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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 Brickell Mausoleum

and or common Brickell Mausoleum

2. Location

street & number Brickell Park - 501 Brickell Avenue

not for publication

city, town Miami vicinity of

state Florida 33131 code FL county Dade code FL 025

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Miami

street & number 3500 Pan American Drive

city, town Miami vicinity of state Florida 33133

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dade County Courthouse

street & number 75 W. Flagler Street

city, town Miami state Florida 33130

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

FMSF-Miami Multiple Resource
Historic Preservation Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June, 1985 federal state county local

depository for survey records Bureau of Historic Preservation

city, town Tallahassee, state Florida 32399-0250

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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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.¹ 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

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1924

Builder/Architect Thurmond Monument Company

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.⁴ 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.⁵ 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.⁶

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.⁷ 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."⁸

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.⁹

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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.
3. G. M. Hopkins, Plat Book of Greater Miami, Florida and Suburbs (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins Co., 1936).
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."
5. Howard Kleinberg, "Brickell Mausoleum Sits Vacant," Miami: The Way We Were (Miami: Miami Daily News, Inc. 1985), p. 66.
6. Arva Moore Parks, Miami: The Magic City (Tulsa, Oklahoma: Continental Heritage Press, 1981), p. 64.
7. "The Puzzling Brickell Legend," Miami News, 25 November 1960, p. 15-A.
8. Dade County, Florida, County Recorder's Office, Deed Book 323, p. 298.
9. Kleinberg, Miami: The Way We Were, p. 66.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see Bibliography for Cover Nomination

10. Geographical Data

54S/42E/38

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Miami

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

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

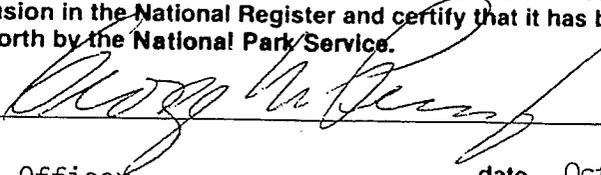
city or town Tallahassee state Florida 32399-0250

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  date October 17, 1988

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

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

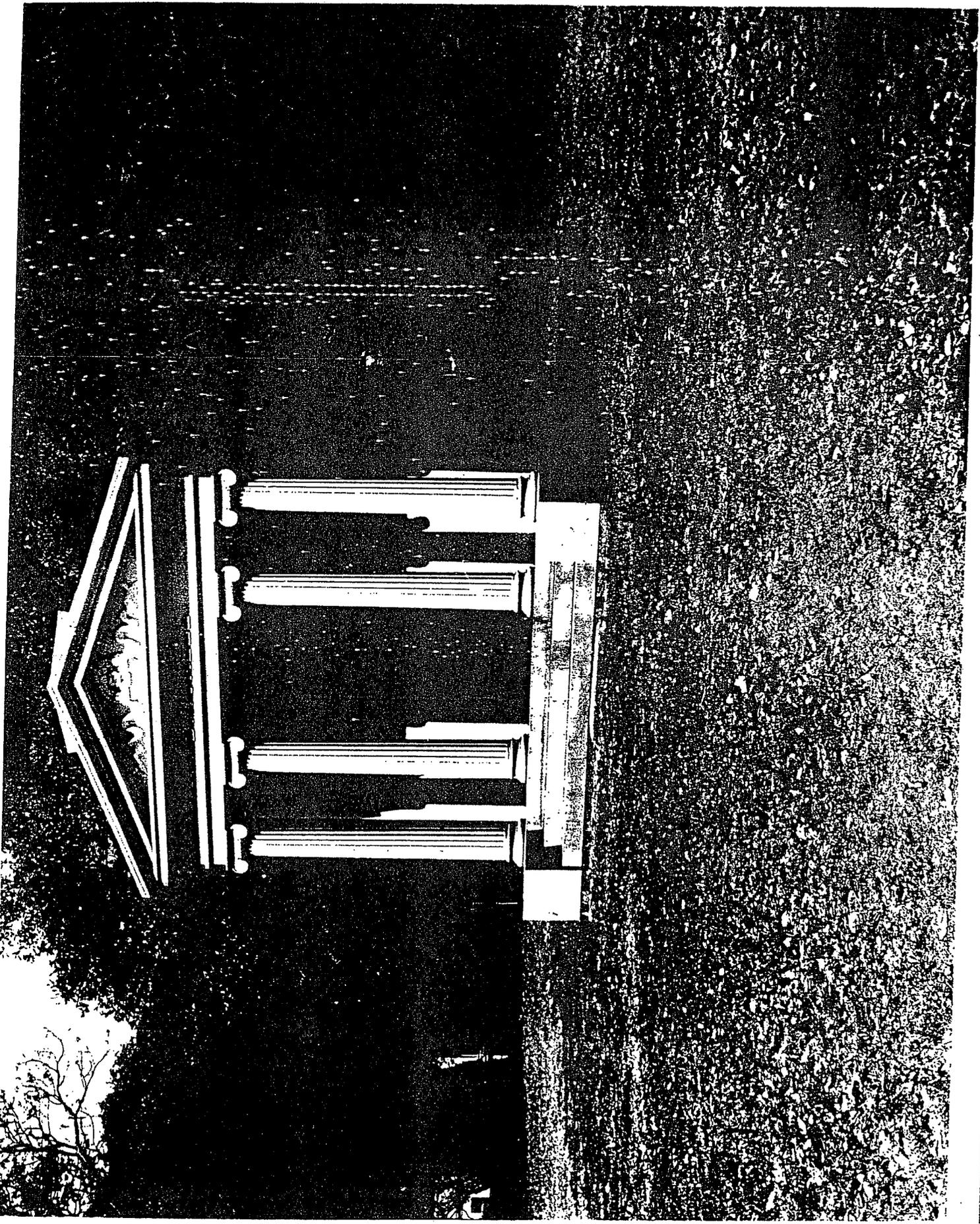
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Keeper of the National Register

