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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**

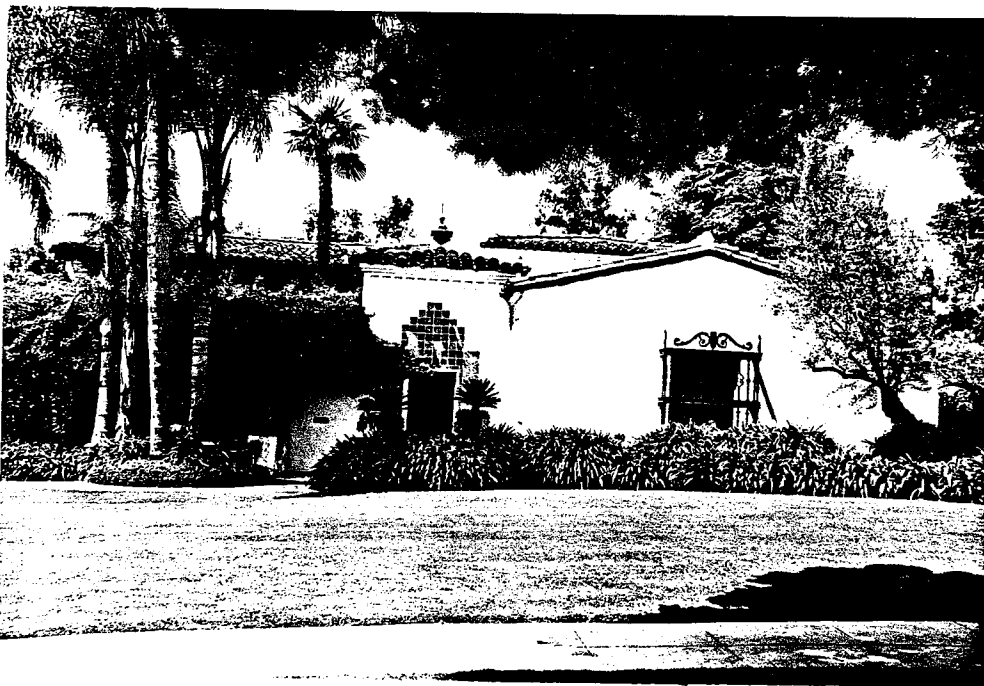
**IDENTIFICATION**

1. Common name: None
2. Historic name: Rivierre; Rene Residence
3. Street or rural address: 705 North Arden Drive  
City Beverly Hills Zip 90210 County Los Angeles
4. Parcel number: 4341-007-016
5. Present Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private \_\_\_\_\_
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

**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:

A remarkable tiled entry surround is the focal point of this one and two story Spanish Colonial Revival home. Organized around a walled courtyard, the stuccoed structure has tiled hipped and gabled roofs atop one and two story wings. The entry is located in a square "tower" which is surmounted by a finial. Patterned tile rises to a Mayan arch framing the flat-headed opening which is closed by a turned wood gate. A corbelled cornice and a panelled frieze circle the tower. Centered in the front gable wing north of the tower, a large casement window is boxed by a decorative iron grille. A flattened arch is cut through the wing wall at the north end of the facade. The courtyard, which occupies the southeast corner of the plan, is overlooked by a wood balcony. Two casements, one flat-headed, the other segmentally arched, open off the balcony. A porte cochere with arched openings terminates the building on the south. Unaltered on its facade, the house is appropriately landscaped with clusters of palms and other vegetation.



8. Construction date: 1927  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual X
9. Architect Rivierre; Rene
10. Builder Rivierre; Rene
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 100 Depth 243  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

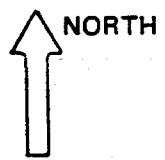
**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

