

# 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	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> 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 DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
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  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management

CITY, TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED. DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 bellcotè 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:

17 | 571370 | 28554510  
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			

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N/A			

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Elise L. Brault-Hoessly/Michael Zimny

September 1985

ORGANIZATION

Metro-Dade County/Bureau of Historic Preservation

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Division of Archives, History & Records Management

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida

ZIP CODE

32301