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CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION

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Date: May 24, 2007

Los Angeles City Council Room 395, City Hall 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, California 90012

ATTENTION: Barbara Greaves, Legislative Assistant Planning and Land Use Management Committee

CASE NUMBER: CHC-2007-443-HCM LOUISE PRATT HOUSE 2706-2708 SOUTH MENLO STREET

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Moved:Commissioner BarronSeconded:Commissioner SingerAyes:Commissioners Carlisle, Dake and MartinVote:5-0

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Los Angeles Department of City Planning **RECOMMENDATION REPORT**

| CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION | | CASE NO.: CHC-2007-443-HCM | |
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| HEARING DATE: TIME: PLACE: | April 19, 2007 10:30 AM City Hall, Room 1010 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 | Location: 2706-2708 South Menlo Street Council District: 8 Community Plan Area: South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission: South Los Angeles Neighborhood Council: Empowerment Congress North Area Legal Description: Lot 38 of Bancroft Tract | |
| PROJECT: | | Historic-Cultural Monument Application for the LOUISE PRATT HOUSE | |
| REQUEST: | Declare the property a | Declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument | |
| APPLICANT/ OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: | Anna Marie Brooks 1109 Fourth Avenue Los Angeles, CA 900 [°] | | |
| OWNER: | 2641 Orchard Avenue | Robert Edward Carrere & Karen Lynette Wright Carrere 2641 Orchard Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90007 | |
| RECOMMENDATION | That the Cultural Heri | That the Cultural Heritage Commission: | |

- 1. Declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.125.
- 2. Adopt the report findings.

S. GAIL GOLDBERG, AICP **Director of Planning**

Ken Bernstein, Manager Office of Historic Resources

Prepared by: Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner

Office of Historic Resources

Attachments:

January 10, 2007 Historic-Cultural Monument Application

Lambert M. Giessinger, Architect Office of Historic Resources

FINDINGS

The building "embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction" as an example of Swiss/Alpine Chalet and Craftsman-style residential architecture.

CRITERIA

The criterion is the Cultural Heritage Ordinance which defines a historical or cultural monument as any site (including significant trees or other plant life located thereon) building or structure of particular historic or cultural significance to the City of Los Angeles, such as historic structures or sites in which the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, State or community is reflected or exemplified, or which are identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history or which embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction, or a notable work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual genius influenced his age.

SUMMARY

Built in 1904, this two-and-a-half story residential building exhibits character-defining features of Swiss/Alpine Chalet and Craftsman-style architecture. The front-gabled wood-frame building has decorative wood trimmed fascia, triangular knee braces, and rafters. A half-length porch on the west façade encloses a slightly off-centered entrance and stained-glass window. The building's exterior features wood siding and composition shingle. The windows are fixed single and multipane, multi-pane and single pan casement, and a bay window. Significant interior spaces include an entry hall with beamed ceiling, original open stair landing and stairs, French doors, and built-in cabinetry.

The proposed Louise Pratt House historic monument was designed in 1904 by an unidentified architect. The building was built for Louise Pratt, a real estate developer and philanthropist who was married to Edwin W. Pratt, an employee of the Los Angeles Electric Company and the Los Angeles Lighting Company, a pioneering electric utility in the 1880s.

The subject property may be significant as an example of the Swiss/Alpine Chalet and Craftsman style as well as its possible association with significant historical figures.

The subject property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (US-87000139) as a contributing property to the Menlo Avenue-29th Street Historic District.

Later alterations to the subject property include the addition of a detached garage and a stainedglass window (1979) to a preexisting window frame adjacent to the entrance.

The Louise Pratt House property successfully meets one of the specified Historic-Cultural Monument criteria: "embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction." As a residential building designed in the Swiss/Alpine Chalet and Craftsman style, the property qualifies for designation as a Historic-Cultural Monument based on this criterion.

2706-2708 South Menlo Avenue CHC-2007-443-HCM Page 3 of 3

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At its meeting of February 15, 2007, the Cultural Heritage Commission voted to take the application under consideration. On March 15, 2007, the Cultural Heritage Commission toured the subject property.

