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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Florida	
COUNTY: Dade	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Ralph M. Munroe House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
"The Barnacle"

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
3485 Main Highway

CITY OR TOWN:
Miami (Coconut Grove)

STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Dade CODE: 025

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Wirth M. Munroe

STREET AND NUMBER:
3485 Main Highway

CITY OR TOWN: Miami STATE: Florida CODE: 12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Dade County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Miami STATE: Florida CODE: 12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:
801 19th Street, N. W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"The Barnacle" today, 1972, is an irregularly shaped two-story residence with buff-colored stucco exterior walls, and a red Ludowici tiled hip roof. There is a two-story wood piazza, open on the first floor and screened on the second floor, facing a deep grassy lawn and Biscayne Bay on the east. The overall dimensions are 59'-0" X 66'-6".

Originally when it was built in 1891, "The Barnacle" was a one-story wood framed and sheathed residence, built approximately 6'-0" above grade on pitch pine foundations, surrounded by a wood piazza under a broken hipped roof with wood shingles. It was equipped with cisterns, still in place, and pumps. Natural ventilation of the interior was achieved by the chimney-stack principle of a square cupola at the crown of the hip centered above the central octagonal room. This central octagon, open to a balustraded attic, was flanked by four corner rooms. An arrangement of pulleys operated the top-hinged windows in the cupola.

Minor alterations of the piazza and stoop occurred between 1891 and 1908. At this latter date, the house was jacked up and a new first floor with moulded faceted concrete block was installed.

Later a flat-roofed library wing was added on the southeast. This room was extended to northeast, and a hipped tiled roof was installed. This probably occurred after the 1928 hurricane when the rough-troweled stucco finish was applied on the exterior of both floors. At an undetermined date the piazzas at the north and south were enclosed and the visible form as we see "The Barnacle" today was established. In addition to the ventilation provided by the central cupola, other natural ventilating principles occur in the kitchen and library wings with screened louvers and transoms placed high in the exterior walls above the windows, operated by ropes and pulleys. In addition a dry-cellar is dug into the coral rock below the pantry.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian;	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1891

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	osophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"The Barnacle" is without a doubt the most significant private residence standing in Dade County today. The historical association of its builder, "Commodore" Ralph M. Munroe, one of the earliest pioneers of Coconut Grove warrant its importance in the history of Dade County. It is one of the few remaining structures of the earliest period of Coconut Grove, with its original architecture practically intact on the now second floor.

It is an excellent example of architecture, indigenously designed for the climate and the site. As such, it displays a sensitivity to physical environment which probably only a designer of sailing ships understood in that period.

As a pioneer of Coconut Grove, Commodore Munroe has taken his place as a benefactor of the culture of the Grove, contributing tracts of land to the Housekeeper's Club, the oldest Women's Club in Florida, the Coconut Grove Library and a community church and cemetery presently the site of the Coconut Grove American Legion Hall.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See attached sheet.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		N25° 43' 28"	W80° 14' 33"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Woodrow W. Wilkins, A.I.A.

ORGANIZATION

Department of Architecture - Univ. of Miami

DATE

5-1-72

STREET AND NUMBER:

P. O. Box 8294

CITY OR TOWN:

Coral Gables

STATE

Florida

CODE

12

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Local

Name _____

Title State Liaison Officer

Date _____

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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