HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT



NOMINATION FORM

1. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Proposed Monument Name: Queen of Elysian Heights	Current name of property			
Other Associated Names: The Green House				
Street Address: 1553 W. Ewing Street & 2004 Echo Park Avenue	Zip: 90026		Council District: 13	
Range of Addresses on Property: 1549-59 Ewing St & 2000-04 Elysian Park Comm			mmunity Name: Elysian Heights	
Assessor Parcel Number: 5420-034-004 Tract: Sub of Lts 12-17, Elysi		an Hts Block: 12		Lot: Ptn 11
Identification cont'd: Lot 11, Ex SE 45 Ft, Block 12, Sub of Blks 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, Elysian Hights				
Proposed Monument Property Type: Building Structure Objection	Structure Ohiect Site/Onen Space		Natural Feature	
Describe any additional resources located on the property to be included in the nomination, here: Large deodar cedar tree in				
front yard.				

2. CONSTRUCTION HISTORY & CURRENT STATUS

Year built: 1885 Factual • Estimated	Threatened? Private Development
Architect/Designer: Unknown	Contractor: Unknown
Original Use: Single family residence	Present Use: Triplex
Is the Proposed Monument on its Original Site? Yes	No (explain in section 7) Unknown (explain in section 7)

3. STYLE & MATERIALS

Architectural Style: Queen Anne			Stories: 2	Plan Shape: T-shaped
FEATURE	PRIMARY	SECONDARY		CONDARY
CONSTRUCTION	Type: Wood	Type: Select		
CLADDING	Material: Wood clapboards	Material: Select		
POOL	Type: Gable	Type: Select		
ROOF Material: Composition shingle Material: Select				
WINDOWS	Type: Double-hung	Type: Select		
VVIIVDOVVS	Material: Wood	Material: Select		
ENTRY	Style: Centered	Style: Select		
DOOR	Type: Paneled, glazed	Type: Select		

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. ALIERATION HISTORY					
List date and write a brief description of any major alterations or additions. This section may also be completed on a separate document. Include copies of permits in the nomination packet. Make sure to list any major alterations for which there are no permits, as well.					
1919	New porch added to front.				
1946	2-story stucco addition constructed at rear.				
1978	Roof replaced.				
1994	Chimney damaged in Northridge Earthquake				
2003	Plumbing upgraded.				
2017	Roof replaced.				
5. EXISTING HI	STORIC RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION (if known)				
Liste	d in the National Register of Historic Places				
Liste	d in the California Register of Historical Resources				
Form	ally determined eligible for the National and/or California Registers				
Loca	Located in an Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) Contributing feature Non-contributing feature				
Determined eligible for national, state, or local landmark status by an historic resources survey(s) Survey Name(s): Historic Places L.A. 3S, 3CS & 5S3					
Other historical or cultural resource designations:					
S. APPLICABLE HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT CRITERIA					
The proposed monument exemplifies the following Cultural Heritage Ordinance Criteria (Section 22.171.7):					
1. Is identified with important events of national, state, or local history, or exemplifies significant contributions to the broad cultural, economic or social history of the nation, state, city or community.					
2. Is associated with the lives of historic personages important to national, state, city, or local history.					
✓	3. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period, or method of construction; or represents a notable work of a master designer, builder, or architect whose individual genius influenced his or her age.				

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7. WRITTEN STATEMENTS

This section allows you to discuss at length the significance of the proposed monument and why it should be designated an Historic-Cultural Monument. Type your response on separate documents and attach them to this form.

- **A. Proposed Monument Description** Describe the proposed monument's physical characteristics and relationship to its surrounding environment. Expand on sections 2 and 3 with a more detailed description of the site. Expand on section 4 and discuss the construction/alteration history in detail if that is necessary to explain the proposed monument's current form. Identify and describe any character-defining elements, structures, interior spaces, or landscape features.
- **B. Statement of Significance** Address the proposed monument's historic, cultural, and/or architectural significance by discussing how it satisfies the HCM criteria you selected in Section 6. You must support your argument with substantial evidence and analysis. The Statement of Significance is your main argument for designation so it is important to substantiate any claims you make with supporting documentation and research.

8. CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant

Name: Paul Bowers		Company: Silver Lake Heritage Trust		
Street Address: 2568 (Griffith Park Boulevard #277	City: Los Angeles State: CA		State: CA
Zip: 90039	Phone Number: 323-337-2033	Email: paul.bowers.epnc@gmail.com		gmail.com
Property Owner Is the owner in support of the nomination? Yes No Unknown Name: Elizabeth R. Dale (Conservator for Mary P. Jarrin) Company: c/o Gifford, Dearing & Abernathy, LLP				
	Figueroa Street, Suite 2060	City: Los Angeles State: CA		
^{Zip:} 90071	Phone Number: 213-626-4481		Email:	

Nomination Preparer/Applicant's Representative

Name: Charles J. Fisher		Company:		
Street Address: 140 S.	Avenue 57	City: Highland Park State: CA		State: CA
Zip: 90042	Phone Number: 323-256-3593		Email: arroyoseco@hotmail.com	

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9. SUBMITTAL

When you have completed preparing your nomination, compile all materials in the order specified below. Although the entire packet must not exceed 100 pages, you may send additional material on a CD or flash drive.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- 1. Nomination Form
- Written Statements A and B
- 3. J Bibliography
- 4. Two Primary Photos of Exterior/Main Facade (8x10, the main photo of the proposed monument. Also email a digitial copy of the main photo to: planning.ohr@lacity.org)
- 5. Copies of Primary/Secondary Documentation
- Copies of Building Permits for Major Alterations (include first construction permits)
- Additional, Contemporary Photos
- 8.

 Historical Photos
- Zimas Parcel Report for all Nominated Parcels (including map)

10. RELEASE

Please read each statement and check the corresponding boxes to indicate that you agree with the statement, then sign below in the provided space. Either the applicant or preparer may sign.

I acknowledge that all documents submitted will become public records under the California Public Records Act, and understand that the documents will be made available upon request to members of the public for inspection and copying.

I acknowledge that all photographs and images submitted as part of this application will become the property of the City of Los

Angeles, and understand that permission is granted for use of the photographs and images by the City without any expectation of compensation.

I acknowledge that I have the right to submit or have obtained the appropriate permission to submit all information contained in this application.

Charles J. Fisher

01-03-2021

Date:

Charles J Zinh

Name:

Mail your Historic-Cultural Monument Submittal to the Office of Historic Resources.

Office of Historic Resources Department of City Planning 221 N. Figueroa St., Ste. 1350 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Phone: 213-874-3679 Website: preservation.lacity.org

Queen of Elysian Heights 1553 W. Ewing Street & 2600 Echo Park Boulevard Architectural Description

The Queen of Elysian Heights is a two-story two-family residence built on a corner lot in a T-shaped plan consisting of a main L-shaped 2-story Victorian house and a two-story stucco clad addition set perpendicular to the left rear of the main body of the house. The main entrance is dominated by a large porch with roof forming a 2nd-story balcony. The front facing wing to the left of the front door is topped by a small gable with an enclosed shingle clad pediment rising from the roof. The original house is covered with three level clapboard siding. A second gable faces to the East.

Other architectural details include multi-light double hung windows, double paired on the second story and larger on the first story with a two-story bay at the front of the forward wing. A small six light circular window is at the center of the forward gable pediment. Decorative brackets are under the closed eaves on the front facade. The front porch (added in 1919) reaches from the forward wing to East edge of the house. It is supported by simple square pillars and has a low railing with square balustrades. A similar, though higher, railing is at the top of the porch. A brick chimney (capped after being earthquake damaged) is at the center of the East facing gable. The first story windows on the front facade are topped by decorative multi-light fixed transom windows. The front door has a rectangular window with a twelve light diamond pattern at the top with three tall panels under it.

A two-story stucco-clad addition (built in 1946) with double hung widows extends to the left at the rear of the house, almost appearing to be a separate building.

Interior features include hardwood floors, a simple painted brick fireplace in the living room, decorative door frames and window sills, coved ceilings and wide baseboards.

Queen of Elysian Heights 1553 W. Ewing Street & 2004 Echo Park Boulevard Significance Statement

The Queen of Elysian Heights was possibly the first house built in the Elysian Heights Tract in what is now the Echo Park community of Los Angeles. The building is an example of Queen Anne Victorian architecture, built in what was then the outskirts of Los Angeles around 1895, when the subdivision was filed with the county recorder. At present it is unknown who the original owner was or who the architect or contractor may have been.

The design of the house is typical of the Queen Anne cottages of the late 19th Century. According to art historian Stephanie Przybylek:

"Some architectural styles celebrate excess. Have you ever seen a house embellished with lots of decorative flourishes? You might have been looking at an example of Queen Anne architecture, which seems to express the idea that more is better.

"Queen Anne architecture was a style found from around 1880 to 1900. It began in England and then became very popular in the United States, lasting in the Western states until around 1910. When you hear someone talking about Victorian architecture, chances are this is the style that comes to mind.

"The style was christened 'Queen Anne' by several English architects. But the name's a bit of a misnomer, because it was based on several medieval and early Renaissance architectural styles from the late 1500s and early 1600s. In reality, the actual Queen Anne didn't rule until at least one hundred years later, in the early 1700s. Nevertheless, the name Queen Anne stuck.

"In England, Queen Anne architecture is often seen in brick structures. As the style moved to the United States, it became even more eclectic, picking up other decorative flourishes and adding a little bit of everything. Printed **pattern books**-publications full of illustrations--helped spread its popularity and show builders, carpenters, and craftspeople how to add elements of the style to various structures."

Since no record of the original construction of the house has been located, coupled with its smaller scale, it may be a perfect example of one of these "pattern book" houses. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a full title search has not been completed. The earliest record located was in 1903, when the house was bought by Thomas D. Champion and his wife, Olive. It is one of the earliest houses to be constructed in Elysian Heights.

Elysian Heights was one of several tracts of land that were purchased by Scottishborn attorney John S. Maltman in what are now the Echo Park and Silver Lake communities. Born in Scotland in 1840, he came to the United States at the age of 11 and had to work in mining and as a sailor, earning enough to pay his way through Ann Arbor College in Michigan. At 22, he enlisted in the Union Army as a Sargent in Company E of the 17th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War, rising to the rank of Captain until he was wounded and captured at the battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse in May of 1864. He spent the following year in the horrid "Andersonville" prison camp, where he survived, in spite of his injuries and the harsh conditions. He arrived in Los Angeles in 1884, just before the beginning of the Great Land Boom.

Maltman subdivided Elysian Heights in three phases. Phase 1 was the Southern part of the tract, which covered blocks 11 through 24, was surveyed in September 1887, but not recorded until July 20, 1889. Blocks 11 through 17 were not broken down into lots. The lots for blocks 12 through 17 were also surveyed at the same time, but were not recorded until November 8, 1995. The subject house was probably constructed at that time or shortly thereafter. The Northern portion of the tract was also surveyed in 1887, but it was not filed until February 15, 1901, encompassing Block 1 through 10 of the tract.

Members of the current family that owns the house have reported finding a letter many years ago that was an ode to the house possibly written by the original owner in the late 1880s. The letter has not been seen for years and its location is presently unknown. If it is legitimate, it could date the construction of the house back to the 1880s. The 1895 date is based on the filing of the tract map of the subdivision of the blocks. No actual construction date is showing on the county records.

Lots 11 and 12 of Block 12 were bought by the Champions in 1903 with the house already there. At that time the address was 2460 N. Mecca Avenue. Since the house faced South, fronting on what was then Husted Street, the address was changed to 1621 Husted Avenue by 1906. The city realigned the addresses about a decade later and the house became 1553 Husted until the street was renamed Ewing Street in the 1920s. Mecca Avenue had become Echo Park Avenue before 1920. When the stucco addition was built in 1946, the official address was changed to 2004 N. Echo Park Avenue. However, the address for the historic house remains at 1553 Ewing Street.

Prior to 1903, Thomas D. Champion and his family had been living with his older brother, Columbus C. Champion, known as "Lum", in a small cottage located across the street from the subject property. The Texas native had been working as a laborer but got a new job as a driver for the Elysian Springs Water Company, which was located just to the North of his brother's house. Lum had been

suffering from mental issues which had driven all of his relatives, including his wife and children, out of his house. On December 27, 1904, Lum shot and killed his 56 year old brother in the middle of Mecca Avenue.

Olive Champion continued to live in the house, eventually remarrying to Charles A. Shely, another former Texan. The Shely's deeded the house to Ruben Most on July 23, 1919. Born Reuben Mostovnik in Warsaw, Poland on April 15, 1886, Most was a carpenter by trade. He and his wife, the former Blanchette "Blanche" Rebecca Juransky, never lived in the house. They lived nearby at 2041 Park Drive and rented the house to fellow Jewish immigrant Morris Udin and his extended family.

