

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 361 N. E. 97 Street

and or common Shoreland Company - House No. 8 8DA3489 MST-0

2. Location

street & number 361 N. E. 97 Street

not for publication

city, town Miami Shores vicinity of

state Florida 33138 code FL county Dade code FL 025

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<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 type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Cassini

street & number 361 N. E. 97 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 Shores 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

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved

date 1925

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The residence at 361 N. E. 97 Street, Miami Shores, is a two story Mediterranean Revival style structure built of concrete block and rough textured stucco with clay barrel tile roofing. The house consists of the original rectangular two story mass and two one story additions, built in 1936 and 1952, to the west of the main facade. The original portion has a slightly projecting entry mass to the east, with a low pitched hip roof. The rectangular door is inset in a recessed blind arch with a pointed arch and rusticated stucco surrounds. The tower-like entry mass is punctuated on the second story by a small window encased by a wrought iron grill. The western portion of the main house has three bays of wood casement windows on each floor, currently obscured by Bahama shutters. (These shutters have since been removed, however, a photograph without them is unavailable.)

Two one story additions attached to the west were built in the same style with attention to feature and scale. The additions are low pitched roofs at different heights, to give the overall roof composition of the house a stepped appearance. The additions have large arched openings across the main facade, consistent with the original site configuration.

The Blackwells built a one story addition to the structure in 1936. This addition was designed by Lee. L. Wade, a well known architect who practiced in South Florida during the late 1920s and 1930s. This west wing consists of a music room, a porch and a bathroom. In 1952, a rear porch was added to the house, designed by Harry. E. Penney. The additions, particularly the west wing, are harmonious with the original structure.

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
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Specific dates 1925 **Builder/Architect** Kiehnel and Elliott

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The residence located at 361 N. E. 97 Street was built in 1925 as part of the Shoreland Company's development of Miami Shores. The house was designed by the architectural firm of Kiehnel and Elliott. It is a fine example of Mediterranean Revival style architecture. William H. Iliff and his wife, Helen, owners of a landscaping company during the historic period, were the original owners. From 1930 until present, the house has been the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Blackwell, prominent Miamians.

The Shoreland Company House Number 8 is typical of the medium-sized, two story Mediterranean Revival style houses designed for Miami Shores by the Kiehnel and Elliott firm for the Shoreland Company. The architectural firm of Kiehnel and Elliott, originally based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, opened an office in Miami in 1917 for their northern clients who were building winter residences in South Florida. John B. Elliott remained in charge of the firm's Pittsburgh office, while Richard Kiehnel headed their Miami operation. In South Florida, Kiehnel and Elliott specialized in designing in the Mediterranean Revival style, developing methods by which buildings were made to appear weathered and aged like those after which they were inspired in the Mediterranean countries of Europe.

Kiehnel and Elliott designed both public buildings and private residences. Included among their credits in the Greater Miami area are the Scottish Rite Temple, the Seybold Office Building, both currently being proposed to the National Register, as well as Miami Senior High School and the Congregational Church of Coral Gables both listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 5, 1986 and October 10, 1978, respectively. The two structures mentioned here are currently being proposed for listing in the National Register as well as local designation. Kiehnel and Elliott is also credited with the design of numerous residences for individuals as well as for several development companies, including the Miami Beach Improvement Company, the Alton Beach Realty Company and the Shoreland Company. Their Mediterranean Revival style residences in Miami Shores established the development's theme of "America's Mediterranean."

William H. Iliff was President and Treasurer of the Iliff Landscape and Nursery Company, landscape designers and contractors. Landscaping was a flourishing industry in the 1920s in the Miami area as a result of the boom time developments. The Iliff Company provided its clients with "palms, shrubbery, soils and fertilizers" (R. L. Polk and Company's Miami City Directory) as well as the expertise of a landscape architect.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see Bibliography for Cover Nomination

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Miami

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Zone			Easting						Northing										

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Miami Shores, SEC 1, Amended PB 10-70
Lots 19 and 20, Block 42

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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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 11/14/88


