

Burns Court / United States Garage, Sarasota, Florida



Burns Court and US Garage were originally built during the Florida real estate boom of the mid 1920s as an automobile dealership and adjacent rental cottages. Even though located only a few blocks from Sarasota Bay, they had fallen into disrepair when Frank Folsom Smith purchased them in the early 1980s.

The garage was transformed into office space, and the adjacent cottages became retail stores and ateliers for local artists and artisans. The complex now forms the heart of a historic district, including offices, shops, housing and an art cinema.