Los Angeles Department of City Planning **RECOMMENDATION REPORT**

| CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION | | CASE NO.: CHC-2007-443-HCM | |
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| HEARING DATE: TIME: PLACE: | February 15, 2007 10:00 AM City Hall, Room 1010 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 | 100 AMCouncil District: 8y Hall, Room 1010Community Plan Area: South Los Angeles0 N. Spring StreetArea Planning Commission: South Los Angeles Angeles, CANeighborhood Council: Empowerment Congre | |
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| RECOMMENDATION | That the Cultural Her | That the Cultural Heritage Commission: | |

- 1. Take the property under consideration as a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.125 because the application and accompanying photo documentation suggest the submittal may warrant further investigation.
- 2. Adopt the report findings.

S. GAIL GOLDBERG, AICP **Director of Planning**

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FINDINGS

Based on the facts set forth in the summary and application, the Commission determines that the application is complete and that the property is significant enough to warrant further investigation as a potential Historic-Cultural Monument.

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HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT APPLICATION

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IDENTIFICATION

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| 1. | NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT Louise Pratt House | | |
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| 2. | STREET ADDRESS 2706-2708 South Menlo Avenue (built as 2708 South Menlo Avenue) | | |
| | CITYLOS AngelesZIP CODE90007COUNCIL DISTRICT8 | | |
| 3. | ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO 5055-008-024 | | |
| 4. | COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION: TRACTBancroft | | |
| | BLOCK None LOT(S) 38 ARB. NO. None | | |
| 5. | RANGE OF ADDRESSES ON PROPERTY 2706-2708 South Menlo Avenue | | |
| 6. | PRESENT OWNER Robert Edward Carrere & Karen Lynette Wright Carrere | | |
| | STREET ADDRESS 2641 Orchard Avenue E-MAIL ADDRESS: karen7913@sbcglobal.ne | <u>t</u> | |
| | CITY Los Angeles STATE CA ZIP CODE 90007 PHONE (323) 734-0444 | | |
| | OWNERSHIP: PRIVATE X PUBLIC | | |
| 7. | PRESENT USE Single family residence ORIGINAL USE Single family residence | | |
| D | ESCRIPTION | | |
| 8. | ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Swiss/Alpine Chalet Craftsman | | |
| 9. | STATE PRESENT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE OR STRUCTURE (SEE OPTIONAL DECRIPTION WORK SHEET. I PAGE MAXIMUM |) | |
| | The exterior of the house is largely intact and in good condition. A west facade window, north of the entry door | | |
| | has been replaced w/ a same-size single fixed pane stained glass by artisan Katsuji (Kat) Shinomoto, circa 197 | 9. | |
| | At the rear/east elevation, a course of windows in the library has been altered by the addition of French doors 8 | <u>. </u> | |
| | the retention of two of the ribbon windows as side lights. A deck has been added at the east. The garage has | | |
| | been converted to living space. The interior is in good condition with some alterations as the structure, over the | | |
| | decades, was converted from a single family residence, to a duplex and back to a single family residence now | | |
| | serving as student housing. Pocket doors are temporarily closed & there is one temporary wall (which contains no | | |
| | electrics) to provide for student privacy. The majority of interior & exterior character defining elements are extan | t. | |

HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT APPLICATION

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| NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT. | | Louise Pratt He | Duse |
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| 10. CONSTRUCTION DATE: | 1904 | FACTUAL: | ESTIMATED: |
| 11. ARCHITECT, DESIGNER, OR ENGINEER | | permit not extant | |
| 12. CONTRACTOR OR OTHER BUILDER | | permit not extant | |
| 13. DATES OF ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHS(1 8X10 BLACK AND WHITE GLOSSY AND 1 DIGITAL E-MA | ILED TO CULTUR | December 200 AL HERITAGE COMMISSION@LACITY.ORG | |
| 14. CONDITION: EXCELLENT | FAIR | DETERIORATED | NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE |
| 15. ALTERATIONS A garage was built in 1920. I | n 1925 the i | residence was subdivided as | a duplex with addition of |
| a kitchen upstairs and a bath downstairs ar | nd other nec | essary accommodations. In | 1926 another garage, |
| seemingly a replacement for the earlier one | e, was built. | At an unknown date the resi | dence was returned to single |
| family status. In 1979 a stained glass winde | ow was insta | alled in preexisting framing to | o the north of the entry door. |
| 16. THREATS TO SITE: 🗹 NONE KNOWN 📋 | | | |
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| 17. IS THE STRUCTURE: [] ON ITS ORIGINAL SI | | | |
| SIGNIFICANCE | | | |
| 18. BRIEFLY STATE HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTUR | LAL IMPORTAN | CE: INCLUDE DATES, EVENTS, ANI | PERSON ASSOCIATED |
| WITH THE SITE (SEE ALSO SIGNIFICANCE WORK SHEET | . 750 WORDS MAX | XIMUM IF USING ADDITIONAL SHEETS |) |
| The Louise Pratt House is a Federal individ | dually listed | monument (US-87000139) | listed 2/12/1987. It is State |
| listed as No. 026964, as a contributing pro | operty (1D) t | o the Menlo Avenue/29th St | reet [National] Historic |
| District and as an individual property (1S). | It is also a c | contributing structure in the N | orth University Park Specific |
| Plan. With all of this it is not eligible for the | | | |
| HCM status. See Historical Significance she | eet accompa | anying this application. | |
| 19. SOURCES (LIST BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, SURVEYS, PERSO | ONAL INTERVIEV | ws with dates) Please see ac | companying Bibliography |
| 20. DATE FORM PREPARED 01/09/20 | | PREPARER'S NAME | |
| ORGANIZATION | | STREET ADDRESS_1109 4th | Avenue |
| CITY Los Angeles | STATE | CA ZIP CODE 90019 | |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS: historichomesLA@aol.com | n | | |

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| fixed single and multi-pane, multi-pane WINDOW TYPE (DOUBLE-ITUNG (SLIDES UP & DOWN). CASEN | e and single pane casement TENT (OPENS OUT), HORIZONTAL SLIDING, E | WINDOWS ARE PART OF THE DESIGN. TC.] |
| HE ENTRY FEATURES A | recessed, off-center, rais | sed |
| DOOR LC | OCATION (RECESSED, CENTERED, OFF-CENTER | R. CORNER. ETC.) |
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Biography: Louise Yelverton Shipman Pratt Louise Pratt House ~ 2706-2708 South Menlo Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90007

Louise Yelverton Shipman was born in New York State in November of 1864. In 1888 she married Edwin W. Pratt of California. They settled in Los Angeles where Mr. Pratt was, until August of 1897, the confidential man of the operation, and longest term employee, of the Los Angeles Electric Company and the Los Angeles Lighting Company. The Los Angeles Electric Company was the city's pioneer electric utility, organized in 1882 to provide electric street lighting in the city of Los Angeles utilizing strategically placed 150 foot high masts, each of which carried three arc-lights illuminated by electricity. The system was unveiled on December 31, 1882 by Mayor Toberman, providing the first electric service in the City.

In August of 1897 a financial scandal rocked the Los Angeles Electric Company and the Los Angeles Lighting Company and Edwin Pratt, who was noted in the *Los Angeles Times* as, "...a man of ample means outside his employment," who was in no way related to the cash of the operation resigned from the companies amidst the resignations of colleagues and the suicide of one. (*Los Angeles Times*. Aug 31, 1897. pg . 7) No record has been found indicating Mr. Pratt's next employment. In 1904 the company was reorganized as the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Company.

At a later unknown date Louise Pratt and Edwin W. Pratt were divorced. While still married, the Pratts had regularly invested in real estate. Louise continued to invest in land and real estate and her dealings were frequently chronicled in the real estate columns of the city's newspapers. Among her holdings were a 1907 six-story apartment building she had built at 649 South Olive Street, a house on 6th between Hill and Grand streets, the Pratt residence at 816 S. Figueroa Street and many other investments.

In 1910 Louise Pratt and friends undertook an extended grand tour visiting Hawaii, Japan, China, Korea, Manchuria, the Malay Peninsula, Java, Burma, India, Ceylon, Arabia, Egypt and Africa, followed by an extended tour through Europe.