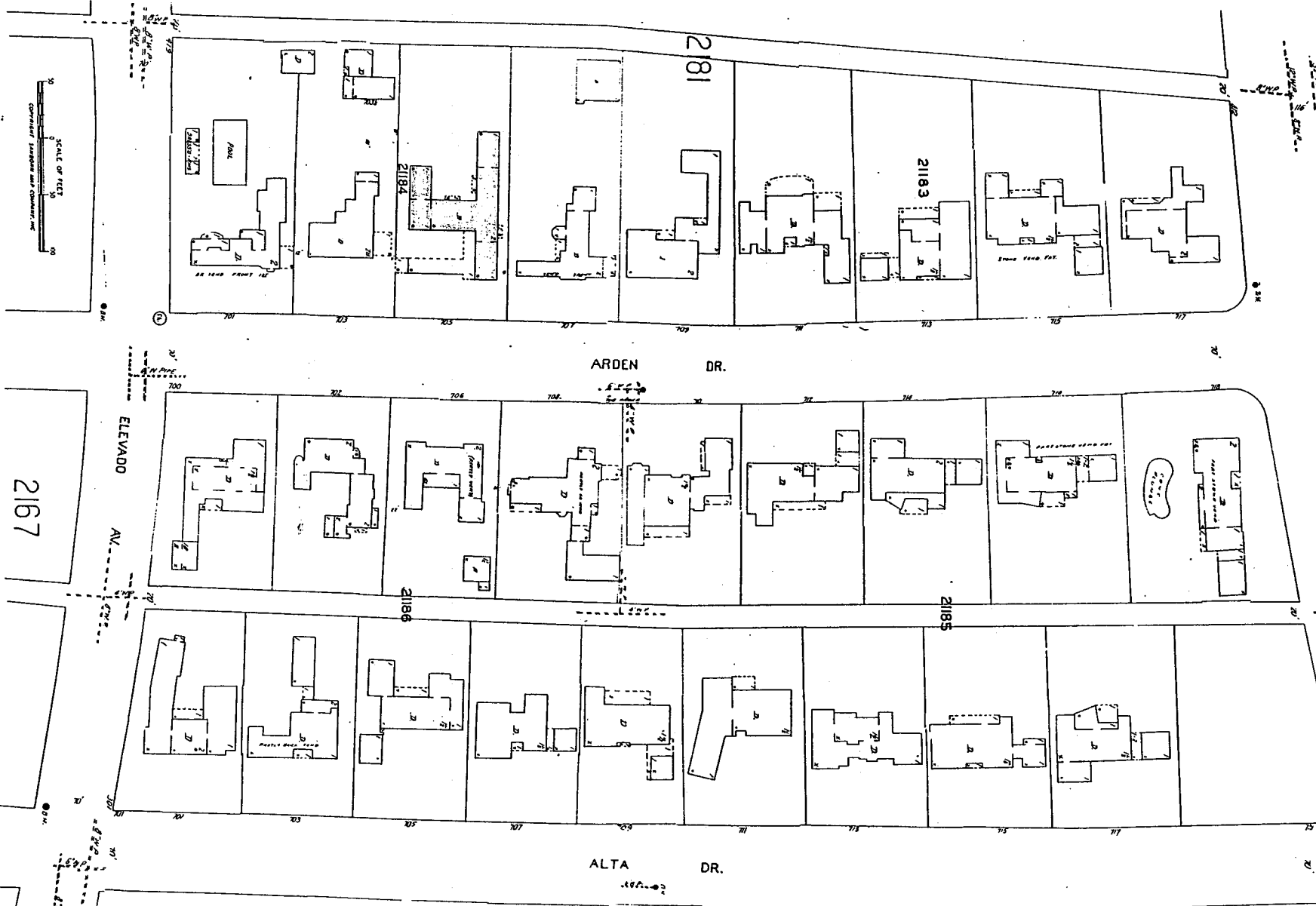
The City of Beverly Hills was fortunate to have a number of developers working within its boundaries who developed and built residences of extraordinary quality. One of these was Rene Rivierre, a local contractor who built a number of residences in the residential area north of Santa Monica Boulevard. Mr. Rivierre acted as owner, architect, and contractor on this project, a stunning Spanish Colonial Revival home on North Arden. The tiled entry has an immediate impact on the streetscape. The home has several of the characteristics of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, including its courtyard plan, use of tile, plain stucco walls and use of turned wood. Other residences designed and built by Rivierre can be seen at 703 and 707 Walden Drive. The residence at 705 Arden is a fine example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture by a local builder in the city of Beverly Hills.

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



SCALE OF FEET  
CONRADT, STUBBS AND COMPANY, INC.

11-69

2167

ELEVADO AV.

ARDEN DR.

2181

2183

2184

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ALTA DR.

# CONTINUATION SHEET

Primary #

HRI #

Trinomial

NRHP Status Code: 5B

Page 1 of 1 Resource Name or # *Rene Rivierre Residence*

Continuation  Update

**P2. Location:** *705 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 appears individually eligible for local listing or designation and remains 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 west/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*