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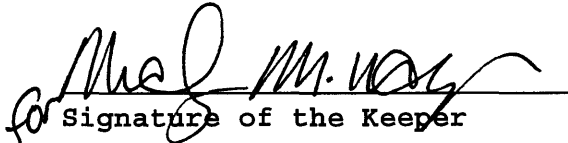
SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 99000583 Date Listed: 5/28/99

Nyberg--Swanson House Broward FLORIDA
Property Name County State

N/A
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.


Signature of the Keeper

5/28/99
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 8

This nomination is amended to delete Criterion A (Community Planning and Development) and to change the period of significance to c. 1912 (the date of construction of the house). Because the house has been moved, it is no longer able to convey its historical significance. It is clear architectural significance has survived the move.

This amendment has been confirmed with the Florida SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

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

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Nyberg-Swanson House

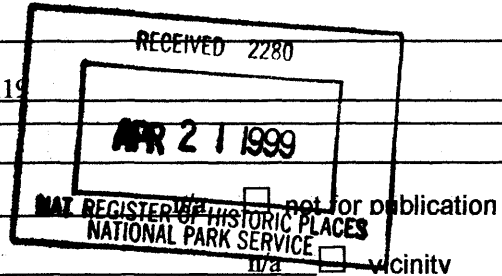
other names/site number Nelson, Charles House; Nyberg, Gus House/8Bd119

2. Location

street & number 102 West Dania Beach Boulevard

city or town Dania Beach

state FLORIDA code FL county Broward code 011 zip code 33004



3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 4/7/99
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historical Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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 See continuation sheet.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain) _____

[Signature] 5/28/99
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Nyberg-Swanson House
Name of Property

Broward Co., FL
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- buildings
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	total

Name of related multiple property listings
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

n/a

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

Government: Municipal Building

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant: Not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals: Colonial Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete Block

walls Concrete Block

roof Metal

other Cast Concrete Columns

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 36) 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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Community Planning & Development

Period of Significance

c. 1912-1949

Significant Dates

c. 1912

Significant Person

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository

Nyberg-Swanson House
Name of Property

Broward Co., FL
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone		Easting						Northing						
2															

3															
	Zone		Easting						Northing						
4															

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title William R. Adams and Sidney Johnston/ W. Carl Shiver, Historic Sites Specialist

organization Bureau of Historic Preservation date April 1999

street & number R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street telephone (850) 487-2333

city or town Tallahassee state Florida zip code 32399-0250

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Dania Beach

street & number 100 West Dania Beach Boulevard telephone (954) 921-8700

city or town Dania Beach state Florida zip code 33004

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NYBERG-SWANSON HOUSE
DANIA BEACH, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

The Nyberg-Swanson House, constructed c. 1912, is a one and a half story, Colonial Revival style, former residence located at 102 West Dania Boulevard in the city of Dania Beach, Florida. The rectangular plan building is constructed of rusticated concrete block and contains approximately 2,600 square feet of interior floor space. The building has a hip roof, with hip dormers, that is surfaced by pressed metal shingles. It features a one-story, full-width veranda supported by Tuscan columns on its main facade. The central bay of the veranda has a small, projecting portico crowned with a pediment. Above the portico, on the front slope of the main roof is a small, enclosed balcony. The building displays a high level of craftsmanship on both the exterior and interior. It is a good example of the use of rough-face cast block in south Florida towns during the early 20th century. The building was relocated to its present site in 1994 to preserve it from demolition. The building is undergoing adaptive use rehabilitation to serve as a museum.

SETTING

Dania Beach (officially named Dania until November 3, 1998), Florida, a community of about 16,000 residents located on the east coast of Florida between the cities of Ft. Lauderdale and Hollywood. The city claims the title of "Antique Capital of the South," with over 100 antique dealers located in an area of one square mile. Today the community is also noted for its marine industries, particularly small boat manufacturing and sales. The Nyberg-Swanson House originally was located in lots 1 & 2, block A of the Park Hill subdivision at the southwest corner of the intersection of Federal Highway and Stirling Road, facing Federal Highway. It presently stands two blocks north and one block west of its original location, sited at an oblique angle, facing southeast at the intersection of Dania Beach Boulevard and NW 1st Avenue. Its current site historically served as a park. Several small buildings stood in the park during the historic period, including a community center, library, and woman's club. In addition to the dwelling and a historic woman's club, the former park site is also occupied by a fire station and supporting buildings and structures. Dania Beach City Hall lies to the south and commercial buildings stand to the east of the dwelling.

