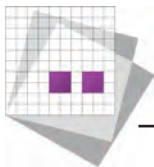


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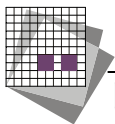
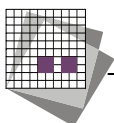


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A. Limited Historical Research

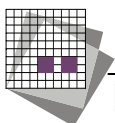
Brief History of the Building

Born in New Zealand in 1857, Nelson Fell first arrived in the Fellsmere area of Florida in 1884. After leaving the area in 1901 he again returned in 1910 to pursue the founding of the Fellsmere Farm Company and the formal establishment of the Town of Fellsmere. The town was platted in 1911 and incorporated in 1915.

Nelson Fells daughter, Marian, pursued a literary bent and by 1914 was publishing her translations of the works of Russian authors. The proceeds of the sale of her work funded the establishment of the Fellsmere Library which was dedicated in 1915. Although a small structure, the library flourished under the guidance of the Fellsmere Library Association and the many volunteers which operated the facility. While the town did not expand greatly thereafter a kitchen was added to the library in the 1930's and in the 1940's a restroom was added. The library remains in operation today, on a limited basis, run by volunteers, much like when the building was first opened.

National Register/ Florida Master Site File Information

Known as the Marian Fell Library, this structure is listed in the Florida Master Site File as structure 8IR158. The structure was investigated in 1996 and listed in 1997. Initial efforts were undertaken in 1987 to list the Fell Library on the National Register. Final listing on the National Register occurred in 1996. See Appendix 1.1 for copies of the Florida Master Site File and the National Register Nomination for the Marian Fell Library.



B. As Built Documentation

Site Description

Location

The Marion Fell Library is located at 65 North Cypress Street, one and one half blocks north of Pennsylvania Avenue or County Route 512 which is the major east / west artery in the Town of Fellsmere. Cypress Street runs north / south and the library is situated on the east side of the street with the principal façade facing west.

Appearance

The neighborhood is residential in character although a secondary school is located across the street just south of the library. Portions of the lot to either side of the library are vegetated while a residence occupies the lot behind the library. Almost the entire library lot is grassed with many mature pine and oak trees which are dispersed on the lot. The street in front of the library is paved and curbed.

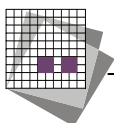
There are no driveways on the site and cars park haphazardly, at the drivers' whim. There is a "T" shaped sidewalk that projects out from the building and there is room for four cars to park against the top of the "T". Immediately adjacent to the sidewalk, running east/west is a concrete ramp providing wheelchair accessibility to the raised front porch. See Exhibit 2.1, Photograph 6. In the back yard, southeast of the library the grade is raised to accommodate the septic tank for the restroom and kitchen plumbing fixtures.

Around the entire building there is a planter with low shrubs which effectively hide the foundation piers and lattice but are not well maintained and give a rather ragged appearance.

Mail is received at the site in a post mounted mail box at the curb.

Building Description

The building is irregular shaped now with the original major block of the building being a rectangular form. On the east façade at the northeast corner a rectangular addition was added in the 1930's which houses a kitchen and storage area. In the center of the east façade of the main building and adjacent to the 1930's addition is a rectangular 1940's addition housing a restroom. This wood frame structure now has an asphalt shingle covered hip roof. The exterior walls of the main block have a stucco finish while the 1930's addition has a pressed metal tile wall finish. The 1940's addition has a wood clapboard siding finish. The roof of the two additions is also asphalt shingles on a shed



roof of minimum slope. On the west façade is a projecting porch with gable roof and Tuscan columns. The front steps are four risers high and the entire building is elevated, resting on rusticated concrete masonry unit piers, thus leaving a crawl space under the building. At the south end of the building is a brick fireplace chimney centered on the façade. See Exhibit 2.1, Photograph 1-5.

EXTERIOR

Foundation – The main building foundations consist of 8 inch x 8 inch x 16 inch rusticated concrete masonry unit piers resting on subgrade concrete pads.

The 1930's kitchen addition is supported by truncated precast concrete piers on subgrade concrete pads while the 1940's bathroom addition is supported on 8 inch x 8 inch x 16 inch concrete masonry units also on subgrade concrete pads. The entire building has vinyl lattice between the individual piers.

Floor framing – The framing supporting the flooring at the main building are 2 x 10 wood floor joists supported by beams and rim beams that are 8 x 8. Each of the two additions has wood 2 x 10 floor joists supported by 2 x 10 rim beams.

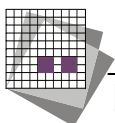
Steps front and back, ramp – The entry steps at the front of the building are painted concrete, four risers high and are integral with the painted concrete front porch. There is a single steel pipe handrail in the center of the steps which is painted black.

The rear steps leading to the door in the south wall of the kitchen wing are of wood, 4 x 4 support posts, 2 x 6 rim joists and decking and wood 2 x 10 treads at the four risers. The surrounding handrails are 2 x 4. The wood is painted.

The accessibility ramp is located at the front entry steps. The walking surface is concrete and the guardrails are 1 x 6 and 4 x 4 gray plastic lumber with 1 ½" diameter mill finish aluminum handrails. Fairly recently added, this ramp is obtrusive but effective as a means of ingress/egress. See Exhibit 2.1, Photograph 6.

Walls – The walls of the main building are 2 x 4 wood studs with stucco on the exterior. The stucco has a sanded finish and is painted. Below the stucco and above the openings to the crawl space is a 1 x 10 wood skirt board running around the entire building. The skirt board has a projecting wood drip cap. Inside the front porch, on the north wall, there is an informational cast metal plaque.

The 1930's addition has a pressed metal tile wall covering. The metal is formed in rectangular tiles approximately 28 inch x 60 inch and is stamped with a pebbly texture and score lines to simulate brick. The tiles are nailed to the studs with each upper tile overlapping each tile below to ensure water tightness. At the outside corner the siding is finished with vertical 1 x 4 corner cover boards. All is painted white.



1 x 6 horizontal painted wood clapboard siding covers the 1940's addition. At the outside corner the siding is finished with 1 x 4 vertical corner cover boards.

Doors – There are two identical in-swinging doors, one at each of the northeast and southeast corners of the front porch. These two doors have a ten pane true divided lite panel of glass above an approximately 18 inch high flush bottom rail below. The doors are 2'-11" wide by 7'-0" tall by 1 3/4 inch thick with glass panels measuring 1'-1 1/4" wide x 11 inch high. The exterior is painted white and dark brown on the interior. The locks, knobs and ball tip hinges appear to be original. The dead bolts are of a more recent vintage. On the outside of each door opening is a screen door also more recently installed. The door frames are original.

At the kitchen there is a six panel, raised panel, "colonial" wood door providing access to the rear stairs. The door is 2'-8" wide by 7'-0" tall by 1 7/8 inch thick. This door is a recent installation, along with the hardware, in an original framed opening. Both door and frame are painted white.

Windows – The windows of the main building are two in each of the north, west and south facades and one in the east façade, all of which are 6/6 double hung measuring 3'-10 3/4" wide by 5'-2" high (sash size) with glass measuring 1'-2" x 1'-2".

Also in the north and east facades are a single fixed 6 pane window unit measuring approximately 2'-10" wide x 2'-4" high with a glass size of 10 inch wide by 1'-0" tall.

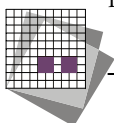
On the west façade, between the front entry doors is a 6'-0" wide X 7'-0" tall, twenty pane fixed sash in a frame typical of the other window frames of the building. The glass measures 1'-1 1/2" wide by 1'-2 1/4" high. All frames and sash are painted white on the exterior and dark brown in the interior.

The kitchen windows consist of a double 2/2 double hung unit with a sill raised over the kitchen sink in the north wall and a single 2/2 double hung unit in the east wall. The sash sizes measure 2'-1 1/2" wide x 3'-10" tall and the glass size is 10 inch wide by 1'-8 1/2" tall.

The restroom window, in the east wall, is a single 2/2 double hung unit matching the window unit in the east wall of the kitchen.

With the exception of the back door, all exterior openings have hurricane protection in the form of translucent fiberglass panels that are secured over the openings by way of a permanently attached aluminum bar to which the panels are secured. The panels are removable.

Cornice – The building cornice consists of an open overhang with exposed rafter ends, at approximately two feet on center, around the entire building. The roof decking, for the 3'-0" of the overhang, is a double beaded tongue and groove, 3 1/4" x 3/4" siding. There is a bed moulding between the roof decking and the frieze board at the top of the wall. There is a



copper drip edge flashing at the outboard end of the roof decking. At the west façade the rafter ends are covered with a vertical 2 x 8 fascia board, painted gray, which also runs up the rake of the front porch gable roof. At the south elevation, either side of the chimney, the roof rafter ends have been replaced and all the others repaired. See Exhibit 2.2, Photograph 7-9.

Roof – The hip roof is presently finished with a brown diamond pattern asphalt shingle roofing. This appears to fairly replicate period appropriate asbestos tile roofing. This same material covers the roof of the two additions but is on a shallow pitch which will lessen the anticipated life expectancy of this area of the roof.

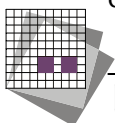
Front Porch – The front porch projects out front the face of the west façade by two feet and the gable roof over the porch is supported by two Tuscan style wood columns measuring some nine inches in diameter at the base by eight feet ten inches tall. The two columns rest on masonry breast blocks which flank the front steps. In the gable wall is a plaque measuring approximately twelve inches wide by twelve inches high with the building name and date of dedication. The ceiling of the porch is stucco matching the walls, painted white. See Exhibit 2.1, Photograph 1 and Exhibit 2.2, Photograph 7.

Chimney – On the south elevation there is a fireplace chimney which rests on a sub-grade foundation and projects up the wall to the roof where the chimney terminates some five feet above the roof. The fire box and chimney sit outside the wall surface and only a relatively small brick mantle projects into the library room. The exterior brick is painted white.

Utilities – Potable water is supplied to the building underground from Cypress Street from the city water system. The water meter is located in front of the building, near the street. The water system supplies only a sink in the kitchen a lavatory and toilet in the restroom and a hose bibb on the building exterior near the kitchen sink. The lavatory and toilet are porcelain while the kitchen sink is enamel over steel. All fixtures are modern with recent plumbing hardware. The supply piping is PVC. The sanitary system consists of PVC drains for the three interior fixtures and a septic tank and drain field located southeast of the library.

Electricity is supplied to the building from an aerial drop to a weatherhead at the northeast corner of the kitchen wing which feeds the meter immediately below and from there the supply runs to an electrical panel immediately inside the building on the north wall of the kitchen. The identifying numbers on the electric meter are 5C84251 and 30210251. The electrical panel in the kitchen is a Square D load center, model QOC20M6225, with a one hundred and fifty amp main breaker and thirteen of the twenty breaker spaces used for both single and double pole breakers ranging in size from fifteen to sixty amps. Branch circuiting then spreads out to all areas of the building from the panel to supply the lights, receptacles, appliances and air conditioning system. See Exhibit 2.1, Photograph 2.

There are two wall mounted light fixtures on the west façade immediately behind the two columns. It is not clear that the fixtures are original or later additions. The style of the fixture



is plain but probably had a round white opalescent globe matching the existing fixture in the ceiling of the front porch which also may not be from the original construction. . A utility company supplied “night watchman” security light on the west façade near the northwest corner is a rather recent addition to the building. There are Christmas lights attached to the roof at the eaves on the south, west and north facades, also recently installed.

Near the electrical service entry at the building northeast corner is also the service entry for the telephone and security system. In this general vicinity there are numerous wires and surface mounted electrical conduits. The telephone system was installed with Bell South equipment.

Near the center of the north façade, resting on grade is the air conditioning split system unit sold under the name Grandaire with a model number of GP3RD-036K, serial number of GPF 060202480 and R-22 refrigerant. From the grade mounted unit the supply and return ductwork runs under the building to floor grilles and registers. See Exhibit 2.1, Photograph 2.

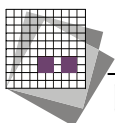
West of and near to the air conditioning unit is an irrigation pump sitting under a wood “doghouse” cover. The irrigation pump is a one and one half horsepower unit by Water Ace and supplies various sprinklers around the building. West of the irrigation pump is an upright water storage tank associated with the pump. See Exhibit 2.1, Photograph 2.

INTERIOR (See Exhibit 1.1 for plan of existing layout)

Floor – The floor of the main library room is 3 1/4 inch x 3/4 inch tongue and groove southern yellow pine flooring, running north / south, parallel with the front façade. The floor finish is a clear natural finish which is worn in traffic areas so that the wood is exposed and is now oxidized to a warm gray color. In the areas where the wear is less the natural finish is still intact but well aged.

The kitchen has sheet vinyl flooring over wood flooring similar to the main room. The restroom has sheet vinyl flooring of a different pattern than the kitchen but it is installed similarly. The vinyl flooring in both the kitchen and restroom are secured in place by a 3/4 inch quarter round shoe moulding.

Walls – The walls of the main room have a sand plaster finish which is painted. The west wall of the kitchen is of plaster, the same as the main room. The remaining three walls of the kitchen are horizontal double bead tongue and groove boards 3 1/4 inch wide, now painted white. There is evidence of water damage to the wall boards above the window in the east wall of the kitchen. 1 x 6 bevel edged vertical tongue and groove wood boards are used for all the walls in the restroom. See Exhibit 2.2, Photograph 10, 12 and Exhibit 2.3, Photograph 13.



Ceiling – The ceiling of the main room is plaster with a very light knock-down finish which appears to be a recent refinishing of the ceiling. This style of finish is not period appropriate. In the kitchen the ceiling is double beaded boards matching the walls and in the restroom the ceiling is 1 x 6 beveled edge boards, also to match the walls of that room. There is evidence of water damage to the ceiling and adjacent wall above.

Doors –The door from the main room to the restroom is a 2'-6" wide by 6'-5 1/4" high x 1 3/8 inch thick two panel stile and rail door with flat panels. See Exhibit 2.3, Photograph 17.

The door is painted dark brown and the hardware appears original to the door with the door lock having black porcelain knobs and five knuckle hinges. This door was installed in the 1940's along with the restroom.

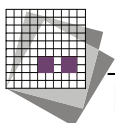
Immediately to the south of the door is a built-in bookcase in the wall. The restroom door and the bookcase are set in what was originally a 6/6 double hung window similar to the other 6/6 windows in the main room. The original sash and a portion of the wall where the bottom of the door was to be installed were removed and the door and a bookcase were installed in the original window opening.

The door to the kitchen is a three vertical glass panels over two horizontal raised wood panels in a stile and rail wood door. The door is two feet eight inches wide by six feet eight inches high by one and three eights of an inch thick. And the glass measures seven and three eights of an inch wide by two feet eight inches tall. Above the wood door is a three vertical light transom panel. The transom panel lites measure ten inches wide by twelve inches high in a panel that measures two feet eight inches wide by one foot four and three quarters inches high. This door and transom is probably the original door opening frame and transom. The door most likely has been replaced or retrofitted to be a double acting door as it presently exists. See Exhibit 2.3, Photograph 16.

The door in the restroom is mounted in the cross partition and is a paneled / louvered café or saloon door which appears original to the opening. The door measures two feet four inches wide by five feet seven inches high by one and one eighth inches thick. The door and frame are painted white.

See the Exterior Doors for doors in the exterior walls.

