one story retail and restaurant storefronts may seem a bit unassuming. Yet these particular storefronts are among the most significant in Miami Beach - in terms of both their architecture and because of what happened here.

Significantly over 50% of this 600 block was designed by Architect E. L. Robertson, a prominent local Architect in the 1920's, whose brief biography appears elsewhere in this report.



ABOVE: EASTSIDE 600 BLOCK WASHINGTON AVENUE  
1982 courtesy PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE  
BEFORE LEONARD HOROWITZ COLOR SCHEMES  
RIGHT: NEW LEONARD HOROWITZ COLOR SCHEME FOR  
NEARBY PARK CENTRAL HOTEL (1)

"Washington Avenue..is lined with one-story stucco shop buildings on the east side, and taller hotel and bank structures on the west. The merchants of this varied and colorful neighborhood have long catered to an elderly Jewish population that is rapidly giving way to increasing numbers of Haitian and second-wave Cuban refugees." (8)

#### HISTORIC DESIGNATION

During the 1980's the designation efforts by Barbara Capitman and her band of activists began to make progress in designating an historic district for this neighborhood. A major challenge was getting people to understand and see the beauty in Art Deco architecture. A beauty not then yet understood by many. The organization leading the effort was the Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL).

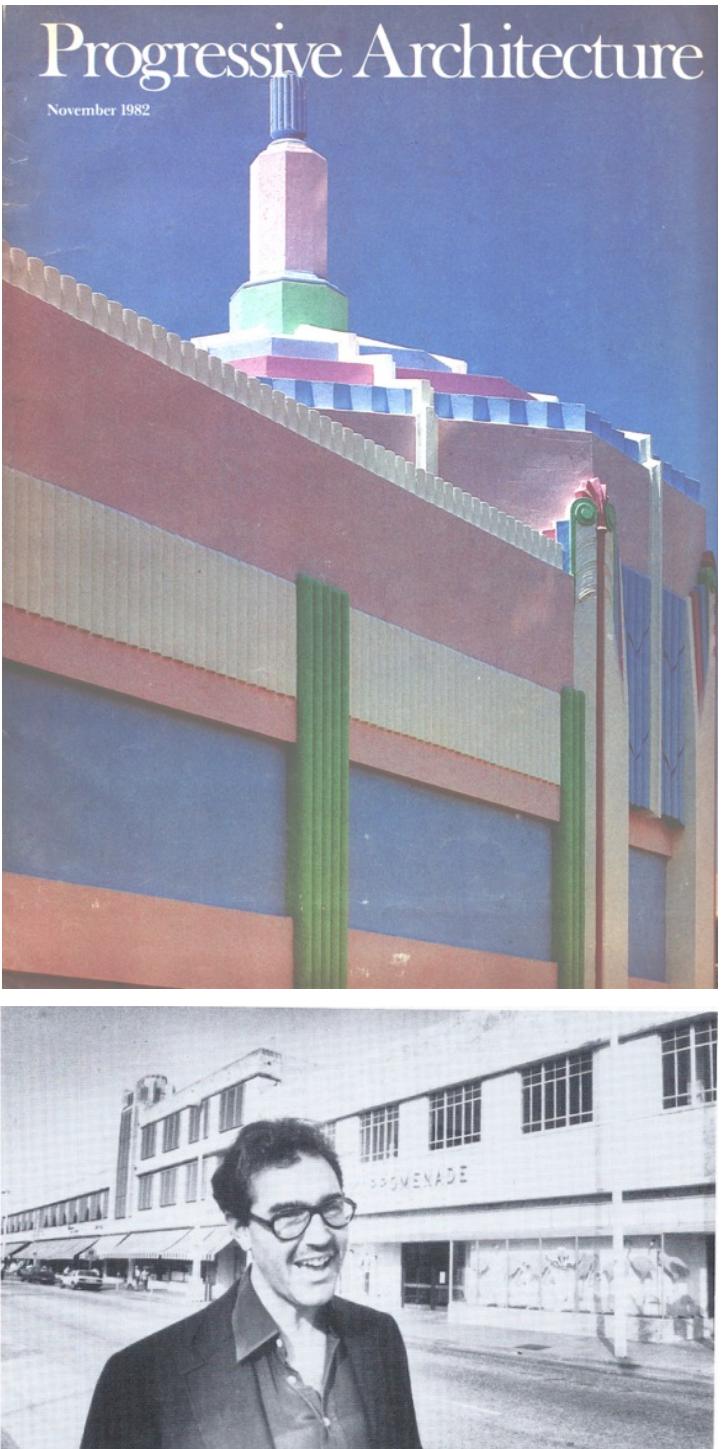


During the 1980's MDPL was headquartered at 637 Washington Avenue - near to the Strand Restaurant (@ 661) which served as the social center for the fledgling South Beach renaissance in the 1980's as well as the unofficial MDPL cafeteria. However it was the local South Beach designer Leonard Horowitz who gave the image to the movement. Leonard was working with MDPL and was commissioned to design a new color palette for the wonderful Art Deco buildings and to trumpet their presence.

The building first selected to showcase this renaissance in color was 685 Washington Avenue as shown on the cover of 'Progressive Architecture' magazine at right, a respected monthly professional journal. Every aspiring Architect typically began subscribing while in school or before.

The colors of Leonard Horowitz were "the result of a program funded by the Dade County Community Economic Development Office. Designer Leonard Horowitz, IDSA, carrying out a plan originally developed along with architect Charles H. Pawley, drew up a program of 40 colors to be chosen in cooperation with local owners and merchants....the candy-box palette may be better suited to the area than the subdued range of whites and pale pastels favored by the Venturi firm..." (9)

Leonard's designs totally changed the manner in which people viewed this architecture. Leonard's brash pastel color schemes caught everyone's attention, including the producers of the hit TV show 'Miami Vice' which was to be filmed in and around South Beach. This show presented South Beach and Leonard's visionary and colorful designs to a much more appreciative and international audience.



ABOVE: COVER OF PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE MAGAZINE NOVEMBER 1982 FEATURING 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE with NEW LEONARD HOROWITZ COLOR SCHEME.

BETWEEN: LEONARD HOROWITZ STANDING IN FRONT OF THE 1200 BLOCK WASHINGTON AVENUE circa 1980's



In a site visit to all of the properties there appears to be no public interior spaces worthy of preservation in any of these buildings.

Interiors in all of the buildings in this report have been renovated many times since these buildings were constructed. The 600 block suffered especially during the 1990's when this block of Washington Avenue was almost solely bars and inexpensive restaurants.

All buildings under consideration are located in the National Register Art Deco Historic District and the local Miami Beach Flamingo Park Historic District.

There were also no records available of the original architectural and/or building plans at the Records Desk at the City of Miami Beach Building Department...for any of these buildings. A letter to this effect to Deborah Tackett at the City of Miami Beach attached at the end of this Report. The Sanborn map of 1932 above shows that the 601-685 Washington block was among the most completely developed as any blocks in the City. at that time.

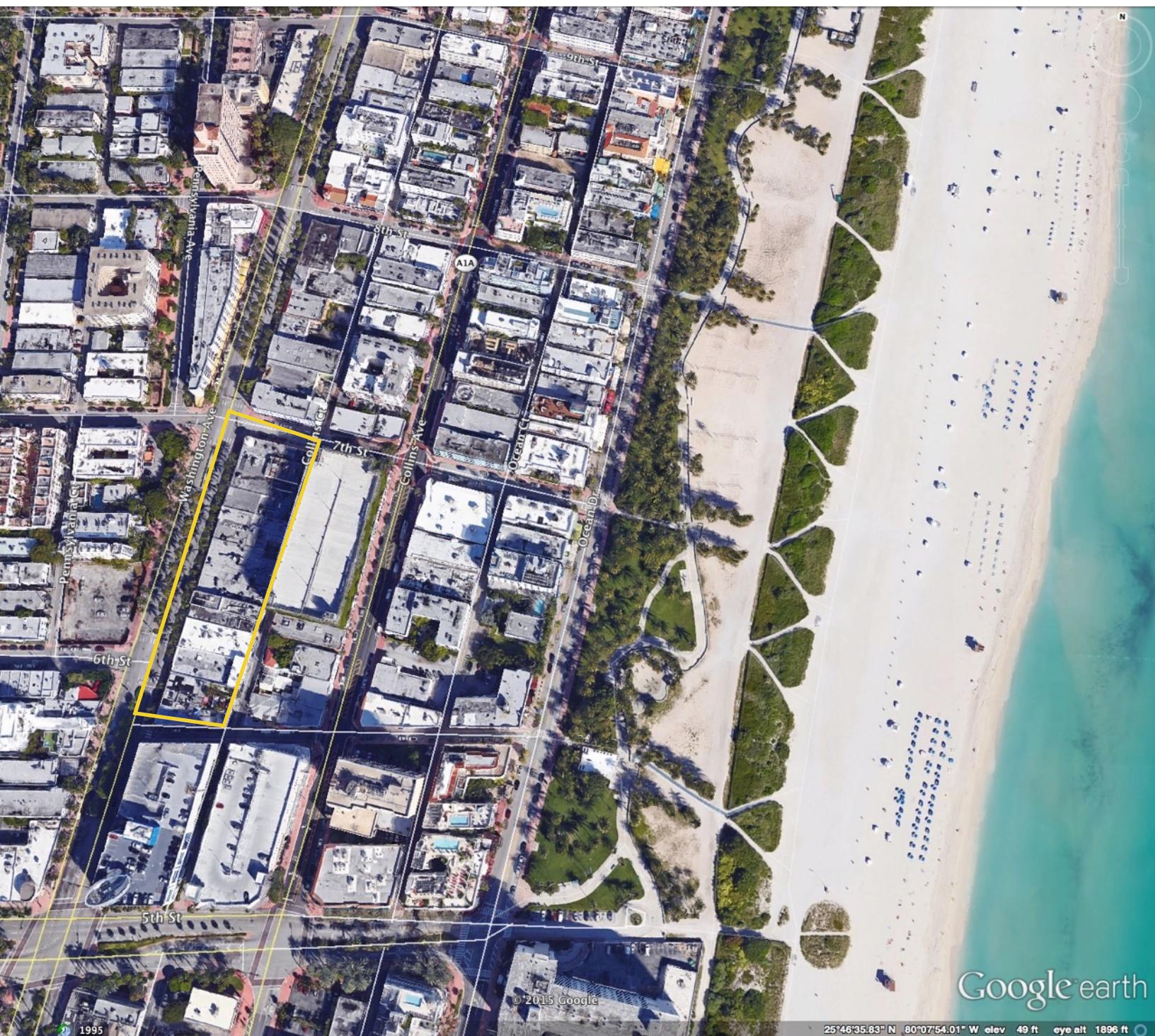
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This 1965 aerial photograph courtesy of the City of Miami Beach Public Works Department shows the 600 block full built out.

