

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 Glenn Curtiss House (MSTR #2)

AND/OR COMMON Miami Springs Villas House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 500 Deer Run

CITY, TOWN Miami Springs N/A VICINITY OF Miami

STATE Florida COUNTY Dade

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Knott Hotels Corporation

STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 1887

CITY, TOWN El Cajon VICINITY OF California STATE ZIP CODE 92022

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 in 1925 for the developer of Miami Springs, Glenn Curtiss, 500 Deer Run is a large, two-story residence designed in the Pueblo Revival style. The building is roughly V-shaped in plan and is constructed of hollow clay tile with a rough textured stucco exterior. Roofs are flat with very irregular parapet walls embellished by projecting water spouts, canales and irregularly shaped openings. The main entrance to the residence is marked by a flat-roofed porte cochere located at the northwest corner of the building. A stylized bellcote motif and prominent water spouts are present in the irregular parapet wall of the porte cochere. The main entrance to the building is set within a

TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

deeply recessed T-shaped opening. Fenestration is generally wood casement with some contemporary metal jalousie replacements. The southeast central courtyard of the building features a later oolitic limestone facing on its first story pierced by modern jalousie windows and glass doors. Significant interior features include an oolitic limestone fireplace, exposed ceiling beams, a circular stucco staircase and arched door and window openings. The building is located on a triangular shaped lot entered through a pair of Pueblo-inspired gatehouses. See photos 17-27.

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 1925

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Martin L. Hampton, architect
Curtiss & Bright, developers

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1925 for Glenn Curtiss and designed by the well-known local architect Martin L. Hampton, 500 Deer Run is one of the largest and architecturally most distinguished of the Pueblo Revival residences associated with the Miami Springs development. Glenn Curtiss and his wife Lena Curtiss moved into the house, "Dar-err-aha" as it was called, upon its completion in 1925. He lived at the home until his death in 1930. In the early 1930's his wife remarried an old friend and business associate of her husband, H. Sayre Wheeler. Wheeler served as mayor of Miami Springs from 1942 to 1944 and was also part owner of the Michaels and Wheeler Insurance Company. The couple lived in the house until the late 1940's. It was subsequently converted into

TEXT SUPPORTING SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

the Miami Springs Villas House in 1953.

The documented architect of the building, Martin Luther Hampton, was one of Miami's most prominent architects during the 1920's. His designs include the former Miami Beach City Hall and the Congress Building in downtown Miami.

9 BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See bibliography in cover nomination

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Site Size (Approx. Acreage of Property):

7 acres

UTM Coordinates:

| | | | | | |
|------|---------|-------|----------|-----|-------|
| 1,7 | 5,71 | 8,2,0 | 2,8 | 5,4 | 6,5,0 |
| ZONE | EASTING | | NORTHING | | |

| Township | Range | Section |
|----------|-------|---------|
| 53 | 41 | 19 |

LOCATION SKETCH OR MAP

N

ATTACHED

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Tract A, Resubdivision of Lot 14, Block 140, Section 2, 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 |
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| N/A | | | |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Metro-Dade County/Bureau of Historic Preservation

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