Louise Pratt was regarded as an important Los Angeles philanthropist and was active in the Ebell Club and the Home Musical Club. Pratt died June 10, 1912, in the home of friends Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marsh, 1119 Westchester Place. At the time of her death the majority of her property was in real estate including 100 shares of the stock of Country Club Park, 336 shares of the East Naples Land Company and 25 shares of San Gabriel River Improvement Company. The publication of the details of Pratt's will included bequests to many of the charities and organizations of which she had been a lifelong supporter. Among the beneficiaries of her accumulated wealth were Rev. Dana Bartlett who established Bethlehem, a men's hotel for the honest (working) poor and other related charities, the Protestant Los Angeles Orphans' Home, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, George Junior Republic (an innovative residential assistance program for youth founded in central New York State) and the Salvation Army. Pratt also established at Occidental College a scholarship trust fund for the. "assistance, maintenance and education of female students." The trust was established in the name of Pratt's brother, Dr. D. M. Shipman who, at the time, was a long term inmate of the New York State Insane Asylum. Monetary and material gifts were bequeathed to friends and family members. (Los Angeles Times, June 28, 1912) © Anna Marie Brooks 2007

Historic Significance Louise Pratt House 2706-2708 South Menlo Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90007

The Louise Pratt House is historically significant as an intact example of a Craftsman residence with Swiss/Alpine Chalet design elements.

The architect of the residence has yet to be discovered. Since the Louise Pratt House was built in 1904 there is no extant permit. To date a search of *Builder and Contractor* for the relevant time period has been impossible as the microfilm at the Los Angeles Public Library for that time span has been damaged and awaits a decision on replacement. The *City of Los Angeles Historical and Cultural Resources Survey for North University Park, 1982-83* lists no architect or builder information for this residence. There is also no architect or builder notice in the *Los Angeles Times*. Further attempts will be made to uncover architect information.

Louise Pratt was historically significant as a well-known and well-regarded philanthropist and real estate investor/developer in Los Angeles and its environs prior to and after the turn of the 20th Century. She and her husband Edwin W. Pratt invested in real estate and after her divorce from him and following Edwin's subsequent death, Louise continued to invest and went on to develop several larger apartment buildings. Edwin was known as a prominent utility company officer who served as the confidence man for the Los Angeles Lighting Company and the Los Angeles Power Company, the providers of the first electric lighting in the City of Los Angeles.

When not traveling the world, Louise regularly entertained the elite of Los Angeles and raised funding and philanthropic awareness from her Swiss/Alpine Chalet Craftsman home at 2708 South Menlo Avenue in the North University Park district. © Anna Marie Brooks 2007

