

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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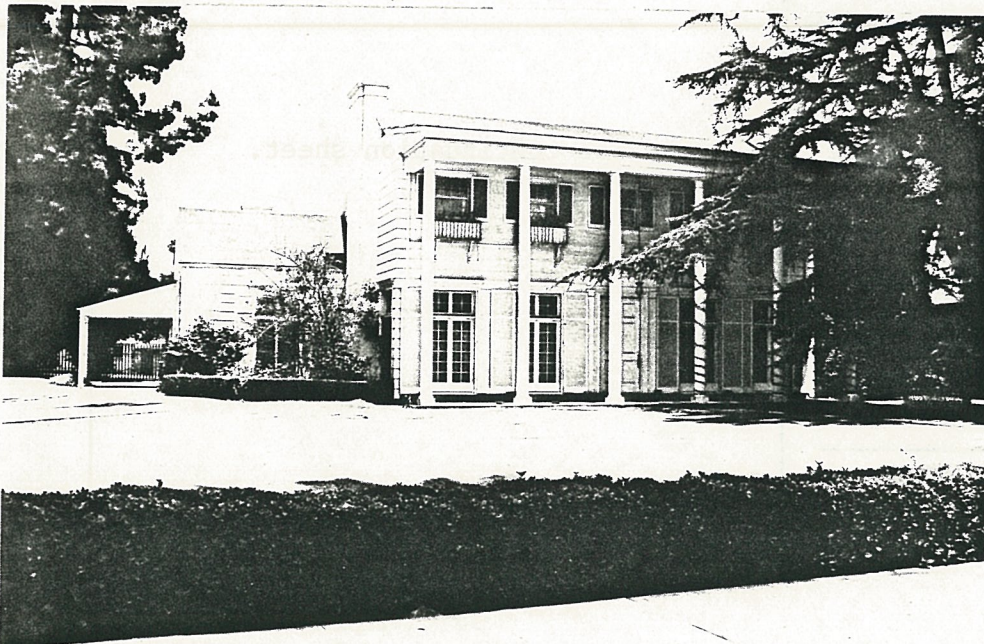
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: None
2. Historic name: Oakman, Wheeler, House
3. Street or rural address: 0610 Beverly Dr. North
City Beverly Hills Zip _____ County Los Angeles
4. Parcel number: 4344-019-004, Beverly Hills Tract block 58 lots 4 and 5
5. Present Owner: _____ Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Colonial Revival
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Located on a double lot on palm-lined North Beverly Drive, this is a two story Colonial Revival residence in the "southern plantation" style. The principal volume is clapboarded and capped by a side gable roof. Anchored at each end by brick chimneys. Six two-story Tuscan columns define a ground level veranda which spans the symmetrical facade. In the central bay of the lower story, a six-panel door is set into a classical surround topped by a broken scroll pediment. Paired ten-light french doors, surmounted by transoms, fill the remaining four bays. Molded lintels adorn the openings, to which shutters have been added. Identical eight-over-eight double-hung sash appear in the upper level bays. Shutters, apparently original, decorate these windows, and bracketed window boxes project below all but the central opening. One story gabled wings project to each side of the main facade, and are compatibly fenestrated. Arched pediments over the side openings suggest Palladian windows. A shed-roofed porte cochere extends over the winding driveway north of the house. Centered on the generously-scaled property, the house is enhanced by simple, (see continuation sheet)



8. Construction date: 1922
Estimated _____ Factual X
9. Architect Walker & Eisen
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1986

13. Condition: Excellent ____ Good X Fair ____ Deteriorated ____ No longer in existence ____
14. Alterations: None
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ____ Scattered buildings ____ Densely built-up X
Residential X Industrial ____ Commercial ____ Other: ____
16. Threats to site: None known ____ Private development X Zoning ____ Vandalism ____
Public Works project ____ Other: ____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ____ Unknown? ____
18. Related features: ____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

High degrees of both architectural and historical significance are associated with this residence. Architecturally, it partakes of the southern plantation imagery much favored in Beverly Hills at the time. The design is a project of the architects (Albert) Walker and (Percy) Eisen, a prominent and prolific Los Angeles firm most known for their major commercial and institutional commissions. The Beverly Wilshire Hotel (9500 Wilshire Boulevard, 1926), the Fine Arts Building (811 West Seventh Street, 1924), and Oviatt Building (615 South Olive Street, 1927-28), the Taft Building (6280 Hollywood Boulevard, 1922), and the California Lutheran Hospital (1414 South Hope Street, 1925-26) are among their numerous local buildings. Unlike the majority of their work of this era, which is representative of the monumental Beaux Arts and Spanish Revival styles, this Colonial Revival house presents their skill in an entirely different idiom and scale. The gracious southern flavor of the building is enhanced by its generously scaled setting, which allows for deep setbacks, curing walks and verdant vegetation, and supported by the presence of other nearby Colonial Revival homes of the same vintage.

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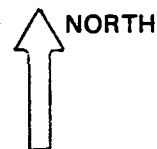
20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure 2
Economic/Industrial ____ Exploration/Settlement ____
Government ____ Military ____
Religion ____ Social/Education ____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

City of Beverly Hills building permits
Beverly Hills Citizen, various dates
Katz, Ephraim. The Film Encyclopedia.
1979.

22. Date form prepared April 28, 1986
By (name) Johnson Heumann Research for
Organization City of Beverly Hills
Address: 450 N. Crescent Dr.
City Beverly Hills Zip 90210
Phone: (213) 550-4881

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



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3. Address: 0610 Beverly Dr. North

7b. Description (continued):

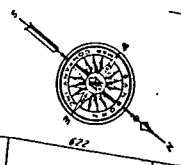
dignified landscaping keynoted by a mature deodar tree. In good condition, the house has had no major exterior alterations.

19. Significance (continued):

Over its sixty-four year history, the house has been with several notable residents who gained fame in the entertainment industry. It was built for Wheeler Oakman, an actor, and his silent screen star wife, Priscilla Dean. A Universal player, Dean starred in many films and serials, including "The Virgin of Stamford" (1920) and "Under Two Flags" (1922). The exotic Polish actress Pola Negri, whose notoriety arose both from her many German and Hollywood screen roles ("Forbidden Paradise," 1924; "A Woman of the World," 1925) and from her off-screen love affairs, was a later occupant of the house. From the thirties until the sixties, producer, director and screenwriter Hal Roach lived at 610 N. Beverly Drive. Among Roach's contributions to film history are many Harold Lloyd features, Laurel and Hardy and the Our Gang comedies.

Intact, the residence appears to be potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

BEVERLY HILLS



N. BEVERLY DRIVE
2159

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CARMELITA

AV 2150

N. CAÑON DRIVE



SCALE OF FEET
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CONTINUATION SHEET

Primary #

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NRHP Status Code: DEMO

Page 1 of 1 Resource Name or # *Wheeler Oakman Residence*

☐ Continuation ☒ Update

P2. Location: *610 North Beverly Dr.*

B10 Significance:

This property was demolished since it was last evaluated in the 1985-1986 survey.

P5b Description/Date of Photo:

Demolished

P8. Recorded by: *Jan Ostashay, Peter Moruzzi, PCR Services, One Venture, Suite 150, Irvine, CA 92618*

P9. Date Recorded: *Tuesday, June 01, 2004*