Shortly after buying the property, Most built the current porch onto the house. In 1922 he began a building process on the remaining land. He had a house moved onto Lot 12 at 2010 Echo Park Avenue and then added a store front to that house. He then built a duplex on the East 40 feet of Lot 11.

On April 26, 1927, the Mosts sold the property to John Garfield and Abba Claire Staub. John Staub was born in Wellington, Kansas on August 14, 1878. He was a real estate broker and continued to rent out the house. He married Abba Claire McCready on January 3, 1906. When the Great Depression hit, the real estate industry tanked and the Staubs were left with a greatly reduced income.

In what appears to be an attempt by Straub to protect his wife's assets, John and Abba split their property ownership. On October 18, 1933, Abba deeded her interest in the subject house to John as his sole and separate property. On August 2, 1934 he released the property to California Bank. He passed away on January 1, 1937, at the age of 68.

California Bank opted to split the property by separating the two buildings that Rueben Most had added in 1922 off and selling them separately, initiating a series of very quick transfers for the Queen of Elysian Heights. On October 7, 1937 the bank sold the remaining Northwest 4,002.2± square feet of Lot 11 to Clara E. Murray (nee Light), a 55 year old Ohio-born housewife. Her husband, Charles Murray, a contractor, quit-claimed his interest to her at the time of her purchase. On January 14, 1938, Murray deeded the house to Kathryn R. Holahan as her sole and separate property. Her husband, Lester Holahan was not mentioned on the deed. Four days later, Holahan flipped the house to Carrie F. Guay, also a married woman, as her sole and separate property. She transferred it to George Zenaire, a 44 year old recreation director, on November 9, 1938.

George Theodore Zenaire was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 4, 1894. His late wife, Carry, was a piano teacher. Zenaire quickly deeded the property to Frank A. Rodescheck on December 16, 1938.

A native of Jardine, Montana, where he was born on August 25, 1901, Frank Albert Rodecheck had just married 34 year old Edith Katherine Milligan on August 20, 1938. A real estate broker, Rodecheck continued to use the house as a rental over the year that he owned it. He and his wife deeded it to Samuel and Cecelia "Celia" S. Rudolph on January 19, 1940.

Samuel Herman Rudolph was born in Russia on September 21, 1887 and came to the United States in 1904. He married Celia, also of Russian birth, around 1917 and they both were naturalized in the early 1930s. He worked as a houseman for a hotel and they were the first owners to live in the house since 1919. However, by 1945, they had lease the house to Wesley Floyd Wood and his wife Lauretta Inez Wood. Born in Wayne Nebraska on May 4, 1890, Wood first followed in his father's footsteps and became a farmer before moving to Berkley, North Dakota in 1920. On July 8, 1914, before leaving Nebraska, he married Lauretta "Inez" Galbraith who had been born in Minier, Illinois on July 1, 1886.

The Woods moved to Los Angeles in 1935, where Floyd began working full-time as a carpenter. Although he did not own the property, it's possible that he had an agreement with the Rudolphs to add a second unit to the house. On November 5, 1945 he took out a permit to build an addition to the house. The following month, an engineer from Building and Safety determined that the foundation he had laid for the addition did not conform the requirements and ordered him it and start over. A second permit for the addition was taken out on January 8, 1946. This time the work was completed in the form of a plain stucco clad addition connected to the Northwest corner of the house. On July 12, 1948, the Rudolphs formally deeded the house to the Woods. A third unit was subsequently created within the existing building during the Woods ownership. Almost a decade later, the woods sold the house to Lloyd J. and Shirley P. Runyon on July 19, 1957.

Two months later, on September 5, 1957, 26 year old Carol Smith Sonnenberg, the tenant in the third unit, at 1553½, was stabbed to death by her husband. According to the Los Angeles Times, She collapsed and died in the arms of Don Barbato, her neighbor in the old house at 1553 Ewing Street, after she ran to him screaming. He called out for teenage boys to grab the suspect, but although the boys grabbed him, he managed to escape in his car. The chased him for a mile in their own vehicles but lost him in traffic. A later article noted that she had married 35 year old John Sonnenberg the previous December in Mexico. Her 4-year old son, Mark, was sleeping inside when his mother was slain. No published record was found on Sonnenberg's capture or trial.

On July 19, 1958, one year to the day after buying the house, the Runyon's sold it to Thomas E. Kelly. Due to the commonality of his name, he was not able to be isolated for biographical information. He didn't own the property for long, selling it John C. and Nellie T. Arechiga on March 10th of the following year. At the time

of the transfer, the Arechiga Family was involved in a very nasty and well publicized controversy. Two months after the purchase, John's parents, Manuel and Avrana Arechiga were forcibly evicted from their long time home in Chavez Ravine. They owned three homes at 1767, 1771 and 1801 Malvina Avenue, that were taken by eminent domain after a lawsuit in 1953.

The Chavez Ravine battle had begun in the 1940s when it was proposed as the site for a 3,355 unit government housing development to be designed by Richard Nuetra and Robert Alexander. Much of the land had been owned for years by the Department of Water and Power which had planned to build its headquarters there, but in the late 1930s, the plan was changed to build at Civic Center and the ravine land, mostly still improved with the now rented homes, became surplus property of the DWP.

It was deeded to the Federal Housing Authority which then set out to acquire the remaining parcels, including the Arechiga homes. In July 1950, all of the remaining residents of Chavez Ravine received letters from the city telling them that they would have to sell their homes in order to make the land available for the proposed project dubbed "Elysian Park Heights". Most came to an agreement, but a few could not agree on a price for their land. The government opted to use eminent domain proceedings when a price could not be agreed to. Shortly after the court proceedings ended in the government's favor, the city pulled the plug on the massive endeavor.

Even though the government had a ruling that the offered price was to be used, the abandonment of the project left the former owners on their land, refusing the payment. This arrangement ended when the land, which had been transferred back to the DWP, was traded to Walter O'Malley, owner of the then Brooklyn Dodgers for Wrigley Field in 1958. O'Malley was unaware that there were still disputed lots on the parcel at the time of the sale, so the City went after the evictions. One of the most famous photos of the evictions is of John Arechiga's sister, Aurora Vargas, being carried out of the family home by Sheriff's deputies, defiant to the end.

The Arechiga Family had become the faces of protest in May 1959 when they were forcibly removed from their homes which were then immediately bulldozed. They immediately set up a tent on the land and refused to leave until they reached an agreement with the city, making for a banner headline in the May 15, 1959 Los Angeles Times, "ARECHIGAS AGREE TO GET OFF OF LAND". It soon came out that the family owned eleven properties in Los Angeles besides the three they had in Chavez Ravine. The write up revealing that had a photo of the subject house as the first one in the article.

John Cabral Arechiga was born in Zelzah (now Northridge) California on February 8, 1923 and grew up in Chavez Ravine. He married Nellie Tavison on December 1, 1942. The Arechigas sold the house to Maurice O. Eubanks on March 31, 1964.

Born in Du Quoin, Illinois on May 6, 1906, Maurice Owen Eubanks was divorced at the time of his purchase, but on February 23, 1957 he married Grace Lafern Carter in Carson City, Nevada and added his new wife to the title on December 12, 1969. They sold the property to Alfred C. and Mary P. Jarrin on December 11, 1974.

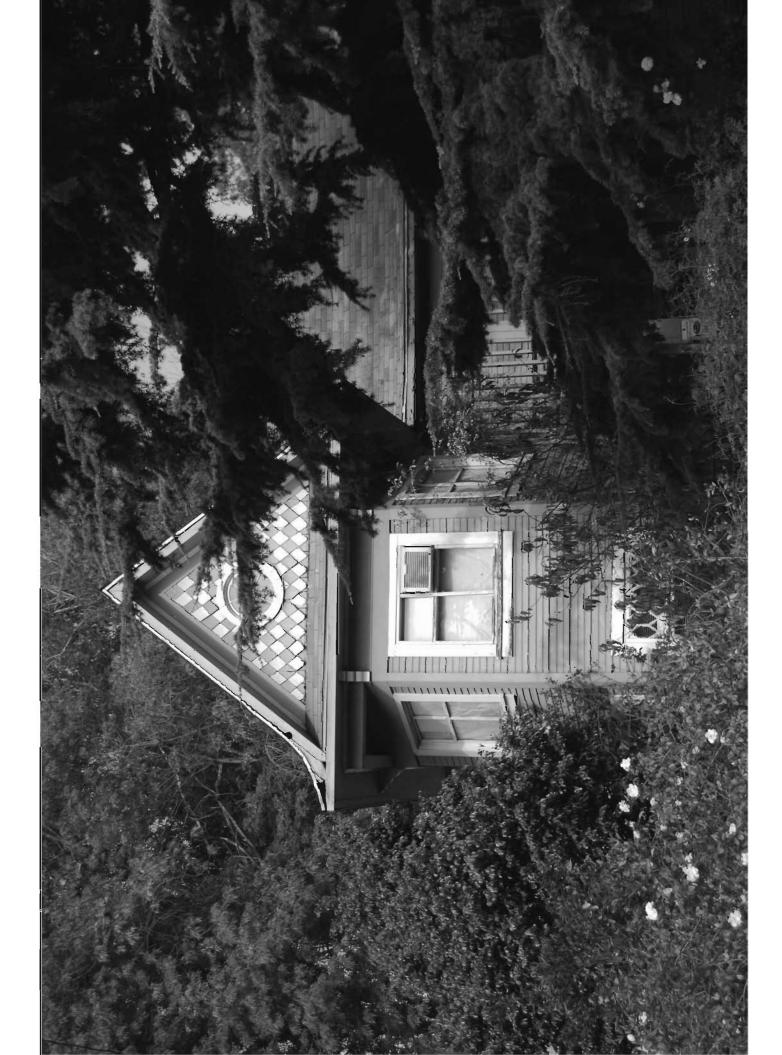
Alfredo Cardenas Jarrin was a native of Guayaquil, Ecuador, where he was born on February 3, 1921. He immigrated to the United States in 1945 and became a citizen in 1953. His wife was born Mary Paz Gomez in Lompoc, California, California, on February 24, 1927 and grew up in Montebello, California, where her father worked as a nurseryman. The Jarrins were to become the longest owners of the house on record, raising their family there, owning it until Alfred's death on September 12, 2014, at the age of 93. His probate did not start until September 11, 2019 and on January 30, 2020 the property was placed into a conservatorship for Mary Jarrin. It is now listed for sale.

For many years it has been looked upon as a special home in the area, being the only remaining Victorian house in the neighborhood. Although the name "Queen of Elysian Heights" is a more recent moniker, it typifies the way that the Echo Park community has viewed the house for decades.

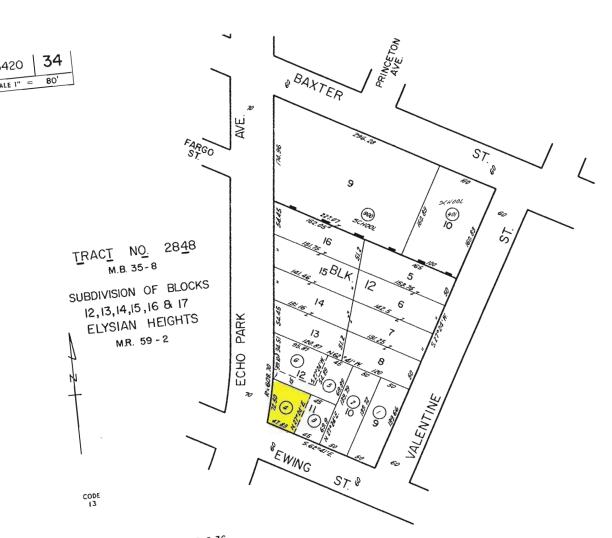
The house is noted in *Historic Places L. A.* as "representing a very early period of settlement/residential development in a neighborhood or community" and that it "retains significant integrity to convey significance", meeting the first criteria for Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument in that it "is identified with important events of national, state, or local history, or exemplifies significant contributions to the broad cultural, economic or social history of the nation, state, city or community."

The Queen of Elysian Heights also qualifies for Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument status as an important example of a Queen Anne Victorian that "embodies the distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period or method of construction". The house is cited in *Historic Places L.A.* as being "a rare surviving example of the type in the neighborhood or community." The house is an excellent example of a small Queen Anne Victorian.

The house is given a rating as being individually eligible for the National Register with ratings of 3S, 3CS and 5S3 as a "rare example of early residential development in *the* area; most examples from the period do not retain integrity."