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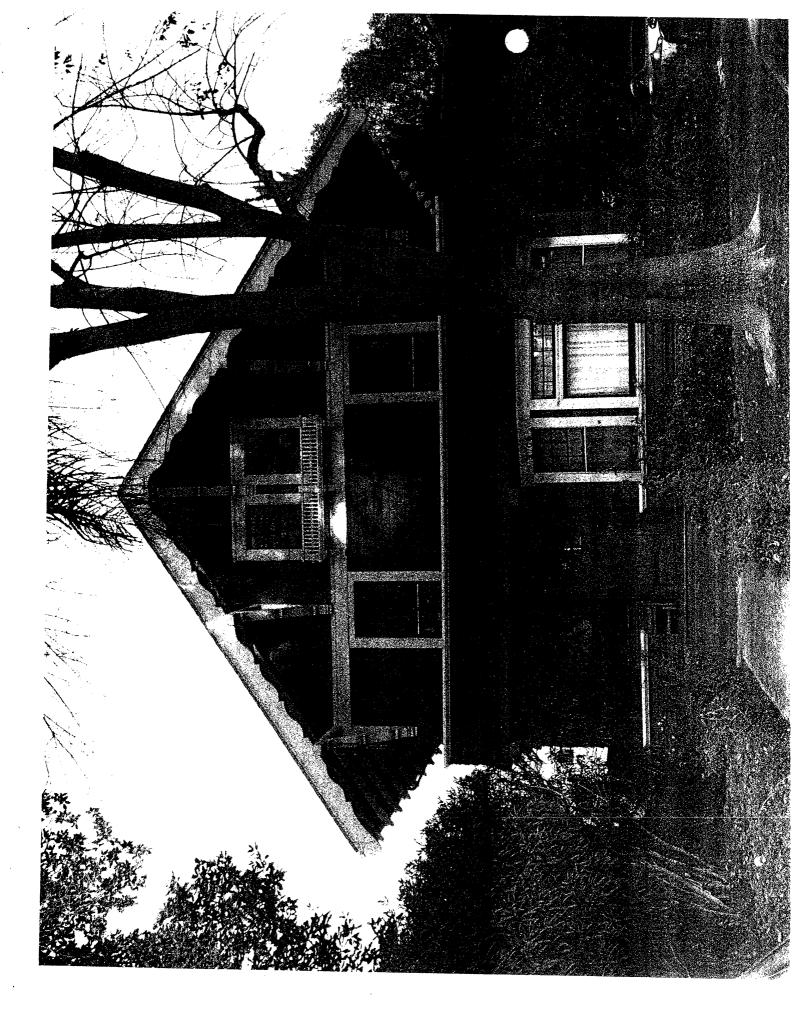
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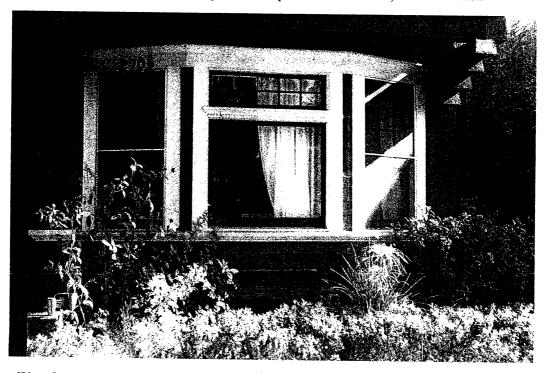
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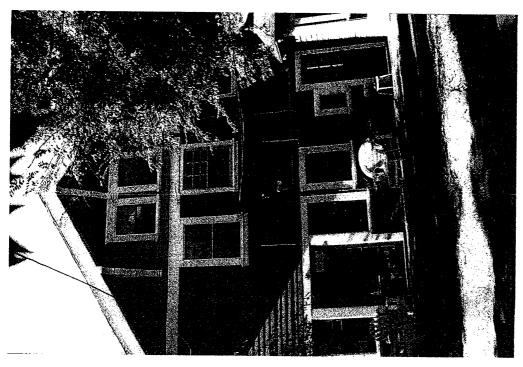


West façade detail: Corbel eave and bracket supports, shaped bargeboard, paired windows in gable end with bracket supported balcony with rail, full length overhanging balcony at second level with two pairs multi-paned French doors, viewed to east.

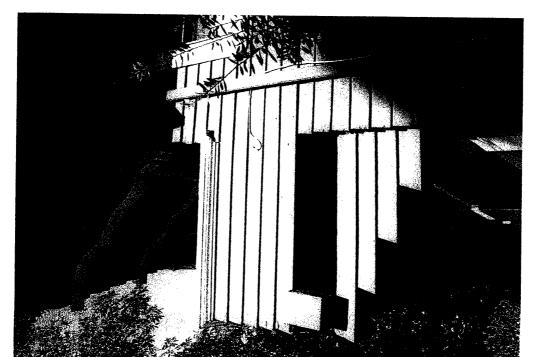


West façade detail: West slant bay paired nine-over one casement windows flank central fixed pane topped by ten light fixed transom, viewed to east.

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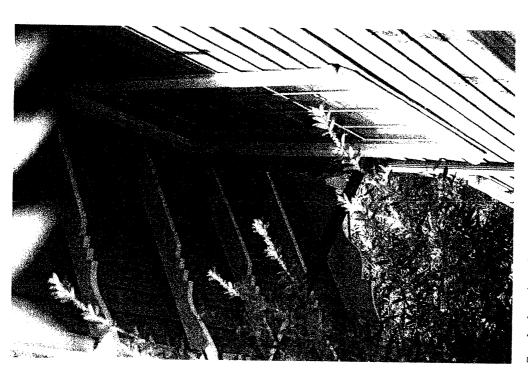






Side view: Second level, south end of west facade full balcony and bracket, viewed to north.