The triangular building is the former William Penn Hotel (still existing in a very renovated state) above which can be seen the taller Blackstone Hotel with the building's shadow.



601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE



2015 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH courtesy GOOGLE EARTH

### ROBERTSON & PATERSON ARCHITECTS

The firm of Robertson & Paterson Architects was one of the pre-eminent architectural firms in 1920's Miami. Their commissions included both single and multifamily residential buildings, religious edifices and commercial structures. Their designs spanned the transition from Mediterranean to Art deco architecture, and is a study in the ways that architects dealt with this challenge.

### E. L. ROBERTSON ARCHITECT

(1888 - 1953)

Edwin L. (Ted) Robertson Architect was a native of Mobile, Alabama. He served his architectural apprenticeships with firms in Mobile and in New York City. Prior to moving to Miami Robertson designed St. Paul's Church in Augusta, Georgia. He came to Miami in 1921 and worked with August Geiger Architect until 1923 when the firm of Robertson & Paterson was formed.

### L. R. PATERSON ARCHITECT

Laurence R. Paterson was from Portsmouth, Ohio and was graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in 1910. Prior to forming his own firm he worked with Walter De Garmo Architect, the first registered architect in Miami - from 1915 until 1923, except for time spent in the army during World War I. Robertson & Paterson's offices were in the Calumet Building in downtown Miami.

TOP PHOTO: WOLFSONIAN FIU MUSEUM 1927  
1001 WASHINGTON AVENUE MIAMI BEACH  
MIDDLE PHOTO: NETHERLAND HOTEL,  
1330 OCEAN DRIVE MIAMI BEACH  
LOWER PHOTO: TEMPLE ISRAEL of GREATER MIAMI  
137 N.E. 19th STREET MIAMI 1927 (11)



## ROBERTSON &amp; PATERSON ARCHITECTS

## REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS:

Alcazar Hotel, Miami

Burdines Department Store, Downtown Miami  
by E.L. Robertson & J.R. Weber Architects 1936

Cromer-Cassel Store downtown Miami 1926

later converted to Richards Department Store  
Temple Israel of Greater Miami, Miami 1927  
1001 Washington Ave., Wolfsonian FIU Museum  
aka Washington Storage Co.,  
Miami Beach 1927

601 - 615 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach

625 - 629 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach

651 - 665 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach

665 - 685 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach

Liberty Square Apartments, Miami 1937

Matthews Residence, Star Island

Miller Residence, Lemon City / Miami

Netherland Hotel 1330 Ocean Drive ,

Miami Beach 1936

Club Lido aka Rod &amp; Reel Club,

Hibiscus Island 1925

Miami Edison Middle School, Miami 1931

by George Pfeiffer &amp; E. L. Robertson Architects

1440 Drexel Avenue Miami Beach 1936

Rendale Hotel 3120 Collins Ave

Miami Beach 1940

1512 Washington Ave. Miami Beach 1925

1528 Drexel Avenue Miami Beach 1925

801 Washington Ave., Miami Beach 1929

## ALEXANDER LEWIS ARCHITECT

Alexander Lewis was a practicing architect in the Miami area during the 1920's and designed his buildings in the Mediterranean style. His office was in the Sterling Building he had designed.

## REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS:

Wolpert Apartments, 1924

2500-2512 Biscayne Boulevard., Miami

Sterling Building (original building - 1928)

921 -939 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach

633-637 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach 1930

ARTICLE in the MIAMI DAILY NEWS AND METROPOLIS

JULY 19, 1924

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1926.

## ARCHITECTS ARE BUSY

Designers of Cromer-Cassel Store  
Structure Plan Many Other  
Buildings.

**R**OBERTSON & PATTERSON, the company which prepared plans and co-operated in the construction of the Cromer-Cassel store building, is a firm that is now about two and one-half years old. E. L. Robertson is a native of Mobile, Ala., and received final training in New York City. He has been a resident of Miami seven years and was formerly associated with August Geiger of this city. I. R. Patterson comes from Portsmouth, Ohio. Mr. Patterson is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1910, and has been a resident of Miami for the past 11 years. Before forming the present organization he was connected with the architectural firm of W. C. De Garmo.

Outstanding examples of architecture conceived by this firm are the Dallas Park Apartments, Alhambra Hotel and the recently-completed Alcazar Hotel on the bay front. Individuality and artistic touch is reflected in the newly-built home for James F. Matthews on Star Island, and the residence of Fred Miller at Lemon City, designed by this firm. Numerous apartment and store buildings have been planned by the firm, among which is a 36-family apartment facing City Park and a seven-story building on N. Miami avenue in the 900-block. Plans are now being prepared for a 12-story hotel building that will cost over half a million dollars and will be announced shortly. Plans are also being drawn for a school building to be erected at Arch Creek. Under construction now is a theater in South, Miami for Dorn Brothers, also a two-story bank building, for which Robertson & Patterson are the architects.

Mr. Robertson expressed himself recently as being pleased with the building situation, which he said was getting better daily, the trend being toward commercial buildings.

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## E. L. ROBERTSON



R. D. ROBERTSON

Born in Alabama and educated in Mobile, Mr. Robertson served his apprenticeship with George B. Rogers in that city. Completed his studies in New York and worked in several cities as head draughtsman and superintendent of construction. Was supervising architect for the Savannah hotel at Savannah, Ga., and for the Hotel Dempsey in Macon. Practiced as architect in Augusta, Ga., where his design of St. Paul's church gained him recognition. He came to Miami in 1919 and was associated with August Gelzer until 1922 when the firm of Robertson & Patterson was formed. Mr. Robertson is a member of the Shrine Patrol, the Civilian club and the Miami Chamber of Commerce.