Trim – Wood trim work in the library room consists of 1 x 8 baseboards with a 45 degree chamfer of the top and 3/4 inch quarter round shoe moulding, 4 1/2 inch wide door and window casings and built in window seats with hinged tops for storage inside, on either side of the fireplace. The window seats have a fabric covered cushion on top of each unit. The built-in bookcases cover portions of the east, north and west walls with open lower and upper cases. All the trim is painted dark brown. Additionally there are vertical vinyl blinds at each window. See Exhibit 2.3, Photograph 15.



In the kitchen there are 1 x 6 baseboards and three quarter inch quarter round shoe moulding, 4 ½ inch wide door and window casings and wood shelving on the south wall.

In the restroom the trim consists of ¾ inch quarter round shoe moulding acting as the base and 4 ½ inch wide door and window casings.

Fireplace – Situated in the center of the south wall of the main room is a fireplace with brick mantle, brick firebox and brick hearth. The fire box measures two feet nine and one half inches wide by two feet two and one half inches high by one foot ten inches deep. The mantle shelf is four feet above the floor and projects eight and one half inches from the wall. The hearth is level with the main floor and is red brick with the bricks laid in common bond stretcher coursing. The fireplace bricks are painted white. See Exhibit 2.3, Photograph 14.

Book Shelving – The book shelving consists of three quarter inch boards made into built-in and free standing units on the north, east and west walls. The shelving on the west and north walls are approximately eight feet high. All shelving is painted a dark brown color.

Lighting and Power – Lighting in each room is provided by ceiling mounted fixtures. In the main room there are two decorative pendant mounted fixtures which appear to be original to the space. Each fixture is comprised of a brass escutcheon which is attached at the ceiling and a suspended porcelain globe which is pendent mounted below the escutcheon. The switch for the lights is near the front entry door. See Exhibit 2.2, Photograph 11.

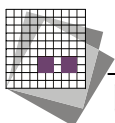
In the restroom a modern fixture is ceiling mounted and the switch is beside the door

In the kitchen a modern light fixture is surface mounted with the switch located beside the door into the kitchen from the library room. A second light is wall mounted on the east wall just north of the window. It is operated by a switch located below the security panel.

Power is supplied to each room from the crawl space below with the receptacles mounted in the baseboard except at the computer station where the receptacle is surface mounted.

Air Conditioning – On the interior the air conditioning system is evidenced by metal grilles mounted in the floor. The library room has three supply grilles each 8 inch x 12 inch and a return grille measuring 14 inch x 20 inch. The kitchen has a single supply grille measuring 8 inch x 10 inch and the restroom has a single grille measuring 6 inch x 10 inch. A manual thermostat is located on the wall near the kitchen door.

Security – The security system is comprised of motion detectors, one in each room, a main panel located on the east wall in the northeast corner of the kitchen, a control pad by the front door and a service entry which is located outside at the building northeast corner.

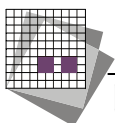


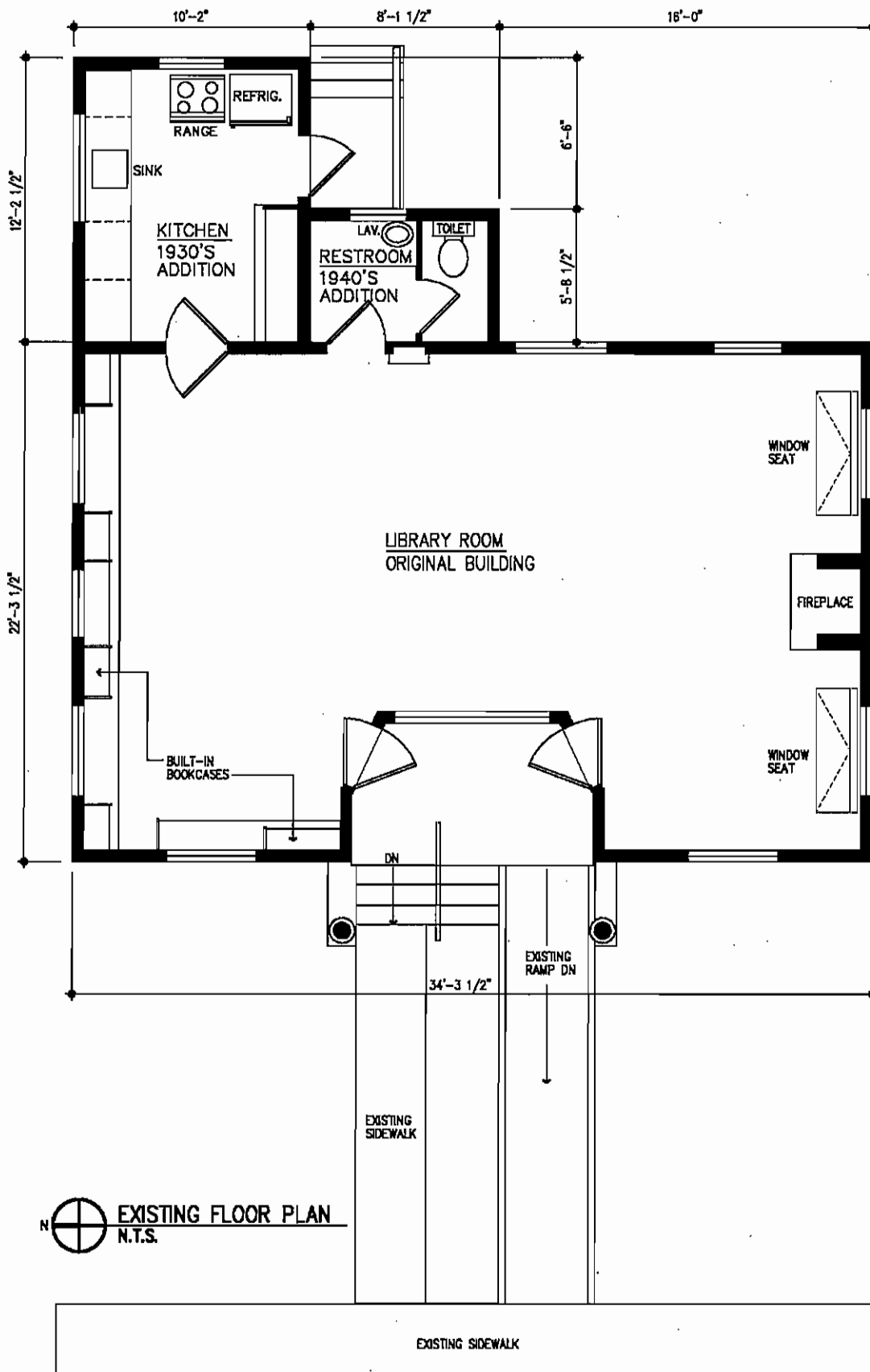
Telephone – the service entry for the telephone system is at the building northeast corner and a line is run to the security system for dialing out in an emergency and a second line is dedicated to a phone instrument and fax located at the circulation desk.

Toilet – There are no distinctive features in the restroom.

Kitchen – The kitchen has metal base cabinets with counter installed all along the north wall. Installed in the counter is a four foot six inch long porcelain over steel sink with large bowl and drain boards either side, located nearer the east end. At the west end above the counter are eleven inch deep shelves. See Exhibit 2.3, Photograph 13.

Along the east wall is the Tappan range and Admiral Refrigerator. A GE microwave oven unit is situated on the north wall counter near the east end. Along the south wall from the door to the west wall is a wood built-in storage unit with an open area below the twenty two inch deep counter and fifteen inch deep shelving above. All cabinets and shelving are painted white. The counter tops are a light colored plastic laminate.





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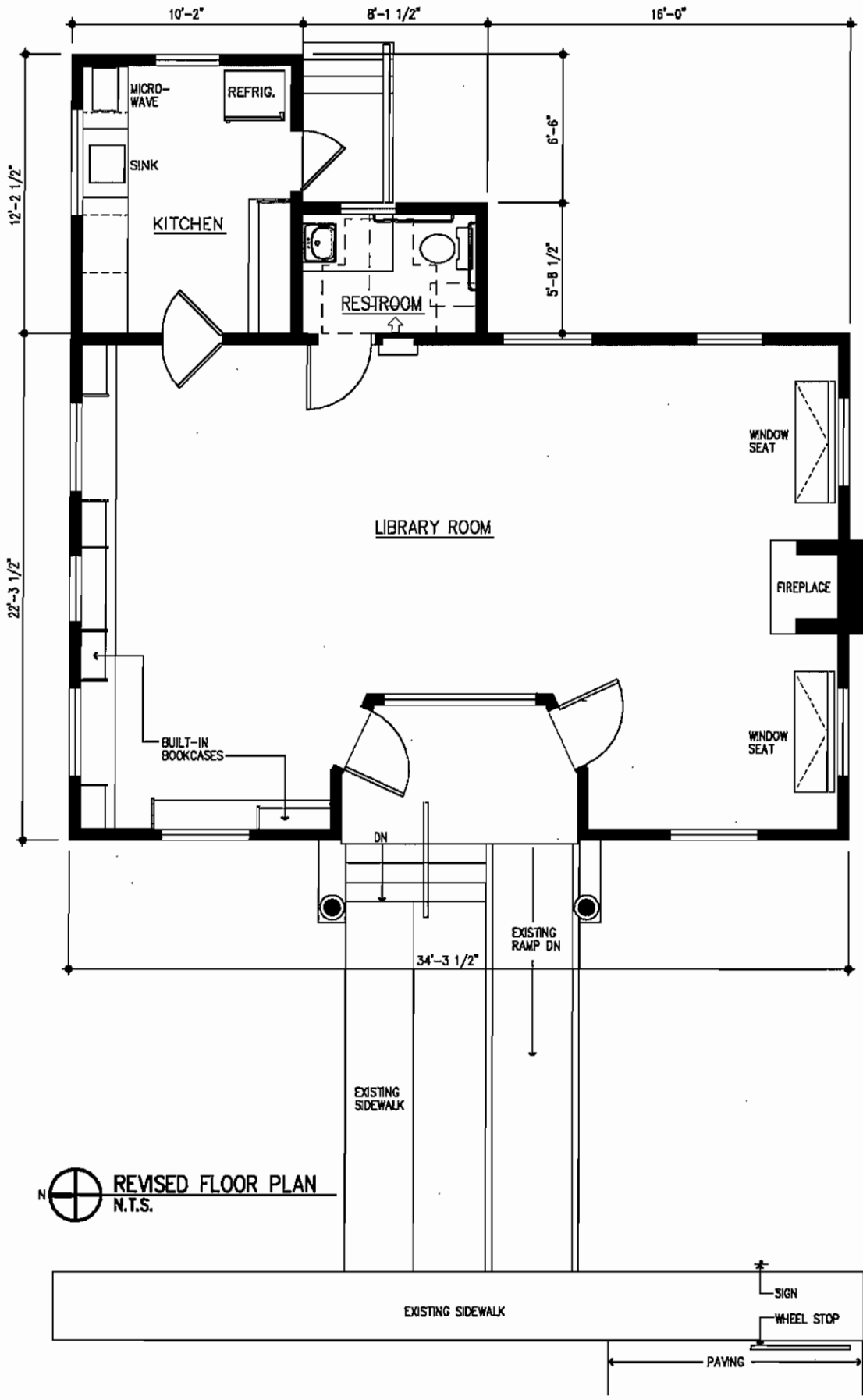
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1: West Elevation - Principal Facade



2: North Elevation



3: East Elevation



4: Partial South Elevation - Additions



5: Partial South Elevation - Main Building



6: Accessibility Ramp at Front Entry



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7: Principal Facade Fascia - Note Deterioration



8: Principal Facade Fascia - Note Rafter End Repairs



9: South Facade Roof Overhang - Note Rafter End Repairs



10: Interior - Library Room - Looking North From Fireplace



11: Interior - Original Library Room Light Fixture



12: Interior - Restroom



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13: Interior - Kitchen Looking East From Library Room



14: Interior - Fireplace



15: Interior - Window Seat



16: Interior - Door to Kitchen



17: Interior - Door to Bedroom



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Code Issues

The Marian Fell Library has existing conditions which are not code compliant. While it may not be necessary to upgrade the facility as they are existing conditions and do not need to be revised until such time as a major building campaign is undertaken the issues are relatively minor and should to be looked at as upgrades for the easier use of the building by visitors. The areas of code violation are as follows:

1. As the front steps are ascended the traditional front entry door was to the left or north. This front door swings into the building which impedes the egress from the building in an emergency.

2. In the kitchen the range does not have a hood. Note that residential hoods are not acceptable fire protection even though the range is a residential unit. Commercial hoods are relatively very expensive.

3. Accessibility

a. The area in front of the building, immediately west of the sidewalk is grassed and this makes accessibility in a wheelchair or with a walker hazardous for library patrons

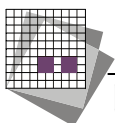
b. At the top of the front steps the door to the right does not have sufficient room at the door latch for an individual in a wheelchair to properly operate the door hardware from the exterior. Due to the handrail the door to the left is not accessible as a wheelchair entry.

c. At the door into the restroom the clear door opening width is only twenty four inches and it should be thirty four inches

d. The layout of the fixtures and cross partition in the restroom makes it impossible to access the room in a wheelchair.

e. At the door into the kitchen the clear door opening width is only twenty nine and three quarters inches and it should be thirty four inches.

e. The existing kitchen sink is not accessible by an individual in a wheelchair. There is no open area under the sink for legroom.



C. Physical Condition Assessment

Condition of All Elements of the Building

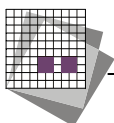
The condition of all elements that make up the fabric of the building are in fair to good condition. Over the ninety five year history of the building there has been some very minor damage from the every day use of the building and the normal degradation of the exterior finishes due to the normal weathering process. Rather than provide a description of each specific element it can be assumed that all fabric that comprise the building do not require work except as noted below.

EXTERIOR

1. The exterior paint of the walls, wood trim, cornice, metal wall tiles, chimney, doors, windows and any other painted surfaces are in fair to poor condition with the paint peeling, chipping, cracking and chalking. In several areas the paint is mildewed.
2. Portions of the one by ten skirt board around the perimeter of the building are deteriorated due to the constant spray from the irrigation system.
3. The wood fascia on the west elevation is deteriorated.
4. The rafter ends of several of the rafters on the west and south facades are deteriorated and have been partially replaced.
5. The air conditioning unit is old and inefficient.

INTERIOR

1. The finish has worn off the wood flooring in the main room in high traffic areas and there are some mars and marks on the wood.
2. There is minor damage to the wall plaster in the main room caused by daily usage. This is especially evident around the fireplace mantle.
3. The interior paint in the book shelves is showing signs of damage from daily use.

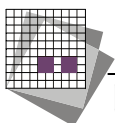


D. Priority Preservation Treatments

Scope of Work

Code Issues

1. The front door should have the screen door removed and the main door rehung to swing out. All exit doors should swing in the direction of travel. Due to the unsightly nature of this revision it should be reviewed with the Building Official before the work is undertaken, to determine if an exemption is possible.
2. The range should be removed. Kitchens without hoods can not have any devices that can produce an open flame.
3. Accessibility Issues: (See Exhibit 1.2 for floor plan layout with proposed modifications)
 - a. The area in front of the building, immediately west of the sidewalk should have: concrete paved parking space measuring seventeen feet wide (twelve foot parking plus five foot wide wheelchair aisle) by twenty foot long installed so that a person in a wheelchair or with a walker can more easily get to the sidewalk. The parking space should have a painted symbol on the ground, a wheel stop and a pole mounted sign indicating the parking is for physically impaired individuals.
 - b. At the top of the front steps the door to the right should have the screen door removed and the door, while remaining in-swinging should have the hinge side reversed. New proper hardware for accessibility should be added to the door. This would facilitate the use by an individual in a wheelchair.
 - c. At the restroom the door should be replaced with a 34 inch wide door and the swing reversed so that it swings out into the library. The north jamb of the door would have to be moved north and the frame rebuilt. New proper hardware should be added to the door.
 - d. Inside the restroom the cross partition should be removed. The plumbing fixtures should be replaced with proper fixtures and relocated to provide more accessibility. Proper accessible toilet accessories should be installed.