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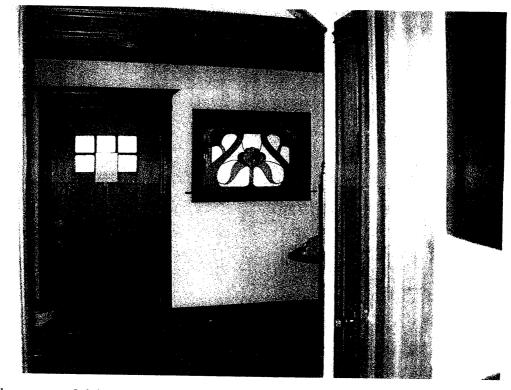


South elevation: Second level shaped eave corbels, paired multi-pane French doors, viewed to west.

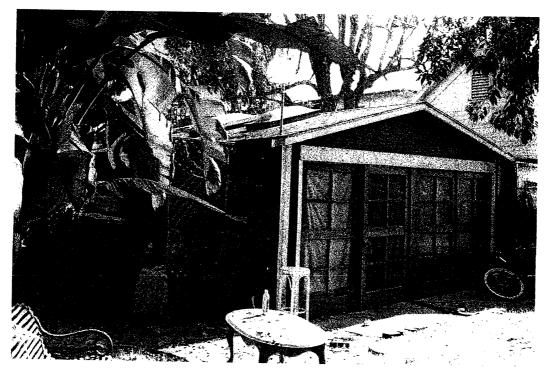


South elevation: Upper box bay, lower box bay with shed roof, viewed to northwest.

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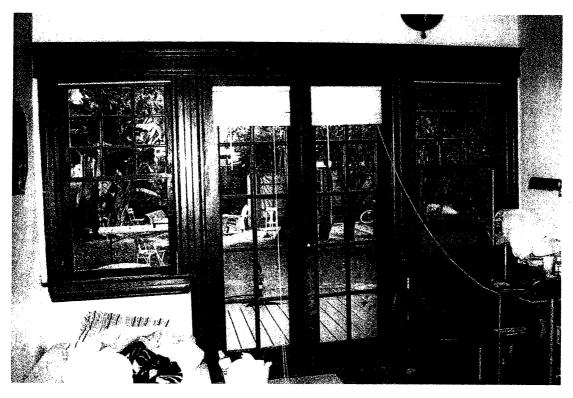


Residence entry: Original entry door and ceiling beams, replacement stained glass window, viewed to west

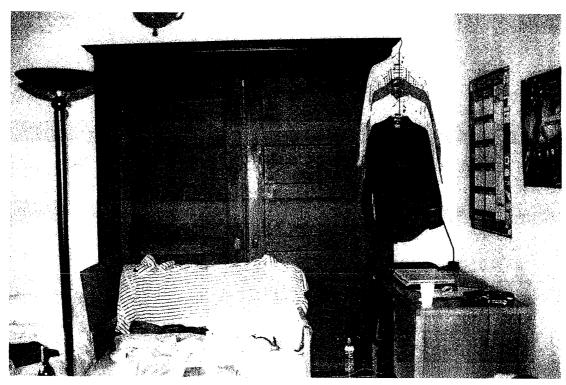


Garage at southeast corner of parcel: North elevation and west façade, viewed to southeast.

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Library east wall: Original nine-over-one sash windows and added 10-light paired French doors opening unto rear deck and east lawn, viewed to east.



Dining room west wall: Pocket doors to parlor, viewed to west.

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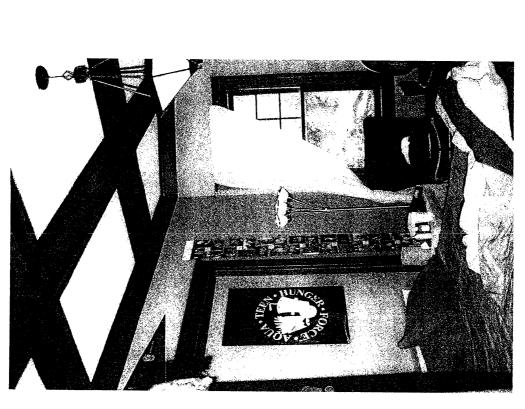


Library: Box beamed ceiling, west wall six-over-one sash windows, built-in glass-front cabinetry, viewed to southwest.

