

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

**National Register of Historic Places  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

<b>NRIS Reference Number:</b> <u>88002977</u>	<b>Date Listed:</b> <u>1/4/89</u>	
<u>Brickell Mausoleum</u>	<u>Dade</u>	FL
<b><u>Property Name</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>

Downtown Miami Multiple Resource Area  
**Multiple Name**

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Amy Schlager*  
Signature of the Keeper

1/4/89  
Date of Action

**Amended Items in Nomination:**

This property should be classified as a structure, rather than an object. Also note that this property is a commemorative property (it should be noted in data base under the criteria consideration for commemorative properties). This property is significant under Criterion A as representative of the activities of the second generation of Miami's founders, who continued to play important roles in the development of the city in the 1920s.

Discussed and concurred in by the Florida SHPO.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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

received NOV 21 1988

date entered

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

**1. Name**

historic Brickell Mausoleum

and or common Brickell Mausoleum

**2. Location**

street & number Brickell Park - 501 Brickell Avenue

not for publication

city, town Miami

vicinity of

state Florida 33131 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 City of Miami

street & number 3500 Pan American Drive

city, town Miami

vicinity of

state Florida 33133

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dade County Courthouse

street & number 75 W. Flagler Street

city, town Miami

state Florida 33130

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title FMSF-Miami Multiple Resource  
Historic Preservation Survey

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date June, 1985

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Bureau of Historic Preservation

city, town Tallahassee,

state 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input 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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–1938	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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**Specific dates** 1924 **Builder/Architect** Thurmond Monument Company

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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see Bibliography for Cover Nomination

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Miami

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

A 

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

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Miami, That portion of the private burial grounds in Brickell Point as per DB 323-298 of the plat of BRICKELL POINT (PB 8-93) encompassing the footprint of the "Brickell Mausoleum," as shown on City Properties - As Built Plans CP-178 Sheet B-3.

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

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Bureau of Historic Preservation

date October, 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 October 17, 1988

### For NPS use only

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



date 1/4/89

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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DESCRIPTION:

Condition: Good

The Brickell Mausoleum is a small mausoleum, measuring approximately 11 feet by 15 feet, erected in 1924 and executed in a Neo-Classical mode.<sup>1</sup> The mausoleum, built by the Thurmond Monument Company, was originally intended to contain eight crypts for the Brickell family, one of Miami's most notable pioneer families.<sup>2</sup> Constructed of granite, the mausoleum faces east toward Biscayne Bay and is characterized by four Ionic columns supporting a shallow pediment. Only the principal facade is articulated in any fashion, and it contains the name "Brickell" inscribed within the entablature. Three steps lead up to a central doorway set back from the columned portico.

The mausoleum once sat in the center of a private cul-de-sac, but today is surrounded by grass on all sides and located between Brickell Avenue and the bay.<sup>3</sup> The Brickell Mausoleum is situated within Brickell Park, a small portion of the original Brickell home place that was deeded to the City of Miami by the Brickell family.

Today, the mausoleum sits empty and unattended, yet its original design intent is readily perceived.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Specific Date: 1924

Architect: Thurmond Monument Company

The Brickell Mausoleum is significant in relation to one of the most important families in the history of Miami. The mausoleum is the only surviving structure that is associated with the Brickell family and is situated on land they once owned. At one time, the Brickell Mausoleum held the remains of William Brickell, his wife Mary Brickell, and daughter Edith Brickell.<sup>4</sup> The Brickell Mausoleum is, today, a monument to the Brickell Family, although its original intent was to house the graves of historical figures.