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ASSESSOR'S MAP
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City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

1/5/2022 PARCEL PROFILE REPORT

PROPERTY ADDRESSES

2004 N ECHO PARK AVE 1553 W EWING ST

ZIP CODES

90026

RECENT ACTIVITY

None

CASE NUMBERS

CPC-1995-148-GPC CPC-1968-255

ORD-165167-SA3560

ORD-129279

Address/Legal Information

 PIN Number
 144A211 295

 Lot/Parcel Area (Calculated)
 4,002.2 (sq ft)

Thomas Brothers Grid PAGE 594 - GRID F6

Assessor Parcel No. (APN) 5420034004

Tract SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 AND 17 ELYSIAN

HEIGHTS

Map Reference M R 59-2

 Block
 12

 Lot
 11

 Arb (Lot Cut Reference)
 2

Map Sheet 144A211

Jurisdictional Information

Community Plan Area Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley

Area Planning Commission East Los Angeles

Neighborhood Council Echo Park

Council District CD 13 - Mitch O'Farrell

Census Tract# 1973.00

LADBS District Office Los Angeles Metro

Planning and Zoning Information

Special Notes None

Zoning RD3-1VL

Zoning Information (ZI) None

General Plan Land Use Low Medium I Residential

General Plan Note(s) Yes Hillside Area (Zoning Code) Yes Specific Plan Area None Subarea None None Special Land Use / Zoning Historic Preservation Review No Historic Preservation Overlay Zone None Other Historic Designations None Other Historic Survey Information None Mills Act Contract None **CDO: Community Design Overlay** None CPIO: Community Plan Imp. Overlay None Subarea None CUGU: Clean Up-Green Up None HCR: Hillside Construction Regulation No

CUGU: Clean Up-Green Up None
HCR: Hillside Construction Regulation No
NSO: Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay No
POD: Pedestrian Oriented Districts None
RFA: Residential Floor Area District None
RIO: River implementation Overlay No
SN: Sign District No
Streetscape No
Adaptive Reuse incentive Area

Affordable Housing Linkage Fee

Residential Market Area Medium-High

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(*) - APN Area is provided "as is" from the Los Angeles County's Public Works, Flood Control, Benefit Assessment.

Non-Residential Market Area High

Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Not Eligible

RPA: Redevelopment Project Area None

Central City Parking No

Downtown Parking No

Building Line None

500 Ft School Zone Active: Elysian Heights Elementary School

500 Ft Park Zone No

Assessor Information

Assessor Parcel No. (APN) 5420034004 APN Area (Co. Public Works)* 0.092 (ac)

Use Code 0300 - Residential - Three Units (Any Combination) - 4 Stories or Less

 Assessed Land Val.
 \$23,053

 Assessed Improvement Val.
 \$20,527

 Last Owner Change
 06/25/1975

 Last Sale Amount
 \$999,999,999,999

 Tax Rate Area
 13

 Deed Ref No. (City Clerk)
 8-135

 3-604-5
 1-421

Building 1

Year Built0Building ClassD45Number of Units3Number of Bedrooms7Number of Bathrooms3

Building Square Footage 2,480.0 (sq ft)

Building 2 No data for building 2

Building 3 No data for building 3

Building 4 No data for building 4

Building 5 No data for building 5

Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) Yes [APN: 5420034004]

Additional Information

Airport Hazard None
Coastal Zone None

Farmland Area Not Mapped

Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone YES

Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Yes

Fire District No. 1 No

Flood Zone Outside Flood Zone

Watercourse No
Hazardous Waste / Border Zone Properties No
Methane Hazard Site None
High Wind Velocity Areas No
Special Grading Area (BOE Basic Grid Map A-

13372)

Wells None

Seismic Hazards

Active Fault Near-Source Zone

Nearest Fault (Distance in km)0.269589504Nearest Fault (Name)Upper Elysian ParkRegionLos Angeles Blind Thrusts

Fault Type B

Slip Rate (mm/year) 1.30000000
Slip Geometry Reverse

Slip Type Poorly Constrained

 Down Dip Width (km)
 13.00000000

 Rupture Top
 3.00000000

 Rupture Bottom
 13.00000000

 Dip Angle (degrees)
 50.00000000

Maximum Magnitude 6.40000000

Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone No
Landslide No
Liquefaction No
Preliminary Fault Rupture Study Area No
Tsunami Inundation Zone No

Economic Development Areas

Business Improvement District None
Hubzone Not Qualified

Opportunity Zone No
Promise Zone None
State Enterprise Zone None

Housing

Direct all Inquiries to Los Angeles Housing Department

Telephone (866) 557-7368

Website https://housing.lacity.org
Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) Yes [APN: 5420034004]

Ellis Act Property No
AB 1482: Tenant Protection Act No

Public Safety

Police Information

Bureau Central
Division / Station Northeast
Reporting District 1184

Fire Information

Bureau Central
Batallion 11
District / Fire Station 20
Red Flag Restricted Parking No

CASE SUMMARIES

Note: Information for case summaries is retrieved from the Planning Department's Plan Case Tracking System (PCTS) database.

Case Number: CPC-1995-148-GPC

Required Action(s): GPC-GENERAL PLAN/ZONING CONSISTENCY (AB283)

Project Descriptions(s): GENERAL PLAN/ZONE CONSISTENCY PROGRAM PLAN AMENDMENTS AND ZONECHANGES (PUBLIC FACILITIES, OPEN

SPACE II AND CLEAN UP

Case Number: CPC-1986-255

Required Action(s): Data Not Available

Project Descriptions(s): AB-283 PROGRAM - GENERAL PLAN/ZONE CONSISTENCY - SILVER LAKE AREA - COMMUNITY WIDE ZONE CHANGES AND

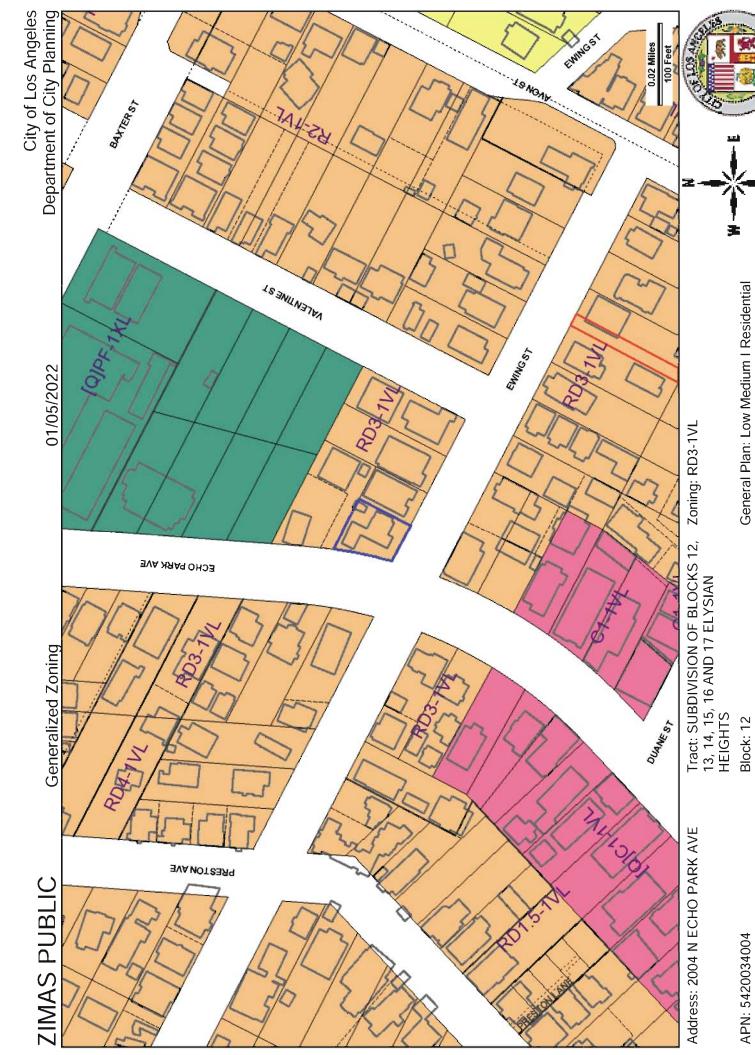
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LAWSUIT

CONTINUATION OF CPC-86-255. SEE GENERAL COMMENTS FOR CONTINUATION.

DATA NOT AVAILABLE

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Lot: 11 Arb: 2

PIN #: 144A211 295

1553 W EWING STHistoric Resource

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Basemaps

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Historic Resource Summary

Names

1553 W EWING ST (Primary)

Important Dates

1895-01-01 (Built Date)

Images



Resource Types
Building
Architect
Builder

Location Information

Addresses

1553 W EWING ST Primary

2004 N ECHO PARK AVE Alternative

1553 W EWING ST Primary

2004 N ECHO PARK AVE Alternative

Location Description

No descriptions recorded

Administrative Areas

Los Angeles City Council District 13 (Council District)

Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley Community Plan Area (Community Plan Area)
GREATER ECHO PARK ELYSIAN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (Neighborhood Council)

Resource Description

Classification

Type: Residential-Single Family, House Use: Historic Style: Queen Anne

Type: California OHP Resource Attribute - HP02. Single family property

Features

Component: Chimney Type: Brick; Exterior Material: none defined

Component: Cladding Type: Wood shingles, fish scale; Stucco, smooth; Wood

clapboards Material: none defined

Component: Door Type: Paneled; Single; Divided lights; Glazed, partially Material: Wood

Component: Facade Type: Asymmetrical Material: none defined

Component: Plan Type: Irregular Material: none defined

Component: Porch Type: Partial width; Wood (Porch Rail); Posts (Porch Supports);

Recessed; Balustrade (Porch Rail) Material. Wood

Component: Roof Type: Gable, crossed; Brackets; Eaves, flared; Eaves,

boxed Material: Composition shingle

Component: Window Type: Diamond pane; Single; Fixed; Transom Material: Wood Component: Window Type: Diamond pane; Paired; Transom; Casement Material: Wood

Component: Window Type: Single; Double-hung Material: Wood

Narrative Description

No description available

Alterations

Addition to rear/side elevation

Resource Significance

Evaluation Details

Date Evaluated

2013-09-04

Context/Theme

Residential Development and Suburbanization, 1850-1980

Early Residential Development, 1880-1930

Early Single-Family Residential Development, 1880-1930

Residential

Single-Family Residence

Eligibility Standards

- Dates from the period of significance
- · Is a rare surviving example of the type in the neighborhood or community
- Represents a very early period of settlement/residential development in a neighborhood or community

Integrity Aspects

Association

Design

Setting

Retains sufficient integrity to convey significance

Feeling

Materials

Location

Workmanship

California Historic Resources Status Codes (explanation of codes)

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Significance Statement

"Rare, intact example of early residential development in area; most examples from this period do not retain integrity."

Periods of Significance

From: 1895-01-01

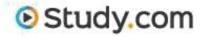
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Queen Anne Architecture: Definition & History

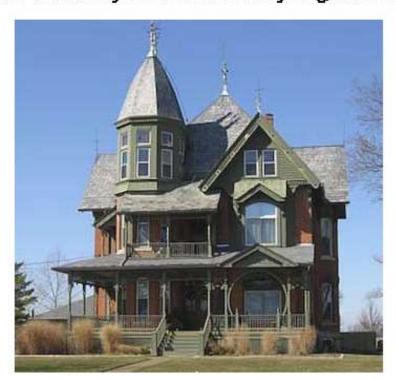
Have you ever seen a house that resembled a real-life gingerbread house? You might have been looking at an example of Queen Anne architecture. In this lesson, learn what Queen Anne architecture is and explore its history.

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What is Queen Anne Architecture?

Have you ever driven through a neighborhood full of houses with colorful towers and turrets, lacy wood porch posts, gabled roofs, and elaborate decorative chimneys? What do such things have in common? They're all found in Queen Anne architecture.

Queen Ann architecture was an elaborate architecture style popular during the Victorian age in the United States, from roughly 1880 to 1900. It was often used on wooden residential buildings and featured lots of ornamentation; buildings sometimes included a variety of different patterned shingles on the exterior of a single structure. The challenge with Queen Anne architecture is that you can't really use one distinct set of elements to identify it. It's a little of everything, often used to decorative excess.



Example of a house done in Queen Anne architecture, ca. 1895

The amount of ornamentation in Queen Anne architecture reflects the industrial age; some of it was easily available as factory-made, pre-cut architectural parts. Companies produced pattern books filled with of illustrations of architectural decorations that people could buy and add to their homes.

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Example of a hotel done in the Queen Anne style

History of the Queen Anne style of architecture

But where did Queen Anne architecture come from? It didn't have anything to do with a contemporary British monarch, despite the name.

