

## HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. 0213-021

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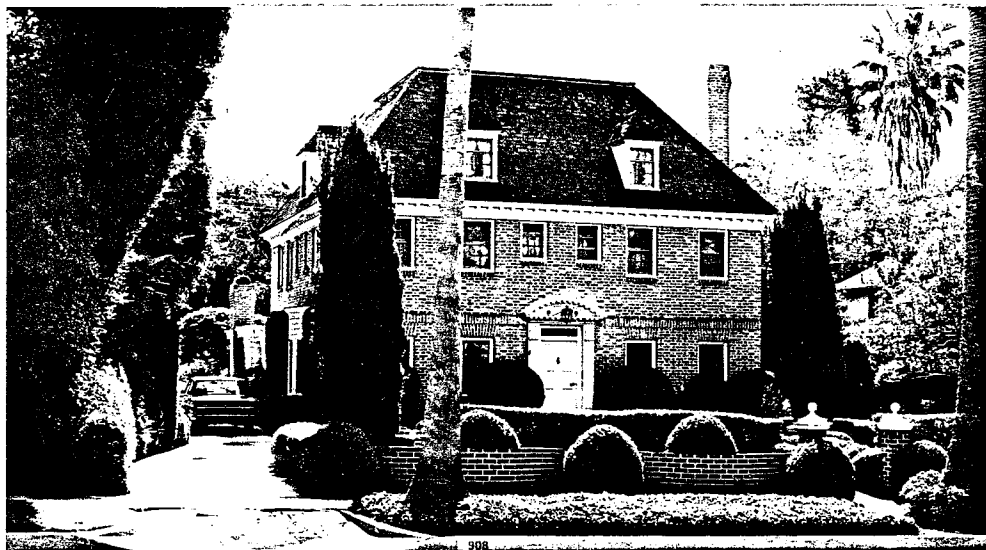
### IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: None
2. Historic name: Rohkam; William Residence
3. Street or rural address: 908 North Beverly Drive  
City Beverly Hills Zip 90210 County Los Angeles
4. Parcel number: 4344-001-003
5. Present Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private \_\_\_\_\_
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

### DESCRIPTION

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

An unusually literal interpretation of Georgian Revival precedents, this is a two-and-one-half story brick house. Its steeply pitched hipped roof is accented by hipped dormers and a tall, corbelled brick chimney, and crowned by a balustrade. A double course of raised bricks divide the first and second floors. They are interrupted by the entry, which is centered in the perfectly symmetrical facade. Framed by pilasters and a denticulated, arched pediment, the entry contains a panelled door surmounted by a transom. Soldier arches characterize the two six-over-six sash on either side of the entry. Raised lintels detail the identically placed windows on the second story. Other notable features include a denticulated cornice, a partially wood-sheathed bay on the north, and another chimney in the rear. Formal landscaping enhances the design, which appears unaltered.



8. Construction date: 1921  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect Melton; J.A.
10. Builder Melton; J.A.
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 80 Depth 226  
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.)

An early example of Georgian Revival architecture with brick veneer, this 1921 home on upper Beverly Drive was the home of William Rokham. It was designed and built by local architect and contractor J. A. Melton. Rokham, a wealthy collector of antiques, had this house designed in a very traditional style, possibly to facilitate a background for his collection. As a rare example of this type of American Colonial Revival architecture in Beverly Hills, the residence is worthy of note in the context of the City's variety of architectural styles.

