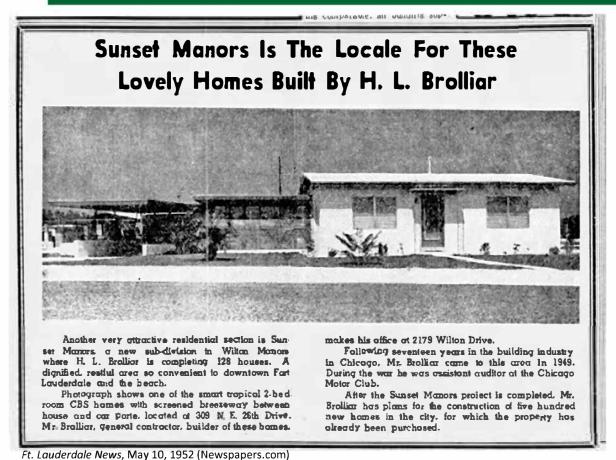
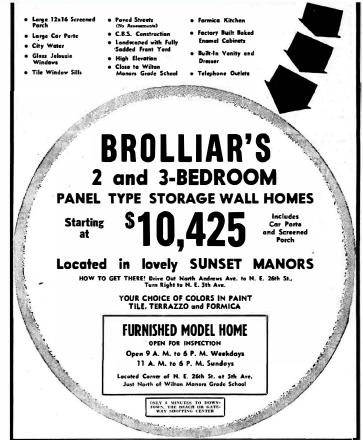
H.L. Brolliar -Wilton Manors first tract housing developer





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Early Wilton Manors land developers all followed the traditional model of platting a subdivision then selling the individual lots. The purchaser would then hire a general contactor to complete the residence to their specification. But a new model emerged in 1947. To fill the need for affordable post-war housing, Levitt & Sons of New York pioneered what is now dubbed "tract housing"—a subdivision with hundreds of identical, mass-constructed, move-in-ready homes.

In 1952, using that model, H.L. Brolliar, a general contractor whose office was on Wilton Drive, developed *Sunset Manors* on land platted by John Pedersen (local entrepreneur and supporter of housing options for veterans). The subdivision of 128 homes was on the north side of NE 26th Street, running from Andrews Ave to NE 6th Ave.

After Sunset Manors, Brolliar crossed the river to develop 500 homes in Lauderdale Villas (south and west of NW 19th St and Powerline Rd); and by 1954 had built 300 more homes of identical design at Boca Villas in east Boca Raton.

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