Queen Anne architecture developed in England in the 1860s, thanks mainly to a Scottish architect named **Richard Norman Shaw** (1831-1912). Shaw coined the phrase "Queen Anne" for a style he created, one that was an eclectic mix of earlier British architectural styles. He chose the name Queen Anne because he thought it reflected an aesthetic sense connected to a much earlier Anne Stuart, who had served as Queen of Scotland, England, and Ireland in the early 1700s. But Shaw combined elements of Elizabethan, Tudor, and Renaissance architecture (all found in England around the 1500s) and mashed it all up into a new style.

Examples of Queen Anne architecture first appeared in the United States at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876 when the British government built a few houses to showcase the style. From there, the style spread across the country. In fact, it held on a little longer in the Western states and declined in popularity in places like California and Colorado by 1910.

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Elysian Heights, Los Angeles

Elysian Heights is a neighborhood within the northern Echo Park district of the city of Los Angeles, California. It is located at the eastern end of the Santa Monica Mountains.

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Geography

Elysian Heights is within northern Echo Park, and borders Silver Lake on the northwest, Elysian Valley on the northeast, and Elysian Park on the east.

The area is mostly residential, with houses set on the northern hills of Echo Park proper.

Elysian Heights is largely within the ZIP code of 90026, but also encompasses a small area of the 90039 ZIP code in its northwest corner.

Before the Glendale Freeway was built, it was also part of the neighborhood known as Edendale.

Elysian Heights is served by Elysian Heights Elementary School. The author Beverly Mason was principal there for many years, and Toshi Ito, the mother of noted judge Lance Ito, taught kindergarten and 1st grade there for many years as well.

History

Since the 1910s, Elysian Heights, along with Edendale has been home to many of the counter-culture, political radicals, artists, writers, architects and filmmakers in Los Angeles. The children of many progressives attended school there during the 1930s, '40s and '50s.

Many architecturally notable and historic homes can be found on the hills of Elysian Heights, such as:

- Southhall house, designed by Rudolph Schindler
- Philip Dike house
- Harwell Hamilton house
- Paul Landacre house
- Estelle Lawton Lindsey house
- Carey McWilliams house
- Klock House
- Judd-Atwater bungalows
- Ross House during the 1950s and '60s Al Nozaki lived here, the famed film art director who designed the Martian War Machines for George Pal's The War of the Worlds.

The 1906 Edendale water tank and the Volunteer Fire House are also in the neighborhood.

Elysian Heights was home to "Room 8 the Cat", at one time the most famous cat in America.

See also

Populated places in the Santa Monica Mountains

At one time the home of Clara Kimball Young was an estate from Cerro Gordo St To Curran St on Valentine St. Young was a famous silent film star from approximately 1918 to 1930.

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Battle of Chavez Ravine

The Battle of Chavez Ravine refers to controversy surrounding government acquisition of land largely owned by Mexican-Americans in Los Angeles' Chavez Ravine. The efforts to repossess the land, which lasted approximately ten years (1951–1961), eventually resulted in the removal of the entire population of Chavez Ravine from land on which Dodger Stadium was constructed. The majority of the Chavez Ravine land was initially acquired by eminent domain by the City of Los Angeles to make way for proposed public housing. The public housing plan that had been advanced as politically "progressive" and had resulted in the removal of the Mexican-American landowners of Chavez Ravine was abandoned after the passage of a public referendum prohibiting the original housing proposal and the election of a conservative Los Angeles mayor opposed to public housing. By 1958, the public housing plans were abandoned and the land was conveyed by the city to the Brooklyn Dodgers to entice them to move to Los Angeles. The new plans were advanced to construct Dodger Stadium on the site, and in 1959, the Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department forcefully removed the last residents occupying Chavez Ravine.



Dodger Stadium in Chavez Ravine

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History of the community

In the first half of the twentieth century, Chavez Ravine was a largely independent, semi-rural Mexican-American community in the suburbs of Los Angeles. The area was split up into three smaller neighborhoods: La Loma, Palo Verde, and Bishop. By 1951, right before the public housing proposal, Chavez Ravine was home to over 1,800 families. The residents of Chavez Ravine were generally poor and relied on farming for income. Many of the families living in Chavez Ravine by the 1950s moved there because of ethnic housing discrimination within the city of Los Angeles. Due to its reputation as a poor, rural area, the neighborhood of Chavez Ravine was viewed as an example of urban decay. Areas seen as suffering from urban blight were targeted by progressive legislation like the National Housing Act of 1949. Even though these areas were often depicted as poor, for Mexican-Americans during this time, the residents were doing well, with a good number of residents owning their own homes.

Acquisition for public housing

By 1951, Chavez Ravine was slated for redevelopment under the National Housing Act of 1949, which provided federal money to build public housing. The Los Angeles Housing Authority began acquiring the land of Chavez Ravine in 1951 through both voluntary purchases and the exercise of eminent domain. In furtherance of the public housing proposal, the city acquired almost all of the land of Chavez Ravine and razed nearly the entire community over the period from 1952 to 1953. The planned public housing development was entitled "Elysian Park Heights" and was designed by Austrian architect Richard J. Neutra. Planned on 54 acres, the development included 24 thirteen-story towers and 163 low-rises providing nearly 3,600 new low-cost apartments. Social critics of the era have argued that the urban renewal efforts of the 1950s under the National Housing Act often included significant and even dominant elements of racial and ethnic oppression, sometimes reflected in the dispossession of minority landowners in "renewed" areas. Residents were encouraged to sell property through a tiered buyout scheme that offered increasingly lower amounts to sellers who stalled, exploiting their fear of losing out on the maximum payment. In reality, the prices paid were well below market value. Those who held out were ultimately forcefully removed in 1959 by Los Angeles County Sheriffs.

Walter O'Malley and the Dodgers

Walter O'Malley, who gained full control over the Dodgers organization in 1950, orchestrated the deal that eventually led to the construction of Dodger Stadium in Chavez Ravine between 1959 and 1962. O'Malley instantly had much success with multiple World Series appearances and one World Series championship during the 1950s, while also breaking the color barrier with Jackie Robinson in April 1947. However, Ebbets Field, the home of Brooklyn Dodgers, was quickly becoming outdated. At first, Walter O'Malley desired a new state-of-the-art stadium in Brooklyn, but due to political strife with local officials, O'Malley's plans were rejected. O'Malley ultimately turned his sights west after it was clear that he would not obtain what he wanted in New York. He decided to move the Dodgers to Los Angeles in 1958, almost a decade from the start of the displacement of the Chavez Ravine residents. Not only was O'Malley successful in moving the Dodgers to Los Angeles, but he was also instrumental in moving the New York Giants to San Francisco — decisions that proved to be beneficial for both franchises.

Resistance to development

In 1953 Norris Poulson, a political conservative, was elected mayor of Los Angeles on a platform that included opposition to construction of all new public housing projects. In addition, a public referendum was then passed barring all public housing in Los Angeles. Poulson's election and the referendum resulted in the termination of the "Elysian Park Heights" development. The City also agreed with the federal government to abandon the public housing project with the stipulation that the by then nearly-vacant land be used for a "public purpose." For years the nearly vacant Chavez Ravine land lay unused but for a tiny number of remaining original residents, and the land was offered by the city to various potential developers without success. Eventually, in the late 1950s, the city proposed to Brooklyn Dodgers owner Walter O'Malley that an entirely separate plot of land (a plot not part of or close to Chavez Ravine) be used as the site of a baseball stadium for the Dodgers team, which was exploring a move from Brooklyn's Ebbets Field to Los Angeles. O'Malley declined the original offer, but expressed an interest in Chavez Ravine, which he had seen from the air.

As of September 1957, prior to O'Malley's decision to move west, the territory of Chavez Ravine was still reserved for "public purposes." On these grounds, the proposal that Chavez Ravine be used for a baseball stadium received considerable backlash. Many did not believe that a professional baseball team was a "public use" required by the Constitution as a limit on the use of eminent domain. Some Los Angeles officials argued that the area should be used to establish a zoo, citing that a zoo would provide "public recreation" to the city. In 1957, the Los Angeles City Council approved the transfer of the land to the Dodgers. This process was halted by a successful petition that established the need for a public vote to decide whether or not the Dodgers could obtain the land. The referendum to stop the land transfer, in June 1958, failed by 25,000 out of 677,000 votes. [3] The city ended up conveying the Chavez Ravine site to the Dodgers for small consideration. Dodger Stadium was then constructed with private funds and remains privately owned.

Resistance to final evictions

There was significant resistance to the eviction by the residents. After nearly 10 years, by 1959 Manuel and Abrana Arechiga (often cited as "Avrana"), with their daughter Aurora Vargas (a war widow, later surnamed Fernandez), were among the last of the tiny number of residents to hold out against the government land acquisition effort undertaken for the original public housing project. Forced removal by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) on May 9, 1959, resulted in Vargas' arrest. Vargas was fined and briefly sent to jail for her resistance. Manuel Arechiga was the final holdout, living in a tent on the site of his demolished home for months. Public sympathy for the Arechigas quickly waned, however, when subsequent news reports indicated that the Arechigas owned twelve rental houses elsewhere in Los Angeles. This was, however, a false representation, as it was cousins, relatives, and children who owned these houses. Arechiga eventually relented and accepted the city's offer of \$10,500. [4]

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BUYS GUN TO KILL BROTHER.

Tragedy Near Elysian Park, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—Columbus Champion yesterday shot and instant ly killed his brother, Thomas D Champion, in the foothills near Ely sian park. Bad blood had existed be tween the brothers for some time growing out of a debt. Monday Co lumbus purchased a shotgun and yes terday he set up an empty can and began firing at it for practice. noise of the gun attracted the neigh bors. Among them was Mary Champion; the daughter of Thomas. When she asked her uncle what he was do ing she was told that he was prepar ing to kill the whole Thomas Cham pion family.

Her father returned home shortly afterward. His daughter told him of what had occurred and he went over to the house of Columbus to learn the cause of the trouble. Presently the onlookers heard Columbus scream at the top of his voice: "I'll kill you.' He dashed into the cabin and came forth immediately with the gun. Ad vancing to within a few feet of his brother, he fire.. The entire load of bird shot took effect in the right chest, tearing it completely away. Columbus came into town and gave him self up to the authorities.

MURDERED BY HIS BROTHER.: Columbus C. Champion Wears Brand of Cain. ... Los Angeles Times (1886-1922): Dec 28, 1904: ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Los Angeles Times

MURDERED BY HIS BROTHER.

Columbus C. Champion Wears Brand of Cain.

Thomas D. Champion's Blood is on His Head.

Sixth Murder in a Month is Fratricide.

The sixth murder in Los Angeles within one month occurred last evening, shortly after 5 o'clock. The sixth murderer is a modern Cain. Thomas D. Champion, aged 56, fell a victim



COLUMBUS C. CHAMPION, THE MURDERER

to a deadly fusiliade from a shotgum in the hands of his elder brother. Columbus C. Champion, a man of 67. The tragedy was enacted in front of the Elysian Springs bottling house on Valentine street, within a few feet of the elder Champion's cottage, and only a few hundred feet from the home of the murdered man, where his wife and daughter, stood and saw him shot down in cold blood.

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Back of this erime is a story of the domestic troubles of the fluricide, and strained relationship between the two brothers and their families for the past two or three years. Not only were the members of the murdered man's family in terror of the surly and churlish relative, but the whole settlement in the little valley through which runs the Echo Park electric line seems to have been in fear of the old, man and to have been in fear of the old, man and to have deen in fear of the took place last night.

Thetmes D. Champlon, whose home was at No. 2400 Husted street, had been singaged for a year or more in delivering water for the Elyslan Springs Water Company, whose olant is located on a lot adjoining the home of his brother, who is known in the neighborhood as "Lum" Champlon. The family left by Thomas Ghamplon is composed of the widow, a ron, Sam, aged 19: a daughter, Myrile, aged 18, and a younger son, Will or "Bud," who is a lad of 12.

TERROR OF NEIGHBORHOOD.

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"Lum" Champion has n wife und che-son, George Champion, a grown Point man. For years the old man has had the reputation of being a grouchy, quarrelsome neighbor, with whom it was worth almost any effort to keep on good terms. It is said he that terrorized the neighborhood on numerous occasions, and has had trouble with many of the families there.

In his own household he is said to have been a tyrant, and he drove from his home this wife, son and aged father, several menths and, so that he has been living alone in the little collage where yesterday he wiped out the life of his brother. For weeks there that been trouble between the two brothers. Daily it was necessary for Thomas Champion to drive past the home of his brother in order to reach the Elysian Springs for his load of water; and the trouble had become so acute that he had tried to avoid the older man for some time past.

Yesterday afternoon "Lum" Champion, instituted a reign of terror in the neighborhood by retting out his old-sivle breech-loading single-borred shoigun, and proceeding to fire No. 21 shelps, loaded with BB sho; at rans, outhouses, and object objects in the vicinity.