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

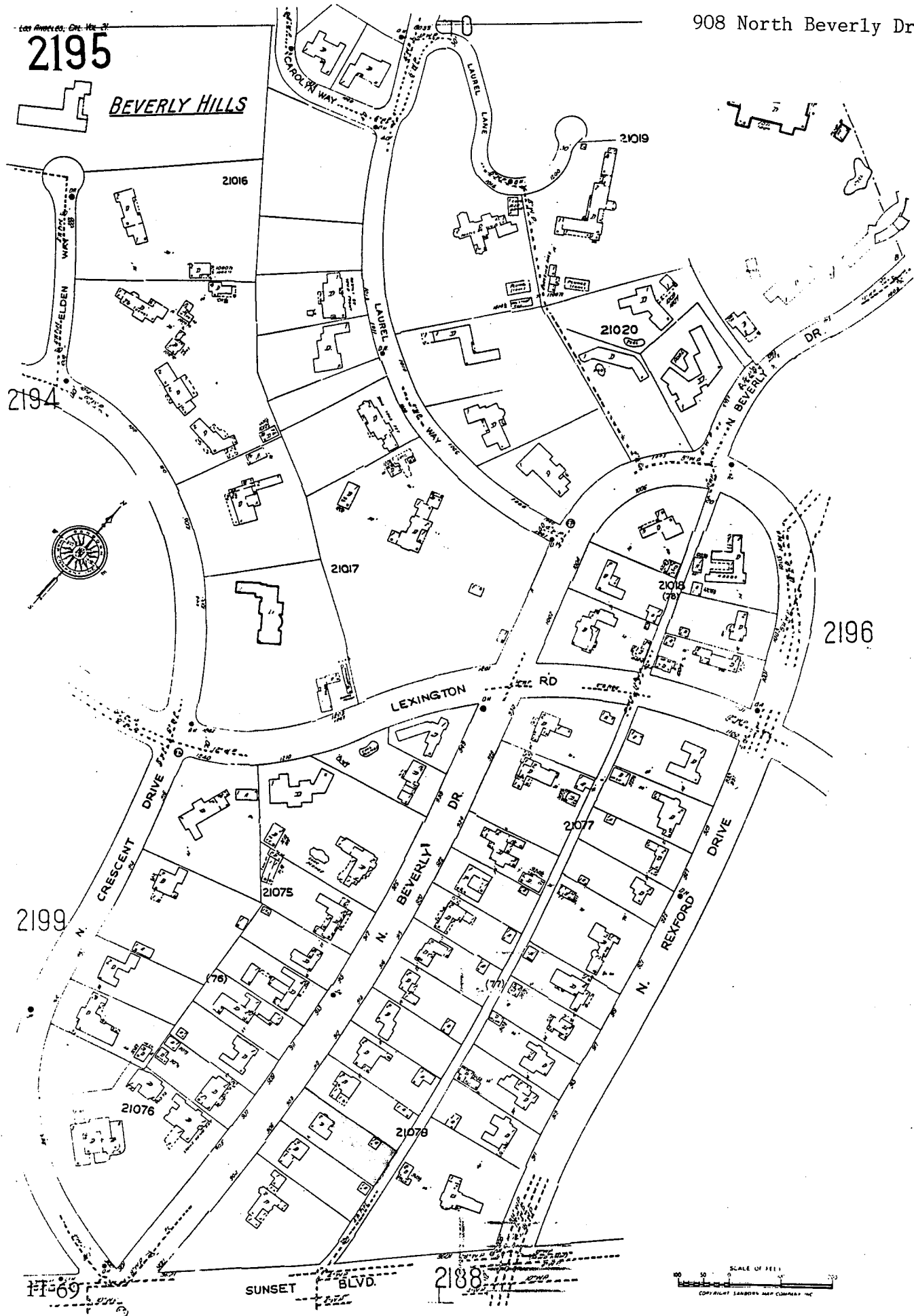
22. Date form prepared November, 1986  
By (name) C. McAvoy & L. Heumann  
Organization City of Beverly Hills  
Address: 450 N. Crescent Dr.  
City Beverly Hills Zip 90210  
Phone: (213) 550-4881

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



See continuation sheets

908 North Beverly Dr.



SCALE OF FEET

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

Primary #

HRI #

Trinomial

NRHP Status Code: DEMO

Page 1 of 1 Resource Name or # William Rohkam Residence

☐ Continuation ☒ Update

P2. Location: 908 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