NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

TYPE ALL ENTRIES - COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1. NAME:

El Jardin
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Carrollton School for Girls

2. LOCATION:

STREET AND NUMBER:
3747 Main Highway
CITY OR TOWN:
Coconut Grove
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Eleventh
STATE:
Florida
COUNTY:
Dade

3. CLASSIFICATION:

CATEGORY (CHECK ONE):
☐ District ☐ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP:
☐ Public ☝ Private
☐ Public Acquisition:
☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered
☐ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work:
☐ in progress ☐ No.

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC:
☐ Yes ☐ Restricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (CHECK ONE OR MORE AS APPLICABLE):
☐ Agricultural ☐ Government
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial
☐ Educational ☐ Military
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum
☐ Religious ☐ Scientific
☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY:

OWNER'S NAME:
Sacred Heart Convent

STREET AND NUMBER:
3747 Main Highway
CITY OR TOWN:
Coconut Grove
STATE:
Florida
COUNTY:
Dade

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS:
Dade County Courthouse
CITY OR TOWN:
Miami
STATE:
Florida
COUNTY:
Dade

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:

TITLE OF SURVEY:
NA
DATE OF SURVEY:
☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

7. SEE SITE FILE STAFF FOR ORIGINAL PHOTO(S) OR MAP(S)

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El Jardin (The Garden) is located on a ten-acre estate in Coconut Grove, Florida. The main house is of Spanish Mediterranean design, and is rectangular in plan with a central garden court and massive pool extending outward toward Biscayne Bay. The two and one-half story residence is now flanked by several dependencies, including a garage and a gatehouse at the Main Highway entrance. Situated around the open courtyard are open galleries at the first and second levels, some of which have been glazed by the present occupants. The building is of concrete with the exterior wall finished with stucco painted pink. The low hip roof is covered with red Spanish barrel tile. The base of the house is scored to resemble tile and there is a deep frieze at the attic level of cast stone. Cast stone and bronze are used for the remaining ornamentation on the house which is elaborate and extensive.

On the Bay side of the house, there is a swimming pool at a level below the main terrace. The bath house is built beneath the terrace and is connected to the house by a passageway into the basement.

In building El Jardin, Richard Keihnel, architect, and John B. Orr, builder, purposely put aging into the exterior features to remove the harsh appearance of newness which often resulted. Special techniques were used in making the roof tile, casting the stone ornamental blocks, and selecting colors in order to create an appearance similar to the established old estates along the Mediterranean.

The building, with its beautifully landscaped trees and gardens, closely resembles Villa Vizcaya, the estate built by James Deering farther north along Biscayne Bay in 1916.
El Jardin was the design of Richard Keihnel, whose work had tremendous influence in the establishment of the Mediterranean tradition in Miami architecture for forty years. It was built in 1918 by local builder, John B. Orr, who was responsible for many of the buildings erected along the lower east coast of Florida in the early part of this century. John Bindley, a wealthy visitor from Pennsylvania, spared no expense in the construction of his South Florida residence. The house and spacious, well-landscaped grounds with formal gardens, closely resembles Villa Vizcaya which was built several miles north of El Jardín, also on Biscayne Bay. It is, in many respects, a scaled-down version of Vizcaya, and yet possesses all the grandeur and elegance of the Deering Estate.

El Jardin is presently occupied by the students and staff of the Carrollton School for Girls which is maintained and managed by the sisters of the Sacred Heart Convent.
(SEE ATTACHED SHEET)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Ten acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY:
Mary K. Evans, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION:
Div. of Archives, History and Records Management

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of State, The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN:
Tallahassee

STATE: Florida CODE: 12

12. STATE/LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION:

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [X] Local [ ]

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:

The Historic Preservation Officer

Date: February 6, 1974
9. Major Bibliographical References


Personal Interview (by Ivan Rodriguez), August, 1972, Carrollton School for Girls, Coconut Grove, Florida.


The Miami Herald, April 18, 1968. (untitled article).
EL JARDIN
3747 MAIN HIGHWAY

location

site plan