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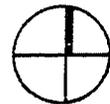
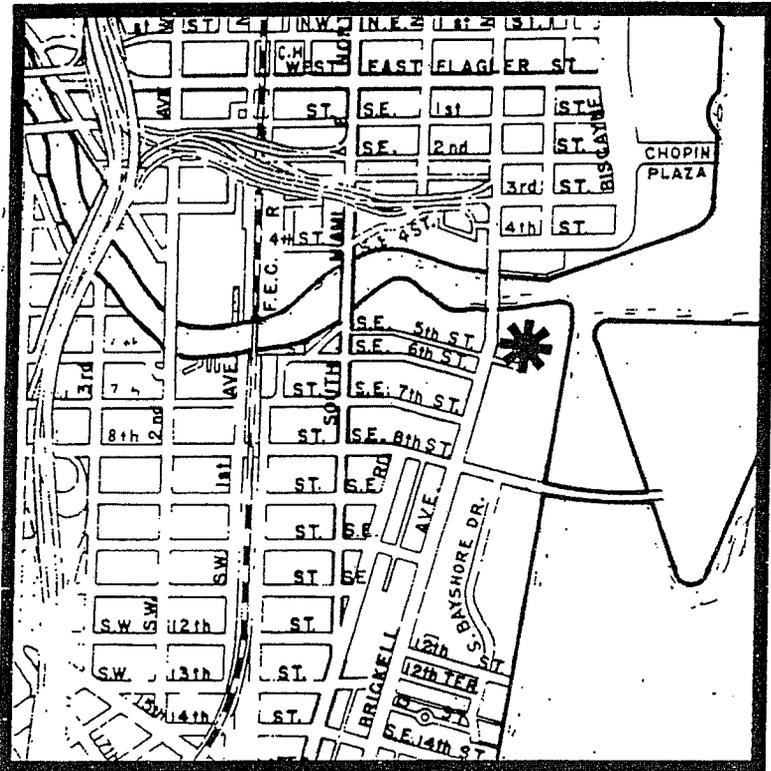
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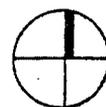
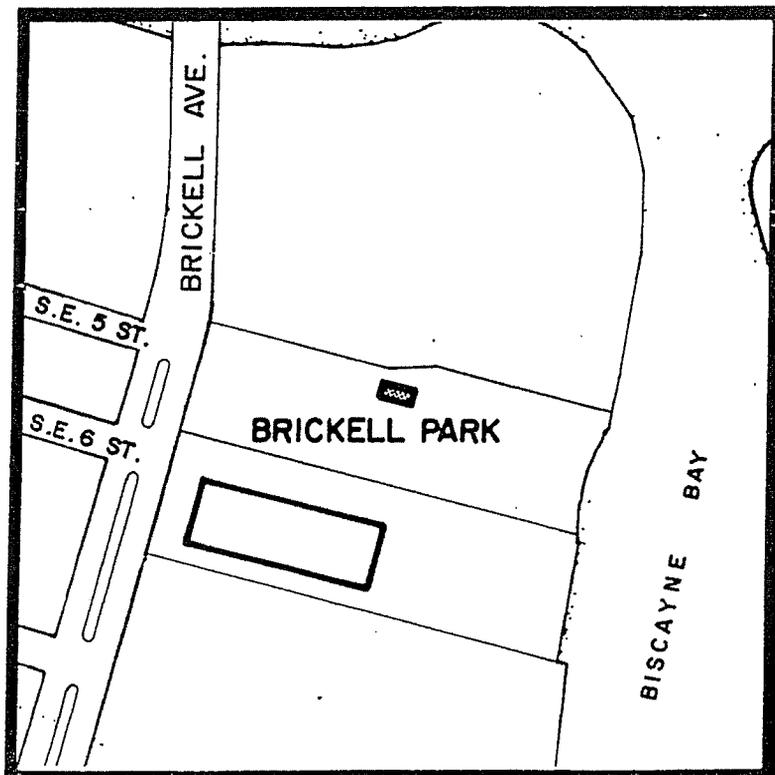


