

# Rebuilding the Past . . . for the Future



## The Guard House

Constructed in 1911, the Guard House was building number 65 out of approximately 70 structures built between 1900 and 1916. The sturdy concrete Guard House was Fort Dade's military jail.



## Key for the Future

The Guard House has been restored for use as a museum and education center. This historic lockup will one day hold the key to our island's history.



## Standing Strong

Few of the fort's original buildings were constructed of concrete; most were built of wood. By the 1930s, many had been destroyed by hurricanes, demolished, or burned. The concrete jail, however, remained standing strong, though without a roof.

## A Dedicated Group of Concerned Citizens

Restoration of the Guard House began in 1999, spearheaded by the Egmont Key Alliance, a citizens support group. Tiles of baked clay were used to reroof the building with an approximation of the original covering. Organizers even located the same Chicago company that supplied the original tiles.