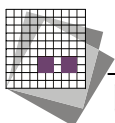
e. At the kitchen the door should be replaced with a 34 inch wide door and the double acting swing should be maintained. The south jamb of the door would have to be moved south and the frame rebuilt.

f. In the kitchen the kitchen sink should be replace with an accessible sink which has a maximum height of 34 inch, the bowl should have a maximum depth of 6 ½ inch, the sink should have a knee space below the bowl, proper faucet should be installed on the sink. Since there is no hot water in the building the normal piping insulation can be eliminated. Due to the type of existing base cabinet, the whole unit will need to be replaced to accommodate this change.

Non Code Issues

EXTERIOR

1. The building exterior should be pressure cleaned, scraped, caulked as necessary and repainted to ensure the longevity of the building exterior.
2. On the west elevation the wood fascia should be replaced with new to prevent any further deterioration of the roof rafter ends in that area. The lumber to be used should be KDAT (kiln dried after treatment) lumber which can be painted immediately after installation.
3. The skirt board around the building should be inspected and all deteriorated material replaced.
4. The air conditioning unit should be replaced with a new higher efficiency unit when the existing unit next goes out of service for repairs. The existing unit had a normal life expectancy of twelve to fifteen years and its existing age is unknown. The unit now has R-22 refrigerant which is now obsolete and the unit will need to be replaced with a unit using the mandated replacement refrigerant.
5. The sprinkler heads used to irrigate the plants around the building should be replaced with a drip system so that the concrete foundation units and the wood skirt board are not repeatedly subject to wet then dry conditions. It would be best to remove the plants and irrigation entirely since the moisture held in place by the plants near the base of the building is detrimental to the building fabric and it attracts insects. However, given today's sensibilities regarding plants around buildings this may not be possible. The plants should be trimmed and the water directed so that they do not touch the building.



INTERIOR

1. The interior flooring should be lightly sanded to remove the surface oxidization and a new three coat transparent finish should be applied.
2. The interior plaster walls should have minor repairs made to the damaged areas and new paint applied.
3. The library shelving should be tested to determine if the original finish was paint or ebonized varnish. By scraping down through the paint layers until the wood substrate is reached it can be observed if the wood was painted or stained. If painted the shelving should be repainted to match the original color. If ebonized the paint should be removed to the original finish and then a new layer of ebonized varnish added to produce a uniform finish. An ebonized finish has a glossy surface and the lamp black included in the varnish gives it a black stained look but the grain of the wood is evident through the varnish. This was a very common finish for interior woodwork in both public and residential building in the early 1900's.

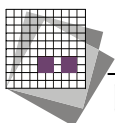
FUTURE WORK

1. At the time that the roof shingles need to be replaced and the roofing is removed then the roof rafters which have deteriorated in the past and have been repaired should be replaced. The structural integrity of the rafters is degraded and only by replacement can that integrity be regained.

Priority of Work

Priority of Work

1. At this time, the only work that should be undertaken is the replacement of the west façade wood fascia, repairs to the skirt board and the repainting of the building on the exterior. These items are necessary to prevent further deterioration to the building.
2. The balance of the work described in this report can be undertaken as funds become available.



E. Probable Costs

Probable Costs of Recommended Work

Code Issues

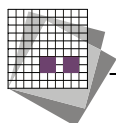
Parks space, paving, wheel stop, sign	\$3,500.00
Reswing front doors	\$1,500.00
Replace bathroom door and repair frame to fit new door	\$1,000.00
Replace kitchen door and repair frame to fit new door	\$1,000.00
Replumb bathroom	\$5,000.00
Replace and replumb kitchen sink	\$ 750.00

Building Issues

Repaint exterior	\$3,500.00
Fascia and skirt board repairs	\$2,500.00
Replace A/C	\$6,500.00
Interior – flooring	\$1,800.00
Library shelving repainted (See item below)	\$1,750.00
Subtotal	\$28,800.00

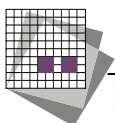
Future Work

Repair rafter ends when reroofing	\$6,500.00
If found necessary, library shelving stripped and re-ebonized	\$7,500.00
Subtotal	\$14,000.00
Total	\$42,800.00



F. Appendix

Appendix 1.1 – Florida Master Site File and National Register Nomination





HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM
FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE
Version 3.0 11/96

Consult Guide to Historical Structure Forms for detailed instructions.

Site #8 IR 158
Recorder #
Field Date 8/15/96
Form Date 12/1/97

- Original
Update (give site#)

Site Name(s) (address if none) Fell, Marian Library
Survey
National Register Category (Please check one: consult with Site File before using last four): building structure district site object

LOCATION & IDENTIFICATION

Address (Include N,S,E,W; #; St., Ave., etc.) 63 North Cypress St.
Cross Streets (nearest / between)
City / Town (within 3 miles) Fellsmere In Current City Limits: y n unknown
County Indian River Tax Parcel #(s)
Subdivision name Block Lot
Ownership (Please check one): private-profit private-individual city county Native American
private-nonprofit private-unspecified state federal foreign unknown
Name of Public Tract (e.g., park)
Route to (especially if no street address)

MAPPING

USGS 7.5' Map Name & Date Fellsmere
Township 31S Range 37E Section 23 1/4 section: NW SW SE NE Irregular-name:
Landgrant UTM: Zone 16 17 Easting 539060 Northing 3071700
Plat or other map (map's name, location)

DESCRIPTION

Style* Frame Vernacular Exterior Plan* irregular Number of Stories 1
Structural System(s)* Frame
Foundation: Type(s)* Pier Material(s)* Concrete block
Exterior Fabric(s)* Stucco
Roof: Type(s)* Hip Material(s)* Asbestos shingle
Roof secondary strucs. (dormers etc.)*
Chimney: No. 1 Material(s)* Brick Location(s)* South
Windows (types, materials, etc.)* Sash windows

Main Entrance (stylistic details) French doors
Porches: #open #closed #incised Location(s)
Porch roof type(s)
Exterior Ornament Exposed rafter ends

Interior Plan* WUSP
Condition (Please check one): excellent good fair deteriorated ruinous
Surroundings (N=None, S=Some, M=Most, A=All/nearly all): S commercial S residential N institutional N undeveloped
Ancillary Features (No., type of outbuildings; major landscape features. Use continuation sheet for descriptions of interior, landscaping, etc.) None

Archaeological Remains None Check if Archaeological Form completed
* Consult Guide to Historical Structure Forms for preferred descriptions (coded fields at the Site File).

DHR USE ONLY OFFICIAL EVALUATIONS DHR USE ONLY

NR DATE 10/8/96
DELIST DATE
KEEPER-NR ELIGIBILITY yes no Date 10/8/96
SHPO-NR ELIGIBILITY: yes no potentially elig. insufficient info Date 8/14/96
LOCAL DESIGNATION: Date / /
Local office
National Register Criteria for Evaluation a b c d (See National Register Bulletin 15, p. 2)

HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM

Consult Guide to Historical Structure Forms for detailed instructions.

HISTORY

Construction date: Exactly 1915 (year) Approximately _____ (year) Earlier than _____ (year) Later than _____ (year)

Architect (last name first): UNKNOWN Builder (last name first): UNKNOWN

Moves: yes no unknown Dates _____ Original address _____

Alterations: yes no unknown Dates _____ Nature* _____

Additions: yes no unknown Dates 1940/1930 Nature* 2 additions

Original Use* (give date ranges) Library

Intermediate Uses* (give date ranges) _____

Present Use* (give date ranges) Library

Ownership History (especially original owner, dates, profession, etc.) _____

* Consult Guide to Historical Structure Forms for preferred descriptions (coded fields at the Site File).

RESEARCH METHODS (Check all choices that apply; if needed write others at bottom)

<input type="checkbox"/> formal archaeological survey	<input type="checkbox"/> past surveys search at FMSF	<input type="checkbox"/> local library research	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn maps
<input type="checkbox"/> informal archaeological inspection	<input type="checkbox"/> past sites search at FMSF	<input type="checkbox"/> non-local library research	<input type="checkbox"/> subdivision maps
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Lands Survey (DEP)	<input type="checkbox"/> FL Archives (Gray Building)	<input type="checkbox"/> building permits	<input type="checkbox"/> plat maps
<input type="checkbox"/> tax records/property deeds	<input type="checkbox"/> FL Photo Archives (Gray Building)	<input type="checkbox"/> demolition permits	<input type="checkbox"/> local newspaper files
<input type="checkbox"/> tax records only	<input type="checkbox"/> occupant/owner interview	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial permits	
<input type="checkbox"/> interior inspection	<input type="checkbox"/> neighbor interview	<input type="checkbox"/> occupation permits	
<input type="checkbox"/> other methods (specify) _____			

SURVEYOR'S EVALUATION OF SITE (Check one choice on each line)

Potentially eligible for local register? yes; name register at right no insufficient info Name of local register if eligible: _____

Individually eligible for National Register? yes no insufficient info _____

Potential contributor to Nat. Reg. district? yes no insufficient info _____

Area(s) of Historical Significance (See *National Register Bulletin 15*, p. 8 for categories: e.g. "architecture", "ethnic heritage", "community planning & development", etc.)
Community Planning & Develop., Education, Architecture

Explanation of Evaluation (required, whether positive or not; limit to three lines; attach longer statement, if needed, on separate sheet)

DOCUMENTATION (Photos, Plans, etc.)

Bibliographic References (Use Continuation Sheet, give FMSF Manuscript # if relevant) _____

Photographs (required) B&W print(s) at least 3 x 5, at least one main facade.

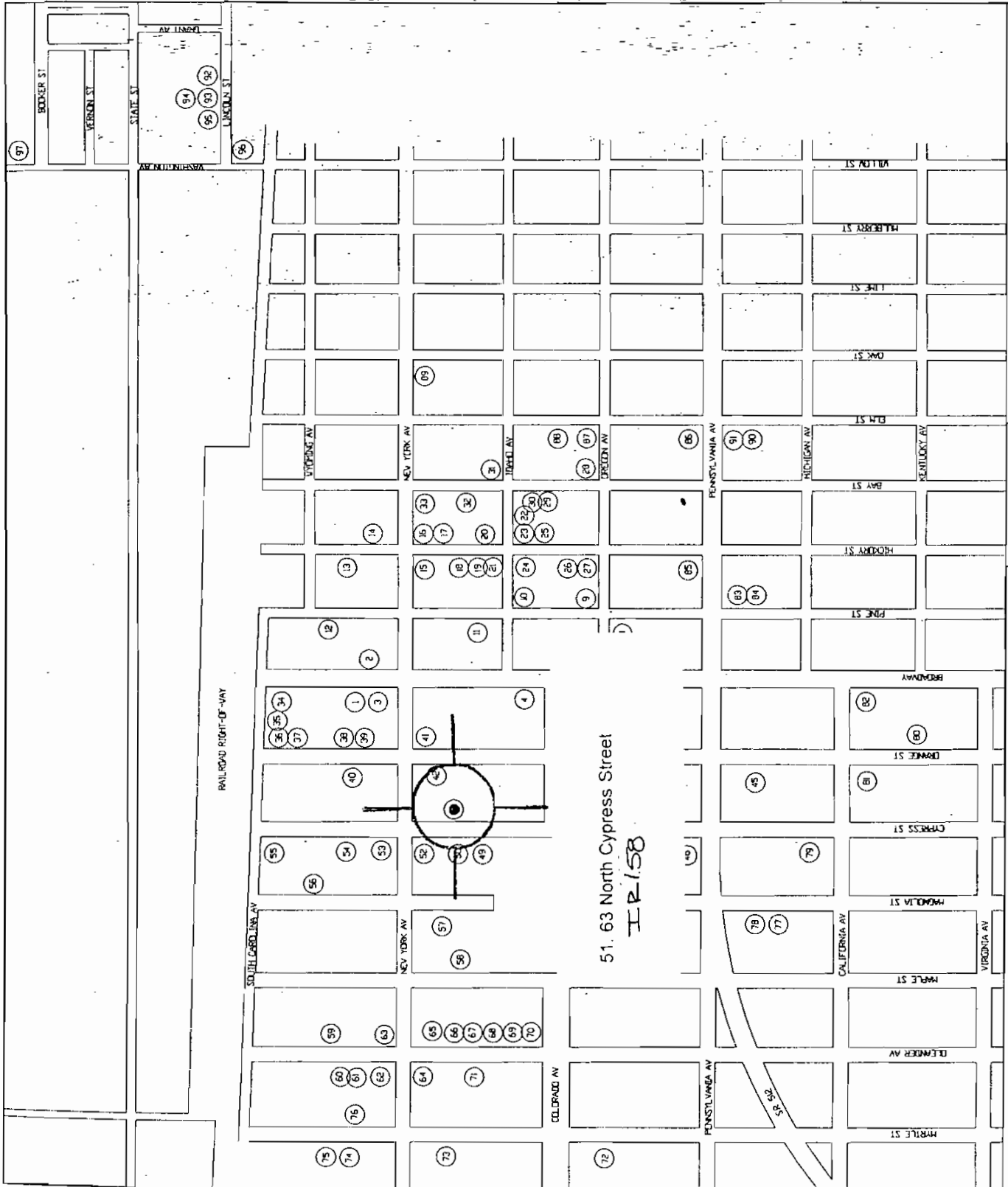
Location of negatives & negative numbers _____

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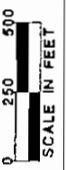
Name (last name first) / Address / Phone / Fax / Email / Affiliation Piland, Sherry BHP/FDHP
RA Gray Bldg, 500 S. Browne St, Tallahassee 32399
(850) 487-2333

Remember: Use a *Supplement for Site Forms* or other continuation sheet for descriptions that do not fit in the spaces above.