The daughter of his brother Merria

SHOT AT NIECE.

The daughter of his brother. Myrtle Champion, happened to pass the place and he called to her that he intended to kill off the whole family, say witnesses of the affair, and with that took a shot in the direction of the young woman. She fled to her own home, and this was the beginning of the tragedy of last night.

Very soon after this, Thomas Champion and his son, Sam, returned from the tragedy of last night.

Very soon after this, Thomas Champion and his son, Sam, returned from the city with the water delivery wagon. They stopped at their horne, at the corner of Echo Park road and Husted street, and were informed by Mrs. Champion and her daughter of the actions of Lum Champion. They both begged the elder man to get off the wagon and let Sam take it up to the spring house.

Thomas refused, saying he had nothing to fear from his brother, and while his son dismounted he drove on, past his brother's home, stopping his team within probably fifty feet of the elder Champion's cottage. At once the old man rushed out of the house and began to abuse his brother. Sam Champion, fearing for his father's safety, secured a revolver from the home, and started up to where his father and uncle were quarreling. The vounger brother was riging to ward off the attacks of Lum, and just as Sam, arrived his father told Lum to go back tuto his own lot and leave him slone, or he would knock him down.

THES FRATRICIDAL ACT.

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With an oath, Lum started toward the cottage, crying out that he would kill the whole outil. He quickly reappeared with his gun, and when within about twenty feet of his brother tired the load of shot into his breast. Thomas sank to the ground and expired almost immediately.

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Lum Champion viewed the dead body of his brother! Jing at his feet, with no evidence of concern, and when the patrol wagon arrived to carry him to jail, he joked about its going out of its way to find his place.

The body of the murdered man was removed to Bresee Bothers's morgue, where an inquest will be held this afternoon.

AGED FATHER WEEPS.

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Before the dead body of Thomas Champion was removed from where he had failen in the road, his aged father had learned of the terrible act of fratricide, and he dragged his weak limbs up from the tank bouse in which he has found shelter since his eldest son drove him away from home. He knelt beside the deady body of his son, patted the cold cheeks and sobbed pitifully, so he called the most endearing names to his boy who would never respond. Within five feet of the old man, sat the sullen murderer, but not a word did the old man say to him, nor did he observed to the son who had caused such anguish. It was such a heart-rending occure that the neighbors who had gathered turned away and went.

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While the neighbors of the Champions all speak of Thomas Champion in the highest terms, they have only ill reports for the fratricide. It is said Lum has been usine alcohol freely of Lite, and that this has made him even more quarrelsome and usfy than ever. The family of Phillip Martin, whose home adjoins Lum Champion's place, has been in consumt fear of the old man. Mrs Martin was one of the witnesses of the tragedy last night. She declares that she believes Lum would have killed both father and son had he been abie.

AT THE COURTHOUSE.

TELF-DEFENSE THE DEFENSE

C. C. CHAMPION ON TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE.

Testimony for Accused Indicates that a Loaded Pistol Had Been Left in the House of the Deceased. Son of Dead Man Gives Account of . Tragedy.

Bent with age and with a face cut and carved; by the cares, of the world, C. C., Champion crouched in his chair yesterday, when put upon his trial on the charge of having murdered his brother, Thomas D. Champion. .

By the side of the accused in Judge Smith's court sat his aged wife, and the two together made a curlous picture. On the face of the man was less of fear than of curiosity, and he followed all of the testimony with close attention. To the wife it was rather wearlsome; and mot .infrequently she would withdraw, henshand aftom wher husband's cont sleeve, where it hay most of the time, and abow her head down us-if exhausted. ----

The charge against Champion of a terrible one, and heretofore it has been considered a deliberate and cold-blooded affair. Yesterday, however, it was developed by the prosecution-that there may have been causes that led up to the quartel, and the defense is going to be that the deceased was killed while C. C. Champion was defending bimself.

himself.

Sam H. Champion, a son of the deceased, was the dirst witness called and his statement was considered of such importance that he was kept under the fire of cross-examination for several hours. He said that on the day of the killing—December 27—he returned home with his father from the Elysian Springs Bottling Works, and as they alighted his uncle came from his cottone close by and becam concrethis cottinge close by and began quarrel-hig cottinge close by and began quarrel-hig with his father. His uncle was armed with a hig knife and chaffenged his brother to light a duel, but the lat-ter refused and told his brother to go away and that he didn't want to have any trouble with him. The witness said that suddishly his uncle- ran into his chaffen and requiring with a chothis house and, returning with a shot-gun, fired at his father, and the latter fell. But in the meantime the witness

fell. But in the meantime the witness had tried to intervene, but too late to do anything but struggle with his uncle for the gun.

""He turned his gun on me," said the witness, "and snapped it. It was only a single-harried gun, but I guess he thought for the moment that it was double-harried. I succeeded in throwing him to the ground and then neighing him to the ground and then neighbors came running to my assistance.

Moundesafa that he didn't care, and that he meant to do it."

Upon cross-examination young Cham-

sion stated that there were a few other remarks interchanged between the brothers that he had not stated. His male during the quarrel with his father said.

ther said."
"You have done all of the dirty work you are going to do," and in response the deceased said. "I have done no citty work to you. I have befriended you in every way brould."

But the uncle would not be placeted, and with the remark, "You."
If fix you," he can to his house and obtained the gun.

The drughter of the deceased, an 18-tear-old gut named Myrtle Champion, or her testimony showed that her unor her textmony showed that her un-cle had walled to meet and quarrel with his hother. She said that be-tween 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon whos the troube occurred her uncle came to her father's back fence and railed to her. She was in the chicken road close to and went toward him Tations has the head he had a seen

railed to het. She was in the chicken word close in and west toward him Taking her by the hand he led het ever across the interpending to to his house, making the remark that he was color to his house, the first her early the color. The girl remains er, ted but the Josephant told her than it she had anything to say hourt it that he would kill her and the rest of the family.

"I stood by him close to the parch of his house," said the girl, "and he had his own than let his head, He dred to hit I didn't know whether he had aimed it at me or not. I thought he had wined it at me or not. I thought he had wined it at me and was so soured that I ran away and ran into Mes Howard's house. The powder from the gun burned my tree just a little hit."

After that enjecked it was over an hour before Thomas I, Chamban and the killing was done.

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A friend of the deceased named S Totales take of his personal at the house of the deceased spine personal at the house of the decease of a house of the decease of the house of the last of the state of ter leaded with their that had calculed ecturants to the ranch the day he in the day he in the condition to stat their the new two Champion to stat their the new two the control and tald the revolver on the control and tald the revolver on the musted and all life terrotter on the musted in one of the rooms, knowing that he would find it there when he was ready to start homeword. He stated that he was in the city at the time of the shooting, but this pistol is to play a prominent part when the decease begins putting in testimony. So far it has been made to appear that the onslaught made upon Thomas D. Charmolon was sudden and Som that the onslaught made upon Thomas D. Champion was sudden and Sam Champion merely said that his uncie turned "suddenly" and ran into his house, returning with the shotgun that he at once used with deadly effect. But he furnished no clew as to why his uncle turned "suddenly" and ran for a weapon. The defense will contend that he did so because his brother was armed. was armed

Deputy District Attorney Donnell is conducting the case for the prosecution, and Will D. Gould is defending. This morning the prosecution will continue its case.

PIONEER TO BE BURIED HERE TODAY

J.S. Maltman Was Leader in Realty Development of Los Angeles

The funeral services of John S. Maltman, California pioneer and Civil War veteran, who died late Saturday night at the Angelus Hospital where he was taken after being struck by an automobile will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the private chapek at Rosedale Cemetery.

Mr. Maltman was born in Scotland in 1840. He came to this country when 11 years of age without any money. The next few years he followed the sea and worked in mines, gathering what education he could, and saving money enough to put himself through Ann Arbor College, Michigan.

When his college course was completed the Civil War broke out and he immediately enlisted as a private, soon after rising to the rank of captain. During the war he was badly wounded and was captured. He was held in the notorious prison camp at Andersonville for a year and was one of the few who were able to withstand the conditions there and return alive.

In 1884 Mr. Maltman came to Los Angeles and practiced law for a few years. Realizing the future in real estate he soon gathered together large holdings in what is now known as the Witshire district. It was on some of his holdings that oil was first discovered.

For a number of years Mr. Maltman was one of the leaders in the development of this city and was an important factor in all municipal affairs. Troubled by ill health he spent five years traveling around the world after disposing of part of his property.

At the time of his death Mr. Maltman was greatly interested in the development of the Silver Lake region and it was going there that he met with the accident which resulted in his death.

He leaves two children, John W. Maltman, Chief Deputy Attorney-General of California, and Mrs. Edwin H. Kennard of Altadena.

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Huge Public Housing Plan in Chavez Ravine Disclosed

3350 Low-Rent Dwelling Units Will Be Built

Plans for the biggest public housing project in the history of the city were unveiled yesterday by Howard L. Holtzendorff, executive director of the Housing Authority of Los Angeles.

The project envisions 3355 lowrent multiple dwelling units that will be spread over 278 acres in the Chavez Ravine area, west of the Arroyo Seco Parkway and next to Elysian Park.

Holizendorff said he has no idea when the project will be completed, because the war situation may delay construction. However, surveying and appraisals of the property are now under way.

The project will be erected in an area where present dwellings are considered 98% substandard by the Housing Authority.

Present Deficiencies

Substandard, Holtzendorff explained, means that the homes have basic deficiencies in such things as toilet facilities, sleeping space and structural damage.

The area has been classified as a "slum" area by the City Health Department, Holtzendorff said. He pointed out that there are some homes in the area that pass State Housing Law stand-

A total of 1086 families, including 3612 persons, will be affected by the purchase of the site. They will be offered low-rent housing in existing developments and given priority to return to the Chavez Ravine projects when completed.

"We will do everything possible to help them in finding new quarters, either to buy or to rent, as they wish" Haltzendorff said

as they wish," Holtzendorff said.
Holtzendorff pointed out that
the relocation of the persons
now living in the area shouldn't
be too much of a problem, if the
recent movement of about 3000
from the Bunker Hill area is
any criterion.

Rent Based on Income . '

"We moved them very successfully without a major beef," he said. "They were in a threeblock area that will be used for the new Department of Water and Power building,"

Holtzendorff said the land will be acquired through purchases and right of eminent domain. The money will come from the 1949 Housing Act, which provides funds for slum clearance and low-rental housing construction

The rent will he based completely upon income. Roughly, he said, no family will be allowed use of the project unless their income is below \$2400 a year. What those rents will he has not been decided.

"This will be the biggest public housing project in the history of Los Angeles," Holtzendorff said.

Family's Suit Delays Housing Condemnation

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Family's Suit Delays Housing Condemnation

wrapped around the Los An- price was deposited with Coungeles Housing Authority's ty Clerk Harold J. Ostly, How brakes so tightly officials are ever, in view of the fact the unable to stop one small wheel. Housing Authority has decided on its abandoned Elysian to abandon the project, the Heights Park project.

That was revealed with the filing of a sult in Superior Court against the Housing Authority by Manuel Arechiga and his wife Avrana of 1771 Malvina Ave.

The complaint, prepared by Atty. G. G. Baumen, requests the setting aside of a condenination judgment under which the couple was to be paid \$10,-050 for their land and three small dwellings.

a result of proceedings insti- Samuel R. Blake. tuted May 9, 1951, and judg-

Red tape has apparently by the Arechigas the purchase Arechigas say they see no reason for giving up their home.

However, according to Atty. Baumen, in spite of the fact his clients have offered to release the money, the Housing Authority has insisted on going ahead with the deal.

One House Vacant

The Housing Authority asked for a writ of possession, which would have dispossessed the family immediately, but Atty. Baumen blocked the move by The property was acquired obtaining a 30-day stay of exby the Housing Authority as jecution from Superior Judge

One of the Arechigas' three ment was returned last Feb. 20. houses is now vacant, but the When no appeal was made other two shelter four families,

including seven children. Almost all of the other dwellings in the tract have been razed already.

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Woman Slain, Boys Almost Seize Suspect

A 26-year-old divorcee fell dead on the steps of her Silver Lake apartment home last night, fleeing from a man who stabbed her during a guarrel, police reported.

The suspect then eluded capture by a group of teenassorted wyapons and then away. chased him in a convoy of cars.

Police identified the dead woman as Mrs. Carol Smith, 15531/2 Ewing St. The suspect was said to be a man who had been her companion the last few weeks.

Screams for Help

Mrs. Smith, police said, ran down the stairs of her apartment, screaming for help, and collapsed in the arms of a neighbor, Don Barbato, 1553 Ewing St.

Police said the suspect, carrying a sharp instrument, leaped over her body and fled toward his car, parked in front of the Ewing St. address.