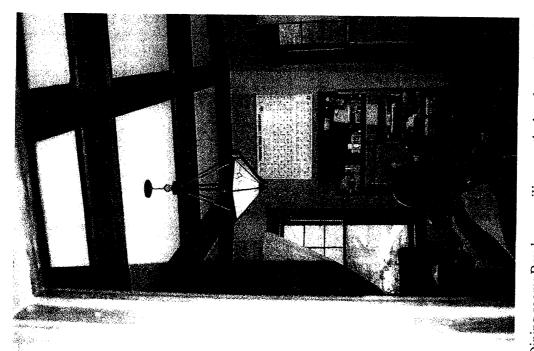


Pantry: North wall cabinetry and northeast corner, viewed to northeast.

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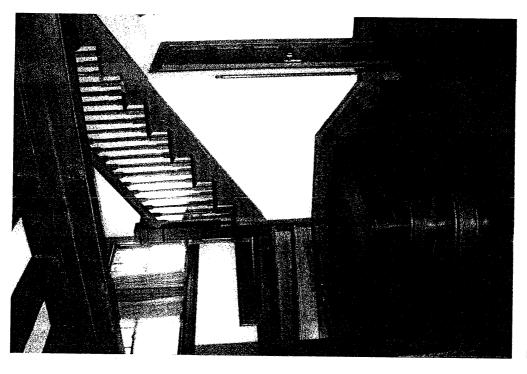


Dining room: East wall, south slant bay east side window, box beam ceiling, viewed to southeast.



Dining room: Box beam ceiling, south slant bay, viewed to south.

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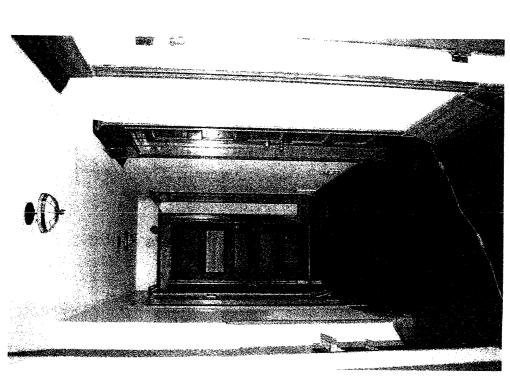


Entry with beamed ceiling and staircase, corner molding and door to under-stair closet, viewed to northeast.

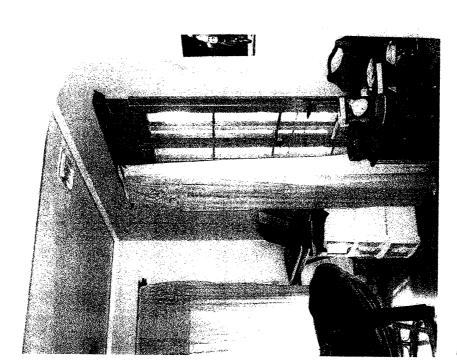


Parlor west wall slant bay: Viewed to west.

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Second level hallway: Viewed to east from point west of head of stairs.



Second level west suite: West bedroom south & west paired French doors, viewed to south thru arch added between rooms when residence converted to duplex in 1920s.



