**Richard W. Fuchs Papers**

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**Biographical and Organizational History:**

Richard William Fuchs (1908 March 14-1994 March 23) was born in Milan, Tennessee, the youngest child of Charles (Karl) Theodor Fuchs (1864 November 9-1940 September 11) and Anna Therressa (Annie Theresa) Linke (1866 June 27-1922 August 3) and died in Miami-Dade County, Florida. His siblings were Lena Mary Fuchs Knowles (born 1891 February 26), Charles Theodor Fuchs, Jr. (1892 July 25-1949 December 31), Frederick Jacob Fuchs (1896 June 22-1897 July 1), Othelia Lizetta (Utley) Fuchs Redd (1898 July 10-1981 January 22), Frederick Jacob Fuchs (1900 July 25-1969 June 16), and Anna Louise Fuchs (1906 January 28-1907 March 31).

Fuchs studied law at the University of Florida before graduating from Georgetown University Law School in Washington, D.C., in 1933. He became a National Recovery Act regional compliance attorney for the New England states from 1934 through 1935. He then took a job as sales manager for his brother Charles “Charlie” Fuch’s new bakery in South Miami until 1937, before returning to practice law with the Appeals Council of the Railroad Retirement Board in Washington, D.C.

Richard served in the Army in World War II and was later assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Washington, D.C. office. He then obtained a commission as lieutenant, junior grade, with the Naval Reserve. He was commanding officer of an armed guard unit assigned to the *S.S. Knoxville City*, a merchant ship, but his ship was torpedoed. All but two survived and floated for two days before reaching the south coast of Cuba. He was then assigned to the *S.S. Alahaman*, a merchant ship in New York harbor and traveled to the Persian Gulf. Richard continued to be assigned to ships both in the Atlantic and Pacific before being discharged in 1945.

Richard and a friend tried mining for gold in Utah, but were not successful. He then returned to South Florida to pursue a career in real estate.

**Scope and Content:**

These are the professional papers of Richard W. Fuchs. The majority of his papers, Series 1, relate to his career as a real estate broker. These include blueprints, blueline drawings, and other plats and maps. Additional real estate documents include correspondence, closing statements, lists, notes, receipts, and invoices. Series 2 contains a book about Naval correspondence courses from his Naval career and buttons and stars from his uniform.

**Arrangement:**

Series 1: Real Estate. Fuchs arranged plats and associated records alphabetically by the name of person ordering the survey or by the name by which the property was commonly known. Within Redd family member records, numbers 29-36, documents are arranged alphabetically by the name of the buyer or business. Within the folders in Box 1, documents are arranged chronologically.

Series 2: United States Navy.

**Subjects:**

Correspondence schools and courses—United States.

Florida City (Fla.)—Maps.

Homestead (Fla.)—Maps.

Naval education—United States.

Plats—1910-1960.

Real property—Florida.

**Related Collections:**

Fuchs Family Papers and Link (Linke) Family Papers

**Description:**

**Series I, Real Estate, Plats and Drawings A-Q**

**Flat File Folder 1**

Subseries Contents

1 Berg, Mr.—plat map (blueline drawing)—survey for Tem-Co Builders, Inc. (Michael J. Collabolletta, President and Mary P. Brennon, Secretary; Homestead Engineering Company, Homestead, Florida, NE ¼ of NE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 31, Township 56 South, Range. 39 East, Dade County, Florida; John A. Wall Jr., surveyor, February 1955

2 Biscado Estates—plat map (blue line drawing)—Section One, a subdivision of W ½ of E ½ of Section 2, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, Florida; Plate Book 60, Page 85; Biscayne Engineering Company, Miami, Florida; June 1956

3 Brunner Homesites—plat map (blueline drawing)—a subdivision of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 7, Township 57, Range 39, Dade County, Florida; Plat Book 13, Page 30; for Robert A. Brunner and Marian K. Brunner; Van E Huff, Engineer; December 1924.

4 Byrum, Joe, property of—plat map (blueprint and 2 blueline copies drawings)— survey, proposed development. W ½ of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 12, Township 57 South, Range 38 East except the N 330 ft. of the W 330 Ft. and that part lying in Seaboard Airline Railway Right of Way; Florida Mapping and Land Surveying Company, Homestead, Florida. Blueprint, 1953 January; blueline drawings, 1953 February.