Barbado, police reported, shouted to a group of teenage boys nearby, asking them to stop the man.

Followed in Autos

Police said the youths caught the fleeing man as he entered his car, broke open one of the windows and inflicted at least one gash across his face before he sped away. They followed him in several age boys who attacked him cars, police were told, but with beltsusphoes and other lost the suspect about a mile

Mrs. Smith's son Mark, 4, was asleep in the apartment when the stabbing took place, police said. The woman was stabbed once in the neck and once in the chest.

The boy was taken to Juvenile Hall for his protection, police said.

His father, Richard Smith, 412 S Curtis Ave., Alhambra, and his mother were divorced in December, 1955.

Hunt Widens for Mate of Fatally Stabbed Wife

Husband Flees in Car After Victim Falls Dying on Steps; Vainly Chased by Youth's

Police yesterday issued an all-points bulletin for John Sonnenberg, 35, as a suspect in the Thursday night stabbing murder of his wife. Mrs. Carol Smith Sonnenberg. 26, at her Silver Lake home.

Sonnenberg, according to Det. Sgt. Harry Hansen, fled in his automobile after Mrs. Smith collapsed and died on the steps at 1553% Ewing St. A group of teen-age youths tried to stop Sonnenberg, Sgt. Hansen said, and then chased him for a mile.

Seen by Neighbor

A neighbor, Don Barbato of 1553 Ewing St., told officers he heard sounds of a quarrel from Mrs. Sonnenberg's apartment. He stepped outside when she screamed for help, he told police, and Mrs. Sonnenberg told police caught her as she fell on the her husband had been threatsteps. Barbato called to the ening her, but the City Attoryouths outside to stop Son-ney's office refused to issue nenberg as the latter vaulted a complaint. Mrs. Sonnenberg's body and ran toward his car.

in Mexico last December, from a friend, Detectives said Mrs. Sonnenberg's son by an Sonnenberg apparently drove was asleep in the apartment Ave. to change his bloody when his mother was clothing, then abandoned his stabbed.

Last month, police said, Ave.



SLAIN-Mrs. Carol Sonnenberg, fatally stabbed in her Silver Lake home.

Sgt. Hansen said Sonnenberg was believed to be driv-The couple were married ing an automobile borrowed earlier marriage, Mark, 4, to his home at 740 S Cochran own car near 339 S Sycamore

Battle of Chavez Ravine Noves Into Federal Court

Suit Over Deal Looms; Health Angle Arises

The Manuel Arechiga family's embittered battle to hold property in Chavez Ravine moved into federal court yesterday in a civil action which would clear the way for a new suit charging their land had been taken through "extrinsic fraud."

Atty. Phill Silver filed petltions requesting the right to take depositions from four witnesses for testimony needed to prepare the formal

A hearing is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. June 8 before U.S. Judge Ernest A. Tolin.

Plans Second Petition

Silver said that after obtaining testimony from the four he plans to file a second petition in federal district court asking that a condemnation judgment against the Arechigas be set aside. The condemnation, he

charged in his petition, was "procured by extrinsic fraud practiced upon a Superior Court of the state of California."

Meanwhile, the Arechigas, forcibly evicted last week, were braced for a battle with city health authorities for camping beside their razed homes.

Midnight Deadline

In a special report to the City Council, Dr. George M. Uhl, city health officer, de-fended the Health Department's order for the Arechigas to move out of tents on the disputed property by midnight today.

Failure to comply, he said, could lead to a citation ordering violators of the sanitation and health regulations to appear before the Board of Health Commissioners May 21. Even so, he added, the Arechiga family probably would be given an additional five to 20 days to find proper housing.

"In this instance I do not feel there is an extreme emergency," he said. "But a tent without adequate sanitary facilities is no place to raise a family."

Questioned Sharply

Dr. Uhl was questioned sharply by Councilmen John C. Holland, persistent critic of the city's proposed contract with the Dodgers to use Chavez Ravine as site for a baseball stadium, Karl L. Rundberg and Edward R. Roybal.

The Council referred to its public works committee a motion by Councilman Holland ordering city departments not to fulfill land acquisition previsions of the Dodger contract until a U.S. Supreme Court appeal has been decided.

The appeal to the Supreme Court also is being handled by Atty. Silver. This suit, brought by Louis Kirshbaum, a taxpayer, attacks the legality of the city's proposed contract deeding Chavez Ravine land to the baseball or-ganization. The proposed contract has been held valid by the California Supreme Court.

Silver said his latest action on behalf of the Arechigas could not be taken until the

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CHAVEZ RAVINE

California Supreme Court

property will be attacked in city of Los Angeles," he said. the proposed federal suit on title to the Arechiga property was obtained by condemnation, the city no longer planned to use the property for a public housing project,

he said.
"Our petitions expect to show that both the Housing Authority and the city of Los

Continued from First Page Angeles on or prior to May 12, 1953, had notice and knew that three separate had acted on the other case. bills had been introduced in The city's claim to the Congress at the behest of the

The bills in effect called the grounds that at the time for dropping the public-hous-title to the Arechiea proper- ing project in Chavez Ra-

> Silver's petition filed yes terday asked for the right to obtain depositions from Mayor Poulson, John Phillips, Banning, former congressman; John Melville, San Francisco, director of the Public Housing Administration, and George A. Beavers Jr., chairman of the Los Angeles Housing Authority.

LAST INNING

Chavez Park Evictees Glum on Deadline

It was the last of the ninth inning for a lot of people in Chavez Ravine yesterday, and the bases were loaded with police and sheriff's deputies waiting to put them out of their homes.

out of their homes.

The condemned dwellings, about a dozen in all, happen to occupy the site for the Dodgers' ball park.

Embattled residents, claiming unfair treatment in the condemnation proceedings, waited determinedly behind barred doors as the 9 a.m. eviction deadline came and went.

Nothing happened.
Capt. J. D. Brady, Sheriff's legal department head,
drifted along Malvina Ave.
—in the heart of the disputed territory—in his official car at mid-morning.

Policemen Stroll

A couple of city policement atrolled along the block and on nearby slopes other officers could be seen training binoculars on the target area.

Finally, in mid-afternoon, the officers vanished but residents of the area had every reason to know it was only a question of time before they would return.

Terms of the eviction order, handed down in Superior Court last week, gives Sheriff's officers 60 days to carry out the order.

Some residents, voicing determination to stay put, went about their household routines but behind carefully locked doors.

Other made similar declarations, but packed their belongings resignedly.

Manuel Arechiga, 71, of 1771 Malvina Ave., claims the \$10,050 given him for two lots and houses is below valuation of the property.

Another resident, Mrs. Alice Martin, 1456 Davis St., insisted deputies will have to carry her off her property.

Chavez Ravine Family Evicted; Melee Erupts: Screaming Woman Removed Los Angeles Times (1923-1995); May 9, 1959; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Los Angeles Times

Chavez Ravine Family Evicted; Melee Erupts

Screaming Woman Removed

Chavez Ravine yesterday as forcible eviction of a few residents there began.

The action erupted only seconds after an army of

rice action et dipect dipect of seconds after an army of sheriff's deputies, accompanied by three large moving vans, arrived at the Arechiga family's residences at 1767 and 1771 Maivina St. The deputies, led by Capt Joe Brady, were armed with a writ of possession recently issued against the Arechigas by the Superior Court. According to City Atty Roger Armebergh, the Are chigas have been occupying the property rem free since 1933 following its acquisition by condemnation by the City Housing Authority in 1951.

Bought in 1935

Bought in 1933
The city purchased the property from the Housing Authority in 1955, It is in tended to be part of a recreational facility that will include a baseball park for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

It has been a long skirmish.

uties as movers hustled away her belongings... an ob-streperous former neighbor. Mrs. Glen Walters, screech-ing defiance at the deputies and finally being forcibly ejected from the buttle-ground, handcuffed, and

taken to a squad car. Woman Ejected

Also evicted yesterday were Mrs. Alice Martin of 1456 Davis St. and Mrs. Sally Ramirez of 1856 Reposa St.

There was no excitement at either of those places,

however.

Mrs. Martin moved out quietly after being served Please Turn to Pg. 3, Col.



OUT FEET FIRST- -Mrs. Aurora Vargas, struggling tiercesy, is carried from house by deputies as hold

outs are cleared from Chovez Ravine. Fourteen deputies made eviction which turned into a melee.

CHAVEZ EVICTION

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their married daughter, Mrs. Victoria Angustian, 29, and two of her three children, lvy, 5, and Ira, 9 months. The third daughter, Ida, 7, was at school, Mrs. Anguswas at school. Mise was at to leave — making good her work as a gardener for the city. The twice-widowed carry me."

Aurora Var. daughter, Mrs. Aurora Vargas, who lived there with her two daughters by her first marriage, Dolores and Rachel Colon, 12 and 10, arrived minutes after the dep-

barricaded themselves their house.

Deputies promptly broke,

turned into an exchange of screams.

Mrs. Vargas spotted Ga-brielle Johnston, one of the women deputies with whom she had previously tussled, and unleashed furious comments.

At least four of the Arechigas' many dogs scampered about, some barking furiously. Chickens squawked in the yard outside where a giant tom turkey also strutted.

Meanwhile, perspiring movers were carting out furniture, some of it through a front window ripped away by a deputy.

Return Blocked

"It isn't their property," he explained. "And it's go-ing to be demolished any-

As the deputies argued with his women, Manuel Arechiga began methodically carrying out personal be-longings. There was resig-

longings. There was resig-nation in his lined face. Mrs. Angustian began her spasmodic struggles with the

street. Public utility crews arrived, climbed poles, and snipped electric and tele-phone wires leading into the

property.
Mrs. Vargas was the last

Less than 10 minutes later, two bulldozers lumbered onto the property, pushed their might against the old dwell-ings, and began reducing them to rubble.

Among early spectators at the two-hour fray was Counand moving vans rounded sistent foe of the city's presthe corner, the Arechigas ent actions in Chavez Rappringade themselves in vine and who also account vine, and who also opposed the burgeoning empire of the City Housing Authority in

in the doors.

A Spanish-speaking deputy, Ben Lubbon, tried to all right," commented Horeason with the family. It land as he witnessed the start of the Arechigas' eviction.

Furniture to Be Stored

Arrangements had been made for storage of the famliy's furniture and other goods for the next 30 days. But they apparently had neglected to obtain new liv-

regularters.

Pointing to the weed-grown vacant lot across from her former home. Mrs. Arechiga insisted, "We will stay here."

That she meant to carry

out her intention was evident last night when the Arechigas and some 40 of their friends and relatives took up positions in and around a tent in the lot at Curtis St. and Malvina Ave.

In the tent were the elder Arechigas and four children. Outside were the others, along with about 30 cars in which they had arrived, plus numbers of dogs, chickens and other poultry not im-pounded by deputies.

During the evening, City Councilman Edward Roybal deputies when they blocked Councilman Edward Roybal her return to her parents' drove up to offer the family side in the house after she assistance if they needed had left the property for a food or other supplies.

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Hold Property Worth \$75,00

Income in Rents Revealed

The tenting Arechigas of Chavez Ravine were disclosed yesterday to be squatting on a real estate cushion of 11 homes, probably worth about \$75,000.

The surprise package was described by housing experts as "substantial property."
with some of it yielding "substantial income" (si

The Arechiga family received nationwide sympathy last Friday when it was oust. ed forcibly from two houses in Chavez Ravine, after long defying, a court order to

Dog In at Ravine

Dog In at HAVING

Since then, the Arecligas
have anchored themselves in
tents in the ravine while
their supporters wept publicity for them as "poor, destitute people."

The family's real estate
holdings flabbergasted both
sides of the Chavez Ravine
dispute. The Arechigas, however, were composed.

ever, were composed.

"What's all the fuss about?" asked one Archiga daughter. Mrs. Victoria angustain. "We're not trying to hide anything. We never de-

nied owning property. No-body asked us.

"All the children are sticking together to help our parents fight for their rights

Poulson's Retort

Mayor Poulson swarmed over the Arechiga real es-tate boom vocally with what amounted to outraged vindi-

amounted to outraged vinus-cation.

"The family is not desti-tute. It owns more prop-erty than most residents of Los Angeles," Poulson said at a press conference in City

Hall.

He belabored some public defenders of the Arechigas, pointing special barbs at "some of our unfortunate ham actors on television." disdaining to call them news-

men.
Poulson accused them of bleeding insincere tears up and down the picture tube," but was forced to admit he had not seen the television. Please Turn to Pg. 2, Col. 6









CHAVEZ RAVINE DISPUTE

CHAVEZ

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Mrs. Angustain said her mother has refused to move into one of the rental properties, preferring to stay at the Chavez Ravine home-

"She says she wants to die here," the daughter added. "She just can't believe anyone can throw her off her land."

