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## **FORT DALLAS**

Fort Dallas was built in 1844 as slave quarters in the William English plantation located on the north bank of the Miami River's mouth. It is built from oolitic limestone quarried at that site. After English left for the 1849 California gold rush, the Army reopened "Fort Dallas" on the site in preparation for the 3rd Seminole War.

Subsequent uses of the building were a trading post, the County courthouse, post office and a tea room. A plan to destroy the building in 1925 rallied the community. By agreement with the City of Miami, it was disassembled and re-built in Lummus Park.

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## **WAGNER HOMESTEAD**

This pre-1858 structure is the county's oldest standing house. It was built by William Wagner, an 1855 pioneer, whose homestead included a coontie mill and Miami's small wooden church, which burned down in 1892.

The Dade County pine house is a hand-hewn, peg fastened and wood-shingled example of mid-19th century shelters.

Development in the 1920s prompted its donation to the Dade Heritage Trust, a private preservation group who undertook relocation and restoration. The City Commission designated the Wagner Homestead a historic site in 1984.