L. R. PATTERSON



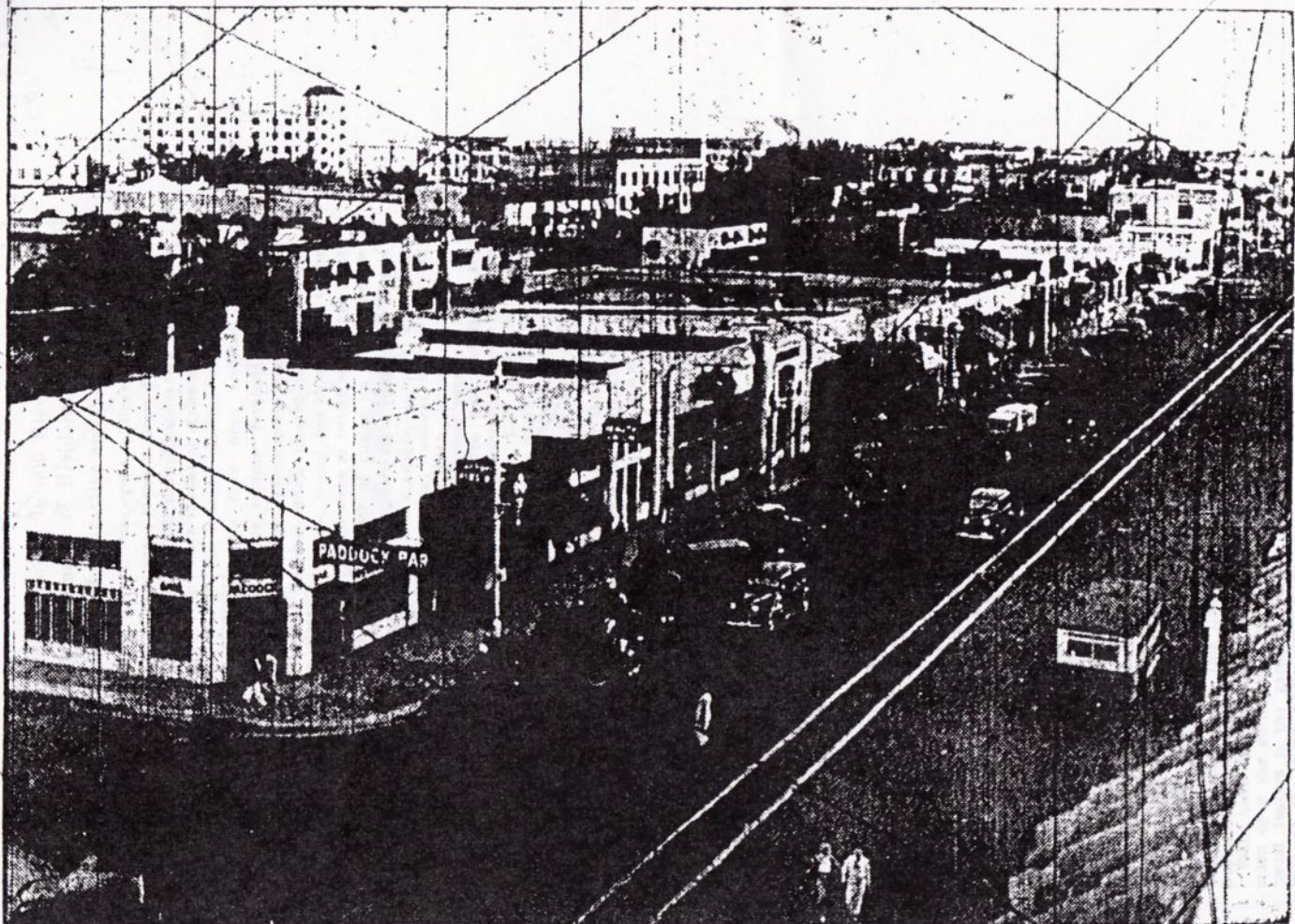
J. H. WATKINSON

A native of Portsmouth, O., Mr. Patterson is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. His early experience was gained in Ohio, after which he was connected with the U. S. Reclamation Service in New Mexico, as engineer. He came to Miami in 1915 when he was associated with W. C. DeGarmo until 1923 except for such time spent in the service of the United States during the war, emerging with the rank of lieutenant after active service in Haiti and in France. Mr. Patterson is a member of the D. K. I. fraternity, the Masons, the Elks, the American Legion, the Exchange Club, the F. A. A. and the Miami Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the firm of Robertson & Patterson with offices in the Calumet building, Miami.

ABOVE: ARTICLE in MIAMI HERALD

FEB. 17, 1935 pp. 9-13

PROGRESSIVE FIRMS FOUND IN WASHINGTON AVE., MIAMI BEACH

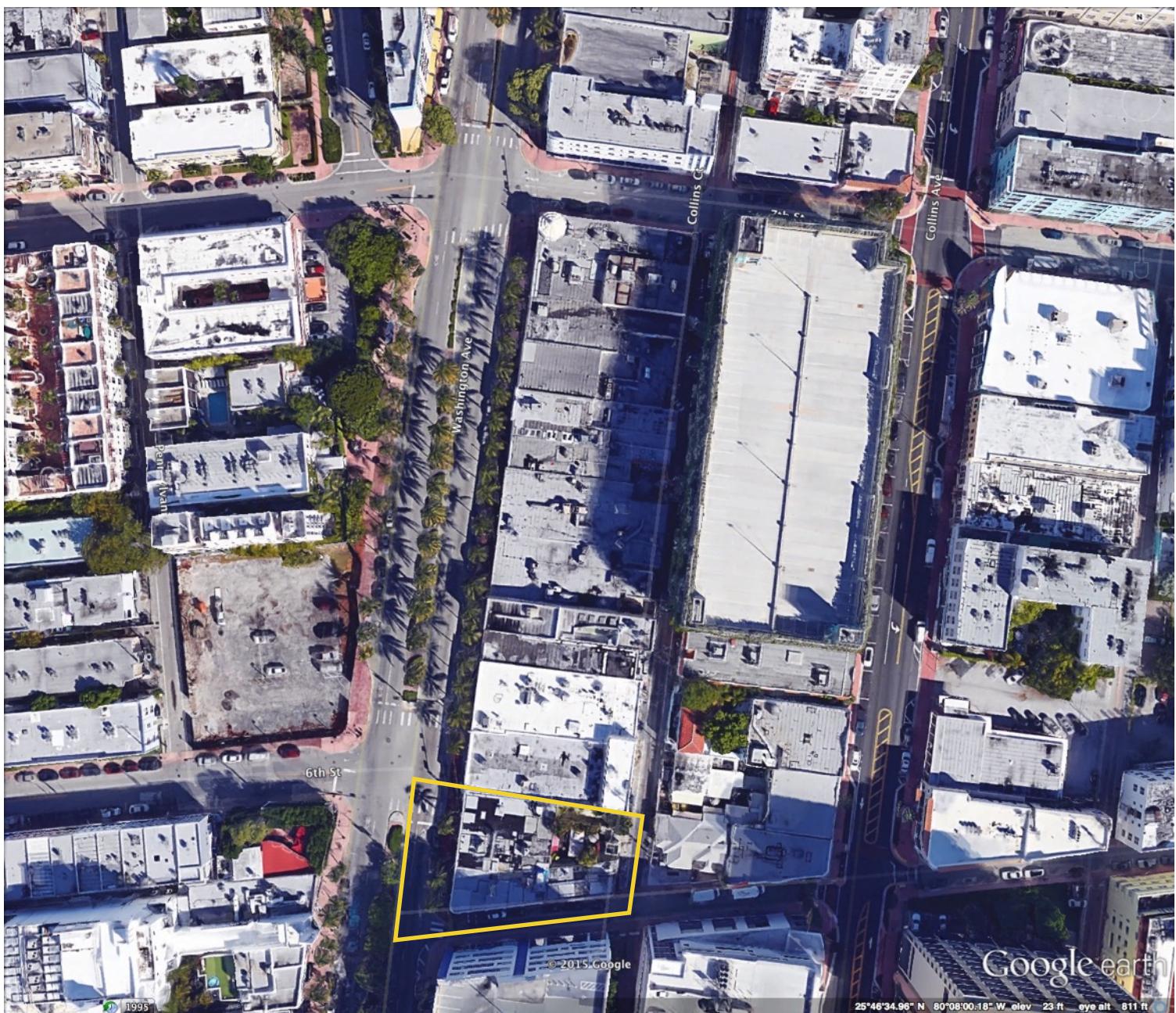


This view in the 600 block, Washington avenue, Miami Beach, shows the modern stores, shops and other establishments that serve the residents of the city and winter visitors. Among the firms that report an unusually active business and are widely patronized are the Capital Dress Company, 627 Washington avenue, which also has its original store at 244 N. Miami avenue, Miami; the Jacques Beauty Salon, 677 Washington Avenue; the Wolfson Realty Company, 665 Washington avenue; the Miami Beach Hardware and Paint Company, 621 Washington avenue; Mamie's Dress Shop, 655 Washington avenue; the Tip Top Bar and Grill, 663 Washington avenue, and the Miami Beach Cycle Company, 623 Washington avenue.

"PROGRESSIVE FIRMS FOUND IN WASHINGTON AVE., MIAMI BEACH

This view of the 600 block, Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, shows the modern stores, shops and other establishments that serve the residents of the city and their winter visitors. Among the firms that report an unusually active business and are widely patronized are the Capital Dress Company @ 627...the Jacques Beauty Salon @ 677...the Wolfson Realty Co., @ 665...the Miami Beach Hardware and Paint Co., @ 621...Mamie's Dress Shop @ 655...Tip-Top Bar @and Grill @ 663...and the Miami Beach Cycle Company @ 623 Washington."

601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE



601+603+607+611+615 Washington Ave.

RIGHT: ARCHITECTURAL FRIEZE DETAIL @601 WASHINGTON  
PHOTOGRAPH by ARTHUR MARCUS (11)

NOTE: REFER TO PAGE 112 FOR SELECTED ORIGINAL  
ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS FOR THIS BUILDING





## 601 - 615 Washington Avenue

ARCHITECT: E. L. ROBERTSON

YEAR BUILT: 1934

DESIGNATION: CONTRIBUTING

This is a very early example of Art Deco monumentality with a careful attention to detail. This highly ornamented early Art Deco corner building was constructed roughly at the same time as addresses 657 - 685 Washington at the northern end of this same block on Washington Avenue with both being designed by the same architect E. L. Robertson. His designs provide very different design directions for buildings that remain related and act as a set of unified bookends for this block. Along with other infill buildings on this block which continue the architectural design quality of the corners this block is among themes noteworthy on Washington Avenue.

TOP PHOTOGRAPH: 2015 CORNER PANORAMA (11)

LEFT: 2015 PHOTOGRAPH ALONG WASHINGTON AVENUE (11)





ABOVE: WALL DETAIL ALONG SIXTH STREET from DECO DELIGHTS by BARBARA CAPITMAN 1988

RIGHT: PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE MAGAZINE, NOVEMBER 1982 by STEVEN BROOKE

Locally noted Architect E. L. Robertson designed these buildings in the early 1930's and which comprise over 50% of the total building frontage on this block. This building is noted in the Miami Beach database as 'Contributing'. Photographs of this building have consistently been lauded as prime examples of the Art Deco style and have been featured in the book 'Deco Delights' by Barbara Capitman, published in 1988 and in the seminal article "Deco Rating" in Progressive Architecture Magazine in November, 1982.