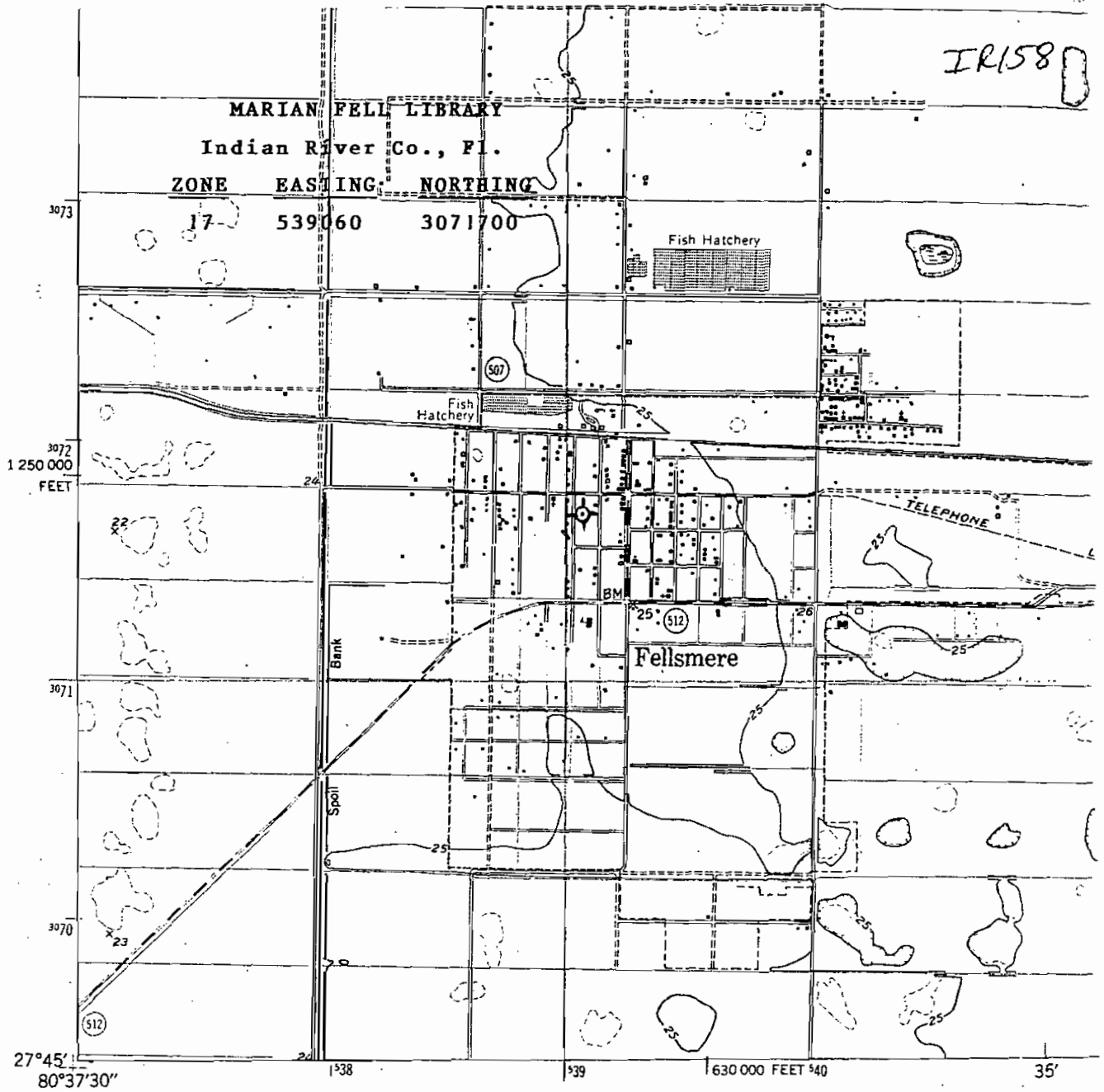
- REQUIRED:**
- (1) USGS 7.5' MAP WITH STRUCTURE PINPOINTED IN RED
 - (2) LARGE SCALE STREET OR PLAT MAP
 - (3) PHOTO OF MAIN FACADE, PREFER B&W, AT LEAST 3X5



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 HISTORIC PROPERTY ASSOCIATES, INC.
 JULY 1995



LOCATION OF SITES SURVEYED IN FELLSMERE



Mapped by U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey
 Edited and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA
 Culture and drainage in part compiled from
 aerial photographs taken 1947
 Topography by planetable surveys 1948. Field checked 1949
 Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Florida coordinate
 system, east zone (transverse Mercator)
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue
 1927 North American Datum (NAD 27)
 North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) is shown by dashed corner ticks
 The values of the shift between NAD 27 and NAD 83 for 7.5-minute
 intersections are given in USGS Bulletin 1875
 Unchecked elevations are shown in brown
 Land lines unsurveyed in T. 31 S.-R. 37 E.
 Photoinspected from 1989 source; no major culture or drainage
 changes observed. Boundaries and names revised 1992

★ IR 158
 MN GN NR Listed 10/8/96
 Fellsmere Quad
 4° 0' 12" / 71 MILS
 4 MILS 31S/37E

UTM GRID AND 1992 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

Revisions shown in purple and recompilation of woodland areas
 compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 197
 This information not field checked

RECORD NUMBER: 51

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HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM
FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE

Site 8 IR 158

SITE NAME: Marian Fell Library

HISTORIC CONTEXTS: Spanish-American War

NAT. REGISTER CATEGORY: Building

OTHER NAMES OR MSF NOS:

COUNTY: Indian River OWNERSHIP TYPE: Non-profit corp

PROJECT NAME: Survey of Fellsmere: S+P

DHR NO. 1032

LOCATION:

ADDRESS: 63 North Cypress Street

CITY: Fellsmere

VICINITY OF/ROUTE TO: See attached map

SUB: City of Fellsmere

BLOCK 101

LOT 16-26

PLAT OR OTHER MAP: Indian River Property Appraiser maps

TOWNSHIP: 31S RANGE: 37E SECTION: 23 1/4: 1/4-1/4:

IRREGULAR SEC? X y n LAND GRANT: None

USGS 7.5 MAP: Fellsmere 1949, PR 1970

UTM: ZONE: EASTING: NORTHING:

COORDINATES: LATITUDE: D M S LONGITUDE: D M S

HISTORY

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1915 RESTORATION DATE(S):

MODIFICATION DATE(S):

MOVE: DATE: ORIG. LOCATION:

ORIGINAL USE (S): Library

PRESENT USE (S): Library

DESCRIPTION

STYLE: Frame Vernacular

PLAN: EXTERIOR: Rectangular

PLAN: INTERIOR: Unknown

NO. STORIES: 1 OUTBLDGS: 0 PORCHES: 1 DORMERS: 0

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM(S): Wood frame

EXTERIOR FABRIC(S): Stucco

FOUNDATION: TYPE: Piers

MATERIALS: Rough-faced concrete block

INFILL:

PORCHES: W/entrance/gable roof, Tuscan columns/1 bay

ROOF: TYPE: Hip

SURFACING: Composition shingle

SECONDARY STRUCS:

CHIMNEY: NO.: 1

MATERIALS: Brick

LOCATIONS: S; end, exterior

WINDOWS: Double-hung sash, 6/6 lights

EXTERIOR ORNAMENT:

CONDITION: Excellent

SURROUNDINGS: Residential

NARRATIVE:

See continuation sheet

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FMSF HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM

Site 8 IR 50

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS AT THE SITE

FMSF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FORM COMPLETED? y X n
ARTIFACTS OR OTHER REMAINS: None observed

RECORDER'S EVALUATION OF SITE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Education, Social History

ELIGIBLE FOR NAT. REGISTER?	X	y	n	likely, need info	insf info
SIGNIF. AS PART OF DISTRICT?	y	X	n	likely, need info	insf info
SIGNIFICANT AT LOCAL LEVEL?	X	y	n	likely, need info	insf info

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

See continuation sheet

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* KEEPER DETERMINATION OF ELIG. (DATE): _YES ___ _NO ___ *

* SHPO EVALUATION OF ELIGIBILITY (DATE): _YES ___ _NO ___ *

* LOCAL DETERMINATION OF ELIG. (DATE): _YES ___ _NO ___ *

* OFFICE _____ *

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RECORDER INFORMATION: NAME: Sidney Johnston

DATE: 06/15/95 AFFILIATION: Historic Property Associates

PHOTOGRAPHS

LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Historic Property Associates

NEGATIVE NUMBERS: Roll 3, fr. 7

PHOTOGRAPH

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See Attachments

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Architectural Description: This one-story wood frame library building is located at 63 North Cypress Street. It is an example of Frame Vernacular architecture. The building has a rectangular plan and a hip roof. The exterior wall fabric is stucco and fenestration consists of double-hung sash windows with 6/6 lights. An entrance porch with a gable roof and Tuscan column supports extends from the facade. A brick chimney rises from the south side and the building sits on a rough-faced concrete block pier foundation.

Architectural Context: Frame Vernacular refers to the common wood frame construction technique employed by lay or self-taught builders. Before the Civil War, house construction was local in nature and dependent upon the building materials at hand. Builders adapted to the materials and developed individual methods and designs. The Industrial Revolution permitted standardization of building materials and exerted a significant change in vernacular house design. Popular magazines helped to make architectural trends universal throughout the country. The railroad provided cheap and efficient transportation for manufactured building materials. Ultimately, individual builders had access to a myriad of finished architectural products from which to create their own designs.

Frame Vernacular houses are typically one or two stories in height, with wood balloon frame structural systems and brick pier foundations. Plans are usually rectangular, though L-shaped plans were often used to maximize cross-ventilation. Gable or hip roofs usually have steep pitches which accommodate attic space. Horizontal drop siding and weatherboard are the most common exterior wall surface materials. Wood shingles were often used to cover the roofs, but they have nearly always been replaced by composition shingle. Porches, most commonly simple entrance or end porches, are common features of the style. Fenestration is regular, but not always symmetrical. Windows are generally double-hung sash with multi-pane glazing and doors contain recessed wood panels. Exterior decoration is sparse and limited to ornamental woodwork.

Historical Narrative: The Marian Fell Library is located in the Town of Fellsmere, which was platted by the Fellsmere Farms Company in 1911. The Fellsmere Library Association organized in October 1914. In May 1915, the library building was completed and dedicated.¹

The building is named for Marian Fell, one of Nelson Fell's daughters. Born in 1886, Marian was nearly as widely traveled as her father. Her early education was gained at private schools in the United States and Paris. She spent nearly ten years at Fell's Point in Narcoossee before moving with the family to Siberia in 1898, where she remained for four years. Possessing remarkable intelligence, she quickly absorbed the native language, and as part of her education translated Russian plays and stories into English. Between 1912 and 1916, Scribner's published five of Fell's translations--three works of Anton Chekhov and two by Vladimir Korolenko, some of the first Russian literature to appear in the English language. An important early translator of the Russian culture, Fell donated her publication royalties to the library association, which named the Fellsmere library for her.²

Between 1910 and 1914, Marian made occasional trips with her father to the community. There she apparently met and then developed a relationship that resulted in marriage in 1914 to Patrick Vans Agnew, a Kissimmee attorney who supervised the legal affairs of the Fellsmere Farms Company. Marian and Patrick initially settled in Jacksonville, but eventually moved to Winter Park. She remained intrigued with the development and dynamics of the Fellsmere settlement throughout her life. Marian Fell Library is the oldest continuously operating library in Indian River County.

Historical Context: Fellsmere, founded in 1910 and incorporated in 1915, was named for Nelson Fell, a mining engineer. Fell helped organize the Fellsmere Farm Company, which engaged in wetlands drainage, built a railroad to the area, and laid out a town plan. Following an intensive promotional campaign, the community enjoyed a brief period of growth. A small commercial center emerged along Broadway and residences began to line the streets in surrounding neighborhoods. Growth declined with the onset of war in 1916 and floods that ruined crops and citrus groves, driving new settlers to better drained coastal areas. As an inland agricultural community, Fellsmere did not attract the tourists and winter residents who contributed to the economies of neighboring cities and towns. Fellsmere consequently experienced little growth during the great Florida Land Boom of the 1920s. Agriculture continued to drive the local economy during the 1930s, and period when sugarcane production became an important component of the agriculture industry. Fellsmere, set amid one of Florida's largest privately funded land reclamation programs of the early twentieth century, contains an important collection of historic buildings that contribute to Florida's architectural heritage.

¹ Record of Incorporation Book 1, p. 376-378; *Fellsmere Farmer*, January 23, July 24, September 4, 1913.

² Vans Agnew to McCluer, November 14, 1965; Levenson, et al., *Henry Adams*, 5: 592; Edward Martell and L.G. Pine, comp., *Who's Who Among English and European Authors, 1931-1949*, 3 vols. (Detroit, 1978), 3: 1438. See the *National Union Catalog Pre-1956 Imprints* for a complete listing of Marian Fell's translations.

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HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM
FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE

Site # IR 158
Recorder # _____

SITE NAME Marian Fell Library
HISTORIC CONTEXTS building
NAT. REGISTER CATEGORY Building
OTHER NAMES OR MSF NOS none
COUNTY Indian River OWNERSHIP TYPE private
PROJECT NAME Marian Fell Library DHR NO _____
LOCATION (Attach copy of USGS map, sketch-map of immediate area)
ADDRESS N. Cypress Street CITY Fellsmere, Fl, 32948
VICINITY OF / ROUTE TO S.R. 512, City of Fellsmere, north on Cypress Street, right side of street
SUBDIVISION _____ BLOCK NO _____ LOT NO _____
PLAT OR OTHER MAP City of Fellsmere
TOWNSHIP 31E RANGE 37E SECTION _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4-1/4 _____
IRREGULAR SEC? y n LAND GRANT No
USGS 7.5' MAP Fellsmere Quadrangle
UTM: ZONE _____ EASTING _____ NORTHING _____
COORDINATES: LATITUDE _____ D _____ M _____ S LONGITUDE _____ D _____ M _____ S

HISTORY

ARCHITECT: F unknown M _____ L _____
BUILDER: F unknown M _____ L _____
CONST DATE 1915 CIRCA _____ RESTORATION DATE(S): _____
MODIFICATION DATE(S): additions: kitchen (1930s); bathroom (1940s)
MOVE: DATE _____ ORIG LOCATION yes
ORIGINAL USE(S) library
PRESENT USES(S) library

DESCRIPTION

STYLE bungalow (pedimented)
PLAN: EXTERIOR rectangular
INTERIOR _____
NO.: STORIES 1 OUTBLDGS none PORCHES yes DORMERS no
STRUCTURAL SYSTEM(S) wood frame; platform
EXTERIOR FABRIC(S) stucco; wood, weatherboard, beaded
FOUNDATION: TYPE pier MATLS concrete
INFILL unknown
PORCHES portico supported by columns (approx. 3'x6')
ROOF: TYPE Gable SURFACING slate (ingles; patterned
SECONDARY STRUCS. _____
CHIMNEY: NO 1 MTLs block LOCNS ridge, S
WINDOWS Sas; 3/3; wood

EXTERIOR ORNAMENT

CONDITION Fair SURROUNDINGS _____
NARRATIVE (general, interior, landscape, context; 3 lines only)
Bungalow located on several vacant lots approximately 70 ft. from Cypress Street, a narrow paved residential street with curbing; no sidewalks, no formal parking exists on site; no formal landscaping;

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS AT THE SITE

FMSF ARCHAEOLOGICAL FORM COMPLETED? y xn (IF Y, ATTACH)
ARTIFACTS OR OTHER REMAINS _____

SEE SITE FILE STAFF FOR ORIGINAL PHOTO(S) OR MAP(S)

RECORDER'S EVALUATION OF SITE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE See attached Preliminary Site Information

ELIGIBLE FOR NAT. REGISTER? y n likely, need info insf inf
SIGNIF. AS PART OF DISTRICT? y n likely, need info insf inf
SIGNIFICANT AT LOCAL LEVEL? y n likely, need info insf inf

SUMMARY ON SIGNIFICANCE (Limit to three lines provided; see page 3)

Example of early construction (1915) for "company" town (Fellsmere Farms Company) - first agricultural land development company in this western part of Indian River County; first library supported by first Woman's Club (Fellsmere Library Association)

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* DATE LISTED ON NR _____ *
* KEEPER DETERMINATION OF ELIG.(DATE): -YES _____ -NO _____ *
* SHPO EVALUATION OF ELIGIBILITY (DATE): -YES _____ -NO _____ *
* LOCAL DETERMINATION OF ELIG.(DATE): -YES _____ -NO _____ *
* OFFICE _____ *
* * *DHR USE ONLY* * * * * DHR USE ONLY * *

RECORDER INFORMATION: NAME F _____ M _____ L _____
DATE: MO _____ YR _____ AFFILIATION _____

PHOTOGRAPHS (Attach a labeled print bigger than contact size)

LOCATION OF NEGATIVES Indian River County Historical Society
NEGATIVE NUMBERS _____

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Looking North:

Back of Library; addition of
bathroom (foreground); addition of
kitchen background

Ir 158

Indian River County Historical Soc.



