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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name 200 Corsica Avenue  
other names/site number N/A / 8 Hi 3630

### 2. Location

street & number 200 Corsica Avenue N/A  not for publication  
city, town Tampa N/A  vicinity  
state Florida code FL county Hillsborough code 057 zip code 33606

### 3. Classification

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|---|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ownership of Property                       | Category of Property                            | Number of Resources within Property |                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | Contributing                        | Noncontributing        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local       | <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <u>1</u>                            | <u>    </u> buildings  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State       | <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <u>    </u>                         | <u>    </u> sites      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal     | <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <u>    </u>                         | <u>    </u> structures |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <u>1</u>                            | <u>0</u> Total         |

Name of related multiple property listing: Mediterranean Revival Style Buildings of Davis Islands  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

[Signature] June 16, 1989  
Signature of certifying official Date  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

[Signature] Entered in the National Register 8/3/89  
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Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Hollow Clay Tile

Stucco

roof Terra Cotta

other Hollow Clay Tile: Loggia

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See Continuation Sheet

See continuation sheet

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1928-1932

Significant Dates

1928

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Schumacher, William & Winkler, George  
Mayes, Fred (Contractor)

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See Continuation Sheet

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

City of Tampa. Division of Inspectional Services. Building Permit Ledgers, 1925-1932, Permit #44577.

Hillsborough County. Clerk of the Circuit Court. Public Records, Deed Book 1404, Page 176.

Polk's Tampa City Directory. New York, R.L. Polk Publishing Co., 1925-1986.

Sanborn Insurance Maps of Tampa, Florida. New York, Sanborn Map Co., 1915-1931.

N/A  See continuation sheet

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

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**UTM References**

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N/A  See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

Lots 15, 16, & 17, Block 20, Hotel Section of Davis Islands

N/A  See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

All of the historic elements of this property are confined to the above described boundaries.

N/A  See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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Continuation SheetSection number 7 Page 1Description

The house at 200 Corsica Avenue is located on three lots on the northwest corner of Ceylon and Corsica avenues in the Hotel Section of Davis Islands. The property is landscaped with palm trees and a wide variety of shrubs and other plantings. This two and three-story, irregular plan, picturesquely massed dwelling is constructed of stuccoed hollow tile. Mission tiles cover the hip and pyramidal roofs which have wide overhanging eaves supported by carved brackets. Of all the structures on Davis Islands, this house is doubtless the most picturesque, combining rusticity and medievalism in its detailing. Lancet windows light the entrance tower and southeast elevations, and wrought iron strap hinges decorate the entrance door, which is outlined with a rough hewn surround of coral rock. This detail is repeated on the one-story loggia around the south wing. A more formal rustication lines the parapet of the tower. This wide use of parapets and rusticated features give the house the appearance of an ancient, fortified Spanish hacienda. This romantic theme is reinforced by the figure of a medieval knight executed in low relief on the battlement wall above the main entrance.

The dwelling retains most of its original fenestration, which consists of wood double hung sash windows with six over one and eight over one lights. The lancet windows are wood double casement windows. French doors and modern glass sliding doors open to terraces on the north and south elevations. Breaking from the mass of the house is a three-story tower above an integrated garage on the west elevation. The only access to the third floor is from the master bedroom and across the garage deck.

The plan of the first floor consists of a foyer, containing the stairway to the second floor, that gives access to the living room, dining room, and sun room. Both the dining room and living room are connected with yet another dining room located in the center of the house. Originally an interior "courtyard," the walls of the three-story space are decorated with partial parapets, diminutive tile roofs, and wrought iron balconets opening from bedrooms and passages. The effect is that of a small Spanish village street, made complete with the tile dining room floor. The first floor also contains the kitchen, a bath and large storage area, and the garage. The second floor features three bedrooms and two baths disposed around the "courtyard" opening. The "tower" has one bedroom and a bath. There are no outbuildings or other structures on the site.

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Statement of Significance

This "medieval" Spanish farmhouse which was designed by the Tampa architectural firm of Schumacher and Winkler in 1928 admirably demonstrates their ability to create a picturesque composition around a modern residence. It also demonstrates the ability of the architects to create many variations of a particular theme, as in their use of a similar repertory of forms in the house at 132 Baltic Avenue.

