United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form  

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  

city, town Miami  

state Florida 33131  

3. Classification  

Category district  

building(s)  

structure  

site  

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  

park  

private residence  

religious  

scientific  

transportation  

other:  

4. Owner of Property  

name City of Miami  

street & number 3500 Pan American Drive  

city, town Miami  

state Florida 33133  

5. Location of Legal Description  

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dade County Courthouse  

treet & number 75 W. Flagler Street  

ity, town Miami  

state Florida 33130  

5. Representation in Existing Surveys  

FMSF-Miami Multiple Resource Historic Preservation Survey  

has this property been determined eligible? yes no  

ite June, 1985  

pository for survey records Bureau of Historic Preservation  

y, town Tallahassee  

state Florida 32399-0250
## 7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET
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. 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.2 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.3 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.
### 8. Significance

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- landscape architecture
- religion
- science
- literature
- sculpture
- military
- social/humanitarian
- exploration/settlement
- philosophy
- humanitarian
- engineering
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- invention
- politics/government
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- theater
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**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

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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. 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. 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.

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. 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."

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.
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.

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."
9. Major Bibliographical References
Please see Bibliography for Cover Nomination

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property **less than 1 acre**
Quadrangle name Miami

UTM References

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Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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

date code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sarah Eaton, Vicki L. Welcher, Historic Sites Specialist
organization Bureau of Historic Preservation
date October, 1988
street & number 500 South Bronough Street
telephone (904) 487-2333
city or town Tallahassee
state Florida

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

- National
- State
- Local

X Local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-65), 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

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

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:
date

Chief of Registration
BRICKELL MAUSOLEUM
501 BRICKELL AVENUE

location

site plan