At Chavez Ravine, growing stores of food, clothing and money, all donated, were implemented yesterday by a trailer and a chemical tollet.

The trailer was wheeled in sympathetically and the toilet was rushed in significantly to help the Arechigas beat a Health Department demand they abandon the tent dwellings by midnight

All told, the Arechiga contingent in the Ravine included the two family elders, two daughters, a son-in-law and four grandchildren.

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RESISTANCE HEARING -Mrs. Victorio Angustic ts at council hearing with daughters Ida, 7, left, nd Ivy, 5, and her father Manuel Arechigo, Mrs.

Angustian was evicted from her home in the Chavez Ravine with her three children. She told the City Council her family anly wants to be treated fairly.



OUSTED, TOO -Charles Wightkin, a speciator, was led out of the City Council chambers during Chavez Ravine eviction hearing. He was later allowed back.

Holdouts Assail Home Loss; Poulson Denies Any Prior Knowledge

BY AL THRASHER

The eviction of the Arechiga family from their two houses in Chavez Ravine last Friday had repercussions in City Council yesterday when that body held a day long hearing to determine the facts.

The hearing rose from one dramatic height to another - first as members of the evicted family recounted their story, then as City Atty. Roger Arnebergh clarified the position of his office and of the city in the controversy, and finally when Mayor Poulson himself appeared to deny flatly that he had had any prior knowledge of the eviction

Living in Tent

Living in Tent

The day really began with
the appearance in Judge
Mae Lahey's Municipal
Court of Miss Glen Walters
of 1853 Reposs St. and Mrs.
Aurora Vargas, whose home
is now a tent amid the ruins
of: two houses in Chaves
Ravine. The two women
were charged with thaving
resisted arrest fast Friday
when deputy steriffs came
to the properties to evict
the occupants. They were
represented in court by
Atty. Phil Silver who requested and was granted a
continuance of the case until June 1.

The two women then went
to the council chambers

The two women then went to the council chambers where a throng of sympa-thizers, neighbors and other members of their family were waiting. Many placards were borne into the chamber by sympathizers demanding "Justice for the Arechigas."

Houses Demolished

Houses Demolished
It was their opinion that justice was not served last Friday when Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Arechiga, Mrs. Vazgas and her two children, and Mrs. Victoria Angustianand her three children were evicted from the two houses they had occupied at 1767 and 1771 Majvina St.

A few minutes after the persons and their goods were rem oved from the two houses a pair of bulldozers, belonging to the Bureau of Public Works of the city moyed in and demolished the two houses. Since that time the evictees, who also include Victoria's husband, Mike Angustian, have been camping amid the rubble.

They appeared before the full membership of the council and told their story. Mrs. Victoria Angustian and her cousin, Polin Cabral, spoke as direct representatives of the

family.

A parade of other witnesses were also heard, some of whom sought only a like the more humanesses and mercy in the treatment being accorded the family, while others had political distribes to deliver or made personal attacks against members of the council.

All were heard with pa-

tience.

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Courts.

John Arechiga, Victoria's brother, who lives at 1004 Echo Park Ave, told the council the husband of his other sister, Mrs. Vargas, was killed in action fighting for his counter. He protested the manner in which the members of his family were evicted and declared, "If you must live in fear, why live at all." All the family wants is the fair replacement value is the fair replacement value of their property."

Others Speak

Others who spoke included Henry Lopez, an attorney, who urged renegotiation of the contract made with Wal-er O'Malley and the Dodg-ers organization and said, "Millions of clitzens of this city feel textibly sshamed of the way this family has been treated."

Mrs. Margaret Wheeler Mrs. Margaret Wheeler Hess, president of a property owners group, announced she was "protesting communism in Los Angeles." She argued that when the public housing for which the Chavez Ravine property was originally condemned was voted out. The way was opened for the properties involved to be returned to their original owners.

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City Council Holds Stormy Session on Chavez Evictees

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Every legal requirement was observed in the matter, Arnebergh insisted, and the Arechigas had ample time to relocate themselves before they were evicted.

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Gisson had to rap for order on many occasions and one spectator, Charles Wightkin, was escorted from the rootn, but was allowed to return after a warning.

One of the most vehement speakers was Mrs. Arabella Jackson, a friend of the evic-

remarks she went up and down the main aisle of the council chamber soliciding with she said she had obtained. All chamber soliciding with she said she had obtained action in the audience to get up and speak.

Adjournment Opposed As noon approached there was a suggestion that the council adjourn for lunch. Mris. Victoria Angustian scotched this move by voint cering to buy, sandwiches for council members if they would remain in continuous session.

After all citizens were heard City Alty. Hoger Arme beigh was called on to relieve the legal history of the matter.

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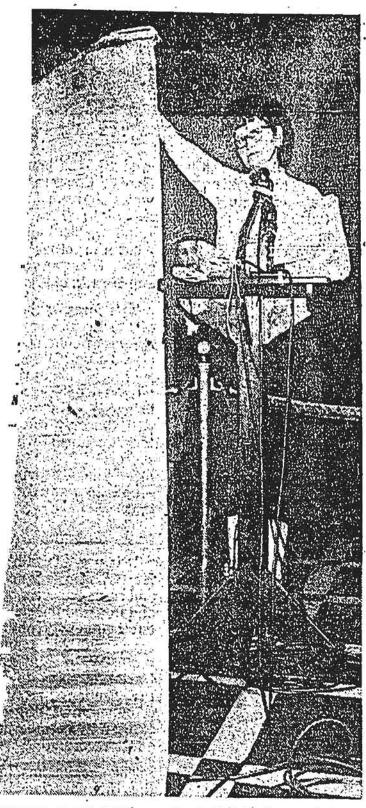
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PROTEST OF 1,122 — Arabella Jackson shows Council petition protesting Chavez Ravine evictions.

Battle of Chavez Ravine Noves Into Federal Court

Suit Over Deal Looms; Health Angle Arises

The Manuel Arechiga family's embittered battle to hold property in Chavez Ravine moved into federal court yesterday in a civil action which would clear the way for a new suit charging their land had been taken through "extrinsic fraud."

Atty. Phill Silver filed petltions requesting the right to take depositions from four witnesses for testimony needed to prepare the formal

A hearing is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. June 8 before U.S. Judge Ernest A. Tolin.

Plans Second Petition

Silver said that after obtaining testimony from the four he plans to file a second petition in federal district court asking that a condemnation judgment against the Arechigas be set aside. The condemnation, he

charged in his petition, was "procured by extrinsic fraud practiced upon a Superior Court of the state of California."

Meanwhile, the Arechigas, forcibly evicted last week, were braced for a battle with city health authorities for camping beside their razed homes.

Midnight Deadline

In a special report to the City Council, Dr. George M. Uhl, city health officer, de-fended the Health Department's order for the Arechigas to move out of tents on the disputed property by midnight today.

Failure to comply, he said, could lead to a citation ordering violators of the sanitation and health regulations to appear before the Board of Health Commissioners May 21. Even so, he added, the Arechiga family probably would be given an additional five to 20 days to find proper housing.

"In this instance I do not feel there is an extreme emergency," he said. "But a tent without adequate sanitary facilities is no place to raise a family."

Questioned Sharply

Dr. Uhl was questioned sharply by Councilmen John C. Holland, persistent critic of the city's proposed contract with the Dodgers to use Chavez Ravine as site for a baseball stadium, Karl L. Rundberg and Edward R. Roybal.

The Council referred to its public works committee a motion by Councilman Holland ordering city departments not to fulfill land acquisition previsions of the Dodger contract until a U.S. Supreme Court appeal has been decided.

The appeal to the Supreme Court also is being handled by Atty. Silver. This suit, brought by Louis Kirshbaum, a taxpayer, attacks the legality of the city's proposed contract deeding Chavez Ravine land to the baseball or-ganization. The proposed contract has been held valid by the California Supreme Court.

Silver said his latest action on behalf of the Arechigas could not be taken until the

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California Supreme Court

property will be attacked in city of Los Angeles," he said. the proposed federal suit on title to the Arechiga property was obtained by condemnation, the city no longer planned to use the property for a public housing project,

he said.
"Our petitions expect to show that both the Housing Authority and the city of Los

Continued from First Page Angeles on or prior to May 12, 1953, had notice and knew that three separate had acted on the other case. bills had been introduced in The city's claim to the Congress at the behest of the

The bills in effect called the grounds that at the time for dropping the public-hous-title to the Arechiea proper- ing project in Chavez Ra-

> Silver's petition filed yes terday asked for the right to obtain depositions from Mayor Poulson, John Phillips, Banning, former congressman; John Melville, San Francisco, director of the Public Housing Administration, and George A. Beavers Jr., chairman of the Los Angeles Housing Authority.

DAUGHTER GOES BUT ELDER ARECHIGAS STAY IN RAVINE

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-Manuel Arechiga, right, waves good-by as friends, kinsmen leave Chavez Ravine in truck to pick up furniture of the Mike Angus-

tain family. Mrs. Angustain, who moved out of her parents' tent encampment, returned soon after to join them again in their vigil at site of eviction.



Ravine yesterday d'espite Allison Ave. in one of the Roybal again visited the urgings from their children, three homes she and her Arechiga encampment but their attorney and Councilhusband own.

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Refuses to Talk

Roybal had obtained an tion of the elderly couple's agreement from the Arechitwo homes in the future lo-gas late Thursday night that cation of the Los Angeles they would leave the ravine Dodgers park.

Manuel Arechiga refused to chief of the City Sanitation applied to the federal court

and attorney for the Arechigas, also was on hand to try to convince the family that further physical resistance pear for a hearing next He emphasized, however, would only build up preju Thursday before the Board that the city does not condice against the various law of Health. Senn said the tent cede that they have any

to build chicken coops for his more than 200 chickens which still are laying eggs in the Ravine.

Silvers suggested he hur-The battling Arechigas, bundled her three children Arnebergh drafted a letter ry and do it within the next he would try.

Check Postponed

Meanwhile Charles Senn, Department, held off sending for permission to take depon the tent living quarters until later in the day.

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DEBATE WITNESS -Councilmon Karl L. Rundberg questions Mrs. Alice Martin, 73, on whether she was "coached" to make a show of resistance during eviction lost week from her Chavez Ravine home.

gas and her two children, Rachel, 10, and Dolores Colon,

Investigation Asked

Silver said he had; sent a letter to the FBI asking for a federal grand jury in-vestigation of the Chavez Ravine land deals and had volved in the condemnation proceedings and sale of the land to the city.

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Still on the property along their contention that they have no right, after this was accomplished. Yesterday City Atty. Roger He said he would need time day were Mrs. Aurora Var title or interest in the land.

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Arechigas Pull Down Tent and Leave Chavez

Manuel and Abrana Arechiga pulled down their tent. loaded four dogs in a car and moved from Chavez Ravine yesterday, ending a 10-day battle to live beside their razed homes.

The reluctant withdrawal came at 12:25 p.m. after a brief conference with Councilman Ed Roybal.

Roybal said the Arechigas were complying with their part of an agreement to quit the condemned property providing their leaving would not affect their claims.

Car Camp Vetoed

Mrs. Arechiga, 62, said she and her 72-year-old husband would probably spend the night in their car but the elder Arechiga vetoed the suggestion later.

Arechiga said the would spend the afternoon in the park and then go to the home of a daughter, Mrs. Celia Molano, 9112 Arlee Ave., Santa Fe Springs.

The Arechigas and their

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children own 11 houses some of them rental units Two other homes in Chave: ; were knocked down by a bulldozer after the family was forcibly evicted last May 8.

Action Filed

accept \$10,500 awarded then in a condemnation suit ir 1953 for the property: They lost an appeal through state courts, but a new suit is planned in federal court.

Atty. Phill Silver said he had filed a lis pendens action with the county recorder which serves notice to any prospective buyer that the property is involved in litigation.

The Chavez Ravine land was originally condemned for a public housing project which subsequently was abandoned. The city current-

Continued from Second Page ally plans to turn part of it over to the Dodgers for a baseball stadium and use the other as site for a zoo.

> The Arechigas' decision to quit their ravine camp presumably will result in dismissal of a citation to appear before the Board of Health Thursday.

Charles Senn, head of the The Arechigas refused to City Sanitation Department, said he doubted that any action would be taken against the Arechigas if they moved from the tent.

WOMAN ASKS \$91,000 IN CHAVEZ ROW CASE

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WOMAN ASKS \$91,000 CHAVEZ ROW CASE

demanded \$91,000 damages yesterday in a Superior Court suit against seven deputy sheriffs, two police officers and 10 "John Doe" lawmen involved in eviction of her parents from their Glenn Walters, 58, convicted Chavez Ravine home last last Friday of battery and June 8.

she was treated in a "cruel cident, face sentence and inhuman" manner by Aug. 31.