5 Central Naranja—plat map (blueline drawing)—a subdivision for Redland Ice, Light & Power Co., Section 27, Township 56, Range 39; Plat Book 26, Page 44; 1926 January.

6 Chamber-Murray survey for Wade M. Miles—plat map (blueline drawing)—Homestead Engineering Company; SE ¼ of NE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 27, Township 56 South, Range 39 East, lying SE of State Road No. R. And the SW ¼ of NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 26, Township 56 S Range. 39 E except that part in State Road No. 5; 1954 August 25.

7 Civic Center Addition, Proposed Subdivision of Tract B (blueline drawing), plat map. G. A. Crawshaw, Engineer and surveyor; 1952 October.

8 Cloninger survey—plat maps (blueline drawings, 2 copies)—east of the Florida East Coast Railway between 11th Street and Kings Highway; Field Book 7, Page 49; no date.

9 Collins survey—plat map (blueline drawings)—a part of Lots 13-16 and 18 of S. A. Murden’s Subdivision, [possibly Eva Collins, widow of T. A. Collins]; Florida Mapping and Land Surveying Co., Homestead, Florida; Section 54, Township 9, Range 10; about 1954.

10 El Tranquilo survey—plat map (blueline)—for Harriet A. Cameron, R. O. Cameron and Frances Scott Cameron; a subdivision of the N ½ of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 20, Township 56 South, Range39 East; Plat Book 24, Page 57; Ward, Meyers & Co. Civil Engineers, Miami, Florida; 1925 December.

11 Florida City Manor—plat map (blueline drawing)—a subdivision of N ¾ of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 26 Township 57 Range 38; for Clarence Busch and Bonnie M. Busch; Florida Mapping and Land Surveying Co., Homestead, Florida; Plat Book 22, Page 24; 1925.

12 Official Map of Town of Florida City—plat map (blueprint)—adopted by Florida City Council by Resolution No 64; “done for DEL-ASK”; 1945 February 23.

13 Griffing – Silver Palm subdivision—plat map (blueline)—being a portion of the SW ¼ SW ¼ Section 16 Township 56 South, Range 39 East, Silver Palm, Florida; for Arthur M. Griffing and Alabama B. Griffing; Plat Book 5, Page 26; includes note; 1917 May 8.

14 Homestead Heights—plat maps (pencil drawings, 3 plats for Additions 1, 2, and 3)—subdivision of SW ¼ SW ¼ Section 11 Township 57, Range 38; includes “X” on sold lots and prices on many of the lots; Addition No 2 “All sold 8-17-53”; probably early 1950s. [discolored from pressure tape]

15 King’s Court, Blocks 1-4—plat maps (pencil drawings, 6 plats)—between King’s Highway 15th Street and Simpson Street, and Ansley Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue; probably 1940s or early 1950s. [the large copy discolored from pressure tape]

16 Largo Edmar Subdivision, Key Largo, Florida—plat map (blueprint)—in Section 28 & 29, Township 60 South, Range 40 East; includes note; 1948 August.

17 Lehman, Lee H.—tentative re-plat of Central Park subdivision in Florida City, 1954 June. Three plats: a, pencil drawing; b and c, blueline drawings), Florida Mapping and Surveying Co., Homestead, Florida.

18 Leisure City, Street Map of (printed), Compliments of Leisure City Civic Association, 1961.

19 Linkous survey (blueprint)—the North 667 feet of the East 345 feet of Section 31, Township 56 South, Range 39 East, except the North 35 feet for road, Florida Mapping and Land Surveying Co., 1953 August.

20 McClure Manor plat (blueline drawing)—a subdivision of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 12, Township 57, Range 38, Homestead, Florida. For J.K. MacDonald and Lvella MacDonald. Plat Book 24, Page 27; 1925.

21 Miller, Rodney property of (blueprint)—in Section 30, Township 56 South, Range 39 East, G. A. Crawshaw, engineer and surveyor, Miami, Florida (Plummer Drive and Krome Avenue). Shows “Servant’s Quarters”; 1949 April.

22 Morris Homesites #5 (revised plat, blueline drawing)—a subdivision of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 6, Township 57 South, Range 39 East. For Victor Moulton Downer and Adele W. Downer, H. Laurent Harden and Edna Downer Harden, Paul O’Brien and Elsie Downer O’Brien and Milton E. Chamberlain and Elizabeth Downer Chamberlain. Plat Book 39, Page 74. Florida Mapping and Surveying Co., Homestead, Florida, 1937 March.