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Exterior

The former dwelling is rectangular in plan and is constructed of rough-faced cast concrete blocks, accented by quoins at each wall corner and an articulated foundation skirt. A continuous foundation of original rough-faced concrete blocks and modern cinder blocks support the building. A steeply-pitched hip roof surfaced with decorative pressed-metal shingles covers the building. The roof has boxed eaves and is pierced by four hip-roof dormers that contain pairs of double-hung sash windows. The walls of the dormers are sheathed in contrasting fish-scale and square-cut wood shingles. A corbelled brick chimney projects from the southeastern slope of the roof. The fenestration of the first story is regular and symmetrical, with unusual 18+1/1-light double-hung sash windows. The windows are deeply inset in the walls and accented by heavy cast concrete lintels and sills.

The front, or southeast, facade (photograph 1) contains a small portico with a triangular pediment and architrave supported by cast concrete Tuscan columns. The portico opens onto a full-width porch that is integrated into the main roof. The porch has been enclosed with sliding glass doors set behind the cast columns. Pairs of columns bracket the front door, and tripartite column arrangements stand at the corners of the porch. The northeast elevation reveals three double-hung sash windows on the ground story (photograph 2). The rear, or northwest, elevation (photographs 3 & 4) displays a small enclosed integrated porch with an exit door and two small, fixed, plate glass windows. A pair of double-hung sash windows are found at the northwest corner of the building, and there is a single window at the northeast. The southwest elevation (photographs 4 & 5) has the same fenestration as that found along the northeast wall, but one of the windows has been partially enclosed to screen an interior restroom.

Interior

First Floor

The first floor of the building contains approximately 1,800 feet of floor space, consisting of eight major areas, including the enclosed front and rear porches. The ceilings rise ten feet, and the walls are finished with plaster. Most of the original wood work remains in its original condition, and the paneled doors and double-hung sash windows retain their original hardware. Baseboards are finished with toe and crown moldings, and the otherwise plain door and window

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surrounds feature corner pateras.¹ The original front door (photograph 6), embellished with an oval light and egg-and-dart molding, has been moved to the front porch, leaving the original entrance without a door.

The main entrance opens onto a stair hall or foyer (photographs 7 & 10). A straight staircase (photograph 8) adorned with boxed panels rises along the left wall of the entrance hall. The staircase displays its original turned balusters, handrail, newel posts, risers, string, and treads. The foyer provides access to what was originally a bedroom on the left and the living room on the right. The living room contains a corner fireplace with a corbelled cornice and carved wood mantle (photograph 12). A distinctive type of three-bay colonnade, called a "serliana,"² separates the entrance hall from the dining room (photographs 7 & 10). This particular variation of the architectural feature consists of a dropped boxed beam supported by square columns resting on plinths with paneled kick boxes. The spaces between the columns flanking the central passageway are devoted to open book shelving. The rear, or northwest wall of the dining room (photographs 7 & 9) displays two lighted pass-throughs³ and a pair of paneled wood doors, with 10-light glazing. A kitchen (photograph 11) is located to the right, or northeast, of the dining room, and a bedroom stands at the northwest corner of the building (photograph 13).

Second Floor

The second floor consists of a large open area accounting for approximately 800 square feet of interior floor space (photograph 14). The stairwell is bordered by handrails, newel posts, and turned balusters. The front dormer contains a small balcony protected by a pair of paneled wood doors with 10-light glazing, similar to the design to those found at the rear dining room on the first floor. A bathroom is located at the northwest corner of the second floor.

¹A round or oval ornament, usually executed in low relief.

²Named after the 16th century Italian architect Sebastiano Serlio who illustrated the classical feature in his book *Architettura*, published in 1537. The construction normally consists of an archway with three openings, the central one wider than the others.

³Small wall openings with operable doors or windows, often located in the wall between the dining room and kitchen, through which dinner dishes can be passed between servants waiting table and those preparing the meal in the kitchen.

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ALTERATIONS

Exterior

Exterior alterations consist of the enclosure of the front porch with sliding glass doors and the relocation of the main entrance to the front of the porch. The balcony located within the front-facing hip dormer has also been enclosed with fixed glass windows. Two double-hung sash windows have been removed from the main facade for rehabilitation work. The rear porch has also been enclosed, and the central window on the southwest elevation has been boarded over.