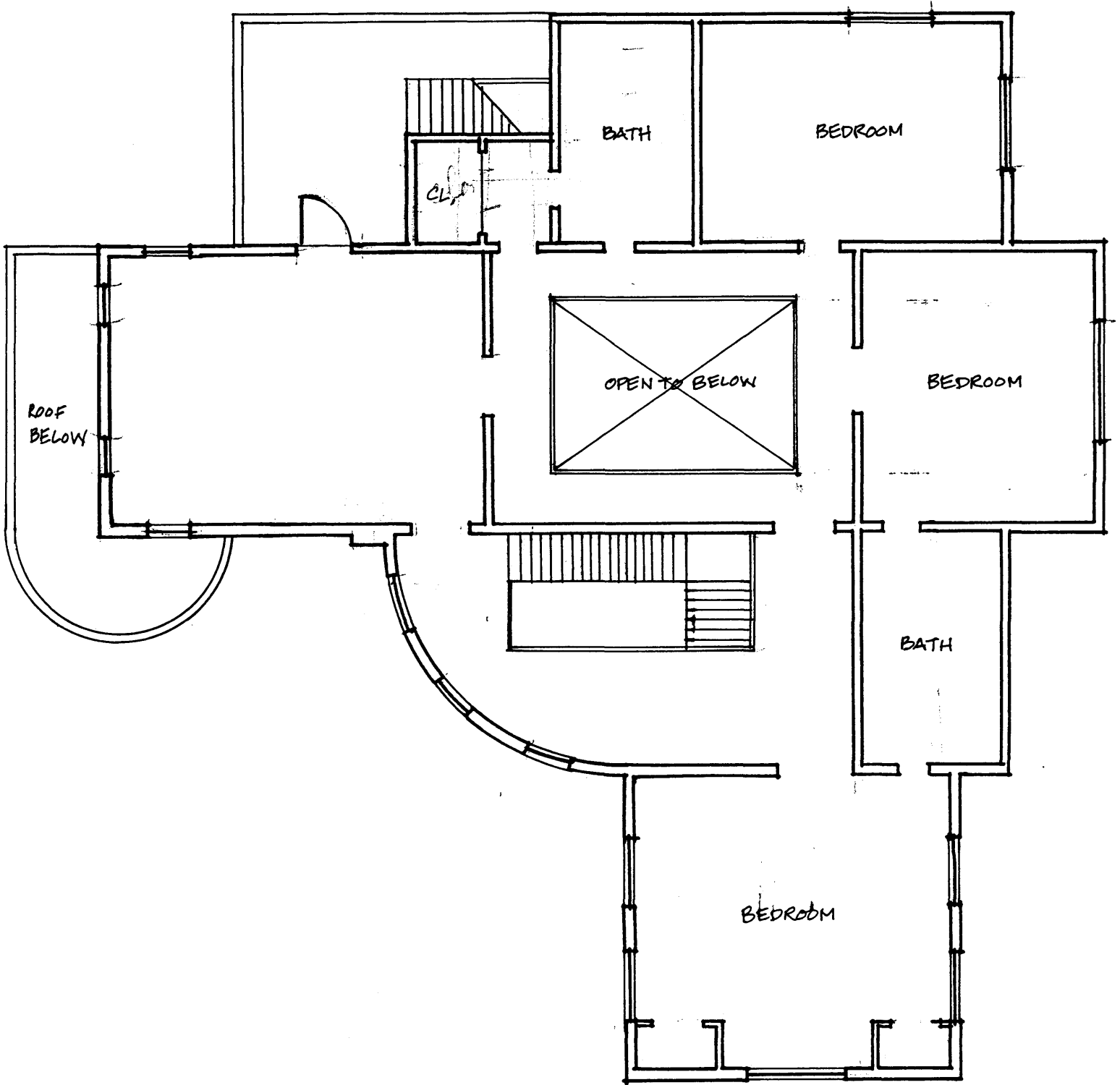
Contractor Fred Mayes began work on the \$30,000 house in March, 1928, on lots 16, 17, and 20. The house was constructed as a speculative project and remained unsold and unoccupied until 1933 when it was purchased by Fred Saussey, a Tampa attorney. He lived there only three years. From 1938 to 1964, the dwelling was the property to the U.S. Phosphoric Division of the Tennessee Corporation which used the house as a residence for its executives assigned to Tampa to manage the company's phosphate mining operations in the area. In 1964, the house was purchased by its present owners, Louis and Helen Benito.