"The Art Deco structures incorporated classical themes, such as Egyptian and Mayan, in a modern context.(4) 'The building forms are angular, simpler than earlier Mediterranean structures, with elaborate surface ornamentation.





The most striking form of ornamentation is the use of bas-relief panels. Some panels utilize geometric patterns, others incorporated stylized forms of tropical birds and plants. In this way, the buildings reinforced the seaside environment promoted to visitors.'

In the 1920's and 1930's this was a stylish neighborhood, with the Blackstone and William Penn Hotels just across the street. The development of these 'stylish' stores was an early attempt to cater to the guests of these higher end hotels. As the newspaper articles which follow state, these efforts by one developer - J.C. Devine - to build out most of this entire city block, was an early version of the shopping center as later developed.

To the east along Sixth Street - a shorter concrete building is visible behind the original structure. This separate structure occupies a portion of the property behind the original 601-615 building. The window and door openings to this building have been altered over the years. Compare the Sixth Street elevation photograph from 1988 on page 19 with the photograph above. This addition is not historic as can also clearly be verified on the Sanborn Map on page 11 of this report.

The two bays in the original building which currently contain blank concrete block walls and clerestory windows along Sixth Street may be opened up with discussions and approvals from the City of Miami Beach Planning & Zoning Department. These clerestory windows have also been added to this elevation subsequent to the 1988 photograph on page 19. This non-original rear building also has a separate address of 217 6th Street. The photograph below shows the rear (east) elevation along the alley. At the far left is the open-air patio behind part of the 601-615 building.

2015 PHOTOGRAPHS by ARTHUR MARCUS





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LOT	#1-12	BLOCK	34	SUBDIVISION	Ocean Beach #1	ADDRESS	615 Washington Ave.
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LOT 11-12 BLOCK 34 SUBDIVISION Ocean Beach #1 ADDRESS 601 Washington Ave.**ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS****Building Permits:** #08287 Acolite Sign 1201-75/345-A

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#75479-True Electric-2 receptacles, 9 fixtures-5-8-79

LOT 11-12 BLOCK 34 SUBDIVISION Ocean Beach #1 ADDRESS 605 Washington Ave.  
(for entries before 7-1-75, see card #1345)

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## **Plumbing Permits:**

## **Electrical Permits:**

(For entries before 7-1-75, see card #1345)

LOT	BLOCK	SUBDIVISION	OCEAN BEACH #1	ADDRESS
11-12	34			<u>609 Washington Ave.</u>

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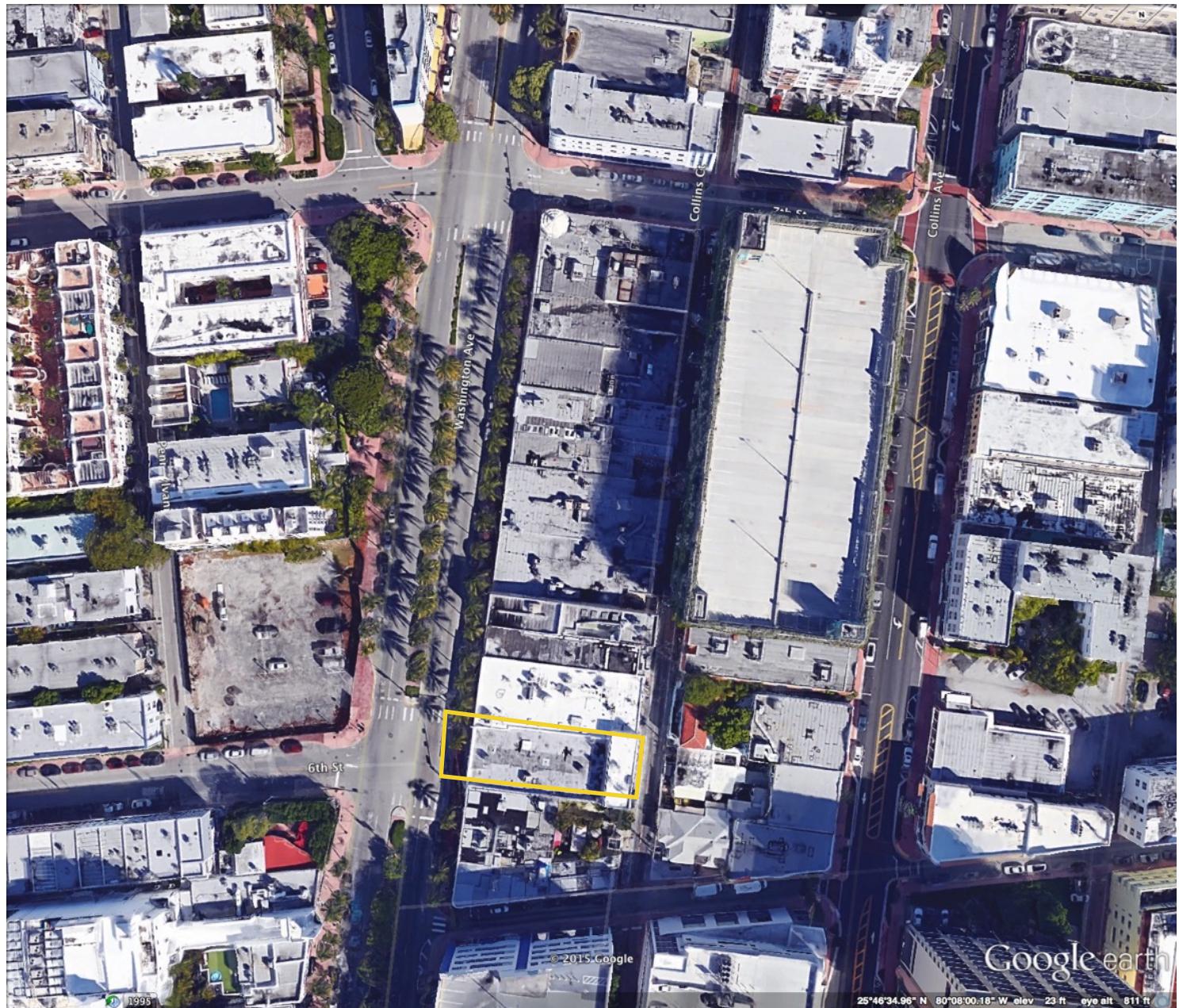
**Building Permits:** #M06392 9/14/83 Air cond & Appl - 1½ ton air cond central

Plumbing Permits:

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Electrical Permits:

601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE



617 + 619 + 621 Washington Avenue





2) 617 + 619 + 621 Washington Avenue

ARCHITECT: J. Monfils (the Owner)

YEAR BUILT: 1939

DESIGNATION: Non-Contributing

This building has the Owner - J. Monfils listed as the Architect on the Building Card. The building is noted as having been constructed in 1939. Above is a 2015 photograph (1) showing the two storefronts above with knee-walls and door entrances. Below is a photograph of the building from 1995 courtesy the City of Miami Beach Planning & Zoning Department. Note that the building had no decoration on the front elevation at that time. The building is noted as having been rebuilt after a fire in 1948.



Owner J, MONFILS	Mailing Address	Permit No.	2049	Date Dec. 20-1925
Lot 13 Block 34	Subdivision OCEAN BEACH #1 Address	617 - 619 & 621 Washington ave.		
General Contractor Owner	Address	4203-04-082		
Architect Owner	Address			
Front 50' 0 Depth 105' 0	Height			
Type of construction C/B/S/	Cost \$ 10,000.00			
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Pumbing Fixtures				
Gas Stoves	#12334 - Geo. Wilbraham;	Water closet anti-lavatory -	Aug. 11-1939	
Gas Heaters				
Sewer connection				
Electrical Contractor E. Marshall	Address			
OUTLETS Light 9	Range 1	Motors 1	Fans	
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Electrical Contractor E Marshall -	14 light outlets			
No. fixtures set 10	Lyon & Marshall	Final approved by		
Date of service				
File # 14068: Lyon Electric- 2 switch, 2 light outlets; 2 fixtures - 1 center - Dec. 11-1939				
Alterations or repairs				
BUILDING PERMIT # 14441-	1 SIGN- 7'6 X 3'4 - kodak finishing	#621 Washington ave- \$ 100.	Date August 10 - 1940	
ELECTRICAL PERMIT # 15413--	B.L. Riesner Neon Co-	-- - - - -	August 10 - 1940	
PLUMBING PERMIT # 14524 -Leo Hohauger- 1 gas range	1 neon transformer- -- - - -	-- - - - -	Nov. 12-1940	
ELECTRICAL # 17912- State Electric- 1 receptacle -	Rough --OK --Bell-- 11-13-40	4 fixtures- Nov. 5, 1941		

