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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 287 N. E. 96 Street

(Miami Shores, FL)

and or common 8DA3585 MST-L

2. Location

street & number 287 N. E. 96 Street

not for publication

city, town Miami Shores

vicinity of

state Florida 33138

code

FL

county Dade

code

FL 025

3. Classification

Category

- district
- building(s)
- structure
- site
- object

Ownership

- public
  - private
  - both
- Public Acquisition
- in process
  - being considered

Status

- occupied
  - unoccupied
  - work in progress
- Accessible
- yes: restricted
  - yes: unrestricted
  - no

Present Use

- agriculture
  - commercial
  - educational
  - entertainment
  - government
  - industrial
  - military
- museum
  - park
  - private residence
  - religious
  - scientific
  - transportation
  - other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Jay Young

street & number 287 N. E. 96 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

FMSF-Miami Shroes Historic  
title 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

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved

date 1925

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

The residence at 287 N. E. 96 Street is a two story Mediterranean Revival style structure built in a rectangular plan. A left wing slightly projects from the main mass. A one story porch flanked by buttresses is attached at the right of the front or south elevation and a carport to the east elevation. The porch and carport both have flat roofs with plain parapets pierced by round scuppers. The main roof of the house is gabled with clay barrel tiles with an intersecting gable over the projecting left wing. A chimney with a bell top pierces the roof's front slope. The porch has four arched screened openings with turned wood spindled grills across the front. The same pattern is repeated on both sides of the porch and on the main facade to the left of the porch. The carport has elliptical arched openings on all three sides not attached to the main wall.

The main entrance is directly to the left of the projecting porch mass. An arched door is set in an arched rusticated stucco surround. Directly above the doorway on the second story, a pair of double French doors opens out to a small projecting balcony with an iron balustrade. The front slope of the main gable roof extends over the balcony. The roof's projection is supported uncarved wooden brackets. Other windows on the second story are set in rectangular openings. The exceptions are two arched French doors on the left projecting wing, which open out onto a balcony similar to the one at the center of the facade. Windows are the original wood casements.

There is a garage and servants quarters structure of similar design to the rear of the property, built in 1926 shortly after completion of the main house. The house has undergone few alterations over the years, retaining its original character and details.

# 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
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<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** 1925

**Builder/Architect** Markley Construction Co.

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

The residence located at 287 N. E. 96 Street (originally known as Shoreland Boulevard) was constructed in 1925 as part of the first phase of development of Miami Shores by the Shoreland Company. Although the architect is unknown, the house is an excellent example of the Mediterranean Revival style architecture, constructed by the Markley Construction Company. The Markley Company was in charge of building many of the houses in Miami Shores for the Shoreland Company. The house was built for Ellen Spears Harris, a Shoreland Company Vice President and cousin of Hugh M. Anderson, the company's President.

The structure is one of the earliest houses completed in Miami Shores by the Shoreland Company. The house is a large, two story elegant structure befitting the occupants, all prominently associated with the Shoreland Company at the time of its construction. The house has been owned and maintained within the family over the years.

Ellen Spears Harris, in her role as Vice President of the Shoreland Company, demonstrated her administrative and management capabilities, making her "the leading woman business executive of South Florida in the Twenties." (Spears/Harris Papers) Her sisters, Hortense and Pratt Spears, also held influential positions in Anderson's development companies. Oldest sister Hortense Spears, was associated with the Biscayne Bay Improvement Company, which developed Venetian Islands, an exclusive community created out of bay bottom in Biscayne Bay. Her younger sister, Pratt Spears, was Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Shoreland Company.

A housewarming was held in celebration of the completion of the residence in 1925. The roster of attendees which follows demonstrates the local and national impact and fame that was being accorded to the development of Miami Shores.

One of the most festive occasions was a gala Housewarming that the Harris-Spears household hosted late in 1925 to inaugurate their new villa. The star studded list of guests included such luminaries as John W. Martin, Governor of Florida; the governors of Tennessee and Alabama; chain store magnate J. C. Penny; two of the most prominent members of President Coolidge's cabinet - Secretary Hyde of Agriculture and Secretary of Commerce (later president) Hoover; Mabel Loomis Todd, world-famed astronomer of Williams College; Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of the Great Commoner,

# 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

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Miami Shores, Sec 1. Amended PB 10-70  
Lots 22 and 23, Block 30

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

state NA code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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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

