

NOMINATION PROPOSAL - FLORIDA

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, HISTORY AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lua Curtiss House I (MSTR #4)

AND/OR COMMON

The Alamo

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

85 Deer Run

CITY, TOWN

Miami Springs VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

COUNTY

Dade

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

N/A

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Frank and Yvonne Shonberger

STREET & NUMBER

85 Deer Run

CITY, TOWN

Miami Springs VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

ZIP CODE

33166

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dade County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

73 West Flagler Street

CITY, TOWN

Miami

STATE

Florida

ZIP CODE

33130

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Dade County Historic Survey

DATE

August 1981

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management

CITY, TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☒ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Constructed circa 1925, 85 Deer Run is a two-story Mission and Pueblo Revival styled residence. The building is irregularly shaped in plan with a central two-story mass and projecting north and southwest one-story wings. Construction is hollow clay tile with a rough textured stucco exterior. The two-story mass of the building is covered by a flat roof with an irregular parapet wall punctuated by projecting beam ends or vigas. The southwest wing, reflecting more the influence of the Mission or Mediterranean Revival style, is covered by a low hip roof clad in clay barrel tiles. A single-story, flat-roofed porte cochere with buttressed corners projects from the east side of the building. A modern

TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

carport addition is located to the north of the porte cochere. The main entrance is defined by a pair of buttresses and a bellcote motif in the parapet wall. All fenestration is contemporary metal sash with awning type windows covered by wrought iron grills of Spanish inspiration. A triangularly shaped enclosed courtyard containing a modern swimming pool is located on the northwest side of the building. Adjacent to the courtyard is a single-story guesthouse. The Pueblo-inspired building features a flat roof with an irregular stucco parapet.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1925 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Curtiss & Bright, developers

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

85 Deer Run, known commonly as "the Alamo" for its vague resemblance to the famous Texas monument, is one of the first four residences constructed as part of the Miami Springs development. Built between 1924 and 1925 by Glenn Curtiss for his mother, Lua Curtiss, the building may speculatively be attributed to local architect Martin L. Hampton. "Mama Lou" as Curtiss' mother was known, did not like the residence and later moved to 150 Hunting Lodge (also included in the Miami Springs thematic group). In October 1929, Florence E. Griffith bought the property and lived there until the late 1940's. The building is particularly noteworthy architecturally for its combination of Pueblo and Mediterranean Revival elements.

TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

9 BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See bibliography in cover nomination

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Site Size (Approx. Acreage of Property):

Less than 1 acre

UTM Coordinates:

1, 7	5, 71	3, 70	2, 8	55	45, 0
ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		

Township	Range	Section
53	41	18-19

LOCATION SKETCH OR MAP

N

ATTACHED

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Amend. Plat Section 1, Country Club Estates.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Elise L. Brault-Hoessly/Michael Zimny

September 1985

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Metro-Dade County/Bureau of Historic Preservation

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Division of Archives, History & Records Management

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

ZIP CODE

Tallahassee

Florida

32301

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received 8/26/85
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Country Club Estates Thematic Resources
State Dade County, FLORIDA

Nomination/Type of Review

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Adams, Carl G., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> 11/1/85 |
| | | Attest | |
| 2. Curtiss, Lua, House I | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> 11/1/85 |
| | | Attest | |
| 3. Curtiss, Lua, House II | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> 11/1/85 |
| | | Attest | |
| 4. Osceola Apartment Hotel | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> 11/1/85 |
| | | Attest | |
| 5. Clune Building | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> 11/1/85 |
| | | Attest | |
| 6. Hequembourg House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Shelous Byers</u> 11/1/85 |
| | | Attest | |
| 7. Millard-McCarthy House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>A. Schlegel</u> 4/22/86 |
| | | Attest | |
| 8. Heermance, Andrew, House | Substantive Review
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Determined Eligible
for Keeper | <u>Arny Schlegel</u> 11/1/85 |
| | | Attest | |
| 9. Hotel Country Club | Substantive Review
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | for Keeper | <u>Arny Schlegel</u> 4/22/86 |
| | | Attest | |
| 10. Curtiss, Glenn, House | Substantive Review
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Determined Eligible
for Keeper | <u>Arny Schlegel</u> 11/1/85 |
| | | Attest | |

REF #E5003465

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Curtiss, Lua, House 1 (Country Club
Estates TR)
Dade County
FLORIDA

SEP 26 1985

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 10/24/85 - 10/18/85

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11-1-85

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- ☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



1. Miami Springs Thematic Resource Proposal.
2. 85 Deer Run, Miami Springs, Florida.
3. Photographer unknown.
4. Circa 1925-1926.
5. Miami Springs Historic Preservation Board.
6. Country Club Estates Promotional Brochure.
Front view of Mrs. Lua Curtiss' first
Country Club Estates home.
7. Photo No. 33 of 50.



1. Miami Springs Thematic Resource Proposal.
2. 85 Deer Run, Miami Springs, Florida.
3. Elise Brault-Hoessly.
4. November 1984.
5. Metro-Dade Historic Preservation Division.
6. Front view of the Alamo.
7. Photo No. 34 of 50.



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2. 85 Deer Run, Miami Springs, Florida.
3. Elise Brault-Hoessly.
4. November 1984.
5. Dade County Historic Preservation Division.
6. Front view of the "Alamo."
7. Photo No. 35 of 50.

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000114

Dade City

March 6, 1985

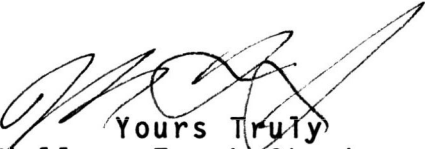
Keeper, National Register of Historic Places
National Park Services
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places:

I have been advised that the Florida Department of State, Division of Archives, History and Records Managment has recommended that, The Alamo/ Lua Curtiss House be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

I am the owner of this property and I am responding in favor of The Alamo/ Lua Curtiss House being placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Please see that this letter concurring with the nomination is placed in the record.


Yours Truly
Mallory Frank Shonberger
85 Deer Run
Miami Springs, Florida.33166

cc:Michael F. Zimny
Historic Sites Specialist
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF ARCHIVES,
HISTORY AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT
The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-8020

3/15/85