23 Murden’s, S. A. Subdivision, Map of (blueline drawing with taped on hand drawn extension in pencil)—of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 5, Township 57 South, Range 39 East. Plat Book 3, Page 29. R. L. Bow, 1913 May 24.

24 Naranja Park (blueline drawing)—a subdivision of the NW ¼ of Section 34, Township 56 South, Range 39 East. Plat Book 53, Page 21. For Southland Homes, Inc.; Henry C. Roever, Secretary; Charles L. DeCarlo, President. Thomas J. Kelly, engineer and surveyor, Miami, Florida, 1952 May.

25 Naranja Rock Co. survey (photostat map)—Property of Capt. T. H. Newman, Naranja, Dade County, Florida. W. M. Egan, Coral Gables, Florida. Section 33, Township 56 South, Range 39 East. No date. The company was incorporated in 1951, but was in operation by the 1920s (advertisement in 1925 *The Railroad Yardmaster*)

26 Newton, Colonel R. L. survey (blueprint plats)—(Richard Road and Campbell Drive); Plat Book 7, Page 129-130.

(1) J. K. Gamble (owner), 1946 January 30; NW ¼ - SW ¼, Section 11, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, by P. M. Stubbs, Land Surveyor.

(2) SW ¼, Section 11, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Florida Mapping and Land Surveying Co., for Colonel R. L. Newton, 1953 August 1.

27 Parkway survey (three blueline drawings, invoice, note)—for Pete Francis, Dade County, SPOT Survey of Lot 16, Plat Book 1, Page 9; William S. Cannola, Surveyor, Homestead, Florida, 1955 September. One copy with annotations. Invoice from American Blueprint Co., Miami, Florida, for Fuchs; note with American Blueprint Co. address. [J. U. Free subdivision]

28 Porvenir plats 1 and 2 (three blueline drawings-plat 1, plat 2, and plat 1 and 2 taped together)—a subdivision situated in S ½, NE ¼, NE ¼, Section 12, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Homestead, Florida, owned and developed by the Porvenir Company, Carr & McFadden Inc., Civil Engineers, Homestead, Florida. 1925 August (acknowledgement 1925 September). Plat book 22, Page 24 and 27. Porvenir Company, John S. Harris, Sr., President, Charles T. Fuchs, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer.

**Series 1, Real Estate, Plats and Drawings R-Z and Related Items**

**Box 1 and Flat File Folder 2**

Subseries Contents

29 Redd, Othelia (Utley) property to Harris (Box 1)

(1) Correspondence (carbon copy), 1956 December 26—Richard W. Fuchs [at Homestead, Florida] to Dr. Samuel D. Harris at Detroit, Michigan, concerning the purchase of property on the southeast corner of U. S. 1 and Palm Drive in Florida City.

(2) Correspondence, 1956 December 28—Samuel D. Harris at Detroit, Michigan, to Richard W. Fuchs at Homestead, Florida, expressing interest in the property.

(3) Correspondence (carbon copy), 1957 January 4. Richard W. Fuchs [at Homestead, Florida] to Dr. Samuel D. Harris at Detroit, Michigan, acknowledging receipt for property: Tract 5, Block 2, of Miami Land & Development Company Subdivision in Section 30, Township 57S, Range 39E; asking him to sign, have witnessed, and return the enclosed papers. State he can give a copy to the Dade-Commonwealth Title Insurance Company.

(4) Deposit Receipt, 1957 January 4, for $6,380 from Dr. Samuel D. Harris (buyer) for property—Tract 5, Block 2, of Miami Land & Development Company Subdivision in Section 30, Township 57S, Range 39E…8 acres…East of U. S. I and South of Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida. R. W. Fuchs, broker; Othelia F. Redd, Annabell Griffis, Raleigh S. Griffis, and Louise N. Lucas, sellers.

(5) Correspondence, 1957 January 8 from Samuel D. Harris at Detroit, Michigan, to Richard W. Fuchs at Homestead, Florida, stating he has enclosed the four signed and witnessed copies. States “I do hope that I can realize as rapid and as sizeable a percentage of return on this as are your good relatives.”

