

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. 0213-010
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 5 SHL _____ Loc _____
UTM: A 11-301280-3072380 B _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: None
2. Historic name: Morrison; Agnes Residence
3. Street or rural address: 707 North Arden Drive
City Beverly Hills Zip 90210 County Los Angeles
4. Parcel number: 4341-007-015
5. Present Owner: _____ Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private _____
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

An outstanding example of the Tudor Revival, this is a two story residence veneered with brick and stucco. Steeply pitched, shingled gable roofs, accented by a gablet at the ridge and by a sunken dormer, caps the picturesquely massed structure. Half-timbering ornaments a front-facing gable and a portion of the upper story. Corbels, some carved with human faces, accent a leaded glass oriel and a second story overhang. Set into a raised bay with decoratively criss-crossed with brick, the entry is defined by heavy rustic timbers ornamented with a coat of arms. Brackets suggest a Tudor arch, behind which an elaborately carved door is recessed. Similarly framed, a balcony is located near the northeast corner of the building and a porte cochere cut into the northermost wing. Windows tend to be clustered in twos and threes and are mostly glazed with leaded glass. Two tall chimneys with double stacks rise up the facade, which is unaltered.



8. Construction date: 1929
Estimated _____ Factual X
9. Architect Arganbright; C.S. Co.
10. Builder Arganbright; C.S. Co.
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 100 Depth 245
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.)

While the Spanish Colonial style dominated residential building in the City during the 1920s, there were other popular period revival styles which vied for attention as well. Second in popularity to the Spanish were the Tudor residences, often half-timbered and constructed of brick. These substantial buildings were built in great numbers throughout Los Angeles by wealthy professionals - doctors, attorneys, stock-brokers, and financiers. A more conservative style, the homes often exuded stability. Part of their popularity has been attributed to the numbers of servicemen returning from Europe after World War I having been exposed to the styles of Europe. The Agnes Morrison Residence is an particularly fine example of the style which incorporates many of its characteristic details, including the steeply pitched roof, brick veneer, carved door, chimneys, and leaded glass windows. The home was designed by local builder C.S. Arganbright.

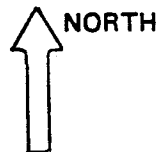
20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture ☒ Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

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

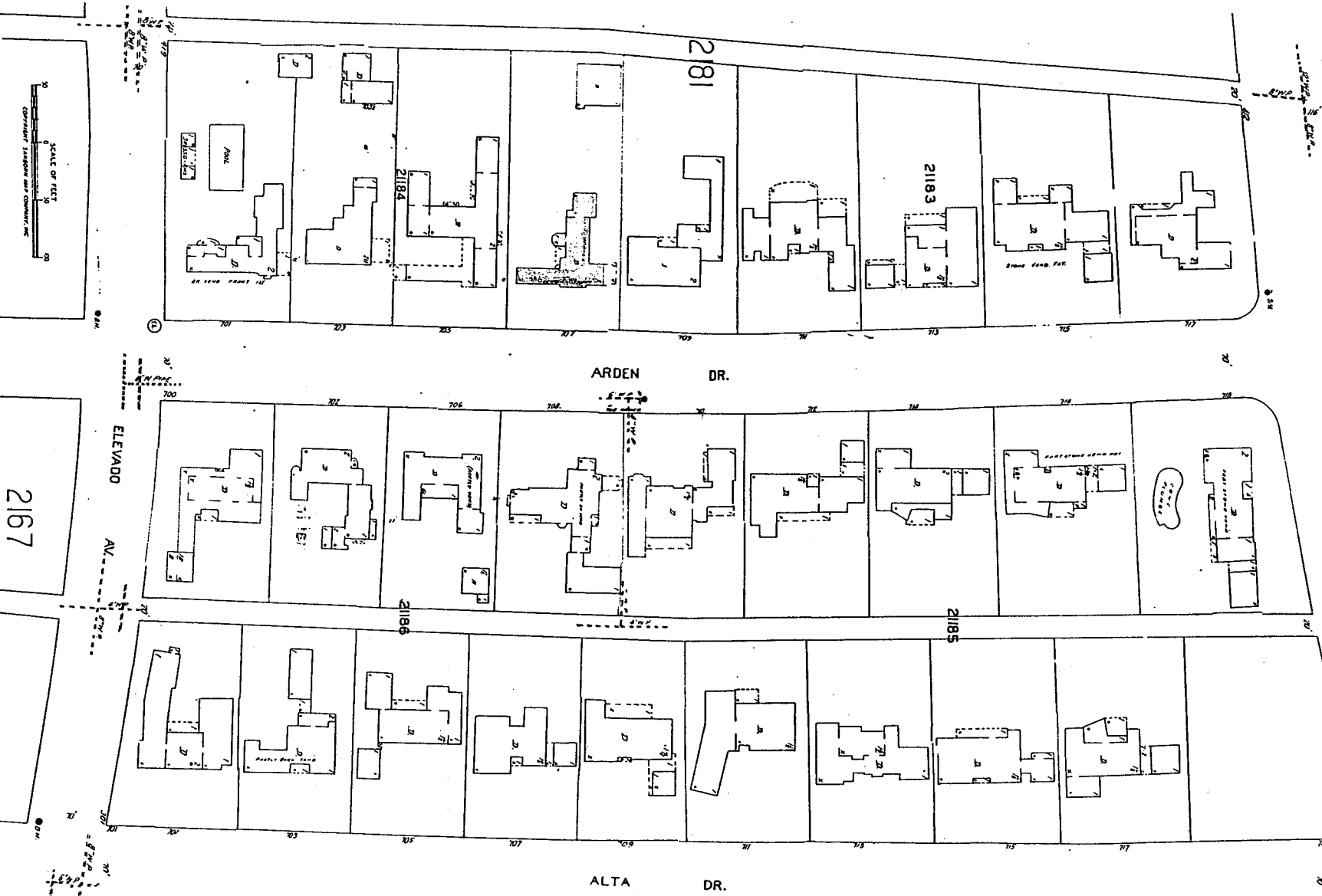
City of Beverly Hills building permits

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

Primary #

HRI #

Trinomial

NRHP Status Code: 5B

Page 1 of 1 Resource Name or # *Agnes Morrison Residence*

☐ Continuation ☒ Update

P2. Location: *707 North Arden 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 significant both as appearing individually eligible for local designation and as a contributor to the potential historic district defined as the Arden Drive Contractors Grouping that is eligible for local listing or designation.

P5b Description/Date of Photo: *East elevation, looking southwest/May 2004*



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

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