## ALTERATIONS &amp; ADDITIONS

## Building Permits

BOND #3995 Arthur's Inc. 619-621 Washington 621 Wash.	# 28411	DEMOLITION --cleaning up after fire-Marks Bros., Corp. -\$1,500 .. Oct. 8, 1948
	# 28690	Sand blasting - gunite - R.J. Walters Co.
	# 28796	Rebuilding after fire: L. Murray Dixon, architect: P.J. Davis-Smith, contractor: #2 CBS 50' x 100' \$ 1,600..Nov. 3, 1948
619 Washington	# 29247	Flat wall sign - Tropicalites, contr. \$ 300 .. Jan. 10, 1949
619 Washington	# 31423	Shelving, bins, booths & Partitions - Owner \$ 500...Nov. 16, 1949
619 Washington	# 31531	One roller awning - A. C. Awning Company, contr. \$ 155.....Nov 28, 1949
619 Washington	# 34408	Rearof store - repair to roof - Pearce Nu-Roof Co. \$ 220... Dec. 1, 1950

## Plumbing Permits: # 18307 O. Schweitzer - 1 floor drain, 1 safe waste drain - June 13, 1945

621 Washington # 18325	O. Schweitzer	1 gas range (2 burner) June 22, 1945
619 Washington # 27537	Levi Plumbing:	2 water closet, 2 lavatory, 2 roof drains - Nov. 24, 1948
619-21 Wash. # 27567	Levi Plumbing:	1 sand trap additional to permit #27537 --- Nov. 30, 1948
621 Washington # 33431	Herman March:	1 Sink, 2 Floor drains, 2 Safe waste drains, June 3, 1952
621 Washington # 33481	Alex. Orr, Assoc.	3 Floor drains, 7 Safe waste drains, June 16, 1952-LR 8-5-52
621 Wash #42150	Peoples Gas: 1 gas water heater - 2/12/60	

## Electrical Permits:

Marty's Photos	# 20140...	Lyon Electric.... 2 motors... March 9, 1944
621 Washington	# 25525	Angler Electric: 7 switch outlets, 3 receptacles, 3 fixtures, 7 space heaters, 3 motors, 1 center of distribution- Dec. 26, 1947
621 Washington	# 26923	Flamingo Electric: 2 motors, 2 centers of distribution August 6, 1948
617 Wash. Ave.	# 27372	Toby Electric: 1 temporary service- Oct. 12, 1948
619-21 Wash.	# 27794	Lowry Electric: 2 switch outlets, 37 light outlets, 12 receptacles, 37 fixtures, 6 centers of distribution, 1 service equipment Dec. 2, 1948
619-21 Wash.	# 28008	Lowry Electric: 1 temporary service- Jan. 3, 1948
621 Wash.	# 28058	Hill York: 3 motors, 3 centers of distribution - Jan. 10, 1949
621 Wash.	# 28061	Tropicalites: 2 neon transformers - Jan. 10, 1949
621 Washington # 29332	Angler Electric:	2 motors... March 9, 1944
621 Washington # 36731	York Sign Co:	3 Receptacles, 1 Motor, 1 Meter change, August 10, 1949
		8-15-49
		June 12, 1952
		Oct. 1, 1952
		2/12/60
		# 27655 M.I. Aviation

Lot	Block	Subdivision	ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS
<b>Building Permits:</b> #03501-Jorge Valdez-Cleaning and paint exterior-\$600-7-3-73			
<b>#2814-New Era Refrigeration- 3hp refrigeration-12-3-73-\$4200</b>			
#069996-Magnetized Sign-Paint sign on building-\$200-3-14-75 #09126-Snapp Industries-Gunit repair to 1 beam at first floor level-\$1600-5-20-76			
#14438-Crpwn Neon-Washington Produce- Sign 3 x 14-\$805-1-2-79 12-18-80/#90293/remodel to make medical clinic offices upstairs/Grant J. Ostlund/\$20,000			
#24252 7/19/83 RLS Steven - reroof 20 sqs to work from alley \$2,100.			
 <b>Plumbing Permits:</b>			
#56706 - Pitsch Plumbing - 1 rgh, 1 set grease trap - 1 rgh, 1 set lavatory - 1 rgh, 1 set sink, pot/2 comp - 1 rgh, 1 set sink 1 comp - 1 heater new installation 11/30/78			
#56742-All Star Plumbing- 2 lavatory, 1 laundry tray-12-13-78 1-2-81/#59123/lavatories, 1 residence sink, 1 water closet, 1 new heater installation/Wenzel Plumbing/\$23			
 <b>Electrical Permits:</b>			
<b>#71455-Ocean Electric- 230 amps service-7-22-74</b>			
#75248-Crown Neon-Washington Produce- 6 sign tubes, 2 sign transformers-12-79 12-17-80/#76812/40 switch & light outlets, 40 receptacles, 125a amp, 1 range top, 1 water heater, 3.5t air conditioner 80 fixtures/Viking Electric Inc/\$59			

Lot 13 Block 34 Subdivision OCEAN BEACH #1 617, 619, 621 WASHINGTON AVE.

## ALTERATIONS &amp; ADDITIONS

**Building Permits:** #38688 Neon flat wall sign reading "KAPLANS KOSHER FOOD MARKET": York Sign Co: \$ 195: June 12, 1952  
 619 Washington ave:#51358 Air Conditioning (One 1-ton Unit) Owner (Charlet) \$ 200: Sept.4, 1956  
 OK, Please 9/12/1926  
 621 Wash. #54203 Sam Magazine: 1-3 HP & 1-2 HP Built-Up Systems - \$2000.00- 8/14/57 OK 1/9/58 Flag  
 619 Wash. #74569 Palmers Roofing Co.: Reroofing - \$1400 - 8/10/65 OK Brown 9/2/65  
 #1372 - Cool Town - air cond central 1-8½ ton 10/15/70

619 Washington Plumbing Permits:#36430 Service Plumbing..... 1 gas range.....  
 621 Wash. #46089 Serota Plumbing: 1 down spout-roof drain. 9/1/67.  
 October 4, 1954 OK, Rothman 10-4  
 5/4

#621 Electrical Permits: # 36792 Austin Electric: 20 Fixtures, 6 Appliance Outlets, 2 Fan Outlets, 4 Centers of Distribution, 2 Motors (1 HP), 4 Motors (1-5 HP): 6/18/52 OK, H. Kaplan Meat Mkt. Rosser, Feb 13, 1953  
 #621 Kaplan Meat Mkt.#37663 W.L. Austin Electric: 2 Motors: Oct 1, 1952 OK, H.Rosser, Feb. 13, 1953  
 " " #38375 W.L. Austin Electric: 1 Switch Outlet, 1 Receptacle, 1 Light Outlet, 1 Motor (1 HP): Dec 23, 1952 OK, H.Rosser, Feb 13, 1953  
 # 39964 Hart Electric: 1 Motor, July 22, 1953 - OK, All fixtures in show case...#11-5-53, Rosser 11-5-54  
 # 43353 Elder Electric...8 fixtures #46469 Emanuel Electric: 1 appliance outlet, 1 motor January 3, 1956 - OK, Fidler 1/9/1956  
 621 Washington Ave #XXXXXX #46469 Emanuel Electric: 1 appliance outlet, 1 motor January 3, 1956 - OK, Fidler 1/9/1956  
 621 Wash. #50784 E & E Elec: 2 switch outlets, 2 light fixtures, 3 motors (1HP), 2 motors (2-5HP)  
 September 3, 1957 OK 11-14-57 Fidler

1346

LOT: 13 BLOCK: 34 SUBDIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_ADDRESS: 617-619-621 Washington**ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS****BUILDING PERMITS**

#29849 2/11/87 Melvin S. Rosenberg remove 18" wide overhang across front of bldg \$1,200.  
 1) special inspect required 2) engineers cert required prior to final inspect and approval  
 #M08873 - International Equipment Co. - Duck Work Only - 4-21-87

**PLUMBING PERMITS**

# 63207 4/2/87 Fla Gas Service -1 gas piping ( no baking)

**ELECTRICAL PERMITS**

601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE

BUILDING PERMITS: #SB881364 - 8-9-88 - Owner - Interior minor repairs only - \$500.00 (NY)

617 - 619 - 621 BUILDING CARD 6

601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE

DATE	PROCESS NO.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	WORK COST	CUMULATIVE WORK COST	APPRAISED BLDG. VALUE BEFORE REMODEL %	COMMENTS	BUILDING PERMIT NO.
8-9-88	88136	Temp. Sht. Minnow only	\$500.00				

617 - 619 - 621 BUILDING CARD 7

(For entries before 7-1-75, see card #1346)

LOT	13	BLOCK	34	SUBDIVISION	Ocean Beach	#1	ADDRESS	<u>621 Washington Ave.</u>
				<i>De L. G. P. 10-13-78</i>				
<b>ALTERATIONS &amp; ADDITIONS</b>								
<i>4203-04-082</i>								
<i>1346-B</i>								

**Building Permits:**

#89687-Domino E. Gidi-Remodel existing store-\$3,000-9-15-78

#89739 - Schlesinger & Assoc - interior remodeling - \$25,000. - 11/30/78  
 12-24-80/#M04989/1-10kw central heating, 1-4v central air/Igloo Air Conditioning/\$45  
 #23701, 4/14/83 Pasko Painting patching, painting white color only \$1,000.