Interior

Interior alterations have taken place only on the second floor. Three non-bearing walls were removed to create one large open space. Examination of the space suggests that the original configuration consisted of a hallway running parallel with the staircase with one bedroom to the southwest and two on the northeast side of the hall. The second floor bathroom remains in its original location.

Building Relocation

In the early 1990s, the property on which the residence originally stood was purchased for the construction of a new commercial building. To save the dwelling from destruction, the owner and City of Dania cooperated to relocate the house to its present site.

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NYBERG-SWANSON HOUSE
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SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

The Nyberg-Swanson House is significant at the local level under Criteria A and C in the areas of Architecture and Community Planning and Development. The building was one of the earliest dwellings erected in the City of Dania, which was founded by immigrant Danes and Swedes who settled in Dania in the early part of the 20th century. The house was constructed c. 1912 for Charles Nelson, a native of Denmark, who was one of the community's early residents. Nelson was a developer of property, a farmer, and a politician active in the political and social life of the city. In 1917, the dwelling was acquired by Swedish immigrants Carl Gustaf Nyberg and his wife, Emmy, who made their own contributions to the economic and political life of the community. Following the death of her husband in the early 1920s, Emmy Nyberg married John Swanson, also a native of Sweden. Swanson was a successful farmer and served several terms on the town council during the 1930s. The building is also architecturally significant as an excellent local example of Colonial Revival style architecture and is only example in the city of a dwelling constructed of distinctive rough-faced cast concrete block. The building is also to be considered under Criteria Consideration B for a resource removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Dania Beach, originally known as Modelo, was established during the 1890s as a Danish agricultural colony by the Model Land Company, one of the many enterprises undertaken by Henry Flagler, the founder of the Florida East Coast Railway. Flagler was among the most important of the Florida land developers and encouraged the establishment of such "colonies" as a means of making his Florida East Coast Railroad profitable by transporting settlers and supplies to newly established Florida communities and shipping agricultural products raised by the "colonists" to northern markets. Other ethnic settlements that sprinkled the southeast coast of Florida included Boynton, Hallandale, Linton, and White City.

The Florida East Coast Railway constructed tracks through the Modelo settlement in 1895, and the town plan was laid out by William Valentine in 1896. A post office opened the following year. Twelve Danish families from Chicago arrived in 1898, and a second group from Wisconsin, organized by A.C. Frost, settled there in 1901. Frost planted the first tomato farm in 1902, the beginning of a long farming heritage for the town. The name of the settlement was changed from Modelo to Dania in 1904, when the town was incorporated. In 1910 the

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population reached 269. Dania was located in Dade County until 1915, when it became part of the newly created Broward County. By then a small commercial district had formed along the intersection of Ocean Boulevard and Federal Highway. Small residential neighborhoods and several churches dotted the surrounding landscape. Area farms located farther west contributed to Dania's emergence as a tomato and truck crop center. The Dania Cut-Off Canal, dredged in 1918, drained the marshes east of the downtown, and a bridge connected the town with the peninsula two years later. By 1920 the community claimed 762 residents.

Dania retained much of its agricultural character during the land boom of the 1920s. A local woman's club was chartered in 1923, and a community library opened several years later. The Dania Beach Hotel supported a burgeoning tourist industry. Many farmers constructed packing houses along the railroad tracks between Ocean Boulevard and Northwest 2nd Street. A fire in 1925 destroyed most of the business district, and a hurricane in 1926 destroyed many other buildings. The agricultural economy of the town helped residents recover relatively quickly from those calamities. The town was reincorporated as a city in 1927, and that same year the city held its first Tomato Festival to celebrate its agricultural heritage. The year also marked the extension of the Seaboard Air Line Railway tracks through the city. In 1929, approximately 2,500 acres of tomatoes were harvested from Dania's fields, and by 1930, the population of Dania had grown to 1,674 residents.

