## HOLLYWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## MARION OBENAUF FORDING



Born in Passaic, New Jersey in 1929, Marion was a graduate of Broward High School.

During WW2 she worked in "ships Service" Great Southern Hotel and later at the Hollywood Beach Hotel. The latter had been commissioned as the top secret US Naval Indoctrination and Training School, closing it to all but Navigation



officer trainees who were learning about the Navy's new secret weapon - RADAR.

After a long career at BellSouth (called Southern Bell prior to 1983) Marion became a member of the Hollywood Historical Society in 1991, serving as treasurer and board member since 2003.

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## CITY OF HOLLYWOOD

From its formal incorporation by adoption of a municipal charter on November 28, 1925, the City of Hollywood has transformed itself.



Beginning as an undeveloped tract of pine forests, palmetto plants, and tangled undergrowth interspersed with tomato farms and low lying marshland, it has become the second-most populated city in Broward County and the ninth largest city in the State of Florida. Founded by the planning visionary Joseph Wesley Young, a Washington state native and former resident of California and Indiana, the original one square mile of farmland has grown to over 28.87 square miles.