


Casa Casuarina was built in 1930 by Alden Freeman. whose father, Joel Freeman was Treasurer of The Standard Oil Trust (also known as Rockefeller's Company) and left Alden a fabulous wealth when he passed away. This gave young Alden an opportunity to retire at the age of 27 and was able to travel the world.


Freeman, always well-travelled and very inteligent, loved the adventurous spirit of Christopher Columbus and on one of his many trips around the world, went to visit the Alcazar De Colon in Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) which was built by Christopher Columbus's Son). Alden was so inspired by the house that he decided to build his own home in Miami Beach as homage to the Alcazar De Colon and brought back 2 authentic coraline bricks from the house, where one sits to the right hand side of the main entrance. Alden dreamed of living in a bohemian society with all his friends from local areas such as Coconut Grove and Coral Gables. In addition, on his many trips abroad he would meet fascinating people and always invite them to han out in his beautiful home here in Miami Beach.


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Yugoslavian sculptor, Vuk Vuchinich, Was additionally commissioned to
create a statue for the home bronze Kneeling Aphrodite (Greek goddess of love) statue was created


Legend maintains that Casa Casuarina was the original name given to the was the original name given to the
house when it was built in 1930 as homage to the only remaining tree in
the lot after the 1926 huricane that hit the lot after the 1926 hurricane that hit
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