

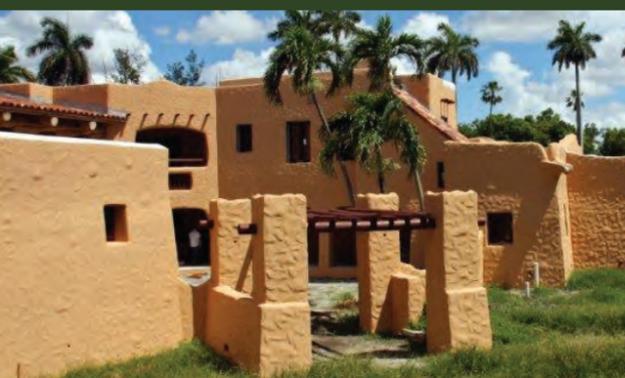


Mansion after arsons

PROGRESS MADE POSSIBLE BY

- Support from Miami Springs voters on April 6, 1993 ballot question (75% in favor of Mansion purchase)
- Land contribution - City of Miami Springs - approximately \$3 million value
- Permitting waiver - City of Miami Springs - \$122,000 value
- Insurance refund - City of Miami Springs - \$168,000
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) TEP Funds - \$1 million
- Miami-Dade County General Obligation Bond 2004 - \$1 million
- State of Florida Bureau of Historic Preservation - \$336,500
- Miami Springs Historical Society - \$10,000
- University of Miami School of Architecture - \$15,000 in kind
- Private individuals and foundations - \$180,000
- In-kind services - \$887,000 to date

Mansion today



INSPIRE • INFORM • EDUCATE • DELIGHT • ENRICH • ENGAGE

HISTORIC TOURIST DESTINATIONS



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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A Barnacle | H Hampton House |
| B Biltmore | I Hialeah Race Track |
| C Cauley Square | J Holocaust Museum |
| D Deering Estate | K Spanish Monastery |
| E Fort Dallas | L Venetian Pool |
| F Freedom Tower | M Vizcaya |
| G Gold Coast Railroad Museum | |

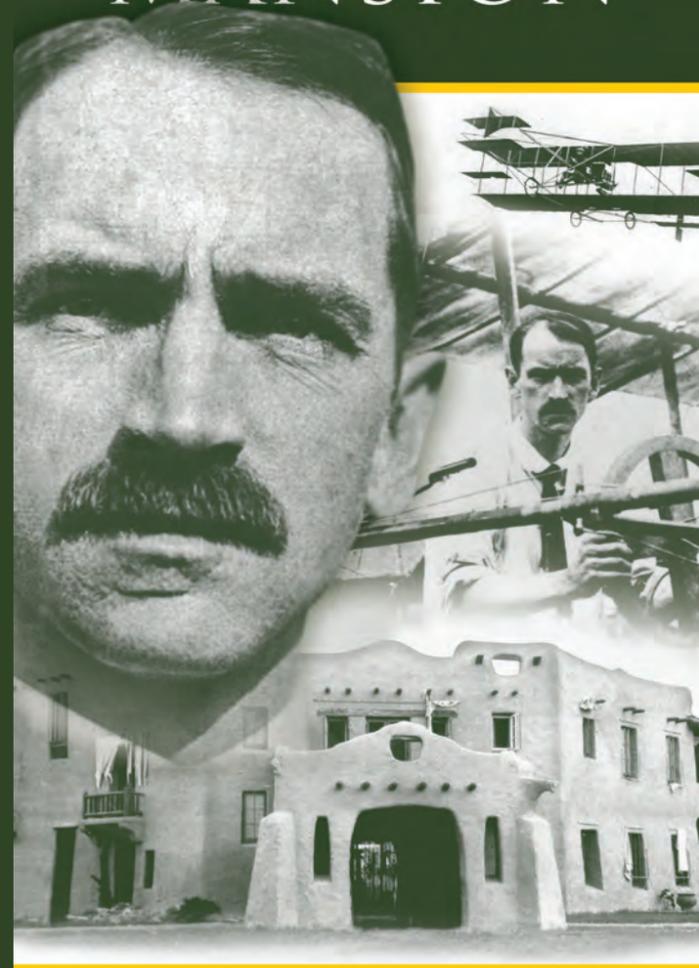


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1920's Mansion

THE MANSION

The Curtiss Mansion is a two-story deltoid-shaped and multi-massed example of Pueblo-Mission Revival architecture. Built in 1925 by Glenn Curtiss as his private residence, the Mansion was originally called "Dar-en-aha," meaning the house of contentment.

