



LOST LANDMARKS: MIAMI FEC RAILWAY STATION

For half a century the Florida East Coast Railway station, near the Miami-Dade County Courthouse in downtown Miami, was abuzz with arriving tourists. Built in 1912 at 200 NW First Ave., it was vital to the city's early growth.

The depot was not especially impressive: FEC company historian Seth Bramson says railway publicity photos always featured the courthouse prominently in the background, giving the not too subtle suggestion that perhaps it was the Miami train station.

The demise of rail travel and a strike in 1963 would lead to the station being torn down.

Today there is a parking lot where the depot once stood and the place where millions of people stepped down from trains is now used for Metromover and Metrorail tracks.

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