**Plumbing Permits:**

#56541-All Star Plumbing-1 floor drain, 8 lavatory, 3 water closet, 1 indirect wastes, 1 heater-new installation-10-13-78

**Electrical Permits:**

(For entries before 7-1-75, see card #1346)

**ADDRESS** 617 Washington Ave.  
**SUBDIVISION** Ocean Beach #1  
**LOT** 13  
**BLOCK** 34

ECONOMIC

**Building Permits:** #MOT715 3/22/85 Polar Refrigeration 2 units 5 ton refrigeration (1-3 hp, ref. unit, 1-1,1/2 hp  
1346-A

## **ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS**

1346-A

## **Building Permits:**

Plumbing Permits:

## **Electrical Permits:**

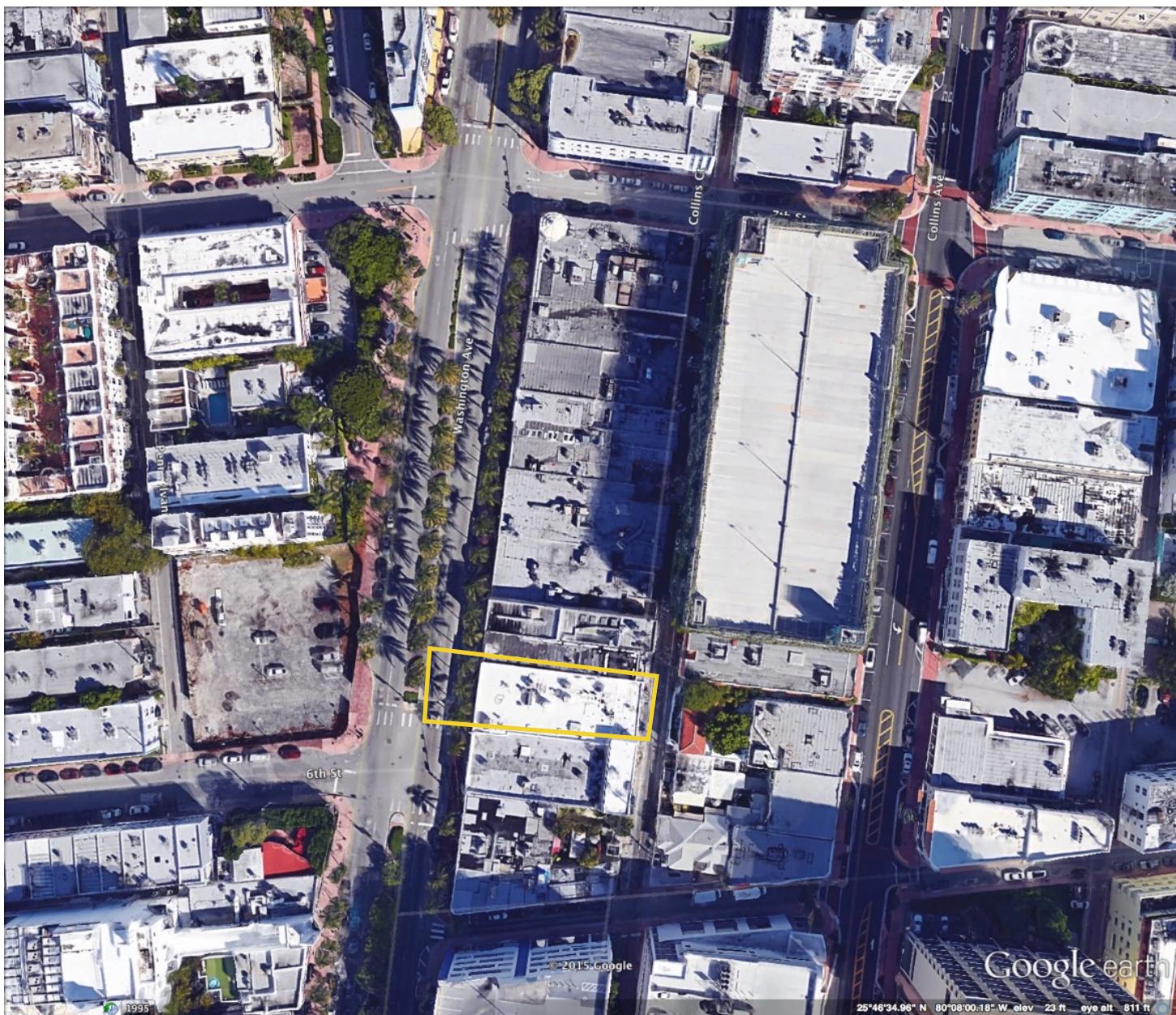
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<b>LOT</b>	13	<b>BLOCK</b>	34	<b>SUBDIVISION</b>	Ocean Beach #1	<b>ADDRESS</b>	617 Washington Ave.
<i>POLAR BEACH</i>							
<b>ALTERATIONS &amp; ADDITIONS</b>							
1346-A							

**Building Permits:** #MO7215 3/22/85 Polar Refrigeration 2 units 5 ton refrigeration (1-3 hp, ref. unit, 1-1,1½ hp

**Plumbing Permits:****Electrical Permits:**

601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE



623 - 625 Washington Avenue

ADDRESSES:

655 - 669

641-647

633-637

623-625

617-621

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ABOVE: 1995 courtesy CITY of MIAMI BEACH PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT  
BELOW: 2015 by ARTHUR MARCUS

## 623 - 625 Washington Avenue

ARCHITECT: JOHN A. BRADLEY  
YEAR BUILT: 1926  
DESIGNATION: CONTRIBUTING

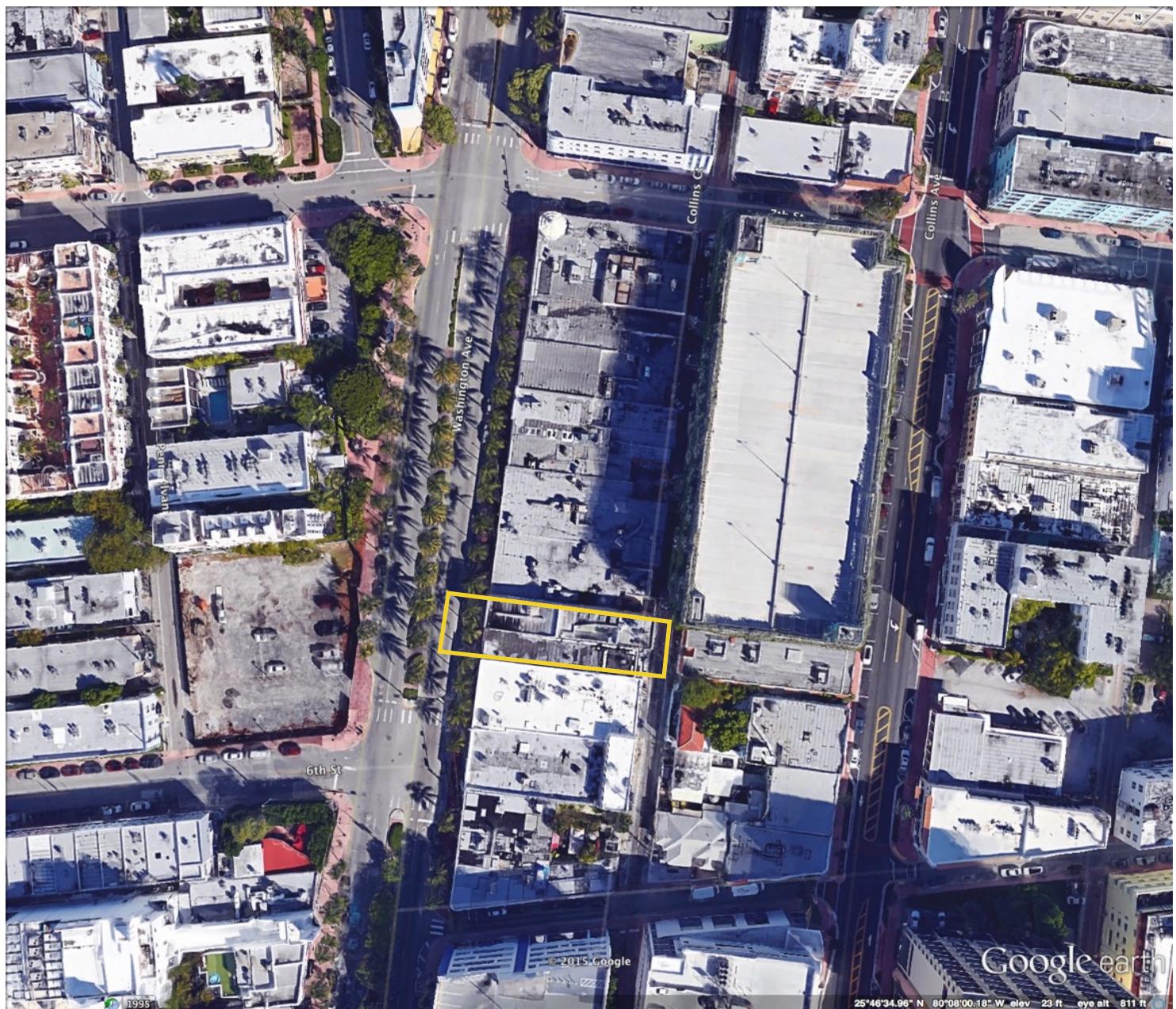
This building is listed on the Building Card as being designed by the Architect John A. Bradley, who practiced architecture from the 1920's through the 1940's with several completed buildings on Miami Beach. Bradley is noted to have designed five buildings in the Historic Data Base from 1926 to 1958, as compiled by Richard Rickels in 1992 for the City of Miami Beach. He seemed neither noted nor prolific.

