

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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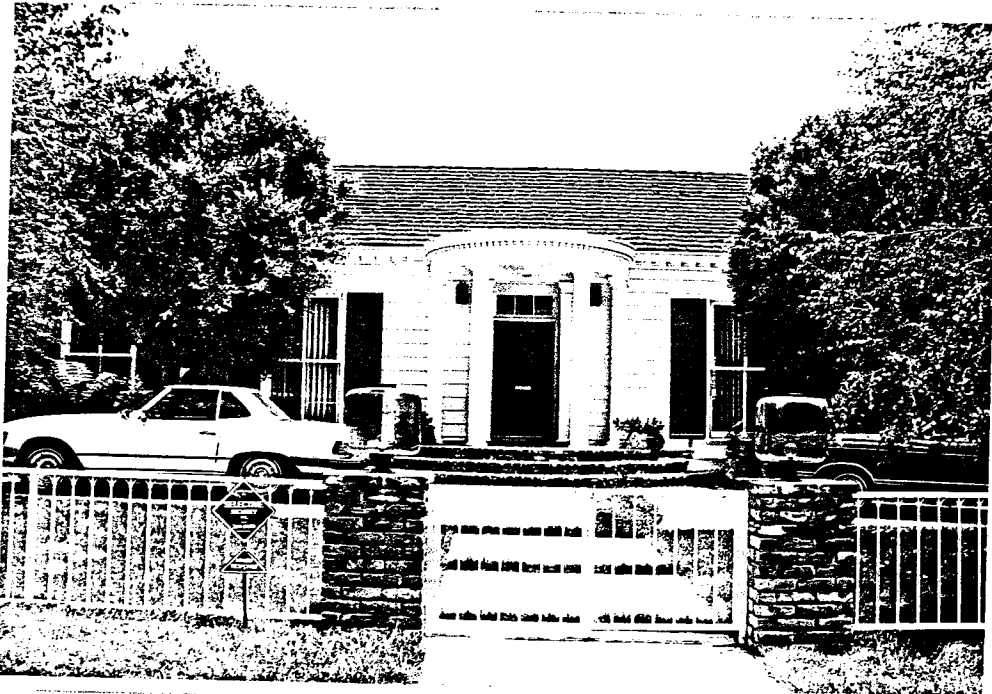
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: None
2. Historic name: Waith; W.S. Residence
3. Street or rural address: 520 North Canon Drive
City Beverly Hills Zip 90210 County Los Angeles
4. Parcel number: 4344-007-008
5. Present Owner: _____ Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private _____
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

A precisely detailed example of the American Colonial Revival, this is a one story dwelling with an L-shaped plan. Horizontal wood siding sheathes the symmetrical facade, with modillions in the eaves of the side gable roof. A semi-circular portico of Tuscan columns supporting a denticulated cornice and flat roof marks the center of the facade. The door is surmounted by a transom. On either side of the portico, tall, two-over-two double-hung sash with shutters are equally spaced. Historic photographs of the house indicate that the facade is unaltered.



3. Construction date: 1923
Estimated _____ Factual X
9. Architect Hunt; Myron & H.C. Chambers
10. Builder Heath; R.H.
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 95 Depth 153
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1986

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

SIGNIFICANCE

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

In 1927, the February edition of California Southland devoted an article to "A California House by Myron Hunt and H.C. Chambers". The residence pictured in the article was that of William S. Waith of Beverly Hills, whose home had been designed by Hunt and Chambers four years before. Acknowledging that Myron Hunt was one of the leading architects of Los Angeles who had gained a well-deserved and wide-spread reputation for the quality of his work in the state, the editors observed that Hunt had also acquired a reputation for integrity and resourcefulness, as well as creative genius. In a departure from the current popularity of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture, Hunt designed a modest Colonial Revival dwelling which, the magazine stated "lead us to feel at home in a house of wood, with large windows easily shuttered, and with a beautiful entrance porch of Georgian design." The home retains the same detailing today, and is an example of a style which was quite popular in the City prior to World War I and again in the late 1930s. Hunt began his professional career in Los Angeles in 1903, was in partnership with Elmer Grey from 1904 through (see continuation sheet)

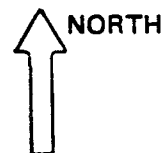
20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture ☒ Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

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

City of Beverly Hills building permits
California Southland, February 1927.
Architect and Engineer, May 1927.
Architect and Engineer, September 1927.

22. Date form prepared November, 1986
By (name) C. McAvoy & L. Heumann
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):



See continuation sheet

CONTINUATION SHEET: 520 North Canon Drive

19. Significance:

1910 and then became associated with H. C. Chambers. During their fruitful partnership, the firm was instrumental in planning buildings for three Southland colleges (Occidental, Pomona, and the present CalTech in Pasadena), designed a number of hospitals, the Huntington Library, and several hotels in Pasadena, and Santa Barbara, as well as major residential and commercial structures. As a modest example of the work of a prominent Southern California architect, the Waith Residence occupies a place of note in the visual environment of the residential district north of Santa Monica Boulevard.



CONTINUATION SHEET

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Trinomial

NRHP Status Code: 5S3

Page 1 of 1 Resource Name or # W.S. Waith Residence

☐ Continuation ☒ Update

P2. Location: 520 North Canon Dr.

B10 Significance:

This building appears in good condition with no significant alterations visible since the property was last evaluated in the 1985-1986 survey. It remains eligible for local listing or designation.

P5b Description/Date of Photo: West elevation, looking east/May 2004



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P9. Date Recorded: Tuesday, June 01, 2004