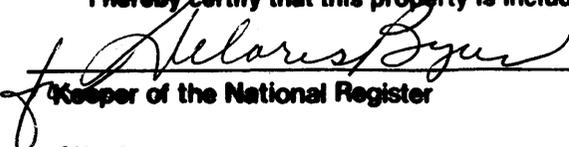


title State Historic Preservation Officer

date September 21, 1988

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



date 11/14/88

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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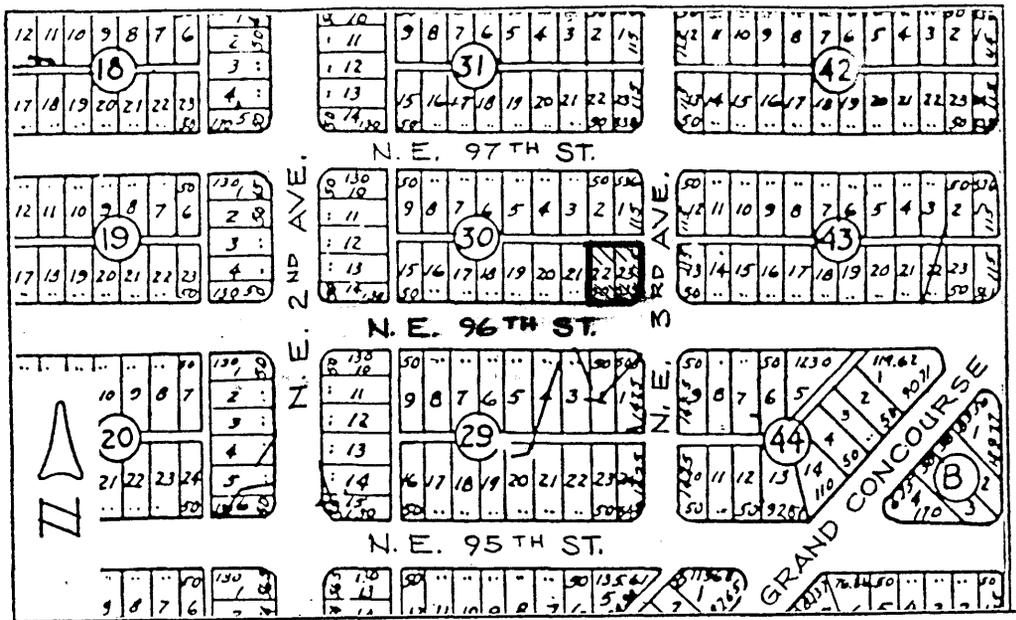
287 N. E. 96 Street, Miami Shores Thematic

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community activist, and herself later to be elected as  
congresswoman from Florida's 4th Congressional District.

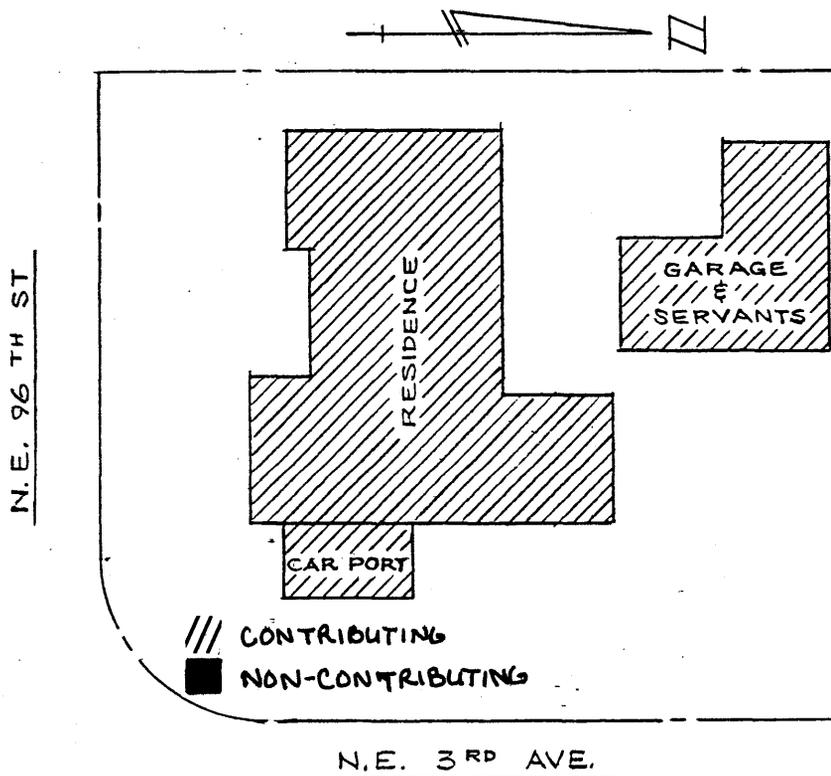
Spears/Harris Papers

It is interesting to note that members of the Spears/Harris family continually occupied the house until recently. The house was sold in 1985, with the contents, among which was the untitled manuscript of unknown authorship that has served to provide valuable information about Miami Shores.



LOCATION MAP

(LOTS 22 & 23, BLOCK 30)



SITE PLAN - 287 N.E. 96TH ST.

SCALE: 1" = 30'