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Looking East:

MARIAN FELL LIBRARY

Ir 158

BUILT 1915

FELLSMERE, FLORIDA

Indian River County Historical Soc,



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Looking to West: Ir 158

Bathroom addition on left;
Kitchen on right with "brick"
siding.

Indian River County Historical Society



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Looking North:

Original chimney

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Two Views: Marion Fell Library - Dedicated May 1915
Basically a Pedimented Bungalow design
Looking east from North Cypress Street
Fellsmere, Florida 32948



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PORTICO - MARION FELL LIBRARY
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1. Name of Property

historic name FELL, MARIAN, LIBRARY

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 63 North Cypress Street not for publication

city or town Fellsmere vicinity

state Florida code FL county Indian River code 061 zip code 32848

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Suzanne P. Walker / Deputy SHPO 8/14/96
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper _____

Date of Action _____

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic and Architectural Resources
of Fellsmere, Florida

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION/ Library

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION/ Library

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

vernacular

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete block pier
walls Stucco
roof Asbestos
other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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MARIAN FELL LIBRARY
INDIAN RIVER CO., FL.

The Marian Fell Library is located at 63 North Cypress Street in Fellsmere, Florida. The one-story, 800 square foot, frame building rests on rough face, cast block piers that alternate with a lattice infill. The exterior walls are covered with stucco. A hip roof with exposed rafter ends covers the irregularly-shaped, vernacular building. The building contributes to the Historic and Architectural Resources of Fellsmere, Florida multiple property group as an example of property type F.3, Public Buildings.

SETTING

Fellsmere is located ten miles north of Vero Beach in northern Indian River County. The Marian Fell Library lies one block north of County Road 512, midway between Colorado and New York avenues. The historic downtown lies two blocks east. Crepe myrtle and eleagus shrubs surround the foundation of the building. Vacant lots north of the library building are cleared, and contain oak and pine trees. Vacant lots are also to the south of the building, but are not maintained and are overgrown with vegetation. Residences are to the east and west.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The main (west) facade of the Marian Fell Library faces onto North Cypress Street. The recessed entrance is centrally located and marked by a slightly projecting, gabled portico (Photo 1). A flight of steps originally led to the portico. One side of the steps is now converted into a ramp for handicap access. Two simple Tuscan columns support the portico roof. Within the portico, oblique French entrance doors flank a large, full-height, fixed central window with mullions. On each side of the portico is a 6/6, double hung, wood, sash window.

A stucco-covered, exterior brick chimney is located on the south elevation (Photo 2). It is flanked by 6/6, wood, double hung sash windows. The north elevation has identical windows (Photo 3).

Two shed roofed additions project from the rear (east) elevation of the library (Photo 2). The largest, built in 1930 to contain a kitchen, has pressed metal panel exterior walls;

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2/2, double hung, sash windows; and an entrance door. The smaller addition, built in 1940 to contain a restroom, is covered with wood drop siding and fenestrated with 2/2, double-hung, sash windows. The original portion of the east elevation has a 6/6, double-hung, sash window and a 6-light, hopper window.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The interior of the Marian Fell Library is divided into the library space, a kitchen, and a restroom. The French entrance doors open directly into the undivided library space. This space has twelve-foot ceilings, walls and ceiling of plaster, and the original hanging light fixtures. Built-in shelving extends between the windows along the north wall and around the restroom door on the east wall (Photo 4). Movable stacks stand in the southeast corner. A fire place is located on the south wall, and a circulation desk accommodates patrons in front of the central, fixed window on the facade (Photo 5). All the doors have their original brass hardware.

A paneled wood door with divided lights and a transom opens into the kitchen addition of 1930. A solid, paneled, wood door provides access to the 1940 restroom addition. Both the kitchen and restroom have ten-foot high ceilings.

Marian Fell Library
Name of Property

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development

Education

Architecture

Period of Significance

1915-1946

Significant Dates

1915

1930

1940

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown/ unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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Marian Fell Library, 63 North Cypress, Fellsmere, was built in 1915 and meets National Register criteria A and C. It is locally significant in the areas of community planning and development, and education. It is also a significant local example of vernacular architecture. The building contributes to the Historic and Architectural Resources of Fellsmere, Florida, Multiple Property submission under historic context I, Founding and Initial Period of Development, 1910-1919, and under property type F.3, Public Buildings.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Marian Fell Library is named for one of the daughters of E. Nelson Fell, the founder of Fellsmere. Born in 1886 in Cornwall, New York, Marian Fell was nearly as widely traveled as her father, Nelson Fell, a mining engineer. Her early education was acquired at private schools in the United States, Paris, and Russia. She spent nearly ten years at the family home in Narcoossee on East Lake Tohopekaliga in Osceola County before moving in 1898 with the family to Siberia, where she remained four years. Possessing remarkable intelligence and perseverance, she quickly absorbed the native language, and as part of her education translated Russian plays and stories into English. Between 1912 and 1916, Scribner's published five of Marian's translations, some of the first Russian literature to appear in the English language.

Around 1902, the Fells left Russia and established a permanent residence in Warrenton, Virginia. The development of Fellsmere several years later captured Marian's interest, and she often accompanied her father to the Florida settlement. There she apparently met Patrick Vans Agnew. They developed a relationship that resulted in marriage in 1914. Vans Agnew, a Kissimmee attorney, supervised the legal affairs of the Fellsmere Farms Company and served as Fellsmere's first city attorney. The couple resided briefly in Jacksonville before eventually settling in Winter Park.

Although she did not reside in Fellsmere, Marian remained intrigued with the Fellsmere settlement throughout her life. To promote literacy and culture in the community, she donated her publication royalties to the Fellsmere Library Association, which was formed in October 1914, for the construction of a library and

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the acquisition of books. The building was completed in April 1915. The opening remarks at the dedication ceremony were provided by Patrick Vans Agnew. Senator Nathan P. Bryan delivered the principal address. Because of Marian Fell's generosity in financing the construction of the library, the Association named the building in her honor.

The Library Association received the deed to the property from the Fellsmere Farms Company soon after completion of the building. Membership in the Library Association required a small fee, but the library facilities were open to the entire community. In 1918, the organization boasted seventy-six members with \$275 in revenue, and a collection of approximately 1,700 books. Several thousand books were circulated each year. The Association actively solicited book donations and periodically published new acquisitions, giving credit to each donor. Periodicals and area newspapers were available to patrons.

The building served as a popular site for lectures, recitals, and public meetings. The Association hosted canning demonstrations, flower shows, exotic food preparation, bird shows, and other cultural events. Subcommittees were established to organize periodic presentations on architecture, art, horticulture, and music. Literacy and lyceum courses were offered occasionally. Officers in the Florida Audubon Society, Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Florida State Board of Health presented lectures, and area woman's clubs occasionally held meetings in the library building.

Library association memberships declined in the 1920s and 1930s, a period when little development occurred in Fellsmere. Nevertheless, benefit parties, social gatherings, and fund raisers were periodically hosted by the Association. Because the library depended heavily upon volunteers for its operation, the hours were limited, usually restricted between four and eight hours each week. Between 1930 and 1940, kitchen and restroom additions were made to the building.

The Fellsmere Library Association continues to serve the cultural needs of Fellsmere, maintaining a collection of books, periodicals, and historical materials. It was awarded a small grant from the Division of Historical Resources in the 1980s to make repairs to the chimney and roof of the Marian Fell Library building.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

During the late nineteenth century, small communities in Florida often sought to provide their citizens with library facilities. These libraries were often located within buildings that served multiple functions, such as a community meeting hall or even a theater. Gradually those facilities were replaced by buildings designed to function more efficiently as book repositories, with greater attention paid to patron seating, study areas, and staff work areas. The Marian Fell Library is representative of library buildings developed in small Florida towns during the early twentieth century.

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Fire Insurance Map of Fellsmere, Florida. New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1924.

Interview with Bettie Bock, member of Fellsmere Library Association, by Sherry Piland, 2 February 1996.

Marquis, Albert, ed. Who's Who in America. Vol. XI, 1920-21. Chicago: A. N. Marquis and Company, 1920-21.

Official Records

Deed and Mortgage Books. Indian River Courthouse, Vero Beach, Florida.

Deed, Incorporation, and Mortgage Books. St. Lucie County Courthouse, Fort Pierce, Florida.

~~Marian Fell Library~~
Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	17	539060	3071700
Zone	Easting	Northing	
2			

3			
Zone	Easting	Northing	
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sidney Johnston/ Sherry Piland, Historic Sites Specialist

organization Bureau of Historic Preservation date August 1996

street & number R.A. Gray Bldg., 500 S. Bronough telephone (904) 487-2333

city or town Tallahassee state Florida zip code 32399-0250

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Town of Fellsmere PBS 2-3 & 4, lots 21-26, Block 101.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property, as shown on the site plan, includes lots 21-26. This property has been historically associated with the Marian Fell Library. The building sits on lot 21. Lots 22-26, extending north of the Library to New York Avenue, are landscaped and provide a park-like setting for the library building. Lots 16-20, extending south from the library building, are under the same ownership. However, they are over-grown and are not landscaped. Since they do not contribute to the setting of the library building, these lots are excluded from the boundary.



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PRELIMINARY SITE INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE ■ GEORGE FIRESTONE, SECRETARY OF STATE

This questionnaire is intended only to provide preliminary information about the property to the Bureau of Historic Preservation.

INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PROPERTY WITH THIS PRELIMINARY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name and Location (County) of Property

Marion Fell Library
Indian River County
Fellsmere, Florida

2. Name and Address of Owner

Fellsmere Library Assoc. Inc.
North Cypress Street
Fellsmere, Fla. 32948

3. Date of Construction or Significant Historic Associations 1915

4. Type of Property:

- Archaeological Site
- Residential Building
- Public Building *
- Commercial Building
- Other (Describe)

5. Original Use:

Library and Meeting Hall

6. Present Use:

Library and Meeting Hall

7. Physical Description (Indicate Basic Design and Construction, and General Condition at Present Time)

Design is basically pedimented bungalow, frame (cypress & pine) with overlay of plaster, approx. size 1100 sq. ft., sash windows, slate roof, portico supported by columns; original 1915; addition of kitchen (late 1930s); bathroom (mid 1940s). Designer and builder thought to be employed by

8. Why is the Property Significant:

This library built in 1915 was and is the only library opened to the public in this rural community of Fellsmere (incorp. 1911). Edward Nelson Fell, founder of the town and president of Fellsmere Farms Company, donated the building lot. His daughter, Marion, provided the monies to build the library.

9. Enclosures:

- Photos
- Location Map
 - Fellsmere
 - Indian River County
 - Site w/building

10. Name and Address of Person Submitting:

Mrs. Ruth Stanbridge,
Indian River County Historical Soc.
4835 66th Avenue
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

11. Telephone Number

305 567-5363 home
305 562-3924 office

Date: June 12, 1987

Signature: Ruth Stanbridge

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Places. For further information contact Edson Beall via voice
(202) 343-1572, fax (202) 343-1836 or E-mail: edson_beall@nps.gov

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WEEKLY LIST OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON PROPERTIES: 10/07/96 THROUGH
10/11/96

KEY: State, County, Property Name, Address/Boundary, City, Vicinity,
Reference Number, NHL, Action, Date, Multiple Name

ARIZONA, PINAL COUNTY,
La Casa del High Jinks,
High Jinks Rd., 8 mi. SE of Oracle and 2.5 mi. W of Mt. Lemmon Rd.,
Oracle, 96001056,
LISTED,

CALIFORNIA, EL DORADO COUNTY,
Vikingsholm,
10001 Emerald Bay Rd.,
South Lake Tahoe vicinity, 96001078,
LISTED, 10/10/96

CALIFORNIA, SACRAMENTO COUNTY,
American River Grange Hall No. 172,
2720 Kilgora Rd.,
Rancho Cordova vicinity, 96001079,
LISTED, 10/10/96

CALIFORNIA, STANISLAUS COUNTY,
Riverbank Branch Library,
3237 Santa Fe St.,
Riverbank, 96001077,
LISTED, 10/10/96
(Carnegie Libraries MPS)

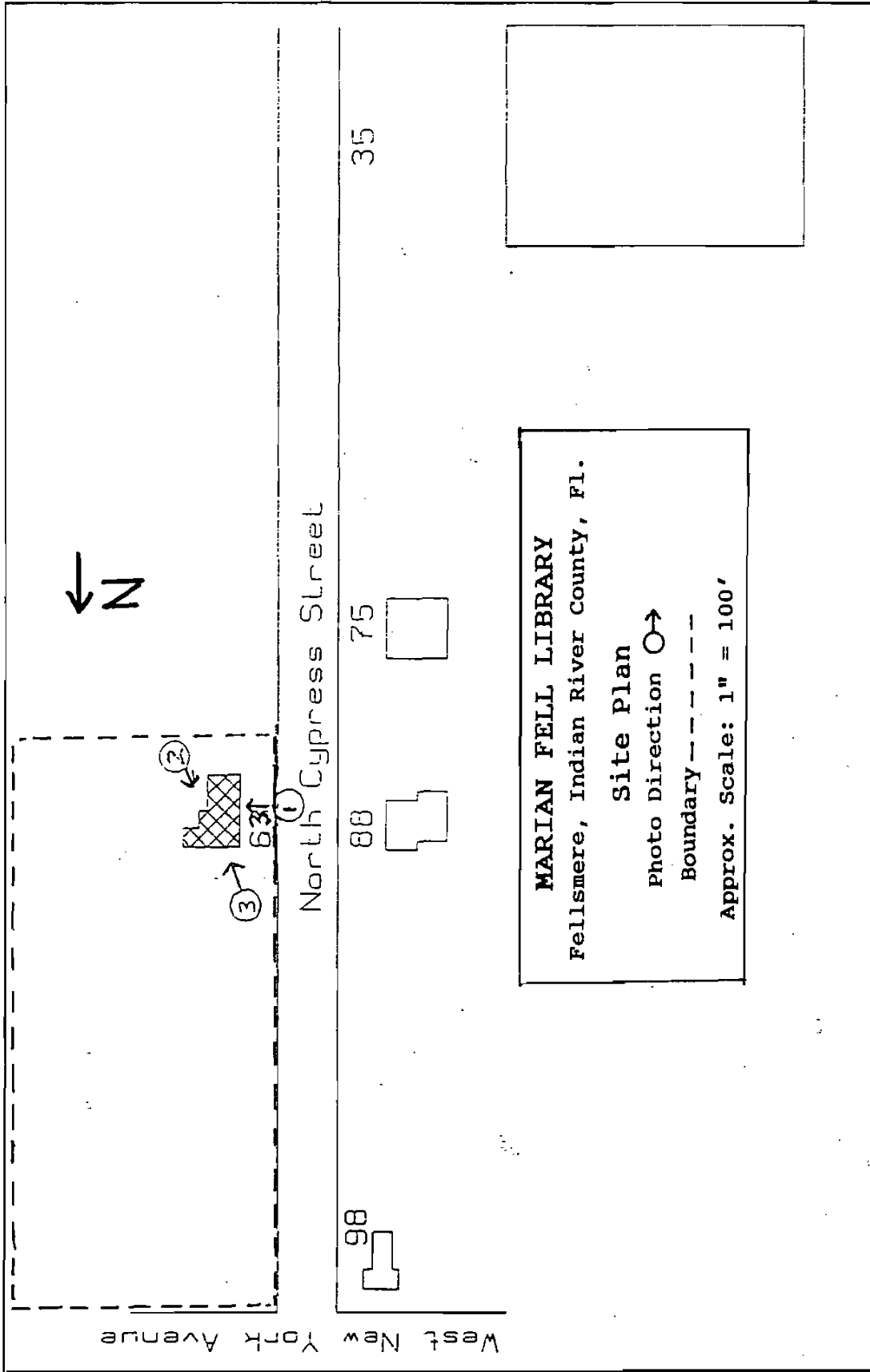
COLORADO, MESA COUNTY,
Fruita Museum,
432 E. Aspen,
Fruita, 96001080,
LISTED, 10/10/96