A detail which helps to identify the building is the horizontally-protruding vertical concrete divider between the 621 building and the 623 building on the Washington Avenue elevation. This is visible in the circa 1960 photo above as well as in the 2015 photograph below.

Note: Please refer to page 114 for the Building Card for this property.



601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE



633 - 637 Washington Avenue



## 633 - 637 Washington Avenue

ARCHITECT. ALEXANDER LEWIS

YEAR BUILT. 1930

DESIGNATION: 'CONTRIBUTING

STYLE: VERNACULAR

Despite appearances, this one story commercial building was constructed as a single one story structure in 1930 for a total cost of \$12,000.00.

The second floor was added to the 637 portion in 1955 according to the Building Card to provide living quarters above the store.

This building was designed by the the Architect Alexander Lewis in 1930 according to the Building Card. Lewis practiced as an Architect during the 1920's and 1930's in Miami Beach and Miami. His completed buildings include the first generation of the Sterling Building on Lincoln Road (also originally owned by Taradash Properties as is 633-637) and the Wolpert Apartments in Miami.

The most distinguishing architectural characteristics of 633 Washington are the vertical fluted pilaster columns currently painted turquoise color and which frame the symmetrical recessed storefront entrance designs. The second story above the 637 building is not original to the building and was added in 1959 according to the Building Card. This second level was originally built to contain residential quarters. Refer to page 3 of the Building Card.

637 Washington Avenue was also the home for many years of the Art Deco Welcome Center of the Miami Design Preservation League. These historic photographs are circa 1960's.

<b>OWNER TARA DASH PROPERTIES</b>		<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>Permit No.</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Lot</b>	<b>Block</b>	Subdivision OCEAN BEACH ADD	633 - 635	\$ 12,000:
General Contractor Wm. S. Green		No. 1	Address	637 Washington Avenue
Architect	Alexander Lewis	Bond No.	888	
<b>1348</b>		Engineer		
<b>Zoning Regulations:</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Lot Size</b>	<b>Stories</b>
Building Size:	BB	19	50 x 130	one
	Front 50'	Depth 120'	Height	(2) 7/19/39
<b>Certificate of Occupancy No.</b>		<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Reinforced concrete</b>	<b>Roof</b>
Type of Construction	CBS	Stoelman	& Fixtures &	Sewer Connection
Plumbing Contractor	#5174	8		1
				Date Apr. 26, 1930
		Temporary Closure		Date May 1, 1930
Plumbing Contractor		Below		Date
Water Closets		Bath Tubs		
Lavatories		Showers		
Urinals		Sinks		
Gas Stoves		Gas Heater		
Gas Radiators		Gas Turn On Approved		
Septic Tank Contractor		Tank Size		Date
Oil Burner Contractor		Tank Size		Date
Sprinkler System				
Electrical Contractor	#1623 Lavigne Electric	Address		Date June 13, 1930
Switch	Range	Motors	1,	Fans 4
OUTLETS Light 35	HEATERS Water Space			Temporary Service
Receptacles	below	Refrigerators		Centers of Distribution
		Irons		Sign Outlets
No. FIXTURES 30	Electrical Contractor #1691 Lavigne Electric			Date Aug. 2, 1930
<b>FINAL APPROVED BY</b>				
<b>ALTERATIONS OR REPAIRS</b>				

**Building Permits:**

#31870 Bohnert Roofing & Supply Co. re-roof 33½ square's \$1865.00 2/5/69

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT-FILE NO: 736 - PERMISSION TO CONVERT A PORTION OF THE SECOND FLOOR OF BUILDING INTO AN APARTMENT OF 1 BEDROOM AND TO WAIVE THE REQUIRED 1 PARKING SPACE. GRANTED - SEPT. 3, 1971

**#04557-Daniels and Associates-Electric wall sign-\$300-11-12-73**

#07857-‡ 637 Washington Ave-Openings for 3 windows-\$100-8-26-75

#3361-633 Washington Ave-Stein Hardware-Air Cond. & Appl. Center- 10 ton central a/c-\$3400-8-26-75

673 Washington Ave-#15018-Art Craft, Inc.-Painted sign on front wall of building-\$100-5-17-79

#19034 C.V. Roofing/roof repair/\$2,000/10-8-80

#29024 Andrews Roof - reroof 37 sq \$6,325.

**Plumbing Permits:**

#10125	Remodeling old Cafeteria for Nathan Rosenthal	\$ 2,000.00	July 26, 1937
	Sam Levine, contractor		
Mitchell Tours #10555	Sign - Neon Sign & Display Mfrs:	\$ 200.00	Nov. 6, 1937
Times Square #12939	Ventilating Hoods - Robbins Sheet Metal Co:	\$ 1,000.00	Sept. 15, 1939
#13045	Remodeling: Master Bilt Corp: Henry Hoehausser, arch:	\$ 3,000.00	Oct. 4, 1939
Times Square #14924	Addition of Garbage Room: Masterbilt Corp:	\$ 150.00	Oct. 29, 1940
#639 Times Square	Awnings: Acme Awning Company	\$ 40.00	Mar. 20, 1941
	SIGN E.L. Reisner	\$ 500.00	Jan. 19, 1942
#16715 Roofing: Giffen Roofing Co:	Repair Front: Wm. S. Green, contractor:	\$ 200.00	Jan. 18, 1945
#19638	Refrigeration installation: Emergency Refrigeration Serv	\$ 1,000.00	Feb. 1, 1945
#19672	Erecting wall signs: Van Dyk Sign Co:	\$ 150.00	Feb. 20, 1945
#19734	Repairs to Roof: Ideal Roofing Co:	\$ 100.00	Mar. 19, 1945
#635 Wash. Ave #19734	Remodeling store front : Owner builds	\$ 1,500.00	July 16, 1946
#19829	Flat wall sign: Tropicalites	\$ 500.00	May 10, 1951
#222783	Twin City Glass Co: remodel front	\$ 300.00	July 17, 1951
#35820	637 Wash Ave #48673 Twin City Glass Co: Rework present building to create a storeroom & 1-2 bedroom, 2 bath apt on the 2nd floor	\$ 500.00	Sept. 23, 1955
#36348	637 Wash. #59554 Levine Construction Co: Alexander Lewis, Architect, Gerald Spolter, Engr \$12,000.00 - July 17, 1959 OK 12/11/59 COX		
#633 Wash. #65470 Electro Neon Sign Co., Inc.: 6'x7' roof sign, GLEEM PAINTS, SILVER PAINT CO. -\$1200. - 7/27/61			
#74323 Airko-Air Conditioning Co.: One 5-ton a.c. unit - \$1500 - 6/28/65 OK APLAAG 7/12/65			
#74868 Foldown Awnings: 8 x 8 alum awning - \$160 - 9/29/65			
#74942 Airko Air Cond. Co.: Two 4-ton pkg. AC units - \$1400 - 10/7/65 O.K. A PLAG 11/16/65			
637 Wash. #75295 Twin City Glass Co: Replace two doors with tempered glass, alum frames, \$500. - 11/19/65			
	OK BROWN 12/17/65		

**Plumbing Permits:**

601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE

Electrical Permits: #69218 - Ocean Elect. - 4 switch, 6 light outlets - 1 space heaters bath - 1 rang  
outlets - 2 refrigerator outlets - 4 appliance outlets - service 100A  
1 time clock  
10/28/71

Electrical Permits:

#70957-Daniels & Assoc- 12 sign tubes-11-12-73  
#81609 12/9/86 Network Security 1 burg masters, 7 devices

CITY HALL 1700 CONVENTION CENTER DRIVE MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA 33139

## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

CITY HALL

1700 CONVENTION CENTER DRIVE

TELEPHONE: 673-7650

**JAM**

JUN 22 1989

June 20, 1989

TO: PAUL GIOIA  
BUILDING DIRECTOR

FROM: JUD KURLANCHEEK  
PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: FILE NO. 1531J  
ART DECO WELCOME CENTER  
637 WASHINGTON AVENUE

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2. Plans shall note the use of architectural lighting and lighting at the rear of the property.