William Brickell was born in Steubenville, Ohio in 1825 and moved to Miami in 1871. When he reached Miami, he paid \$3,000 for a large parcel of land that extended from south shore of the Miami River to Coconut Grove.<sup>5</sup> On this land, Brickell built his home and trading post of local rock. He was prosperous in trading with the Seminole Indians, and his land became the center of local activity. William Brickell, in conjunction with Julia Tuttle, was responsible for luring Henry M. Flagler, the railroad entrepreneur, to Miami and thereby establishing a vital railroad link with northern Florida and the rest of the Eastern Seaboard. His wife, Mary Brickell, handled the family real estate holdings, and his daughter Alice served as postmistress.<sup>6</sup>

The Brickell Mausoleum was erected by Maude E. Brickell, daughter of William and Mary Brickell. It is said that Maude E. Brickell moved the family members from the garden of the original Brickell home place, where they had been originally buried, and placed them in the private mausoleum.<sup>7</sup> Later, in 1924, she deeded the five acres of land surrounding the mausoleum to the City of Miami for park use with the intent that the city would "bear all the expense of improving and beautifying said Brickell Park and burial ground."<sup>8</sup>

In 1948, however, Maude E. Brickell complained that the nights were too noisy at the mausoleum location and moved the remains of the family members to Woodlawn Cemetery.<sup>9</sup>

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Since the Brickell home has been demolished, the Brickell Mausoleum is considered to be the only surviving structure associated with the Brickell family and the vast real estate holdings once held by them. The erection of a mausoleum on one's own property was a rarity in Miami. As such, the Brickell Mausoleum is indicative of the family's ties with the homestead and downtown Miami.

NOTES

1. Interview: Martina Thurmond (Owner, Thurmond Monument Company) by Heriberto J. Brito, 26 August 1986.
2. See note 1 above.
3. G. M. Hopkins, Plat Book of Greater Miami, Florida and Suburbs (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins Co., 1936).
4. State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Archives, History and Records Management, "Florida Master Site File: Historic Site Data Sheet" for City of Miami Brickell Park, "Statement of Significance."
5. Howard Kleinberg, "Brickell Mausoleum Sits Vacant," Miami: The Way We Were (Miami: Miami Daily News, Inc. 1985), p. 66.
6. Arva Moore Parks, Miami: The Magic City (Tulsa, Oklahoma: Continental Heritage Press, 1981), p. 64.
7. "The Puzzling Brickell Legend," Miami News, 25 November 1960, p. 15-A.
8. Dade County, Florida, County Recorder's Office, Deed Book 323, p. 298.
9. Kleinberg, Miami: The Way We Were, p. 66.

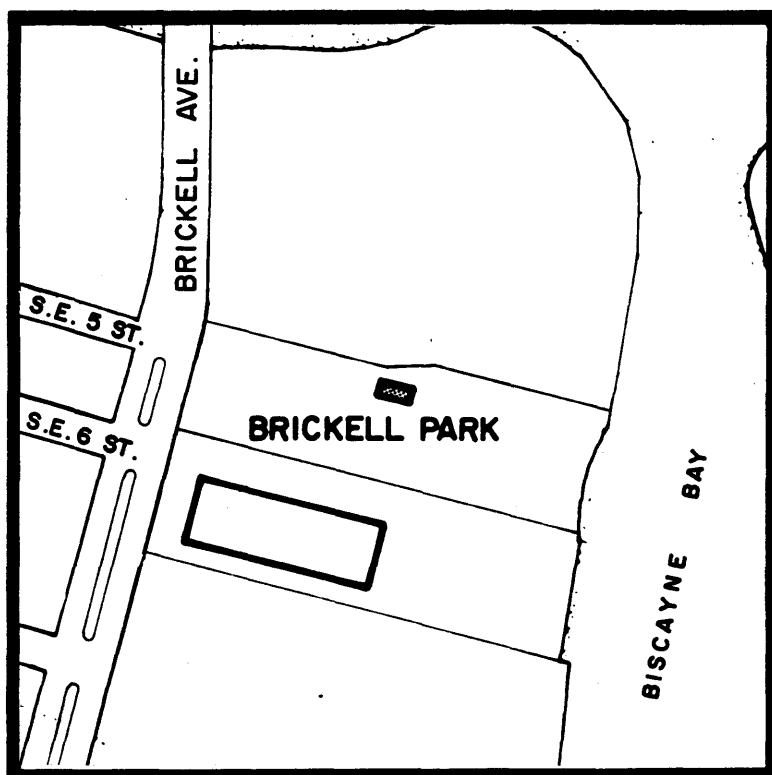


# BRICKELL MAUSOLEUM

501 BRICKELL AVENUE



location



site plan