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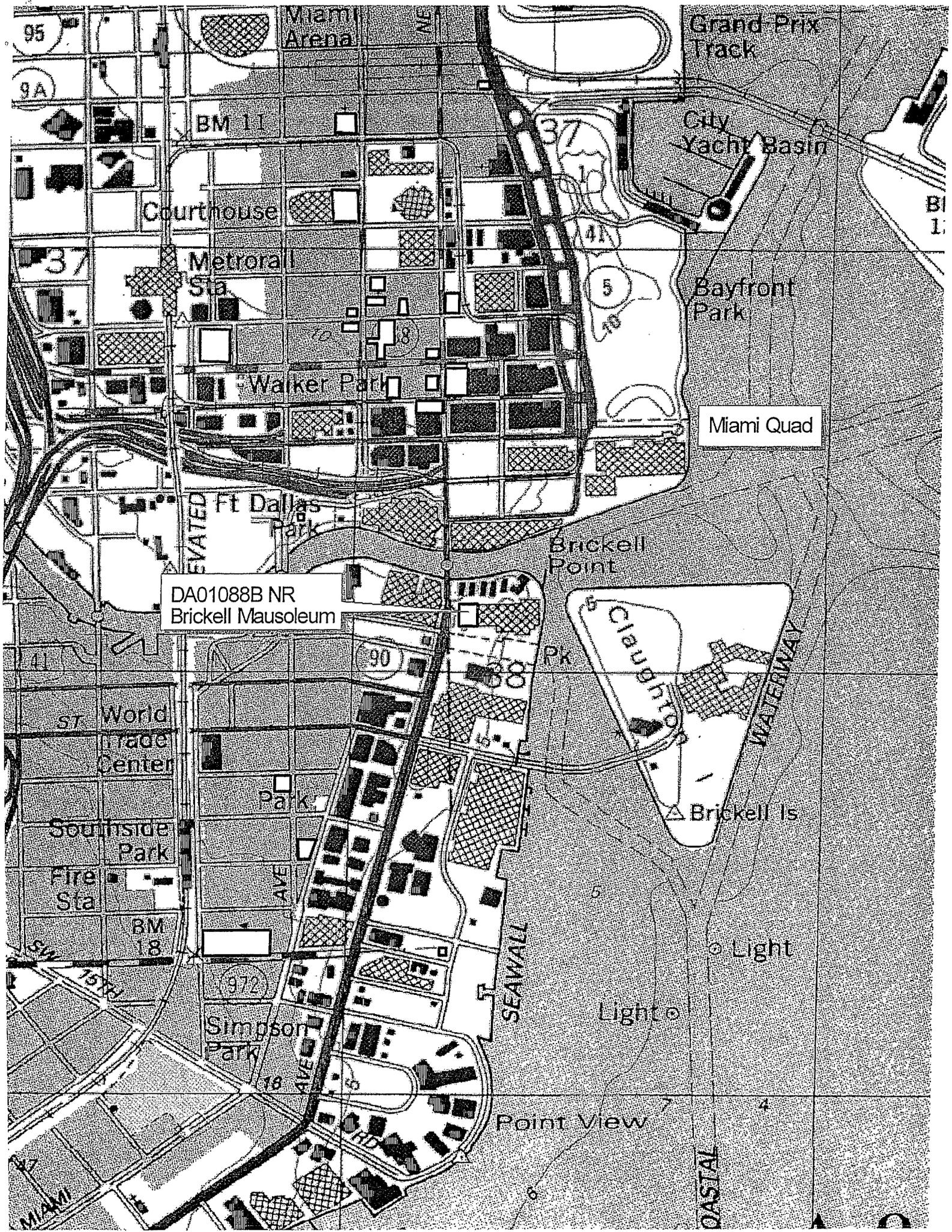
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location



site plan



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Brickell Mausoleum

Miami Quad

ELEVATED Ft Dallas
Park

Brickell
Point

Clayton
PARKWAY
Brickell Is

Light

Light

Point View

COASTAL

95

9A

BM 11

37

37

Metrorail
Sta

5

10

Walker Park

18

13

90

Pk

ST World
Trade
Center

Park

Southern
Park

Fire
Sta

BM
18

(972)

Simpson
Park

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16

MIAMI