

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. 0213-2

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Beverly Hills Mortuary
3. Street or rural address: 417 N. Maple Drive
City Beverly Hills Zip 90210 County Los Angeles
4. Parcel number: 4342-007-004
5. Present Owner: _____ Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private _____
6. Present Use: _____ Original use: Mortuary

DESCRIPTION

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

The Beverly Hills Mortuary is Spanish Colonial Revival in style with Churrigueresque-influenced ornamentation. Two stories, the structure is stuccoed over brick construction, and capped by a hipped roof. Principal elevations are located on the north and east. A two story rounded bay, with five casement windows on each story, anchors the east end of the north elevation. Piers with scrolled capitals separate the recessed openings, which are topped by spandrels of decorative plasterwork. A series of unembellished casement windows occupies most of the remainder of the north elevation. An entry is offset to the west and topped by a slightly raised bay set on an arched corbel table. Another entry is located on the east elevation and is topped by a rose window. Pilasters divide this elevation into unevenly-sized bays. Grilled openings occupy some of the bays. Largely intact except for some enclosed transoms, the low-scale building acts as a transition between the industrial zone to the west and the multi-family residential neighborhood to the east.



8. Construction date: 1930
Estimated _____ Factual X
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Austin Co. of California
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 64 Depth 123.5
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1986

13. Condition: Excellent ____ Good ____ ☒ Fair ____ Deteriorated ____ No longer in existence ____
14. Alterations: Transoms
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.)

B.E. Dayton learned his trade in Iowa. Leaving the family farm, he became a carpenter for a furniture store in a small town nearby. As Pierce Benedict writes, "The furniture store ultimately put in an undertaking department, of which he had charge." By 1904 he bought the establishment of Cartwright and Wight, and B.E. Dayton, Inc. was founded in Beverly Hills. The elaborate Spanish Colonial Revival funeral parlor at 417 North Maple Drive was constructed by the Austin Co. of Los Angeles in 1930 and included a chapel, preparation rooms, offices, and a marble entrance hall/lobby with a fountain. The building was designed to look like a large private home with "the interior finished . . . to correspond with the dignity of the building," and Mr. Dayton and his son kept the service personalized. Active in the Chamber of Commerce and a number of fraternal and religious organizations, Dayton prided himself on dependable, discreet, and cooperative service.

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 ____

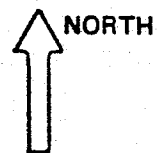
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

City of Beverly Hills building permits
Benedict, Pierce, History of Beverly Hills,
(1934)

Beverly Hills Citizen, various

22. Date form prepared October, 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

417 N. Maple Dr.

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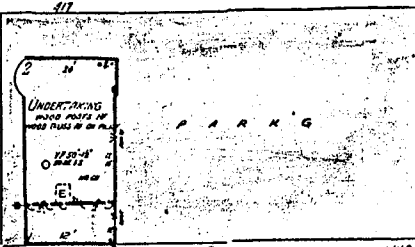
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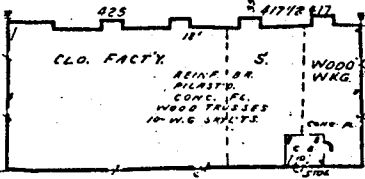
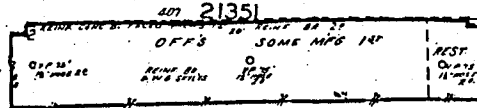
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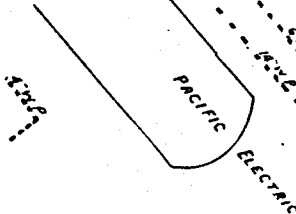
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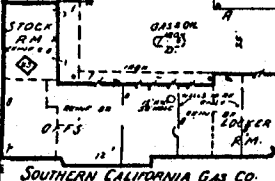
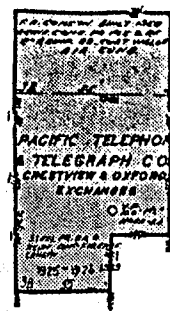
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