The harsh effects of the Great Depression were moderated by a reliance upon agriculture. The Dania Seminole Indian Reservation was established by the federal government west of the city in 1931. The city improved some of its infrastructure with the assistance of federal "New Deal" relief agencies developed under the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The federal writer's program reported in the late 1930s that little trace remained of the Danish settlers who had founded the town. The community continued to grow, and by 1940 2,900 people resided in the city. There was little increase in population during the World War II years, but following the end of the conflict the number of new residents grew with renewed vigor, reaching 7,065 by 1960. Florida's emergence as a retirement haven and tourist destination resulted in explosive growth in south Florida. In 1980, Dania's population stood at 11,811 and grew to 16,905 in 1993.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historical Significance

The Nyberg-Swanson House was constructed in the Park Hill subdivision, a ten-acre tract that had been acquired about 1905 by Jena and Kjerstine Eskildsen, residents of Cook County, Illinois, and representatives of the Dania Brotherhood of America. The Eskildsens apparently did not reside in Dania. Early investors and developers of Dania real estate, they had opened Eskildsen's Addition to Dania on the north end of the Modelo town plan about 1904. In August 1911, they sold their ten-acre tract in section three to settlers Charles and Olive Nelson. In May 1912, Charles Nelson hired civil engineer Charles Pratt to subdivide the ten acres for residential development. The subdivision lay at the south end of the Dania town plan and west of South Federal Highway. Nelson recorded the plat, named Park Hill, on October 12, 1912. It consisted of nearly one hundred building lots and a small central park.⁴

Shortly after platting the subdivision, Nelson constructed the masonry dwelling, which originally faced Chicago Avenue, now called Federal Highway. Immediately to the north lay Denmark Street, now Southeast 2nd Street. By 1924 three additional masonry houses had been built in Park Hill subdivision, none of which remain standing. Nelson, a farmer, politician, and developer, had immigrated to the United States from Denmark in 1896. He was among the first Scandinavian settlers in Dania. Between 1904 and 1917, he acquired numerous town lots and farm parcels and operated a truck farm. He was elected to the Dania town council, serving one term (1914-1915). His wife, Olive, helped organize the Dania Civic Improvement Club in 1913 and served as its first secretary. In 1917 the Nelsons sold their home to Carl Gustaf Nyberg and his wife, Emmy, for \$4,700 and apparently left the area.⁵

Carl Gustaf Nyberg, known popularly as "Gust," arrived in Dania about 1903 and was joined by Emmy in 1907. Between 1907 and 1911, Gust acquired approximately 100 acres of farmland surrounding Dania and town lots in the city from the Florida East Coast Railway's Model Land Company and several early Dania settlers. In 1906, he acquired a two-story house

⁴Plat Book 1, p. 163, Deed Book 4, p. 18, 104, 324, 334, Deed Book 6, 30, 285, Deed Book 9, p. 85, Dade County Courthouse, Miami, Florida.

⁵Bureau of the Census, Thirteenth Census, 1910, Population schedules, Broward County, Precinct 2; Minutes, Town of Dania, November 1914, November 1915; Deed Book 7, p. 55, Broward County Courthouse, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; *Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel*, June 13, 1913, July 13, 1917; Sanborn Map Company, *Fire Insurance Map of Dania, Broward County, Florida* (New York: Sanborn Company, 1924).

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at 125 South Federal Highway in lot 16, block 25 of the Modelo town plan, where they resided for approximately a decade. He became a successful farmer and in 1911 leased a fourteen-foot by sixty-foot lot next to the Florida East Coast Railway tracks. On the site he built a packing house, which was one of eleven packing houses located on the east side of the tracks between Dania Beach Boulevard and Northwest 2nd Street. He served one term (1912-1913) on the Dania town council.⁶

In December 1918, about eighteen months after acquiring the house, Gust was killed when his automobile was struck by a Florida East Coast Railway train at the Stirling Road crossing, just two blocks west of his home. The *Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel* reported that the car was completely wrecked and Nyberg died within minutes of the crash. Nyberg was survived by his wife and two children, five-year-old Ellen and two-year old Viola. His estate was appraised at \$18,500, including 400 acres of farmland. Emmy continued to operate the truck farm and packing house. About 1921 she married Richard Swanson, a native of Sweden who had immigrated to the United States in 1906 and became a naturalized citizen in 1915, about the time he arrived in Dania.⁷