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

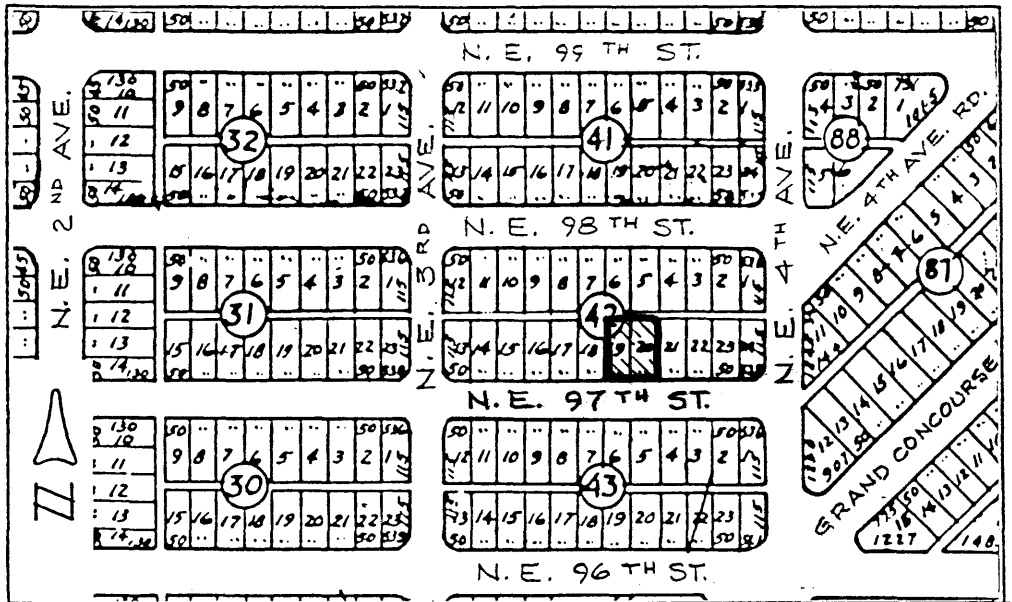
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Continuation Sheet**

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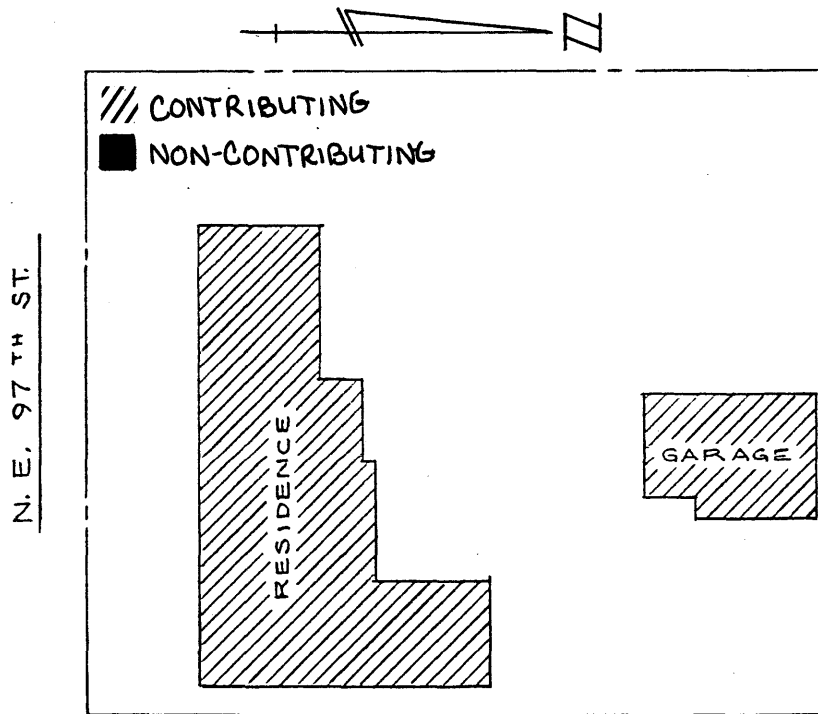
The house's succeeding residents were the T. J. Blackwells. He was an eminent attorney and one of the founders of the legal firm of Blackwell, Walker and Grey. Mr. Blackwell served as Miami Shores Village Judge from 1936 to 1944. Harriet Grey Blackwell was considered Poet Laureate of Miami Shores.

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LOCATION MAP

(LOTS 19 & 20, BLOCK 42)



SITE PLAN - 361 N.E. 97TH ST.

SCALE: 1" = 30'