(6) Correspondence (carbon copy), 1957 January 17—Richard W. Fuchs [at Homestead, Florida] to Dr. Samuel D. Harris at Detroit, Michigan, stating that Mr. Sundie says he has everything he needs to close the transaction with Lehmans and that the title insurance company will reduce their price.

(7) Sellers Closing Statement and note, 1957 February 7—Dade-Commonwealth Title Insurance Co., Othelia F. Redd, et. al. for Tract 5, Block 2, Miami Land & Development Co., Subdivision of 30-57-39, for $63,800.

(8) Correspondence (carbon copy), 1957 July 11—Samuel D. Harris [at Detroit, Michigan?] to Mayor Frank Neville, Florida City, Florida, stating he is sending a check to Richard Fuchs made out to Octavia Stiling Lehman for ¾ of the $4,615 payment due July 3. Asks him to send his ¼ ($1,153) to Fuchs. This is the first payment on the $17,750 mortgage they assumed—five annual payments at 6%. A second note of $10,000 is also payable in five payments.

30 Redd property to Huston (Box 1)

Title insurance invoice, 1948 May 21—Dade-Commonwealth Title Insurance Co., Miami, Florida, $24 to be paid from proceeds at closing by Richard W. Fuchs, broker. Lots 27 and 28, Jane D. Tower’s Addition to Homestead, abstract no. 169,837 on May 19, 1948.

31 Redd’s Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 24 South Krome Avenue, Homestead, Florida, (Raleigh S. Griffis and Annabell Griffis) to Richard F. Phelan, 1952 August 29-1956 March—business belonged to Fuchs’ deceased, ex-brother-in-law, Fred N. Redd who started a dry cleaning business about 1920 and added a laundry about 1944. Annabell and Raleigh S. Griffis inherited the business. (Box 1 and flat file 2)

(1) Correspondence, 1952 August 29—Richard Fuchs at Homestead to Miami Herald Publishing Company enclosing check to pay for advertisement under “Business Opportunities” for the dry cleaning plant. Includes ad.

(2) Correspondence (carbon copy), 1952 September 5—[Richard Fuchs] to William Ralph Voss at Coral Gables, Florida, responding to his inquiry and providing details about the business including profits and expenses.

(3) Correspondence, 1952 September 10 and 16—

a. N. D. Myers at Chicago, Illinois to Gentlemen, September 10, concerning advertisement in the Miami Herald. Requesting more information about the Homestead Laundry and dry cleaning plant.

b. (carbon copy) [Richard W. Fuchs] to Mr. Myers, September 16, providing details about the business.

(4) Redd’s Dry Cleaning & Laundry, blank invoice or ticket, no date [probably 1952]

(5) Notes (in pencil) concerning expenses, no date [probably 1952]

(6) Redds Clearers and Laundry List of Equipment (handwritten in ink), no date [probably 1952]

(7) List of Equipment (typewritten and carbon copy)

(8) Offer from Louis Chernin of Coral Gables and note, no date [probably 1952]

(9) Correspondence (typewritten)—William Ralph Voss, Milprint Inc. at Coral Gables, Florida, to Richard W. Fuchs, 1952 September 6, stating he will pass his letter on to Mr. Mueller at Davenport.

(10) Correspondence

a. Correspondence William Ralph Voss at Coral Gables to Richard W. Fuchs concerning his desire to acquire the business for his son but requesting time for his son to first train with his friend in Davenport who owns a dry cleaning business, 1952 September 19.

b. Correspondence (carbon copy) [Richard W. Fuchs] to William Ralph Voss at Coral Gables providing more information about the business, 1952 September 22.

(11) Correspondence (carbon copy)—[Richard W. Fuchs] to American Drycleaner [publisher] concerning placing a classified advertisement for the business, 1952 October 17.

(12) Correspondence

a. Correspondence Jas. A. Foster at Louisville, Kentucky, to Richard W. Fuchs at Homestead, Florida, stating he will be in Florida shortly and would like information about the business.

b. Correspondence (carbon copy). [Richard W. Fuchs] to Jas. A. Foster, Louisville, Kentucky, stating he did not receive his letter of the 12th, stating the business is for sale for $25,000 in a building with a long-term lease, 1952 November 17.