Richard and Emmy Swanson continued to operate the truck farm and packing house. Swanson developed a partnership with Ira C. Williams and operated the farm and packing house under the name Swanson & Williams Company. During the 1920s, Richard and Emmy speculated in real estate. About 1923, Emmy, and her daughter Ellen Stainoff, developed the Nyberg Apartments, a two-story masonry building located at 107 North Federal Highway in Dania. Ellen managed the property. Richard Swanson opened a real estate business about 1926. Swanson's success as a farmer and businessman spilled over into politics. In November 1929 he won a seat on the town council and was re-elected several times, serving one-year terms between 1931 and 1935. During the period, Swanson expanded his farming interests with Ira Williams, and by 1940, the partners had added a fruit packing house along the railroad tracks. Emmy prospered from her investments and farm operations. She died in May 1945, leaving an estate of \$97,229.27, including \$35,000 in cash, bonds, and certificates.⁸

⁶Deed Book 35, p. 317, Dade County Courthouse; Deed Book 5, p. 107, 161, 212, 253, 254, 357-359, Deed Book 6, 441, 466, Deed Book 7, p. 118, 150, 191, Deed Book 8, p. 333, Deed Book 19, p. 72, 74, Deed Book 29, p. 17, 48, Deed Book 31, 352, Deed Book 35, p. 317, Broward County Courthouse; Minutes, Town of Dania, November 1912, November 1913.

⁷*Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel*, December 20, 1918; U.S., Bureau of the Census, Fourteenth Census, 1920, Population schedules, Broward County, Precinct 14; File 99, Probate Court Records Center, Broward County Courthouse.

⁸Sanborn Map Company, *Fire Insurance Map of Dania*, 1924; W.H. Harper, comp., *Greater Hollywood City*

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Richard Swanson and his descendants continued to reside in the dwelling until 1975. The building was then adapted for use as a hair styling salon, a purpose it served until the early 1990s, when the property was purchased for the construction of a new commercial building. To save the dwelling from destruction, the owner and City of Dania cooperated to relocate the house to its present site. The LaPlant-Adair Company of Boynton Beach, recipient of an award from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation for its part in preserving Sea Gull Cottage in Palm Beach, moved the Nyberg-Swanson House to its present site in 1994. For several years, the City used it as the office of the fire chief and his staff. The building presently is vacant and is scheduled for rehabilitation as a museum.

Architectural Context

Colonial Revival Houses

With the Centennial Exhibition of 1876 in Philadelphia, America began a romance with its architectural roots that continues to this day. People were seeking a purely "American" architecture to nourish their patriotic pride. It was natural that they should look back to the house types constructed during the colonial era and the first years of the republic. There are two basic types of Colonial Revival buildings, those that are historically accurate reproductions and those—which became more common—that were free interpretations of colonial houses combined with characteristics of the Queen Anne house (absent its florid decoration), with a few grafted on Georgian details, such as classical columns and Palladian windows.

Architectural Significance

The Nyberg-Swanson House is a good local example of early 20th century Colonial Revival architecture in Dania Beach and Broward County. Often called the "Classic Box", the building consists of a 1-1/2 story, rectangular structure with a hip roof and a 1-story, full-width veranda supported by classical columns. It is unusual in its use of rusticated concrete block instead of the more familiar brick or weatherboard, which is characteristic of Colonial Revival

Directory (Hollywood: Harper & Reich, 1926), 287; Charles W. Miller, comp., *Hollywood City Directory* (Asheville: Southern Directory Company, 1940), 197, 227; *Hollywood Sun Tattler*, May 11, 1945.

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architecture. Colonial Revival features include the wooden Tuscan columns on the veranda and the small entrance portico. Other defining features are the classical serliana that separates the foyer from the dining room, the oval-shaped, beveled glass light in the main entrance door, and the delicate spindle balusters of the staircase found in the foyer of the former residence. The Nyberg-Swanson House is the only surviving example of the use of rusticated concrete block construction in the city of Dania Beach. The house is also notable for its large hipped dormers and for its use of metal shingles as a roofing material, which was popular in South Florida during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The 18+1/1-light windows are another unusual detail, probably derived from the vocabulary of Queen Anne architecture.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The building lies at the intersection NW 1st Avenue and West Dania Beach Boulevard, its boundaries being described as bounded on the south and east by the near curb lines of West Dania Beach Boulevard and NW 1st Avenue, on the west by the east lot line of the building at 116 West Dania Beach Boulevard, and on the north by the south lot lines of the buildings at 102A West Dania Beach Boulevard and 17 NW 1st Avenue.

Boundary Justification

This boundary encloses the property associated with the current location of the Nyberg-Swanson House.

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