

ARTHUR COLLMAN COMMERCIAL BLOCK

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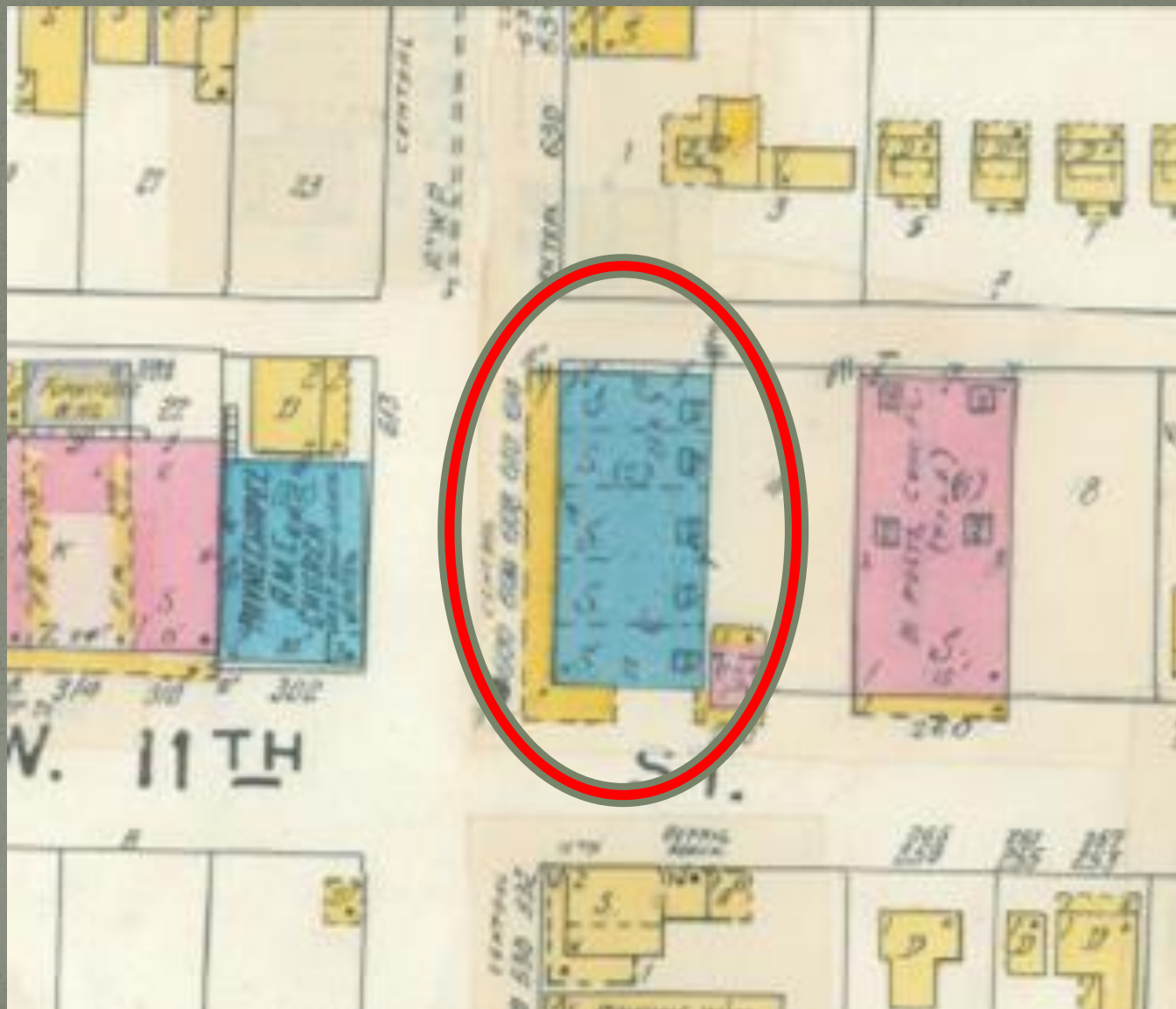


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- Is a contributing building to the Overtown National Register Historic District which was nominated to the register in the areas of ethnic heritage, community planning and development and architecture.
- The building housed a variety of small retail and service businesses during its period of significance 1928 – 1971. Some of the earliest businesses included the A. Collman and Son Department Store, A.E. White Grocery Store and Messners Bakery.

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- By the 1940's service businesses also occupied the building including Hodges and Sellmeyer Plumbing and Bradera Sales Company (radio repair)
- Generally, the businesses in the building provided neighborhood services, often including a department store and grocery.
- Th building is named after Arthur Collman because he operated one of the earliest and longest running businesses in the building (1928 – 1945) and owned the building at the time of his death in 1960 and likely much earlier.











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- The Arthur Collman Commercial Block possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, association and feeling
- It is eligible for listing in the City of Sarasota's Local Register of Historic Places for its exemplification of the broad cultural and social history of the city of Sarasota as a prominent commercial building that served the African American community of Overtown and for its embodiment of the distinctive visual characteristics of the Masonry Vernacular Style of Architecture.