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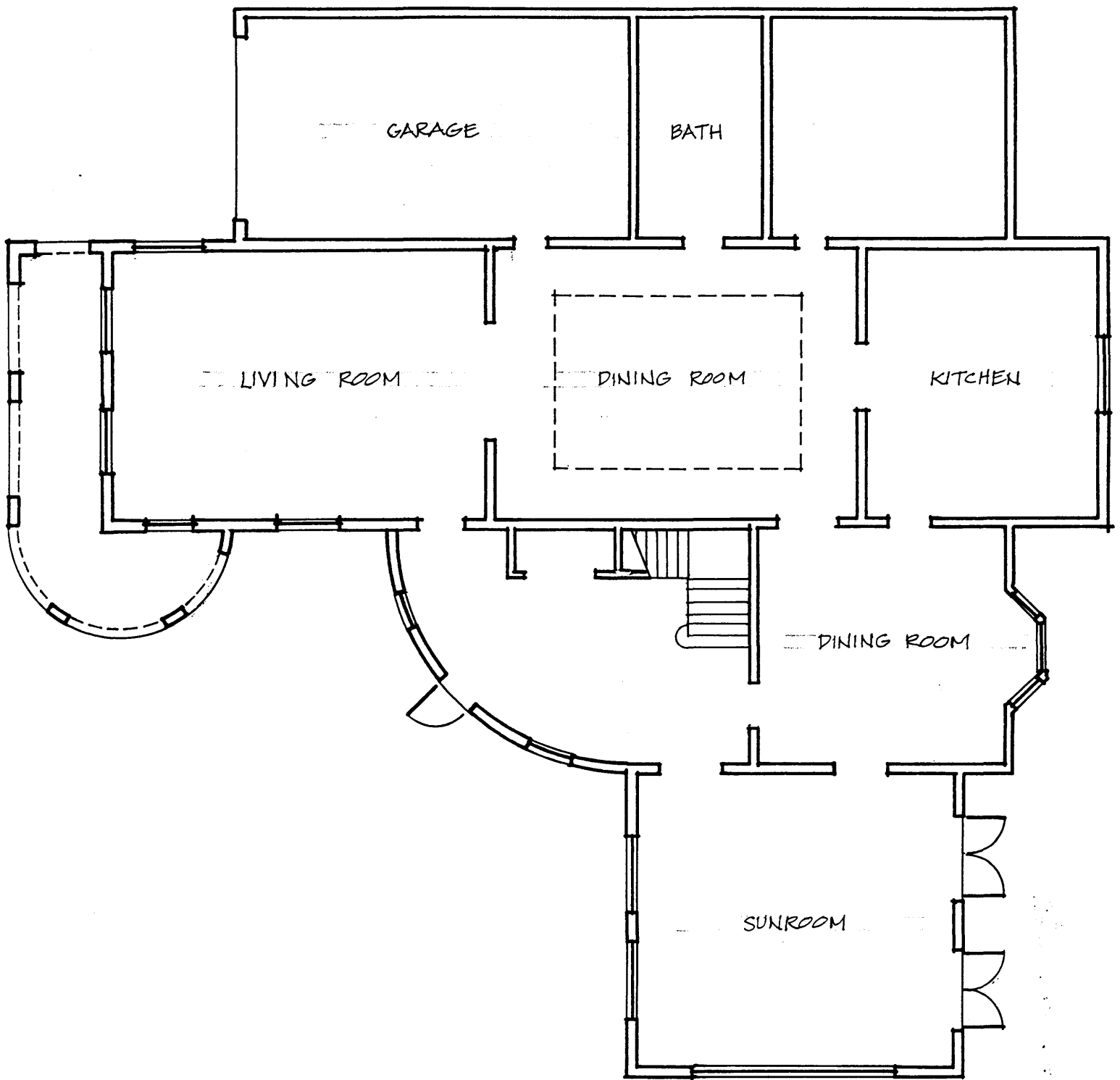
Photographs