In order to ensure that the appropriate staff is aware of these requirements, please record this action on the building card for the subject property. If the building permit is not issued within one (1) year of the meeting date (June 13, 1989) Design Review Board approval will become void.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

JK/JD  
drb/let/ardcpg

BUILDING	PERMIT NO.	APPLIED DATE	CUMULATIVE PERMITS ISSUED	CUMULATIVE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF PERMITS ISSUED	CUMULATIVE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF PERMITS ISSUED	DATE	PROCESS	ISSUED NO.
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601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE

BUILDING PERMITS: #32048 - 3-28-88 - Gabriel Dominguez - Interior painting - \$2,200.00  
#31940 - 3-30-88 - Jomaco of Miami Inc. - Exterior painting - \$800.00  
#M8801072 - Chanin Air - 1 10kw Central heating, 1-4ton A/C central - 6-20-88  
#SB881528 - 9-7-88 - Gabriel Dominguez - Fire damage repair - \$1,000.00  
#M8800069 - Chanin Air - 1-10kw Central heating, 1-4ton A/C central - 10-17-88  
#5430-Certificate of Occupancy - Dennis Wiss (Photo Studio) - 12-9-88  
#BS891591 - 7-25-89 - I.M.B.D.C. - 20 SF neon sign "White Light Images" - \$4,920.00  
#B8900338 - 7-25-89 - I.M.B.D.C. - 4 Windows, awnings, see comments - \$14,734.00

ELECTRICAL PERMITS: #83190 - Accord Electric - 4 Switch outlets, 4 light outlets, 24 fixtures  
track - 5-2-88  
#83210 - Electronic Control Eng. - Burglar alarm, 6 devices - 5-4-88

BUILDING PERMITS: #31858 - 2-2-88 - Dean Perkins - Re-roof 32 sqs. - \$8,400.00

## 601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE

COASTAL CONTROL ZONE

## CUMULATIVE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF PERMITS ISSUED

DATE ISSUED	PROCESS NO.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	COST	WORK	CUMULATIVE	APPRAISED BLDG.	%	COMMENTS	BUILDING PERMIT NO.
2-20-88		Reboot 32 sqs.	\$8,400.00						31858
3-8-88		Interior Painting	\$3,200.00						32048
3-3-88		Exterior Painting	\$800.00						31940
									BS881528
9-7-88		Fire Damage Repair	\$1,000.00						BS8900338
7-6-89		Windows Awnings SEE COMMENTS	\$14,734.00						BS891591
7-25-89		Neon sign "White Light Images"	\$4,920.00						

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TO: PAUL GIOIA  
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FROM: JUD KURLANCHEEK  
PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR *JK/JD*  
SUBJECT: DESIGN REVIEW FILE NO. 1474  
637 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
*3/20/89*

March 16, 1989

JAM

At the March 14, 1989 meeting, the Design Review Board granted final approval of the above noted project subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall redesign the rooftop planter to provide sufficient soil, irrigation, and drainage to sustain plant material and submit the plans for staff approval. Plans shall also note the type of plant material. The Board suggested the applicant study other buildings with roof planters before submitting plans for permit.
2. Vandal proof lighting shall be provided to illuminate the alleyway in the rear of the property.

In order to ensure that the appropriate staff is aware of these requirements, please record this action on the building card for the subject property. If the building permit is not issued within one (1) year of the meeting date (March 14, 1989) Design Review Board approval will become void.

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JK/JD

**Electrical Permits:**

**TIMES SQUARE**

# 9209 Jones Electric Co: 15 Switch outlets, 30 Light outlets, 5 Receptacles, 4 Motors, 20 Fixtures, 2 Centers of distribution, August 27, 1937

# 9415 B.L. Reisner: 6 Neon transformers: September 27, 1937

# 9808 Ace Electric Co: 3 Neon transformers: November 8, 1937

Vitchell Tours # 9944 Jones Electric: 2 Switch outlets, 4 Receptacles, 1 Neon transformer: Nov.20, 1937

ruit Mkt #10049 Ace Electric: 1 Neon transformer: December 2, 1937

#10645 Griffin Electric: 2 Light outlets, 1 Motor, February 24, 1938

#10734 Griffin Electric: 8 Light outlets, 2 Receptacles, April 1, 1938 Final OK 4/8th

imes Square#13570 Griffin Electric: 12 Light outlets, 10 Receptacles, 8 Motors, 5 Neon Transf: 10/19/1939

imes Square#17528 Neon Sign & Display: 2 Neon transformers: August 26, 1941

imes Square#18796 USAFFTC 5 Light outlets, 15 Motors, 15 Centers: Aug. 27, 1942

uper Mkt #20939 Straw: 3 Switch outlets, 3 Light outlets, 3 Receptacles, 65 Fixtures, 5 motors, 5 Centers of distribution: March 8, 1945

#21275 Ace Electric: 1 Switch outlet, 1 Motor, September 5, 1945

#22335 Lyon Electric: 2 Switch outlets, 2 Light outlets, 2 Fixtures, 4 Motors, Mar.13, 1946

#25971 Lyon Electric Co: 1 Motor, March 10, 1948

#28210 East Coast Electric: Violations --- February 2, 1948

#33893 Angler Electric: Violations: April 20, 1951

#34493 Tropicalites: 2 Neon transformers: July 17, 1951

#46476 A B C Neon Sign Co: one neon transformer January 3, 1956

46727 Ace Electric Service: 1 switch outlet, 5 receptacles, 13 light outlets, 15 fixtures, 1 center of distribution, 1 service-equipment February 3, 1956 OK, Fidler 2/8/56

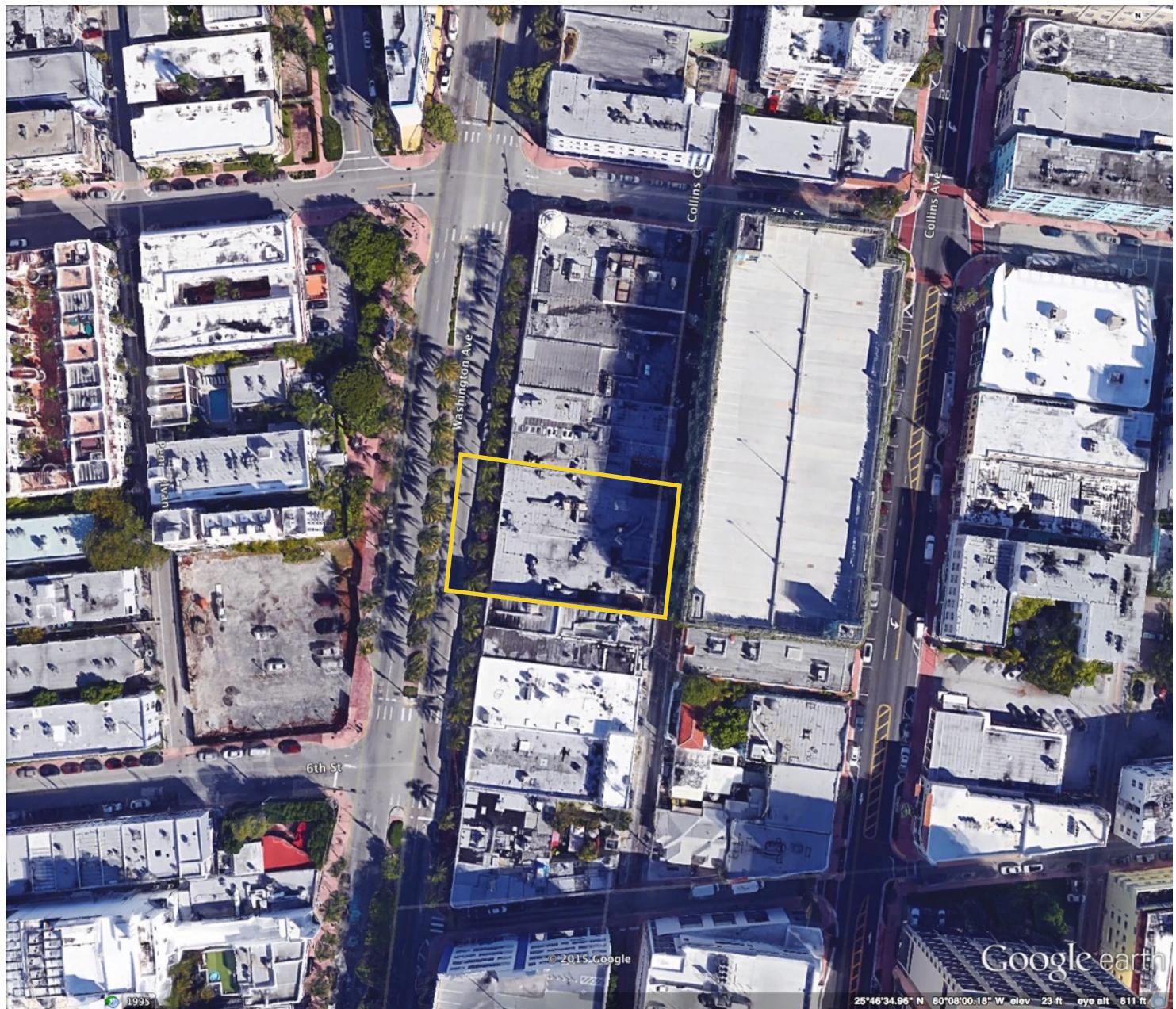
#637 # 54364 Gray & Co. 22-sw out\* 33 rec. 24 light out: 24 Fix: 1 ref: 1 iron: 2 space heater: 1 range outlet; 1 Appl.: 5 center of dis.: 1 service equip: 4 motors 1HP. 10/20/52 OK 1/19/60 Fidler

#637 #57094 Electro Neon Sign Co., Inc.: 2 neon transformers; 1 motor, 0-1 hp - 7/27/61

#633 #59214 Jonesey Elec. Co.: violation - 1/8/63

#637 #62865 Industrial Elec. Maint: 2 motors, 2-5 hp; 1 serv. equip. 10/27/65

601 - 685 WASHINGTON AVENUE



641 - 647 Washington Avenue

ARCHITECT.

YEAR BUILT:

DESIGNATION:

STYLE:

OWNER - J. C. DEVINE

1925

CONTRIBUTING

SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN

PHOTOGRAPH circa 1960



## 641 - 647 Washington Avenue

One of the earliest constructed buildings on this block, this one story commercial structure exhibits a transitional design. It combines classically inspired decorative elements such as the vertical columns with flowered capitals supporting the molded horizontal bands along with the spanish tile decorative roof at the front parapet.

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