The structure's 14,733 square feet (1st floor is 9,782 sq. ft. and the 2nd floor is 3,950 sq. ft.) are roughly center-sited on the triangular-shaped 3.35-acre tract with some of the original landscaping, tropical vegetation and 1-acre pond.

The Mansion was the victim of three separate arson fires, and its restoration to the original 1925 condition is made possible in part by comprehensive documentation and photographs.

The Curtiss Mansion is significant for both the achievements of Curtiss and for its architectural style. It was locally designated as an historic site in 1987 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Sites in 2001 as an individual structure and as part of a thematic group.

GLENN HAMMOND CURTISS



“A Man of Speed and Many Firsts”

Glenn Curtiss, internationally famous aviation pioneer and inventor, is considered the “Architect of Aviation,” “The Henry Ford of Aviation,” and “Father of Naval Aviation.” His contributions to aviation history are unparalleled, as evidenced by the exhibits in the Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum, and the designation as Great Floridian by Florida's Secretary of State. Curtiss was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Flying Cross for his work and efforts during World War I, and was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame with 400 patents and over 500 inventions credited to him.



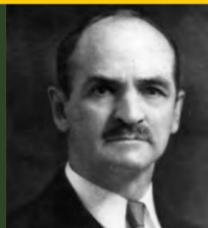
1902-19

- Produced motorcycles and became America's 1st world record champion 56.4 sec. mile
- “Fastest man in the world” 136/36 mph on his 8-cylinder motorcycle

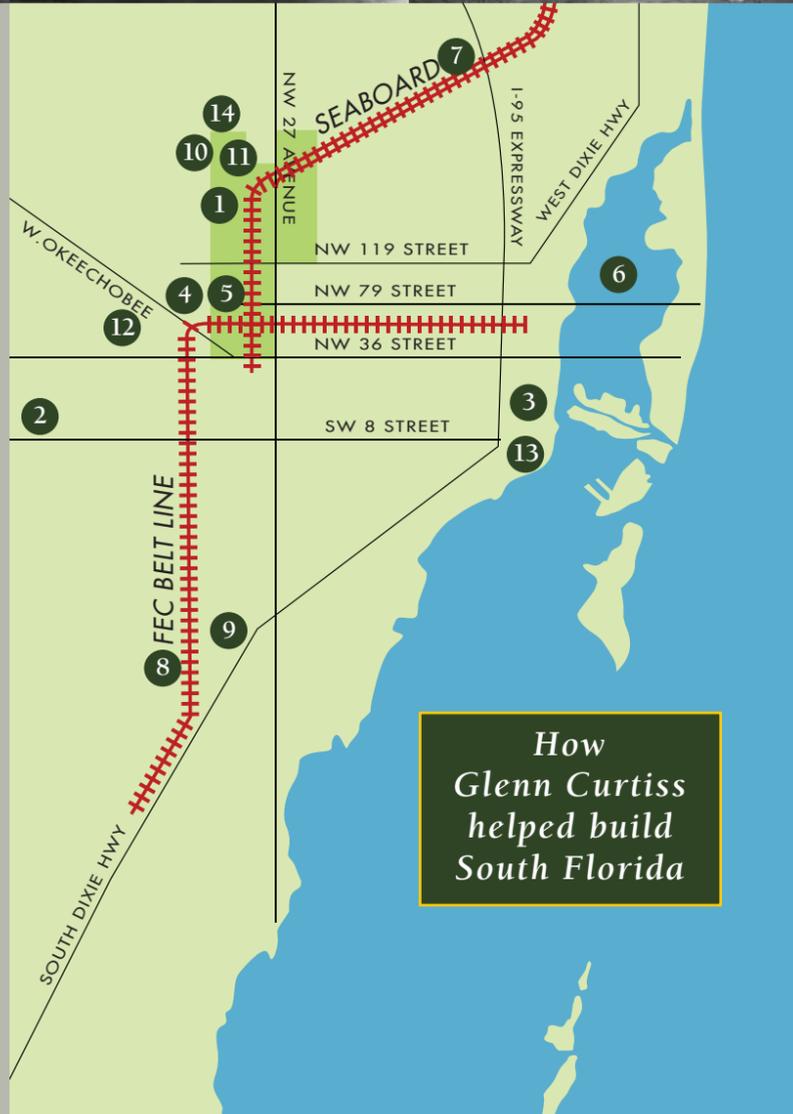
- Member of Alexander Graham Bell's Aerial Experiment Association (AEA)
- First US aircraft with wheels, and 1st controlled by ailerons
- First official public US flight
- Established 1st US flying school
- First Canadian airplane flight
- First US licensed aircraft manufacturer, produced and sold 1st US private aircraft
- First public straight-line flight of 1 km (Scientific American Trophy)
- Won second Scientific American trophy for circular flight
- Won 1st international air race with 46.5 mph in Rheims, France
- Trained Blanche Stuart Scott, 1st female American pilot
- First successful takeoff from a Navy ship
- First simulated bombing run and 1st firearm use from an aircraft
- First radio communication with aircraft in flight
- Received US pilot's license #1
- First successful US pontoon aircraft and 1st practical seaplane
- First takeoff and landing on water, and 1st flying boat
- Built 1st US Navy aircraft and trained 1st two Navy pilots
- First military aviation school
- First air-sea rescue, 1st dual pilot controls, and 1st retractable landing gear
- First compressed air catapult launch
- Trained 1st Cuban Air Corps pilot, Augustin Parla Orduna
- First heavier-than-air craft intended for transatlantic flight
- First demonstration of automatic pilot
- Curtiss NC-4 flying boat is 1st to cross Atlantic Ocean

