

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic 353 N. E. 91 Street

and or common 8DA3607 MST-B

**2. Location**

street & number 353 N. E. 91 Street not for publication

city, town Miami Shores vicinity of

state Florida 33138 code FL county Dade code FL 025

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<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"/> religious
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Howard

street & number 353 N. E. 91 Street

city, town Miami Shores, vicinity of state Florida 33138

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dade County Courthouse

street & number 73 W. Flagler Street

city, town Miami, state Florida 33130

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title FMSF-Miami Shores Historic Preservation Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date June, 1985  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Division of Historical Resources

Bureau of Historic Preservation  
city, town R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street state Tallahassee, Florida  
32399-0250

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>1926</u>

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The house at 353 N. E. 91 Street, built in the Mediterranean Revival style, is two story with a modified rectangular plan. The plan consists of three rectangular masses set parallel to each other and perpendicular to the street on the main (north) facade. The central mass is two story, with a gable roof covered with flat clay tiles. The gable overhangs have exposed, jigsaw cut wood rafters. On the gable end facing the front is an attic vent, round with four holes, resembling a shirt button. On the ground floor an arched window with fixed glass and a fanlight transom is preceded by a concrete planter, and surrounded by a bas relief stucco molding. This molding extends up to the second story, where a double French door opens out to a masonry balcony with a wrought iron railing. The balcony is supported by two masonry brackets and shaded by a canvas awning. There is a chimney attached on the left (west) elevation of this mass.

The mass to the east is one story, with a shed roof covered in the same flat clay tiles as the rest of the roof. A cast masonry console provides the transition from the central two story mass to the lower roof level to the right. This space is a sun room, open with double casement windows, three across the front, along the east elevation.

The west wing is recessed two bays from the two other parallel wings. The outer corner is truncated, producing a three sided entry tower effect. Two steps flanked by low walls covered in decorative clay tiles give direct access to the front door. The doorway consists of an arched opening, presently covered by the canvas quarter-sphere awning. A double door of vertical panels with six lights is recessed in surrounds of vertical fluting.

A masonry wall with an arched gate extends from the west elevation to give access to the backyard. There is a detached garage structure to the rear of the property. Alterations and repairs compatible with the original design were made as a result of a 1958 fire. A swimming pool was added in 1955.

# 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–1927	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1926 **Builder/Architect** Nieder and Seiler

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The residence located at 353 N.E. 91 Street, begun in 1926 as part of the Shoreland Company's development of Miami Shores, underwent some changes in 1928. The house was designed by the architectural firm of Nieder and Seiler. It is a fine example of Mediterranean Revival style architecture. The house was built for Floyd L. Knight and his wife, Ruth. Knight was a prominent attorney with the firm of Willard and Knight. Mr. Knight served as counsel to the Shoreland Company. Later, the Howard family came to occupy this residence.

The residence is a large, two story, Mediterranean Revival style house designed for Miami Shores by the architectural firm of Nieder and Seiler. Charles P. Nieder and E.E. Seiler formed a partnership in 1926, locating their offices in downtown Miami. Several structures, both residential and commercial, have been attributed to Nieder, including the Dorn Residence in Coral Gables, the Clinton Hotel in Miami Beach, and several buildings in downtown Miami. Their mastery of the Mediterranean Revival style is evident in the Knight Residence.

The house was first occupied by the Knight family. Mr. Knight, an attorney with locally prominent firm of Willard and Knight, served as General Counsel for the Shoreland company from the time of its incorporation in 1924 until its demise in 1928.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see Bibliography for Cover Nomination

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Miami

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

A 

1	7	5	8	1	1	0	0	2	8	6	0	1	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Miami Shores, SEC 1, AMended PB 10-70  
East ½ Lot 18 and Lots 19 and 20, Block 48

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Maria T. Temkin/Vicki Welcher, Historic Sites Specialist