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2. Tampa (Hillsborough County), Florida
3. Donna Hole
4. 1988
5. Historic Tampa/Hillsborough County Preservation Board
6. Southeast Elevation, Looking Northwest
7. Photo No. 1 of 2

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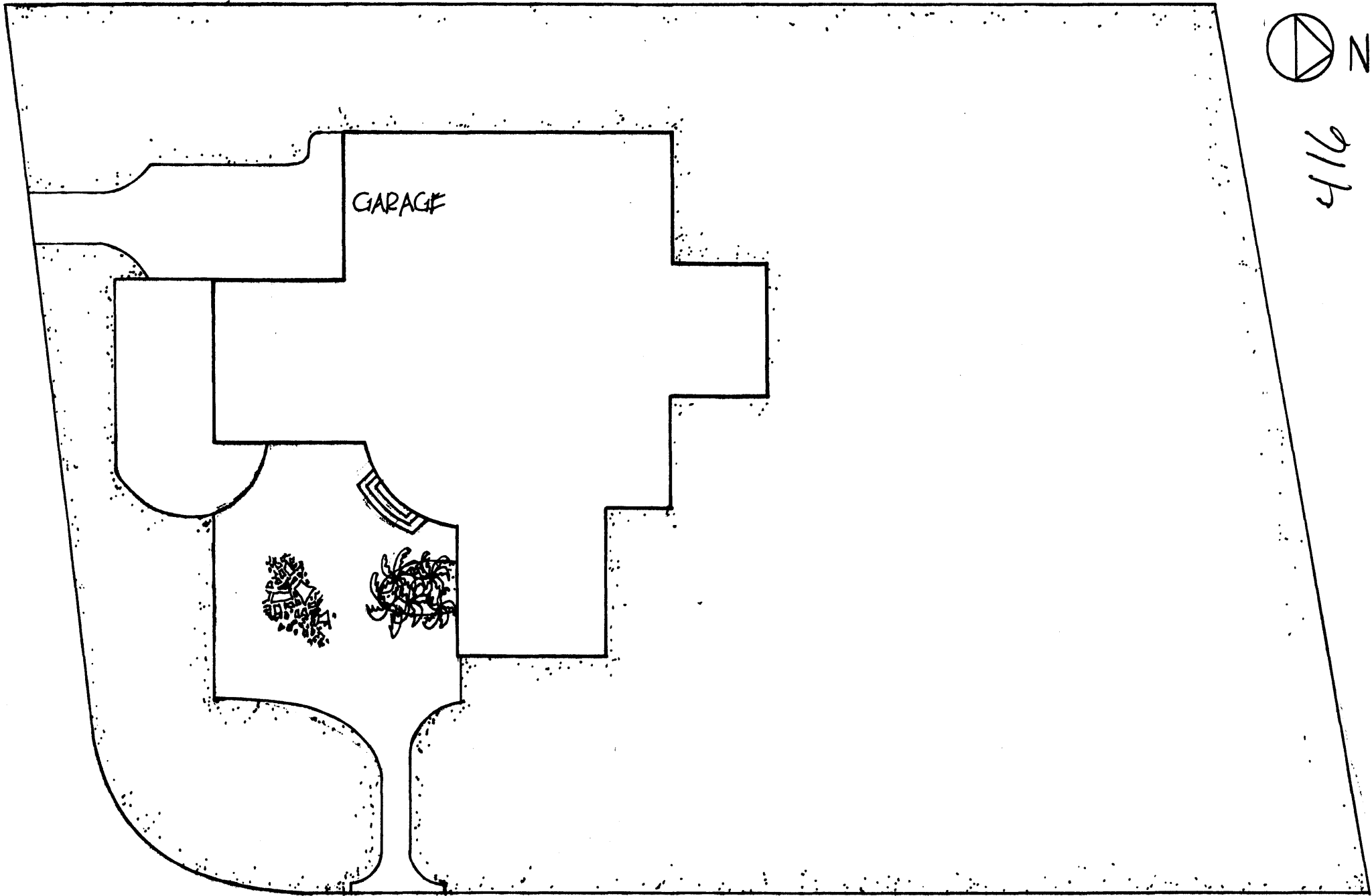
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