(13) Correspondence

a. Correspondence J. Russell Myers of Greencastle, Indiana, to Richard Fuchs at Homestead, 1952 November 16, stating he formerly lived in Homestead and saw the advertisement in American Dry Cleaner. States he would like to tour the plant when he visits in January 1953.

b. Correspondence (carbon copy)—[Richard W. Fuchs] to J. Russell Myers of Greencastle, Indiana,1952 November 19, providing details about the business, says he is showing the property that night and if he is interested, then he should not delay until January.

(14) Correspondence

a. Correspondence N. Lichter of Lichter’s Cleaners & Dyers, at New Haven, Connecticut, to Richard W. Fuchs asking for further information about the business, 1952 November 18.

b. Correspondence (carbon copy)—[Richard W. Fuchs] to N. Lichter concerning details about the business, 1952 November 21.

c. Correspondence N. Lichter to Richard W. Fuchs, 1952 November 26, requesting additional information about the equipment and directions about how to reach Homestead.

d. Correspondence (carbon copy)—[Richard W. Fuchs] to N. Lichter, 1952 November 29, stating he is enclosing information about the equipment and telling him how to reach Homestead.

(15) Final Closing Statement, Redd’s Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 1953 January 5 and 13. Sellers Raleigh S. Griffis and Annabell Griffis. Buyer Richard F. Phelan.

(16) Lease Agreement1953 January 5; recorded January 16. Lot 7, Fee’s Addition, Plat Book 1, Page 78, Dade County, Florida, for a term of ten years.

(17) [Redd’s Laundry and Dry Cleaners] plat (flat file 2)—for Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh F. Griffis, West Palm Beach, Florida, Lot 7, Fee’s Addition, Plat Book 1, Page 78, Dade County, Florida, William S. Connole, surveyor, 1956 March

32 Redd, Othelia (Utley) house and land to Mars Investment Corporation, Miami, Florida (Box 1 and flat file 2)

(1) Plat—2 story frame house and land, 1973 April. William S. Connole & Associates, Land Surveyors, Homestead, Florida; Hernandez & Falcon Realty, Inc., Miami, Florida. Survey of N ¾ of E ½ of the W ½ of NW 1/4, Section 11, Township 57S, Range 38 E, Dade County, Florida.

(2) Receipt, William S. Connole & Associates, Land Surveyors, Homestead, Florida, for survey, 1973 April

(3) Advertisements (four)—in Miami News and Miami Herald, 1973 May 26-27, for 30 acres on Avocado Drive. Richard W. Fuchs, realtor.

(4) Deposit receipt and sales purchase contract, 1975 May 29. Received from Luis Ravelo, Miami, Florida, $10,000, held in escrow by Albert A. Hernandez, realtor, for 25 acres more or less in three parts. Seller Othelia F. Redd. O. Ralph Matousek, attorney.

(5) Business cards

(6) Correspondence, 1933 August 8-1975 November 20; and envelope. Albert A. Hernandez and four other buyers participated in the purchase of 25 acres and took title under the name of Mars Investment Corporation, Miami, Florida.

(7) Closing Statement (copy), 1973 September 19

(7) Notes

33 Redd, Othelia property to Ben Robin, Lot 9, Block 2, Royal Palm Addition to the City of Homestead, Florida; Plat Book 2, Page 67. (Box 1 and flat file 2)

(1) Deposit receipt and note, 1968 December 19

(2) Invoice, Realty Title, Homestead, Florida, National Title Company to Richard Fuchs for Lot 9, Block 2, Royal Palm Addition, 1969 January 9

(3) Plat, survey for Richard Fuchs, Lot 9, Block 2, Royal Palm Addition, 1969 January 24, William S. Connole & Associates, Homestead, Florida, Land Surveyors.

(4) Note, National Title, 1969 January 29 [for] deed

(5) Correspondence, 1969 February 10, John Hoover, Jr., National Title Company at Miami, to Richard W. Fuchs at Florida City requesting he execute papers and return them—warranty deed, lien affidavit, seller’s closing statement.

(6) Receipt for documents signed by A. C. Vitterino from Richard W. Fuchs, Florida City, 1969 February 12

(7) Buyee’s closing statement, 1969 February 12, National Title Company. Buyer Othelia Fuchs Redd. Signed Ben Robin.