PROPERTY ADDRESSES 2706 S MENLO AVE 2708 S MENLO AVE

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RECENT ACTIVITY

CASE NUMBERS

CPC-2005-5848-OCH CPC-1983-506-SP ORD-171682 ORD-162128 ND-84-384-CP

City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

01/29/2007 PARCEL PROFILE REPORT

Address/Legal Information

PIN Number: Area (Calculated): Thomas Brothers Grid: Assessor Parcel Number: Tract: Map Reference: Block: Lot: Arb (Lot Cut Reference): Map Sheet:

Jurisdictional Information

Community Plan Area: Area Planning Commission: Neighborhood Council:

Council District: Census Tract #: LADBS District Office:

Planning and Zoning Information

Special Notes: Zoning: Zoning Information (ZI): General Plan Land Use: Plan Footnote - Site Req.: Additional Plan Footnotes: Specific Plan Area:

Historic Preservation Overlay Zone: Historical Cultural Monument:

Mills Act Contract Number: POD - Pedestrian Oriented Districts: CDO - Community Design Overlay: Streetscape: Sign District: Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area: 35% Density Bonus: CRA - Community Redevelopment Agency: Central City Parking: Downtown Parking: Building Line: 500 Ft School Zone:

Assessor Information

Assessor Parcel Number: Parcel Area (Approximate): Use Code: Building Class: Assessed Land Val.: Assessed Improvement Val.: Year Built: Last Owner Change: Last Sale Amount: Number of Units: Number of Bedrooms: Number of Bathrooms: Building Square Footage: 123B197 1411 7,492.2 (sq ft) PAGE 634 - GRID A7 5055008024 BANCROFT TRACT M R 22-37 None 38 None 123B197

South Los Angeles South Los Angeles Empowerment Congress North Area CD 8 - Bernard C. Parks 2218.10 Los Angeles Metro

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None RD1.5-1-0 None Low Medium II Residential See Plan Footnotes South Los Angeles North University Park South Los Angeles Alcohol Sales None US-87000139: Menlo Avenue / 29th Street Historic District None None None No No None Eligible (see Specific Plan) None No No None Active: Vermont Elementary School

5055008024 7,492.3 (sq ft) 0200 - 2 units (4 stories or less) D55 \$765,000 \$153,000 1908 12/29/05 \$900,009 2 4 2 2,314.0 (sq ft)

| Tax Rate Area: | 210 |
|---------------------|-----|
| Deed Reference No.: | No |

Additional Information ...

| Airport Hazard: | None |
|---|-----------------|
| Coastal Zone: | None |
| Farmland: | Area not Mapped |
| Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone: | No |
| Fire District No. 1: | No |
| Fire District No. 2: | No |
| Flood Zone: | None |
| Hazardous Waste / Border Zone Properties: | No |
| Methane Hazard Site: | Methane Zone |
| High Wind Velocity Areas: | No |
| Hillside Grading: | No |
| Oil Wells: | None |
| Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone: | No |
| Distance to Nearest Fault: | 6.11177 (km) |
| Landslide: | No |
| Liquefaction: | No |
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Economic Development Areas

Economic Development Areas Business Improvement District: Federal Empowerment Zone: Renewal Community: Revitalization Zone: State Enterprise Zone: Targeted Neighborhood Initiative:

Public Safety

| Police Information: | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Bureau: | South |
| Division / Station: | Southwest |
| Report District: | 327 |
| Fire Information: | |
| District / Fire Station: | 15 |
| Batallion: | 3 |
| Division: | 2 |
| Red Flag Restricted Parking: | No |
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None None

None

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CASE SUMMARIES

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Note: Information for Case Summaries is Retrieved from the Planning Department's Plan Case Tracking System (PCTS) Database.

| Case Number: | CPC-2005-5848-OCH |
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| Required Action(s): | Data Not Available |
| Project Description(s): | PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE UNIVERSITY OFF-CAMPUS OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY 10FWY TO NORTH, 110 FWY TO EAST, MLK BLVD TO THE SOUTH AND NORMANDIE AVE TO THE WEST |
| Case Number: | CPC-1983-506-SP |
| Required Action(s): | SP-SPECIFIC PLAN (+ AMENDMENTS) |
| Project Description(s): | SPECIFIC PLN ORD FOR INTERIM CONDITIONAL USE APPRVL FOR ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL WHICH ARE GENERALLY LOCATED INTHE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA OF THE CITY |
| | SEE GENERAL COMMENTS |
| | CONTINUATION OF CPC-83-506. SEE GENERAL COMMENTS FOR CONTINUATION. |
| Case Number: Required Action(s): Project Description(s): | ND-84-384-CP CP-COASTAL PERMIT APPEAL Data Not Available |

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