FLORIDA, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY,
Fell, Marian, Library,
63 N. Cypress St.,
Fellsmere, 96001059,
LISTED, 10/08/96
(Fellsmere MPS)

KANSAS, HARVEY COUNTY,
Bergtholdt House,
205 E. 5th,
Halstead, 96001081,
LISTED, 10/10/96

LOUISIANA, ST. TAMMANY PARISH,
Salmen House,
2854 Front St.,
Slidell, 96001082,
LISTED, 10/10/96

MARYLAND, BALTIMORE INDEPENDENT CITY,
Shaarei Tfiloh Synagogue,
2001 Liberty Heights Ave.,
Baltimore, 96001085,



West New York Avenue

North Cypress Street

63'

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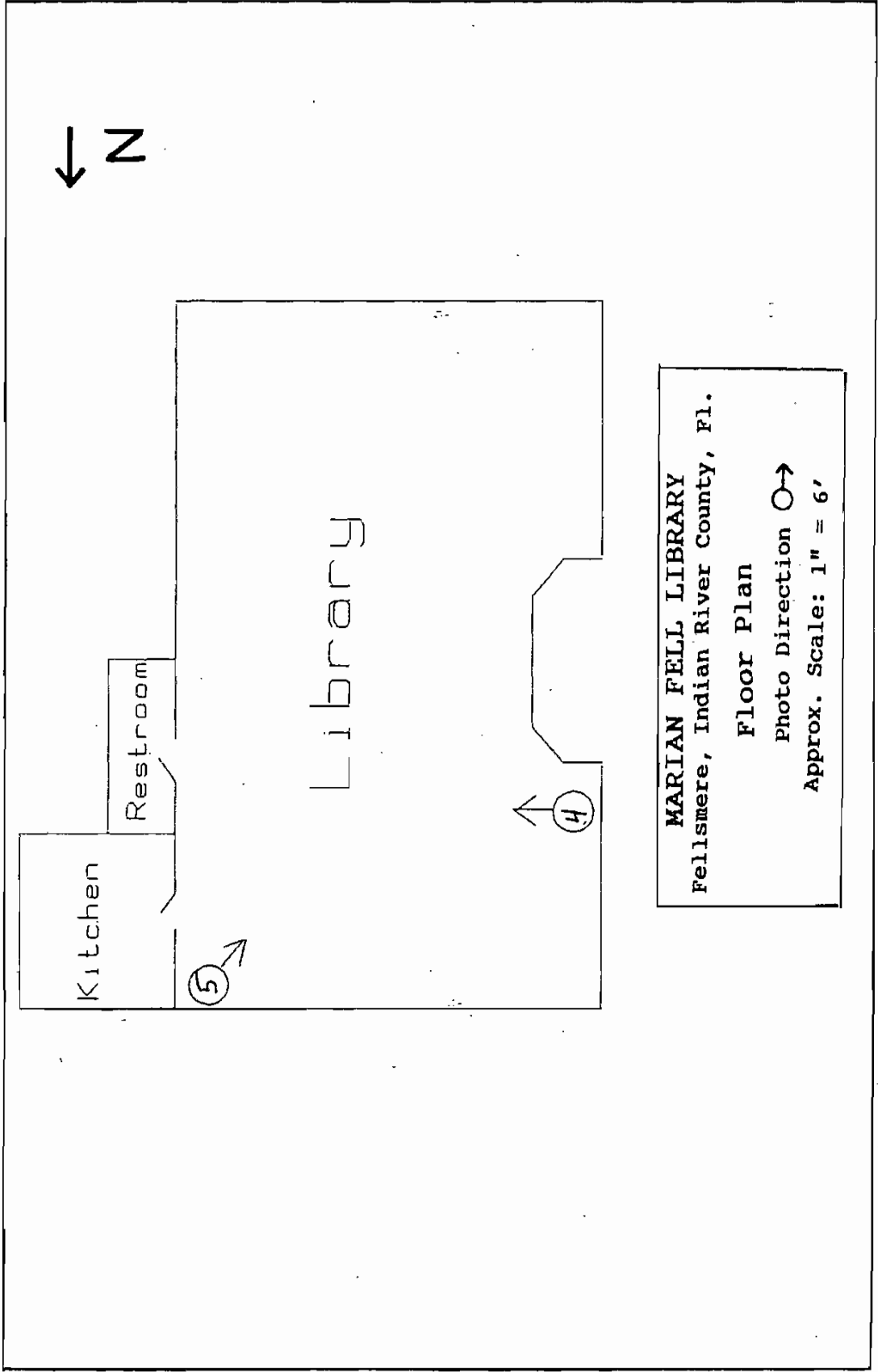
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MARIAN FELL LIBRARY
 Fellsmere, Indian River County, Fl.
Site Plan
 Photo Direction ○→
 Boundary - - - - -
 Approx. Scale: 1" = 100'



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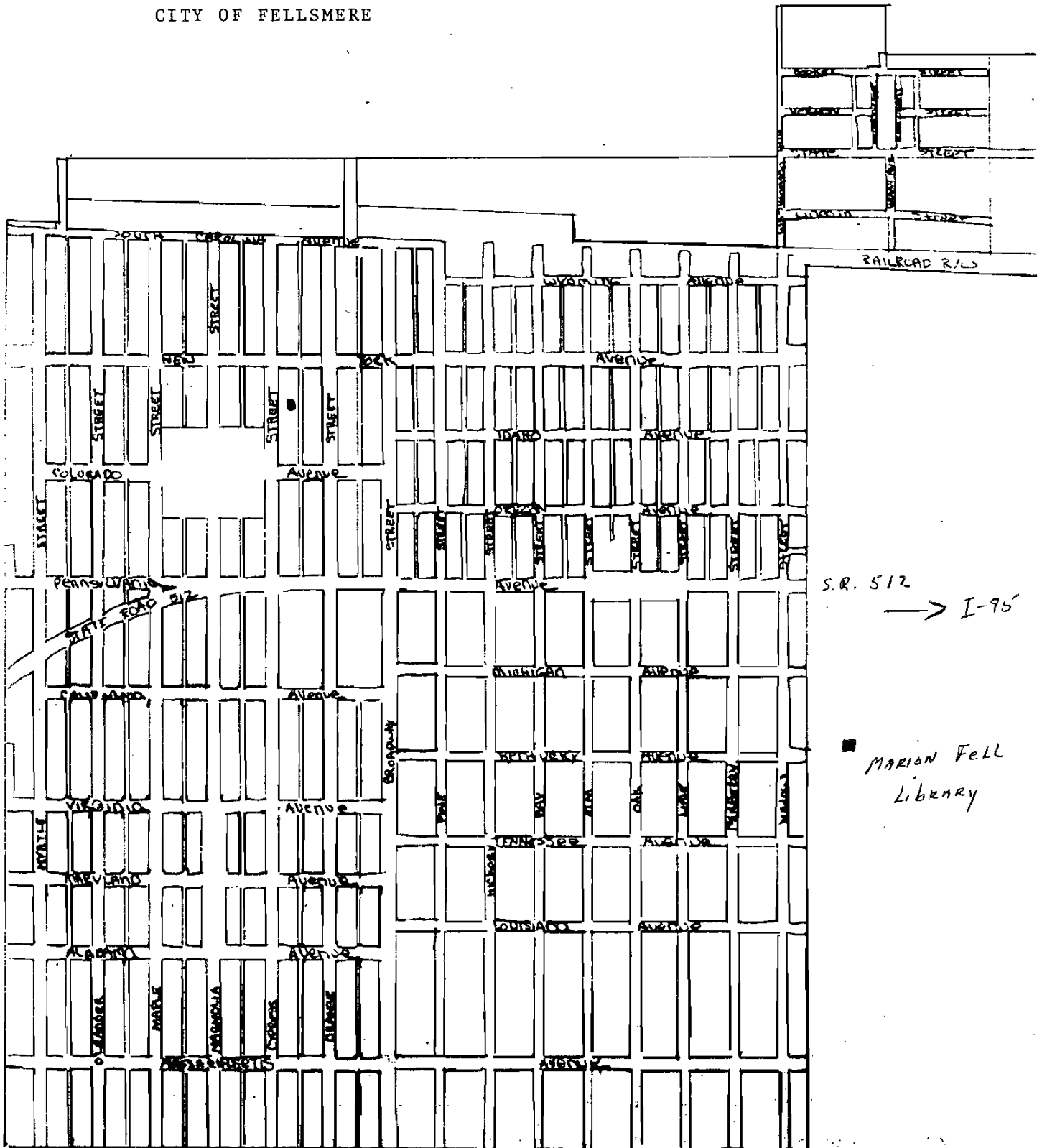


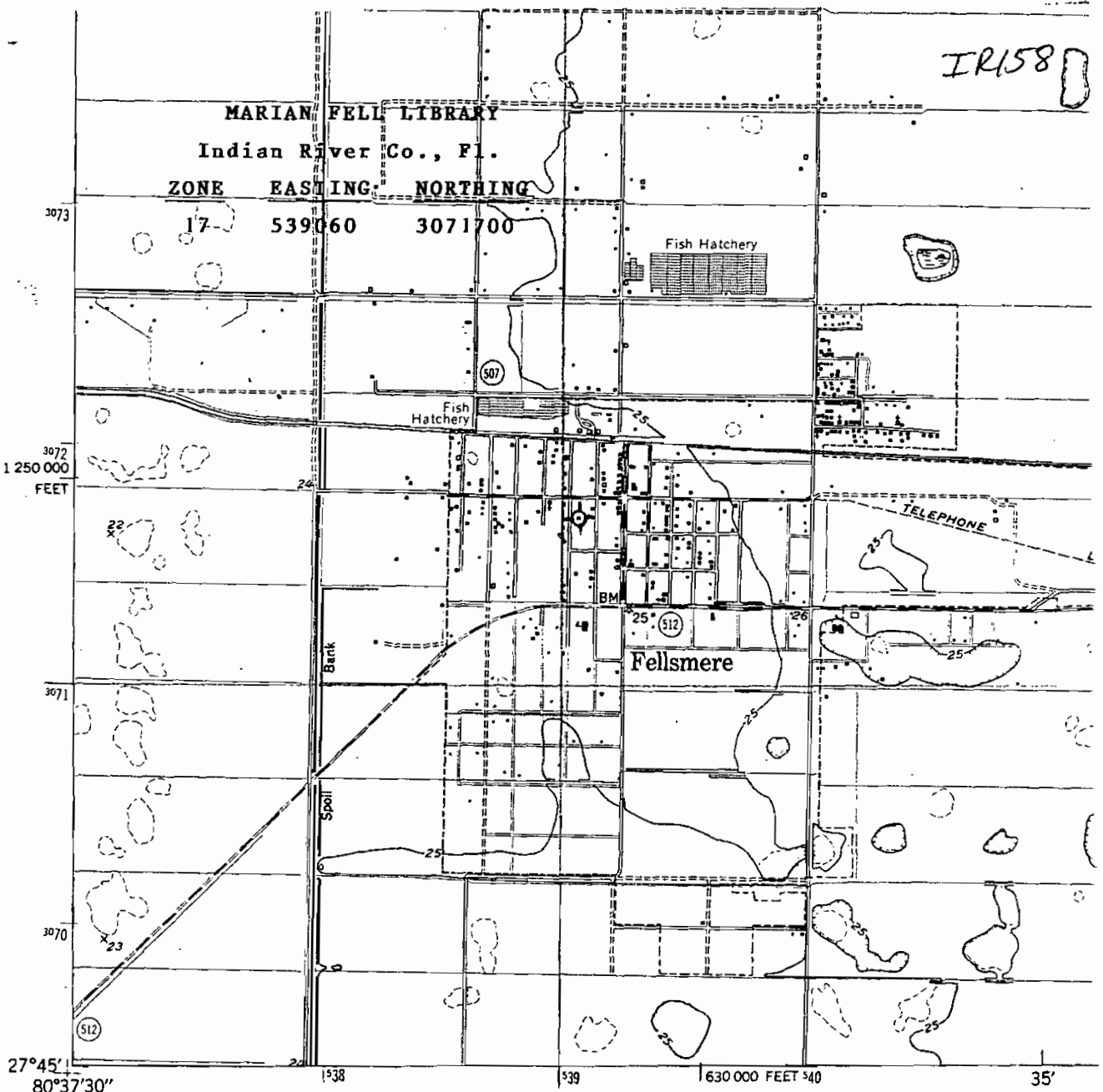
MARIAN FELL LIBRARY
Fellsmere, Indian River County, Fl.
Floor Plan
Photo Direction ○→
Approx. Scale: 1" = 6'

NORTH

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CITY OF FELLOSMERE





Mapped by U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey
 Edited and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA
 Culture and drainage in part compiled from
 aerial photographs taken 1947
 Topography by planetable surveys 1948. Field checked 1949
 Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Florida coordinate
 system, east zone (transverse Mercator)
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue
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 North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) is shown by dashed corner ticks
 The values of the shift between NAD 27 and NAD 83 for 7.5-minute
 intersections are given in USGS Bulletin 1875
 Unchecked elevations are shown in brown
 Land lines unsurveyed in T. 31 S.-R. 37 E.
 Photoinspected from 1989 source; no major culture or drainage
 changes observed. Boundaries and names revised 1992

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 Fellsmere Quad
 71 MILS
 4 MILS 31S | 37E |

UTM GRID AND 1992 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

Revisions shown in purple and recompilation of woodland areas
 compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 197
 This information not field checked

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1. Name of Property

historic name Marian Fell Library

other names _____ FSF Number

2. Location

street & number 63 North Cypress Street not for publication

city or town Fellsmere vicinity

state FLORIDA code FL county Indian River code 061 zip code 32948

3. Owner Awareness Statement

As the owner, or official representative of the owner, of the property identified above, I am aware of this proposal for its nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. I have been advised of the procedures for review of the proposal by the State Historic Preservation Office and the Florida National Register Review Board, and for the formal nomination of the property at the discretion of the State Historic Preservation Officer. I understand that I will be notified of the date and place of the public meeting at which the proposal will be considered by the Florida National Register Review Board, and that I will be given an opportunity to submit written comments and to appear in person in support of or opposition to the nomination of the property. At this time I _____ support _____ oppose _____ reserve opinion of this proposal.