(8) Seller’s closing statement (original and copy), 1969 February 15

34 Redd, Othelia property to Royal Palm Lodge #100, Free and Accepted Masons. Lot 18, Free’s Addition, Dade County, Florida; Plat Book 1, Page 78. (Box 1)

(1) Deposit receipt (original and copy), 1958 February. Royal Palm Lodge No. 100

(2) Commitment Letter for Title Insurance Policy, 1958 March 5, to Royal Palm Lodge No. 100 to be insured the title of Othelia Redd.

(3) Receipt, Dade-Commonwealth Title Insurance Co, Miami, Florida, to Richard Fuchs, 1958 March 11, for abstract.

(4) Correspondence, 1958 April 18, Francis X. Bradley, Assistant Manager, Dade-Commonwealth Title Insurance Co, Miami, Florida, to Richard Fuchs, Homestead, Florida, sending enclosed Commitment Letter #36695 Lewis (Redd), Lot 18, Free’s Addition.

(5) Receipt, 1958 April 29, Commonwealth Title Insurance Co, Miami, Florida, to Richard Fuchs, Homestead, Florida, for Lot 18, Frees Addition to Homestead and N ½ of SW ¼ of SE ¼ of SW ¼ -- and SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 28, Township 56, Range 39.

(6) Correspondence (carbon copy), 1958 May 5, Francis X. Bradley, Dade-Commonwealth Title Insurance Co, Miami, Florida, to Mr. Turner, Royal Palm Lodge No. 100, enclosing three copies of closing statement and requesting a check.

(7) Seller’s Closing Statement, 1958 May 5, Dade-Commonwealth Title Insurance Co, Miami, Florida, to Othelia F. Redd.

(8) Correspondence, 1958 May 23, Francis X. Bradley, Dade-Commonwealth Title Insurance Co, Miami, Florida, to R. W. Fuchs at Homestead, encloses check and requests signatures.

35 Redd, Mary Theresa property to Theodore E. Stadig and Mary B. Stadig, Lots 45, 46, 69, and 70 of Tatum’s Addition to the City of Homestead; Plat Book 1, Page 128. (Box 1)

(1) Deposit receipt (original and copy), 1949 February 5, from Theodore E. Stadig and Mary B. Stadig.

(2) Correspondence, 1949 February 22, W. A. Mann, Jr., Vice President, Drummond Title Company, Miami, Florida, to Richard W. Fuchs, Homestead, Florida, listing two objections and requesting that Miss Redd secure affidavits attesting to the deaths or probate of estates of John E. Jones and David W. Sheltzline (previous owners of the property).

(3) Statement of Settlement, mortgager seller Mary Theresa Redd to Theodore E. Stadig, et ux., Drummond Title Company, Miami, Florida, 1949 March 30.

36 Redd, Othelia property to Paul C. Tidwell and Jean S. Tidwell, 522 NW 5th Avenue, Homestead, Florida; Lot 28 of Palmetto Addition to the City of Homestead; Plat Book 7, Page 110. (Box 1)

(1) Correspondence and attached copy of mortgage, Connie Altman, 1st Mortgage Company, Homestead, Florida, to Mrs. O. F. Redd at Homestead, 1968 November 26. Concerning mortgage and insurability.

(2) Deposit Receipt (ink and typescript copy), 1969 April 10. From Paul C. Tidwell to be held in escrow by Fuchs.

(3) Receipt, 1969 April 17. From Paul C. Tidwell and Jean S. Tidwell as deposit on the purchase of 522 NW 5th Avenue, Homestead.

(4) Closing Statement, 1969 June 9. Seller Othelia F. Redd. Purchaser, Paul C. Tidwell and Jean S. Tidwell. Realtor, Richard Fuchs.

(5) Mortgage Closing Statement, 1969 June 9. Mortgagors, Paul C. Tidwell and Jean S. Tidwell. Mortgagee, Florida Bond and Mortgage Company. Realtor, Richard Fuchs.

