

**HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE CONSERVATION
CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION AND MATERIALS CONSERVATION SERVICES**



Stucco Repairs in progress



Lime wash color matching in progress



Plaster tiles in progress

Client

LEGO Construction Co.

Building

Coral Gables Merrick House

Architect, Year

Pieces range in date in the 20th Century

Added to National Register of Historic Places

April 13, 1973

Location

907 Coral Way in Coral Gables, Florida

Project Dates

November 2016 – June 2017

Materials

Coral stone, cast stone, stucco, plaster

Services Provided

Conditions Assessment, Treatment, Mounting, Installation

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Coral Gables Merrick House is the ancestral home of the founder of the city of Coral Gables. RLA provided construction supervision and materials conservation services for restoration of the historic residence under contract to Lego Construction. Supervision work involved documentation, implementation of treatment protocols and methodologies, preparation of mock-ups, overall troubleshooting on protection of the historic fabric, and preparation of the final report for the city. Hands-on conservation procedures included:

- Caulking application around the veranda rafters
- Stripping paint on the coral stone mantel
- Paint analysis, repair and replacement of bathroom faux plaster tiles
- Testing of repair methods for original wood flooring
- Additional stucco, coral stone and concrete cleaning, repairs, fungal growth removal, and consolidation.



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