Signature of property owner or representative

Date

4. Legal Description of Property (according to county property appraiser's office)

Lots 16-26, block 101 of the City of Fellsmere



Attach continuation sheet if necessary

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Name of property

Indian River County, FL
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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structure
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Historic Architectural Resources of Fellsmere

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

Current Functions

EDUCATION/library

SOCIAL/meeting hall

EDUCATION/library

SOCIAL/meeting hall

7. Description

Architectural Classifications

Materials

OTHER: Frame Vernacular

foundation CONCRETE

walls STUCCO

roof ASBESTOS

other GLASS; WOOD

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

SUMMARY

Marian Fell Library is located at 63 North Cypress Street in Fellsmere. The building possesses significance for its architectural and historical associations. Measuring some 800 square feet and among the smallest historic libraries in Florida, it exhibits Frame Vernacular construction with Classical Revival style influences. The period of significance associated with the property spans the years between 1915 and 1945. The library was developed to serve expressed cultural and social functions, which it continues to facilitate, and retains its architectural integrity to a high degree.

PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Setting

The historic library is located in block 101 of the City of Fellsmere, which is located ten miles north of Vero Beach in northern Indian River County. The library lies one block north of County Road 512 midway between Colorado and New York avenues. Undeveloped property lies to the north and south along the block in which the library is located. To the east and west lie scattered dwellings and a school of recent origin. The historic downtown lies two blocks east. Vegetation consists of pine and scrub oak trees, crepe myrtle, and eleagus shrubs, which surround the foundation.

Exterior

A Frame Vernacular building with Classical Revival influences, Marian Fell Library displays an irregular footprint, steeply-pitched hip roof with shed extensions, brick chimney, exposed rafter ends, and stucco exterior wall fabric. The front, or west, facade is symmetrical and exhibits a recessed entrance porch with a gable roof supported by Doric columns (photographs 1, 2). The porch protects oblique entrances and a large fixed central window. Double-hung sash windows with 6/6 lights provide natural interior lighting. Two shed extensions project at the northeast corner (photographs 2, 3). The largest, built in 1930, contains a kitchen and displays pressed metal panel exterior walls, 2/2-light double-hung sash windows, and an entrance. The smaller extension, built in 1940, protects a restroom enclosed with wood drop siding and 2/2-light double-hung sashes. The east elevation of the building also contains a 6/6-light double-hung sash window and a 6-light hopper window. Both the north and south elevations contain double-hung sash windows with 6/6 light configurations. A brick chimney centrally positioned rises along the south elevation. The building rests on rough face cast block piers finished with lattice infill.

Interior

Oblique entrances filled with French doors on the west facade provide access into the building, which contains three interior spaces--the library, kitchen, and restroom (photographs 4, 5). The French doors open directly into the library, which is undivided. Ceilings rise twelve feet in the library and ten feet in the other rooms. Plaster covers the walls and ceilings, the latter displaying original hanging sconces. A paneled wood door with divided lights and a transom opens into the kitchen while a solid paneled wood door

protects the restroom. All the doors display original brass hardware. Door and window surrounds with cornice molding remain in good repair.

The oblique front entrances are separated by an expansive full-height fixed window with mullions to provide natural interior lighting. Built-in shelving extends between windows along the north wall and around the restroom door on the east wall. Movable stacks stand in the southeast corner. A fire place opens along the south wall, and a circulation desk accommodates patrons in front of the central fixed window on the facade. The kitchen was installed in 1930 within a shed extension at the northeast corner of the building. Ten years later, a restroom was constructed within a smaller shed extension adjoining the south wall of the kitchen.

CONCLUSION

Marian Fell Library was developed to serve an expressed cultural and social function. Measuring some 800 square feet, the building exhibits Frame Vernacular construction with Classical Revival style influences. The period of significance associated with the building spans the years between 1915 and 1945. The library serves its original function and retains its original architectural integrity to a high degree. The library contributes to the sense of time, place, and historical development of Fellsmere through its location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The building provides an important architectural, cultural, and social link to the heritage of Fellsmere.

Marian Fell Library
Name of property

Indian River County, FL
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad understanding of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the last 50 years.

Area of Significance

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology | <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Govt. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medicine | Other _____ |

Period of Significance

1915-1945

Significant Dates

1915

Significant Person (if proposed under category B)

Cultural Affiliation (for archaeological sites only)

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

SECTION 8 CONTINUATION SHEET

SUMMARY

Marian Fell Library fulfills criteria A and C for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It possesses local significance in the areas of architecture, community planning and development, education, and social history. The period of significance extends between 1915 and 1945. Under criterion A, the library possesses significance as the historic book repository of Fellsmere and a community cultural and social center. The library shares a historical association with Marian Fell, daughter of the founder of Fellsmere. Built in 1915, the library historically also served as a meeting hall. The building has further significance under criterion C. A modest Frame Vernacular design, the building displays Classical Revival style influences. The design of the library is consistent with national and statewide trends in architecture and it retains its architectural integrity to a high degree. The building contributes to the Historic Architectural Resources of Fellsmere Multiple Property Cover under all historic associated contexts and F.3 property type.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Fellsmere's historic repository bears the masthead Marian Fell Library, named for one of the daughters of E. Nelson Fell, the founder of Fellsmere. Born in 1886 in Cornwall, New York, Marian was nearly as widely traveled as her father, Nelson Fell, a mining engineer and founder of Fellsmere. Her early education was acquired at private schools in the United States and Paris, and in Russia. She spent nearly ten years at the family home in Narcoossee on East Lake Tohopekaliga in Osceola County before moving in 1898 with the family to Siberia, where she remained four years. Possessing remarkable intelligence and perseverance, she quickly absorbed the native language, and as part of her education translated Russian plays and stories into English. Between 1912 and 1916, Scribner's published five of Marian's translations--three works of Anton Chekhov and two by Vladimir Korolenko, some of the first Russian literature to appear in the English language.¹

An important early translator of the Russian culture, Marian left Russia with her parents moving to Warrenton, Virginia, where the Fells established a permanent residence. The development of Fellsmere several years later captured her interest, and she often accompanied her father to the Florida settlement. There she apparently met and then developed a relationship that resulted in marriage in 1914 to Patrick Vans Agnew, a Kissimmee attorney who supervised the legal affairs of the Fellsmere Farms Company and served as Fellsmere's first city attorney. Marian and Patrick initially settled in Jacksonville and eventually in Winter Park, but she remained intrigued with the Fellsmere settlement throughout her life. To promote literacy and culture in the community, Marian donated her publication royalties to the Fellsmere Library Association, which formed in October 1914, for the construction of a library and the acquisition of books. The building was completed in April 1915, and at the dedication ceremony Nathan P. Bryan, one of Florida's federal

¹Vans Agnew to McCluer, November 14, 1965; J.C. Levenson, Ernest Samuels, Charles Vandersee, and Viola Hopkins-Winner, eds., *The Letters of Henry Adams* 6 vols. (Cambridge, 1988), 5: 592; Edward Martell and L.G. Pine, comp., *Who's Who Among English and European Authors, 1931-1949*, 3 vols. (Detroit, 1978), 3: 1438. See the *National Union Catalog Pre-1956 Imprints* for a complete listing of Marian Fell's translations.

legislators, delivered the principal address with Patrick Vans Agnew providing the opening remarks. Because of Marian Fell's generosity in financing the construction of the library, the Association named the building in her honor.²

The Fell family maintained a wide circle of friends throughout the country. Perhaps the most celebrated was with Henry Adams, the renowned Harvard University historian and author. Adams's correspondence is replete with letters and references to the Fells. He communicated frequently with Marian's mother, Anne Fell, and spoke highly of Marian's accomplishments. His observations on Florida provide engaging anecdotes. While on a lengthy trip to Paris in 1897, Adams lamented his miserable circumstances and the poor condition of the city, musing that "Paris is like Purgatory, a place where all rubbish of human nature drifts, because the Almighty does not know what else to do with it." Incredibly, while there he longed for the serenity of central Florida, ruminating that "...I think you have the best of it, and that the peace of Narcoossee is better than the business of London and Paris.... Is not this a cool-gray landscape? Doesn't it make Narcoossee seem rich and purple? Certainly I should not be half as solitary in Narcoossee as I am in Paris." Adams held the Fells in high regard. His long association with Charles Scribner's & Sons probably helped influence the publishing house to review and publish Nelson Fell's articles on life in Russia, and arrange contacts for both Nelson and Marian with other publishing firms. In 1917, Adams used his influence to no avail with President Woodrow Wilson to secure for Nelson Fell a diplomatic appointment to Russia.³

The dynamic influence of the Fells played an important role in the progressive nature of Fellsmere's early development. In May 1915, when the City of Fellsmere incorporated, the charter provided both males and females with voting privileges. The document was drafted by Patrick Vans Agnew who was persuaded by Anne and Marian to include the measure. Fellsmere became the first municipality in Florida to take the progressive step of enfranchising women. One historian of women's history attributes the charter as the legislative beginnings of the suffrage movement in Florida.⁴

The primary function of the library was to serve as a repository for literature. The Library Association, which received the deed to the property from the Fellsmere Farms Company soon after its completion, met there periodically and maintained a collection of approximately 1,700 books in 1918, with several thousand books circulated each year. Mrs. Will Ritchie, the librarian, employed the conventional alphabetical system for works of fiction and the Dewey Decimal method for non-fiction books. The Association actively solicited book donations and periodically published new acquisitions with an attribution identifying each donor. Periodicals included *Atlantic Monthly*, *Saturday Evening Post*, and *Scribner's*. Area daily newspapers were available to patrons. Subcommittees were established to organize periodic events on architecture, art, horticulture, and music.⁵

²Record of Incorporation Book 1, p. 376-378; *Fellsmere Farmer*, January 23, July 24, September 4, 1913; *Jacksonville Florida Times-Union*, April 30, 1915.

³Levenson, et al., eds., *Henry Adams*, 4: 503-504, 6: 751.

⁴Record of Incorporation Book 1, p. 408-412, 507-508; Town of Fellsmere Minute Book 1, p. 1-2; *Fellsmere Tribune*, November 18, 1916; Elizabeth Taylor, "The Woman Suffrage Movement in Florida," *Florida Historical Quarterly* 36 (July 1957), 56; *Jacksonville Florida Times-Union*, February 26, April 24, 30, 1915.

⁵Deed Book 29, p. 8, St. Lucie County Courthouse; *Jacksonville Florida Times-Union*, April 4, 30, 1915; *Fellsmere Tribune*, February 5, August 5, September 9, December 1, 1916, January 12, 1918, April 9, 1921.

A private organization that regulated its membership but opened its doors to virtually all Fellsmere residents, the Library Association offered memberships for a small fee. In 1918, the organization boasted seventy-six members with \$275 in revenue. The building served as a popular site for lectures, recitals, and public meetings. The Association hosted meetings and events in the building, including canning demonstrations, flower shows, exotic food preparation, birds shows, and other cultural venues. Literacy and lyceum courses were offered occasionally. Officers in the Florida Audubon Society, Florida Federation of Woman's Clubs, and the Florida State Board of Health presented lectures, and area woman's clubs occasionally held meetings there and participated in local events.⁶

Library association memberships declined in the 1920s and 1930s, a period when little development occurred in Fellsmere. Nevertheless, benefit parties, social gatherings, and fund raisers were periodically hosted by the Association. The library depended heavily upon volunteers. Consequently, the hours were limited, usually restricted between four and eight hours each week. During the period, several modifications were made to the building to afford patrons additional amenities. A kitchen was installed in 1930 within a shed extension at the northeast corner of the building. Ten years later, a restroom was constructed within a smaller shed extension adjoining the south wall of the kitchen. The Fellsmere Library Association continues to serve the cultural needs of Fellsmere, maintaining a collection of books, periodicals, and historical materials. It was awarded a small grant from the Division of Historical Resources in the 1980s to make repairs to the chimney and roof of the Marian Fell Library building.⁷

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Marian Fell Library is representative of library buildings developed in small Florida towns during the early twentieth century. Libraries are a particular building type designed to house collections of books and other information materials. Patron seating and study areas and staff work spaces are important design features. Before World War II, libraries in larger communities tended toward monumental character and embodied popular architectural styles of the period. Those early library buildings, such as the Jacksonville Free Public Library, a 1903 Classical Revival design, were often excessively decorative as well as unexpandable, with little attention paid to interior function. Between the 1930s and 1950s, architects began designing libraries with fewer load bearing stacks and walls, and eventually relied heavily upon modular and flexible designs that provided open attractive spaces for users.⁸

In Florida, during the late nineteenth century, small communities often developed libraries within buildings that often served multiple functions. Gradually those facilities were replaced by buildings designed to serve primarily as a library, but also often functioned as a community meeting hall or even a theater. Hopkins Hall in Lake Helen (1897), Maitland Public Library (1907), Carengie Library in Tallahassee (1908), Sampson Hall in DeLand (1908), Bartow Public Library (1915), Cornelia Young Library in Daytona Beach (1916), and Dickinson Memorial in Orange City (1919) represent good examples of libraries built

⁶ *Fellsmere Tribune*, March 11, May 6, July 22, 29, September 9, November 4, 25, 1916, January 12, 1918.

⁷ *Vero Beach Press-Journal*, August 22, December 2, 1930, March 6, 1931.

⁸ Diane Maddex, ed., *Built in the U.S.A.* (Washington, 1985), 108.

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10. Geographical Boundary Description

Verbal Boundary Description

Marian Fell Library is located on lot 21, block 101 of the City of Fellsmere.

Boundary Justification

The boundary encloses the lot historically associated with the library building.

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Marian Fell Library
Name of property

Indian River County, FL
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation)

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Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sidney Johnston/historian

organization Historic Property Associates, Inc. date 8/15/1995

street & number P.O. Box 1002 telephone (904) 824-5178

city or town St. Augustine state Florida zip code 32085

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the complete

Continuation Sheets (All information on the continuation sheets must be typed)

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 series) Do not write upon or attach labels to this map.

A Sketch map (Clearly show the location of the property in relation to streets, roads, or other identifiable landmarks.)

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.
(Do not write or attach permanent labels to the photographs.)

Additional Items

(Check with area Historic Sites Specialist at (904) 487-2333 for any additional items.)

Property Owner

name Fellsmere Library Association

street & number 63 North Cypress Street telephone (407) 589-0727

city or town Fellsmere state FL zip 32948







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1. Marian Fell Library, 63 North Cypress Street
2. Fellsmere, Indian River County, Florida
3. Sidney Johnston
4. 1995
5. Historic Property Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 1002, St. Augustine, Fl.
6. Main (west) facade, view looking east
7. Photo 1 of 5

Numbers 1-5 are the same for the remaining photographs.

6. Rear (east) elevation on right, south elevation on left; view looking northwest
7. Photo 2 of 5

6. Main (west) facade on right, north elevation on left; view looking southeast
7. Photo 3 of 5

6. Interior detail, view looking east
7. Photo 4 of 5

6. Interior detail, view looking southwest
7. Photo 5 of 5



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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

R.A. Gray Building

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

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June 19, 1987

Mrs. Ruth Stanbridge
Indian River County Historical Society
4835 66th Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Dear Ruth,

Thank you for your recent submission of the Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire for the Marion Fell Library in Fellsmere.

It is my opinion that the building would be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. A Florida nomination proposal is enclosed for your convenience should you decide to nominate the building. If you do so, I would encourage you to contact me before you begin your research for my comments and suggestions. The building is eligible but will require a carefully worded and researched nomination to support it.