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date September, 1988

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state Florida 32399-0250

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title State Historic Preservation Officer

date September 21, 1988

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date

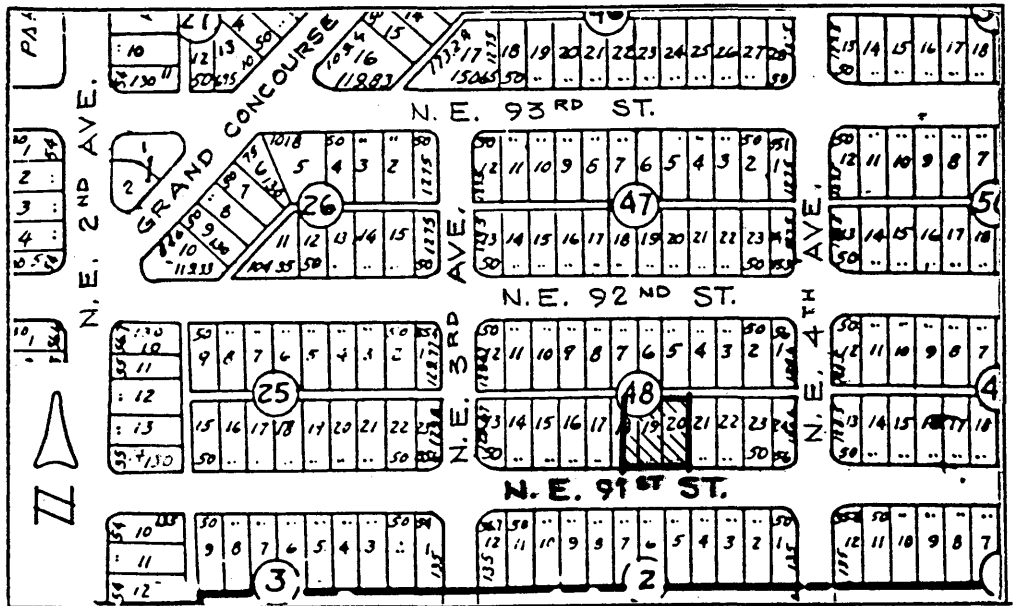
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Keeper of the National Register

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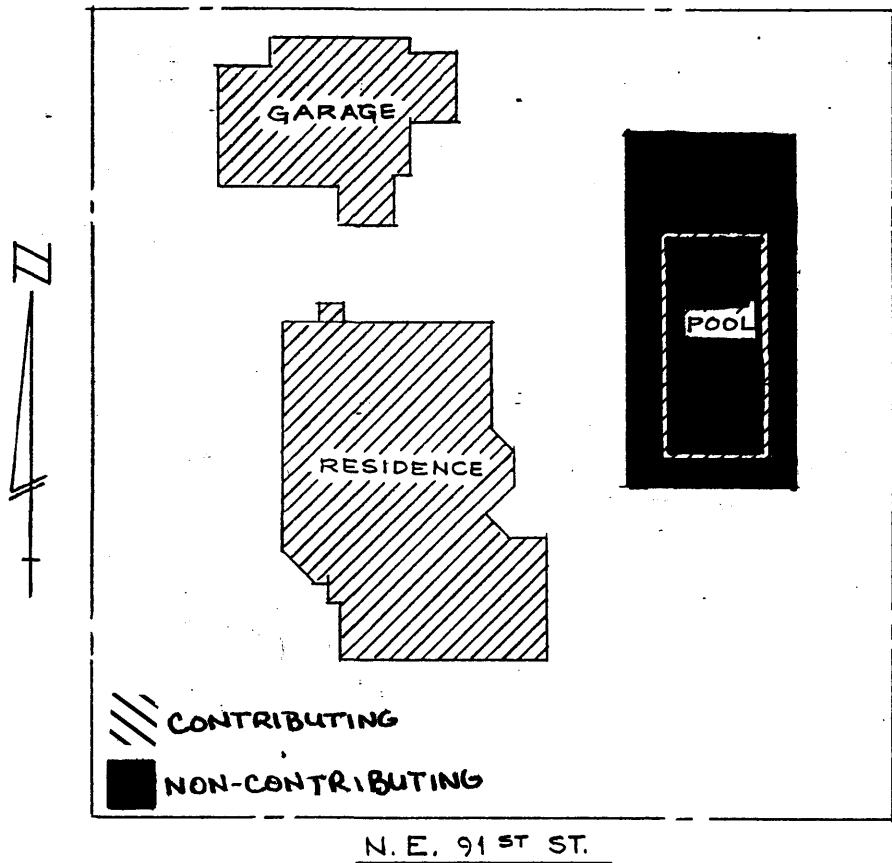
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Chief of Registration



LOCATION MAP

(LOTS E 1/2 18, 19, & 20, BLOCK 48)



SITE PLAN

353 N.E. 91st St.

SCALE: 1" = 30'