Ilê Axé Iyá Nassô Oká

Casa Branca Temple

This monument was inscribed in the Books of Designated Historical Heritage [Livros de Tombo] of the Institute of National Historical and Artistic Heritage on August 14, 1986. The temple is located at Vasco da Gama Avenue, Engenho Velho, Salvador, Bahia. The designation includes the total area of the temple measuring approximately 6,800 square meters, buildings, trees and sacred objects. Inscription Number in the Book of Designated Historical Heritage [Livro do Tombo Histórico]: 504 (Vol.1. F. 092). Inscription Number in Designated Ethnographical, Archeological and Landscape Heritage [Livro do Tombo Etnográfico, Arqueológico e Paisagístico]: 093 (Vol. 1, F. 043).

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*Ursulina Maria de Figueiredo, Auntie Sussu, fourth Iyalorixá [priestess] of the Casa Branca Temple from 1890 to 1926. Project MAMNBA, July 3, 1981, photo 33, film 3, neg.33. Division of Registration and Documentation, SPHAN.*

Staircase at the entrance to the Temple of Oxé with the Alá, placed there for the festival in honor of Oxalá. On the right, part of the boat and fountain of Oxum and above, the jackfruit tree and the Ilê [house] of Exú. To the left, part of the house of the President of the Beneficent and Recreation Society of Saint George of Engenho Velho. Unknown photographer, 1981.
Detail of the roof of the temple of Oxé with the Axé of Xangô on top. Unknown photographer, 1981.
View of the Oxum plaza with Okô Ileaiê [Oxum’s boat], with the gasoline station built on the land that is part of the Oxum plaza. Unknown photographer, 1981.
Detail of the Okô Ileaiê [Oxum’s boat], including the Ilê [house] of Oxum, the staircase leading to the temple and the jackfruit tree of the Ilê [house] of Exú. Unknown photographer, 1981.
Ilê housing Oxum’s fountain in Oxum plaza, with a painted mermaid. Unknown photographer, 1981.
Detail of the gameleira tree (Moraceae family) and Lokô in front of the temple, also the shrine to the Orixá. Unknown photographer, 1981.