(6) Notes (three), no dates

37 Redland Villas (blueline) plat, a subdivision of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 11, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, Florida, 1926 January 30. Homestead Engineering Company for George M. Schmit. Plat Book 26, Page 72. (flat file 2)

38 Redondo (blueline) plat, a subdivision of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 12, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, Florida, for the King’s Highway Development Company. Van E. Huff, engineer, Miami, Florida, 1925 December, certified 1926 January 21. Plat Book 26, Page 81. (flat file 2)

39 Rose Wood, a revised (blueline) plat, a subdivision of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ and the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 7, Township 57 South, Range 39 East. for the Rosewood Development Company, (M. H. Morris, President and Helen E. Larchworth, Secretary), a revision of Rose Wood recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 4, except Lots 22 and 23 of Block 1 and Lots 2 and 10 of Block 2. 1929 February 18. Plat Book 33, Page 31. (flat file 2)

40 Schaff, Charles H. estate, SW ¼ of the SW 1/4, Section 1, Township 57, Range 38 (Box 1)

(1) Correspondence (carbon copy), 1950 August 11. [Richard Fuchs] to James A. Dixon, Esquire, Miami, Florida, concerning a deposit receipt he is sending covering the property. Purchasers are soon returning to Cuba.

(2) Correspondence, 1950 August 25. O. B. Cline, Jr., title closer, Dade-Commonwealth Title Insurance Company, Miami, Florida, requesting abstract and copy of deposit receipt or contract for property purchased by Daymond R. Elmore for land on Avocado Drive and Redland Road.

(3) Correspondence (carbon copy), 1950 September 14. [Richard Fuchs] to D. R. Elmore, Cuba, stating he has had conferences with the attorney and others and all the estate properties much be handled on a cash basis. Says they are willing to make the closing date 60 days from the abstract to give him time to raise the extra $10,000 for the grove. States he is sorry and notify him is not interested.

(4) Correspondence, 1950 September 18. D. R. Elmore, Ermita, Oriente, Cuba, to Richard W. Fuchs at Homestead, Florida, changing the price he is offering for the property and asks about liens on the property.

(5) Correspondence and envelope, 1950 September 21. D. R. Elmore, Central Ermita, S.A., Ermita, Oriente, Cuba, to Richard W. Fuchs at Homestead, Florida, offering to pay original price but in payments over two years. Asks his frank opinion if he get the property for the lower price with his original commission.

(6) Correspondence (carbon copy), 1950 September 25. [Richard Fuchs] to D. R. Elmore, Cuba, stating that after negotiations his original offer was accepted.

(7) Correspondence, 1950 September 28. D. R. Elmore, Ermita, Oriente, Cuba, to Richard W. Fuchs stating that he is pleased with the way Fuchs handled the situation.

(8) Correspondence (carbon copy), 1950 October 4. [Richard Fuchs] to D. R. Elmore, Cuba, providing instructions about how to proceed.

(9) Correspondence, 1950 October 12. Frank Smathers, Jr., The Miami Beach First National Bank, Miami Beach, Florida, to Richard W. Fuchs, Homestead, Florida, informing him that the Abstract of Title to the Valdan grove will be turned over to the Title Insurance Company that week and says they will request a commitment letter stating what is required for a clear title.

(10) Commitment Letter for Title Insurance Policy, 1950 November 2. Dade-Commonwealth Title Insurance Company, Miami, to Daymond R. Emore and Ruby A. Elmore. Executor’s deed from Miami Beach First National Bank...estate of Charles E. Schaff.

(11) Correspondence, 1950 November 15. O. B. Cline, Jr., title closer, Dade-Commonwealth Title Insurance Company, Miami, Florida, to Richard Fuchs, Homestead, stating he is enclosing a copy of their Commitment Letter.

(12) Correspondence, 1951 January 2. D. R. Elmore, Ermita, Oriente, Cuba, to Richard W. Fuchs asking why there was a hold up. Wondering about Fuchs scheduled arrival in Havana and invites him to be their guest for the weekend. Suggests strategies for travel, what to wear, and people to contact if he has trouble.

(13) Purchaser’s Closing Statement, 1951 January 9.

(14) Correspondence (carbon copy), 1951 December 30. [Richard Fuchs] to D. R. Elmore, Cuba, stating that the grove is getting excellent attention. Says he hopes to bring the mortgage and note to him in Cuba when it is ready for his signature. Says he will probably drive to Key West, fly to Havana, and take a plane from Havana to Guantanamo.

(15) Note, no date.

41 Seminole Heights plats. Avocado Road and Farm Life School Road. (Seminole Wayside Park) (flat file 2)

(1) Seminole Heights (blueprint) plat, Dade County Engineering Department, revised 1951 March 12.

(2) Plat of Survey (blueprint), 1948 June 14. Of Lots 1 to 6 inc. and 12 to 23 inc., Block 7, Seminole Heights, No. 1, as recorded in Plat Book 21, Page 55. G. B. Adams, surveyor.