Thank you for your continued interest in the National Register program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael".

Michael F. Zimny
Historic Sites Specialist

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Enclosures



Indian River County
**HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
INC.**
PO Box 6535
Vero Beach, FL 32961

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June 12, 1987

Mr. Michael F. Zimny
Florida Department of State
Division of Archives
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32301-8020

Re: Marion Fell Library,
Fellsmere Library Association, Inc.
Indian River County

Dear Michael:

The Fellsmere Library Association has requested the Indian River County Historical Society's help in achieving recognition of their 72-year old library building.

I am sending you the preliminary site information questionnaire concerning this project. I believe that this building does have the historic significance that could qualify it for the National Register. Please let me know if you agree and if I should proceed with the research.

Also, Michael, this property is in need of development grant monies for restoration. Could you place this Association on the request list for the upcoming grant-in-aid program.

Thank you for your continuing encouragement and support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ruth Stanbridge
Chairman, Grants and Awards

/rs
CC: Mrs. Mary Carter, President
Fellsmere Library Association

Mr. Michael Hearndon, Mayor
City of Fellsmere

Mrs. Carolyn Eggert, Commissioner
Indian River County Commission

Mrs. Millie Bunnell, President
Indian River County Historical Society

DATE

1. PSIQ Received _____
2. Letter Response to PSIQ _____
3. Florida Master Site File No. _____
4. Nomination Proposal Received 10/9/95
5. Letter Response for Proposal _____
6. Letter Request for Owner Verification 12/1/95
7. Verification of Owner 12/18/95
8. Notice of Public Hearing (District Nomination) _____
9. Certified Local Government Notified _____
10. Owner/Officials Notification of Review Board Meeting 12/28/95
11. Owner/Officials Notification of Review Board Action 2/15/96
12. Proofread (BM) 8/5/96
13. Nomination to National Park Service 8/27/96
14. National Park Service Notice of Listing 10/18/96
15. Owner/Official Notification of Listing 10/23/96
16. Cover Letter National Register Certificate 3/26/97

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Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State
DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

March 26, 1997

Fellsmere Library Association
P.O. Box 46
Fellsmere, FL 32948

Dear Property Owner:

It is a pleasure to forward the enclosed certificate honoring the listing of the Marian Fell Library in the National Register of Historic Places.

We hope that you will display this certificate in an appropriate location as a permanent reminder of its historical significance. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the National Register program, and to work with you in any way we can to preserve this important cultural resource.

Please do not hesitate to call us if we can be of any help.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Mattick

for George W. Percy
State Historic
Preservation Officer

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DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

October 23, 1996

Indian River County Board of Commissioners
1840 25th Street
Vero Beach, Fl. 32960

Re: Marian Fell Library, 63 North Cypress, Fellsmere

Dear Commissioners:

It is a pleasure to advise you that the above referenced property has been officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places as of October 8, 1996.

The enclosed fact sheet outlines the effects of listing in the National Register with reference to major laws and Federal regulations related to listed properties. Local planning agencies should be aware of the review requirements pertaining to any Federally assisted activities that may have an impact on listed properties.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Mattick

ja George W. Percy
State Historic Preservation
Officer

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DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

October 23, 1996

Fellsmere Library Association
P.O. Box 46
Fellsmere, Fl. 32948

Re: Marian Fell Library, 63 North Cypress, Fellsmere

Dear Property Owner:

It is a pleasure to advise you that the above referenced property has been officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places as of October 8, 1996.

On behalf of Secretary of State Sandra B. Mortham and our historic preservation staff, I congratulate you on achieving this formal recognition of the historic significance of this property. We appreciate your interest in preserving this important element of Florida's cultural resources.

With every good wish and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Barbara C. Mattick

for

George W. Percy
State Historic Preservation Officer

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96001059 **Date Listed:** 10/8/96

Fell, Marian, Library	Indian River	FLORIDA
Property Name	County	State

Fellsmere MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

10/10/96
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 8

This nomination is amended to delete Community Planning and Development as an area of significance and add Social History to replace it.

This change has been confirmed with the Florida SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

Places. For further information contact Edson Beall via voice
(202) 343-1572, fax (202) 343-1836 or E-mail: edson_beall@nps.gov

WEEKLY LIST OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON PROPERTIES: 10/07/96 THROUGH
10/11/96

KEY: State, County, Property Name, Address/Boundary, City, Vicinity,
Reference Number, NHL, Action, Date, Multiple Name

ARIZONA, PINAL COUNTY,
La Casa del High Jinks,
High Jinks Rd., 8 mi. SE of Oracle and 2.5 mi. W of Mt. Lemmon Rd.,
Oracle, 96001056,
LISTED,

CALIFORNIA, EL DORADO COUNTY,
Vikingsholm,
10001 Emerald Bay Rd.,
South Lake Tahoe vicinity, 96001078,
LISTED, 10/10/96

CALIFORNIA, SACRAMENTO COUNTY,
American River Grange Hall No. 172,
2720 Kilgora Rd.,
Rancho Cordova vicinity, 96001079,
LISTED, 10/10/96

CALIFORNIA, STANISLAUS COUNTY,
Riverbank Branch Library,
3237 Santa Fe St.,
Riverbank, 96001077,
LISTED, 10/10/96
(Carnegie Libraries MPS)

COLORADO, MESA COUNTY,
Fruita Museum,
432 E. Aspen,
Fruita, 96001080,
LISTED, 10/10/96

FLORIDA, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY,
Fell, Marian, Library,
63 N. Cypress St.,
Fellsmere, 96001059,
LISTED, 10/08/96
(Fellsmere MPS)

KANSAS, HARVEY COUNTY,
Bergtholdt House,
205 E. 5th,
Halstead, 96001081,
LISTED, 10/10/96

LOUISIANA, ST. TAMMANY PARISH,
Salmen House,
2854 Front St.,
Slidell, 96001082,
LISTED, 10/10/96

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Shaarei Tfiloh Synagogue,
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February 15, 1996

Address Reply to:
Sherry Piland
Historic Sites Specialist
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Fellsmere Library Association
P.O. Box 46
Fellsmere, Fl. 32948

Re: Marian Fell Library, 63 North Cypress Street, Fellsmere

Dear Property Owner:

It is a pleasure to advise you that the Florida National Register Review Board has recommended that the above referenced site be nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This recommendation was made at the February 5, 1996 meeting of the Board and is based on its review and evaluation of the nomination proposal.

The Board has returned the nomination proposal, with the review comments and suggestions of the individual members, to our Survey and Registration staff. The staff will review the comments of the Board and will prepare a formal nomination to be submitted to the Keeper of the National Register for final consideration.

It may be necessary in preparing the formal nomination to ask you to revise some elements of the written material, or to provide some additional information or documentation. If so Sherry Piland, the Historic Sites Specialist who is handling this nomination, will let you know what is needed.

When the formal nomination has been submitted to and received by the Keeper of the National Register, that office will have forty-five days in which to approve or disapprove the nomination. If the nomination is approved, the property will be listed in the National Register as of the date of approval. The forty-five day review period may be extended, however, if the National Register staff finds technical deficiencies in the nomination requiring correction by our office.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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February 15, 1996

Indian River County Board of Commissioners
1840 25th Street
Vero Beach, Fl. 32960

Re: McKee Jungle Gardens, 350 U.S. Highway 1, Vero Beach; and
the following properties in Fellsmere: Fellsmere Public
School, 22 S. Orange; Marian Fell Library, 63 N. Cypress
Street; and the First Methodist Church of Fellsmere, 31 N.
Broadway

Dear Commissioners:

It is a pleasure to advise you that the Florida National Register Review Board has recommended that the above referenced properties be formally nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This action was taken by the Board at its regular meeting on February 5, 1996. We are now in the process of preparing formal nominations of the properties for submission to the Keeper of the National Register in accordance with 36 CFR Part 60.6.

When the formal nominations have been submitted to and received by the Keeper of the National Register, that office will have forty-five days in which to approve or disapprove the nominations. If the nominations are approved, the properties will be listed as of the date of approval. The forty-five day review period may be extended, however, if the National Register staff finds technical deficiencies in the nominations requiring correction in our office.

If the nominations are disapproved, the National Register staff will notify us and explain the reasons for disapproval. We will in turn notify you of any action that may be taken to pursue the matter further.



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December 27, 1995

The Honorable Renee Herrera
Mayor of Fellsmere
22 S. Orange Street
P.O. Box 39
Fellsmere, Fl. 32948-1901

Re: The following properties in Fellsmere: Fellsmere Public School, 22 S. Orange; Marian Fell Library, 63 N. Cypress Street; and the First Methodist Church of Fellsmere, 31 N. Broadway

Dear Mayor Herrera:

We are pleased to advise you that the above referenced properties have been proposed for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The nomination proposals will be reviewed by the Florida National Register Review Board in a public meeting on February 5, 1996. A copy of the meeting agenda is enclosed. If the Review Board finds that these properties meet the criteria for listing established by the National Register, formal nominations will be submitted to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D.C., who will make the final decision.

The enclosed fact sheets explain the criteria for listing and the results of listing in the National Register, with references to the major laws and Federal regulations relating to listed properties. Copies of the nomination and additional information on the protection provisions, financial incentives, or other aspects of the National Register program may be obtained by calling our Survey and Registration Section at (904) 487-2333.

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If you wish to comment on whether or not these properties should be nominated for listing in the National Register, please send me your comments by February 5, 1996.

Sincerely,

Barbara C. Mattick

for

George W. Percy
State Historic
Preservation Officer

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Enclosures



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Address Reply to:
Sherry Piland
Historic Sites Specialist
(904) 487-2333

Fellsmere Library Association
P.O. Box 46
Fellsmere, Fl. 32948

Re: Marian Fell Library, 63 North Cypress Street, Fellsmere

Dear Property Owner:

We are pleased to advise you that the above referenced property has been proposed for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The nomination proposal will be reviewed by the Florida National Register Review Board in a public meeting on February 5, 1996. A copy of the meeting agenda is enclosed. If the Review Board finds that this property meets the criteria for such listing, a formal nomination will be submitted to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D.C., who will make the final decision whether or not to list the property.

It is very important to us that you understand the purpose of listing properties in the National Register and what this will mean to you as the owner of a listed property. In addition, you should be aware of your right to object to the listing of your property and how to register that objection if you desire to do so.

The National Register of Historic Places is an official listing of historically significant sites and properties throughout the country. It is maintained by the Keeper of the National Register, National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. It includes sites and properties that have been identified and documented as having played a significant role in the prehistoric occupation or historical development of our nation, states, and local communities.

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There are three basic purposes for listing a property in the National Register. They are:

- 1) to provide official recognition of its historic significance and encourage consideration of its historic value in future development planning,
- 2) to provide the property limited protection from any actions involving the funding, licensing, or assistance of projects by Federal agencies that could result in damage to, or loss of, the property's historic value, and
- 3) to make the property eligible for Federal financial incentives for historic preservation.

Listing your property in the National Register will not restrict your basic rights as a property owner to use and dispose of your property as you see fit. However, if the future use or redevelopment of the property should require approval or assistance from a Federal agency, the plans for such use or redevelopment would be subject to review by the State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. In that event, we will be happy to furnish information and guidance to help you in planning your activities so as to provide for the preservation of the historic characteristics of the property. This review requirement would also apply to any Federally funded, licensed, or assisted projects undertaken by others that could have an adverse effect on the property.

The enclosed fact sheets explain the criteria for listing properties in the National Register and the results of listing in the National Register, with references to major laws and Federal regulations relating to listed properties. We will be happy to provide additional information and to discuss any questions you

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may have on protection provisions, financial incentives, or other aspects of the National Register program.

If you wish to object to the listing of your property, you may do so by sending a notarized statement addressed to me as State Historic Preservation Officer by February 5, 1996. The statement must certify that you are the sole or part owner, as appropriate, of the property in question and that you object to its listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is not necessary to state the reason for your objection, but we would appreciate having that information if you wish to include it.

If you as sole owner, or a majority of the partial owners, object to the listing of your property, it will not be listed. However, the nomination will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of eligibility of the property for listing in the National Register. A copy of your statement objecting to the listing of the property will be included. If the property is then determined eligible for listing, the protection from Federally funded, licensed, or assisted activities outlined above will become effective, but the property will not be eligible for the financial incentives for preservation.

We would certainly like to have your active support for the nomination of your property, as we feel it reflects an important part of Florida's historic heritage. However, any comment you may wish to send me will be appreciated. We also hope that you may be able to attend the Review Board meeting on February 5, 1996.

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In the meantime, please do not hesitate to write or call me or Sherry Piland, Historic Sites Specialist, on my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Burton E. Mattick

for George W. Percy
State Historic
Preservation Officer

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Property: R 00313700009101000016.0

Taxpayer: FELLSMERE LIBRARY ASSOC

Street Address: 63- N CYPRESS ST FELLSMERE 32948

Subdivision/Condominium Name:

FELLSMERE, TOWN OF

Blk/Bldg :

Lot/Unit :

PBI/OR Bk:

***** Legal Description *****
TOWN OF FELLSMERE PBS 2-3 & 4 LOTS 16 TO
26 BLK 101





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December 1, 1995

Address Reply to:

Sherry Piland
Historic Sites Specialist
(904) 487-2333

Mr. David C. Nolte
Indian River County Property Appraiser
1840 25th Street
Vero Beach, Fl. 32960

Dear Mr. Nolte:

The property identified below is being proposed for nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Federal regulations pertaining to the National Register program, contained in 36 CFR Part 60, require that we provide written notification of this proposal to the owner. We are further required to obtain verification of ownership from the local land recordation or tax office within 90 days prior to our notice to the owner.

Please provide us with the name(s) and address(es) of the owner(s) of the following property. We need to have this information by December 31, 1995.

Property to be nominated:

Legal Description:

McKee Jungle Gardens
350 U.S. Highway 1
Vero Beach, Fl. 32962

We need a print-out
of the legal
description

Fellsmere Public School
22 South Orange Street
Fellsmere, Fl. 32948

Lots 1-26, block 103

Marian Fell Library
63 N. Cypress Street
Fellsmere, Fl. 32948

Lots 16-26, block
101

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First Methodist Episcopal Church
of Fellsmere
31 North Broadway
Fellsmere, Fl. 32948

Lots 18-22, block 83

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Mattiel

for George W. Percy
State Historic
Preservation Officer

GWP:sp

Sidney Johnston
535 North Clara Avenue
DeLand, FL 32720-3405
(904) 734-6288

October 9, 1995

Barbara Mattick, Section Head
National Register Section
Bureau of Historic Preservation
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Dear Barbara,

Please find enclosed National Register proposals for the multiple property nomination of the Historic Architectural Resources of Fellsmere, 1st Methodist Episcopal Church of Fellsmere, Fellsmere Public School, and Marian Fell Library. Also included are proposals for the Coronado Historic District in New Smyrna Beach and the Theodore Hausmann House in Vero Beach. Each proposal, except the multiple property, includes forms, continuation sheets, 3x5 photographs, and a site map and floor plans or district map with photograph key.

If you find the proposals complete and satisfactory, please place them on the next available agenda.

Disks containing the files and maps for the proposals, the USGS maps for (3) Fellsmere, New Smyrna Beach, and Vero Beach, and the 5x7 photographs will be delivered later.

As always, thanks for your assistance.

Regards,



Sidney Johnston
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