CURTISS

“The Incurable Florida Addict”



- Founded Florida cities of Opa-locka, Hialeah and Miami Springs
- Established 12,000-acre Curtiss Bright Ranch with partner, James Bright, and introduced cattle breeds and grasses adaptable to Florida climate
 - Invented airboat for better transportation for Seminole friends
Platted 52 subdivisions in Dade County
 - Established Miami's 1st aviation school that led to Miami's 1st airport at Braddock's Corners (NW 17 Ave and 20 St)
Started Miami Film Studios in Hialeah
Opened Miami Kennel Club, second US dog track
 - Built Miami Jockey Club, later Hialeah Race Track
 - Introduced Jai-Alai to Miami and built fronton
 - 79th Street Causeway built in 1928, before other causeways to access Hialeah Race Track, leading to the growth and development of north east Miami
 - Donated 6 miles of right-of-way for extension of Seaboard Air Line Railroad
 - Donated 2 miles right-of-way for FEC Railroad Belt Line, so trains could bypass downtown Miami
 - Founding donor of University of Miami and received honorary doctorate
 - Opened Aerocar Manufacturing Company in Opa-locka
Built the Pan American Exhibition Center to promote tropical agriculture
 - Built the Florida Aviation Camp in Opa-locka
Started Hialeah Press
 - Opened golf course in Miami Springs, South Florida's oldest municipal course
 - Opened first state-chartered bank in Dade County
Deeded Miami Springs and Opa-locka golf courses to City of Miami so underground wells could supply adequate water for continued growth



How Glenn Curtiss helped build South Florida

- Helped create Miami City National Bank to foster development
- Appointed to Florida Drainage Board and Okeechobee Flood Control District
- Along with Cuban investors, formed Aerovias Curtiss-Cubana (now Cubana)
- Honorary Greater Miami Airports Association (GMAA) president, prompted establishing Miami's Aviation Department to administer 160-acre Hialeah field Curtiss donated
- Lobbied Congress to locate a Naval Reserve Air Base in South Florida, then donated land for it in Opa-locka

ECONOMIC IMPACT



The Curtiss Mansion will become a global destination for growing interest in heritage tourism, which works hand in hand with arts and cultural tourism to stimulate Florida's economy in positive and meaningful ways, as noted by the Florida Cultural Alliance in 2008.

Heritage, Arts & Cultural Tourism Impact on Florida

- Delivered over \$446.5 million in local and state government revenue
- Supported over 88,326 full-time jobs
- Generated over \$2.1 billion in local economic activity
- Generated \$2.1 billion in household income
- Return on investment was \$5 to every \$1 invested

The Curtiss Mansion is in a unique position to provide opportunities as cultural, historic, civic, business, social, and educational venue.

- Cultural - Lecture series, intergenerational oral history project, documentary film festival, history challenges, music and art on the veranda, invention contests, book club, poetry groups
- Historic - Rewrite history, not only Curtiss but many other unsung heroes and (s)heroes
- Civic - Local organizations meeting venue, plus local government workshops
- Business - Conferences, meeting place
- Social - Receptions, weddings, gatherings
- Educational - Invention contests, thematic school tours (cultural, local, architectural and aviation history, science and technology, and of course Glenn Curtiss, neighborhood tours of Hialeah, Opa-locka and Miami Springs, teacher workshops, lessons on the web).