(3) Seminole Heights, No. 1 (blueline) plat, for Homestead Engineering Co. by Wilbur Nabors, 1925 October 12. For the Warrell Corporation, Inc., Alf H. Meacher President, H. John Meacher, Secretary, 1925 October 13. Includes County Park.

42 Sunny Haven (blueline) plat—a subdivision of the NE ¼ of the NE 1/4, Section 34, Township 56S, Range 29E, of Dade County, Florida (Bauer Drive and Tallahassee Road). Karl Squires Engineers, 1946 May. Plat Book 47, Page 6. “The area shown on this plat is restricted by deed covenant to occupancy by the Negro Race.” Plat made for Teckla M. Wyckoff, a widow. Approved by the Board of County Commissioners, 1946 December 17. (flat file 2)

43 Triplett’s Addition (blueprint, two copies)—survey of that portion of unnumbered tract in Block 6 according to amended map of Triplett’s Addition to Goulds, Florida, lying between right of way to Florida East Coast Railway and State Highway 4-A, in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 13, Township 56 South, Range 39 East, Dade County Florida, Plat Book 4, Page 124. Crawshaw Engineering Co., Miami, Florida, 1946 September. (flat file 2)

44 U. S. 1, Right-of-Way map (photostat on 5 sheets)—State of Florida, State Highway Department; Plat Book 60, Page 36; recorded 1956 May 4. (flat file 2)

45 Webb-Leiby (one pencil drawing on tissue paper, six blueline) plat and typewritten description. Section 7, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, containing approximately 7 acres (SE corner Campbell Street and Flagler Avenue). Survey for Richard Fuchs, Homestead, Florida, 1955 October. (Box 1 and flat file 2)

46 White Heron Motel Sale, 1951 June. (Box 1)

(1) Telegram, 1951 June 14, Richard W. Fuchs to Rex Jacobs, care of S. L. Jacobs Company at Detroit, Michigan, stating that there is intense activity concerning location of Latin-American Trade Center and suggests he forward a check and a letter in form of an option.

(2) Letter and envelope from E. Merl Young at Chevy Chase, Maryland, to Richard Fuchs at Homestead, Florida, stating he has enclosed a $1,000 check for a 60-day option to purchase Lots 2 to 6 inclusive of Cloninger Highway site together with improvements and furnishings known as the White Heron Motel. Lists how purchase price will be paid, 1951 June 18. Typed at bottom, dated 1951 June 19 granting aforesaid option with Fuchs commission.

(3) Terms for White Heron Motel purchase (typewritten), no date but probably 1951 June

(4) Pencil sketch of building and list of furnishings (four pages in pencil)

47 Yancey’s Suburban Homesites (blueline)—a subdivision in the S ½ of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 12, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, Florida (Roberts Road and Kings Highway) for J. G. Yancey and Ruth L. Yancey. George A Crawshaw, Crawshaw Engineering Co, 1946 March 27. Plat is unrecorded. Annotations show sold properties and names of owners. 1946 April 1. (flat file 2)

48 Call Log, 1950 September-November, and visiting card, about 1950, “Richard W. Fuchs”

49 Listings and Correspondence, 1948-1951—Miami Herald Classified—E. L. Cotton, Real Estate, Richard W. Fuchs, Local Manager, 125 South Flagler Avenue, Homestead.

50 City of Homestead Zoning and Subdivision Classifications—determining square foot area of buildings

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51 Recommendation for promotion, October 1945

52 Service records, honorable discharge, Richard W. Fuchs, 1942-1945

53 Letter requesting priority of transportation for Richard W. Fuchs, written by Fuchs from Hotel George Washington, Jacksonville, Florida, December 17, 1943

54Uniform buttons and stars

55 *Administration and Use of Naval Correspondence Courses: as related to the training for promotion and the retirement of officers of the Naval Reserve* (book), Bureau of Naval Personnel, United States Navy (NAVPERS 10840), 1949 March. (Box 1)

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56 Commencement invitation (graduation announcement, includes visitor card), Homestead High School, May 22, 1925. Richard W. Fuchs was one of nine graduates.

57 Hotel New Yorker letter confirming credit card account and credit card, 1944

58 Financial records, 1945-1946