Mrs. Aurora Vargas, 34,1 the defendants when she resisted their efforts to oust her father, Manuel Arechiga, from his home at 1771 Malvina St. on the site of the proposed Dodger baseball park.

Mrs. Vargas and Mrs. disturbing the peace in con-The woman complained nection with the eviction in-

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20 YEARS LATER

L.A. Ravine: Fertile Soil for O'Malley

BY PENELOPE McMILLAN
Yimes Stati Writer

A door leads from Walter O'Malley's office to a small balcony near the back side of Dodger Stadium. O'Malley himself rarely uses it, but he is out there on a sunny California morning, gazing across the massive blacktop parking lots to his sod fields, his Japanese garden and, of course, his hills,

Once these hills were called Chavez Ravine.

Walter O'Malley, Bock panatella in hand, motions here and there.

"We will have to move that hill," he says, pointing to one on the left, "over there." He sweeps his arm to the right.

He pauses in a lengthy explanation of why this hill must be moved, how it will provide more parking for his stadium.

Moving a hill is a feat, but 20 years ago he moved many hills—"a million tons," he says, of earth, rock and rough political terrain—when he brought his Brooklyn Dodgers to Los Angeles,

O'Malley's pause, as he looks out over this land, is not sentimental. He may put his wife's name on every Dodger plane and even on the license plate of his blue Mercedes, but he is not sentimental about anything related to money. He also never dwells on the past.

It was 20 years ago, on June 3, 1958, that Los Angeles citizens voted, by a tiny margin of 25,785, to honor a contract the city politicians had made to exchange the city's 315-acre Chavez Ravine, once a Mexican-American community, for O'Maliey's nine-acre Wrigley Field.

Once the masterful deal—likened by one writer to "bartering a shoelace for a pair of boots"—was done, O'Malley built his \$20 million, 56,000seat stadium, now one of only four privately owned ballparks in the

Walter O'Malley, now 74, is not a



Walter O'Malley with son Peter.
Times photo by Joe Kennedy

tall man. He is large and bulky, but after a lung cancer and a heart operation during the past year, he is no longer the "whalebelly," as Leo Durocher used to call him.

The moon-shaped jowls that once dropped from his cheeks have almost disappeared, and sometimes he complains he can't gain weight anymore and that his clothes don't fit.

"History is yesterday," O'Malley says with another wave of his cigar. "I'm interested in the future."

He heads back into his gold-carpeted office, past a polar bear skin with a huge Mexican hat on its head, to his desk. There is not much on it now, since he has essentially passed the Dodger reins to his son Peter, now 40. O'Malley is chairman of the board but works only about four hours a day.

This is the man who was first to bring a major league club West and make the "national pastime" national. He was not the first to think of it. Bill DeWitt and Don Barnes were going to bring the St. Louis Browns to L.A. before Pearl Harbor scotched their plans, and White Sox owner Bill Veeck, in 1954, worked up proposals that even identified Chavez Ravine as a good site.

Not as much an innovator as a man who could put ideas into reality,

O'Malley pulled it off, persuading Horace Stoneham to come with him and take the Giants to San Francisco so that National League scheduling would be feasible.

O'Malley chose to take his big teague club to a town that after World War II felt "little league" in every way and had only just begun to try to attract major sports, education and culture. The champion Dodgers matched L.A.'s hopes for itself.

Aspects of the Dodger "giveaway" would be bitterly contested for nearly seven years, but when they won a pennant and World Series in their second year, factory sirens blared, horns honked and strangers clapped each other on the back.

"It sounded like Brooklyn," a reporter at that time wrote, and others noted that Los Angeles, the sprawl of suburbs, acted like a city for the first

O'Malley saw his team win six pennants, three World Series and then last year break all attendance records in baseball's 102-year history. The Dodgers are widely considered to be the most successful franchise in the game with, according to one estimate, a value of at least \$30 million (excluding real estate, which is appraised at \$29.8 million).

And Walter O'Malley, called shrewd, visionary, manipulative, became the fabled "power" of baseball. He has served on the game's fiveman Executive Council for 27 years. His ex-players now serve as field managers on no fewer than 14 of the 26 major league clubs.

In a well-worn ritual, O'Malley denies he is the power of baseball. "I don't think it's true. I've been in it longer than most people," he says in his low voice, the one former National League president Warren Giles describes as "the husky voice everyone hears."

He has on the bright blue jacket with a design of crossed golf clubs all over it that he wears quite often. He has several like it, in different colors.

Of course he also is wearing the O'Malley mask, a veil of charm so beguiling it becomes hard to remember he is a tough, ambitious man who is, above all, pragmatic. He rarely shows anger. And it has always been his style to cover up the toughness, the ambition, the way he covers his competitiveness on the golf course by playing practical "jokes" like blowing smoke and coughing when his opponents are hitting. He loves practical jokes.

Walter O'Malley's life is like a poker game in which all the players have so much fun they don't realize until it's over they lost as much as they did, to Walter O'Malley.

O'Malley loves poker. As in life, he doesn't play his cards. He gauges the people, and bets accordingly.

He loves to gamble. It is possible he would not have been interested in Los Angeles had it not been a gamble to come.

"I like challenges, fighting the battles," he says. "Almost everything I started had a great potential for causing me to lose my shirt. I gambled recklessly on a number of things. I did in this," he adds with a gesture out the window, overlooking the ball field. "I could have gone broke as easily as not."

It was a gamble to swing the contract with Los Angeles, quell the po-



MEMORIES - Lou Santillan was born 43 years ago where the Dodger's third base is now. Times photo by Fitzgerald Whitney

litical fires that came with it and work out the arrangements with Bank of America and Union Oil to finance the construction.

It had been a gamble long before, when his father Edwin went bank-rupt while Walter was at Columbia Law School. Walter, the self-described "spoiled, overindulged" only son who'd been given a cabin cruiser sleeping eight as a college graduation present, went out and started the Walter F. O'Malley Engineering Co. with a \$15,000 loan.

Having majored in engineering at University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 1926, he did geological surveys and foundation test borings for New York's Midtown Tunnel, among other things, and made money. He finished law school by going to Fordham University at night.

It had been another gamble when he bought out Branch Rickey, the brilliant Dodger president he hated, for \$1.05 million in 1950, becoming

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O'Malley Still Has Hills to Move

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the majority owner and president

"I liquidated most everything to do that," O'Malley says. Everything had been a subway advertising business, a gas company, a building supply company, a publishing venture and a law

The big face across the desk looks as joyous as a kid about to tell a secret, which of course he would never he is "very upset" about it. do. He leans forward, his eyes open

and wide and sparkling.

"I might have become a Supreme Court Judge in Brooklyn," he says, if he'd never been appointed Dodger attorney in 1942 and had never started buying stock. And screwing his face into an impish laugh, he adds delightfully, "I'd be retired right now, living on a pension.

He'd never intended, at first, to buy the Dodgers. His New York law practice specialized in recognizing properties with defaulted mortgages, and the Dodgers in 1942 were on the brink of default. The club was almost

bankrupt.

"It was another client," he says.

Success, O'Malley believes, is "not necessarily ability or hard work. I think it's largely a matter of chance, how opportunities present themsleves and (whether) you happen to take the right one, if there is a choice."

O'Malley says, by way of explaining why he was so ambitious, "I always had to be involved." Even as as early as college, he ran the freshman election campaign, became sophomore and then senior class president and head of the student council. It wasn't enough to be first scholastically in a

class of 1,600; he had to be in charge.

He never wanted to sit around. "I can't even sleep at night," he says. "I guess there'd be a way to sleep better with a pill or something, but I don't take pills. The main thing is to stop thinking, turn off the think tank, for godsakes, and get some sleep,"

He spends insomniac nights reading the National Geographic cover to cover, Damon Runyon stories about the New York he loved and always missed, or the "paperback detec-tives," as he calls them. He has always liked Nero Wolfe particularly, because the brilliant sleuth was well over 200 pounds, an "epicurean chef" an avid orchid hobbyist, and so, O'Malley says, is he.

"I was vice president of the Brooklyn Club, the oldest club in New ple."

York," he says. "They had special ple."

"We don't invite the press here," I was on an oyster binge so I planned one of all oysters, Oysters Rockefeller, oyster bisque, oysters on a half-

He chuckles. "Nobody wanted oysters for a year after that party."

O'Malley is so engaging it is hard to realize people consider him a man who can make or break careers "with

a shrug."

"All he has to do is say, 'I don't know about that guy,' " one ex-employe says. "It's the kiss of death."

He has a book on his desk, an account by former Dodger catcher John Roseboro of his career. O'Malley says

"This could be a charming story," he says. "But he has to go into this sex thing, with the performance of players with prostitutes, unnatural sex. Kids will read this, they will think everyone does this. It's terrible."

O'Malley is sensitive about such things and calls himself square. He has it written into his new pay TV contract, through which 12 home games are being televised this year for the first time, that he can pull out if the channel runs anything that might be offensive "to the Dodgers."

Roseboro's book, however briefly it dwells on players' sexual exploits, runs counter to Dodger, and thereby,

the O'Malley image.

O'Malley pauses. "We hired him," he says. Roseboro is a batting instructor. "I don't know how long he'll

O'Malley wears his blue jacket with the crossed golf clubs all over it again when he presides over the Walter O'Malley Boy Scout Invitational Golf Tournament at the Wilshire Country

Executives from around the city pay \$300 to play, and O'Malley is pleased with the turnout, "We'll make over \$60,000," he says, adding for the scouts.

He is not a Wilshire club member here; his son Peter is. O'Malley himself belongs to the Los Angeles Country Club and to the Hillcrest, where he is a "token" Christian member, he

He also belongs to the Bohemian Club in San Fancisco and has never resigned his membership from the Metropolitian Club, one of New York's most exclusive.

"I have a low ego," he says. Dick Young, a New York columnist who has covered baseball more than 30 years, calls it "an inward ego. He doesn't seek headlines. His ego is manifested in being with important peo-

O'Malley says of his tournament. "They don't ask either. No great names, just the important names in town."

He goes into the clubhouse to eat

with Peter and his daughter Terry's husband, Roland Seidler, whose foursome finished first in the morning competition.

Peter, many say, is competent, efficient, and doesn't compete with his father's ebullient personality. He's also, some think, more sensitive.

"Peter's soft, like his mother," O'Malley says. "He can be hard, too, but he can be soft, more so than me. He has a very good balance, more so than I have.

His father never pushed him, Peter says, and never gave him direct advice. "I observed the process he went through," he explains, by watching him at sports, especially on the an-nual hunting safaris they took together for 10 years. "His decisionmaking process is very fast. Then he never looked back. He said, if you made a mistake you went on.

O'Malley believes he did direct Peter, before naming him president in 1970. "He's been given difficult jobs deliberately," he says. "If you want to make silver strong, you beat it with a

O'Malley is having trouble with his voice, which sounds raspy. "I hope it's not connected to something more

serious," he says, puffing his cigar.
"You ought to stop talking," Peter says to him, "or you won't have any voice later." Later he would have to hand out the tournament prizes.

O'Malley ignores this advice and talks to everyone he sees. When his son-in-law says he has to leave and gets up, he doesn't go far before, out of nowhere, O'Malley's voice sudden-

ly roars:
"Rolly!" Then, to Peter, he commands, "Get him!"

Back to a rasp, O'Malley explains, "If he's going to leave, we might as well get his liquor chits." These would provide the tournament's wealthy sponsor with "free" drinks.

O'Malley produces an envelope of tickets from his pocket and gives it to a friend. "I brought it from the office to save postage," he says.

O'Malley's money-pinching is legendary. Harold Parrott, former Dodger front office man, recalls once being

told to take an ailing O'Malley friend off a trip list for Japan with the remonstrance:

Have you stopped to think what it would cost to send a body home from

Japan?" Ever money-minded, he built his stadium without drinking fountains, the better to sell refreshments, and had to be forced by the city to put them in.

"He's the kind of guy who'll spend Please Turn to Page 25, Col. 1

O'Malley Successful but Not Sentimental 20 Years After Moving to Chavez Ravine

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\$10,000 entertaining people and then on something else argue about \$5, Buzzy Bavasi, the California Angels executive who was once O'Mailey's vice president and general manager,

O'Malley is a combination of generosity and tenacity. There are stories of an alcoholic kept on, a Cuban refugee carried on the payroll, of a player's medical bills paid. As kind as he can be, he is also considered tough on those who have outlived their usefulness to him.

"Compassion is not one of the words used for him," says one discarded associate.

O'Malley, lunch finished, announces to Peter he'll ride around the Wilshire course in a golf cart.

You shouldn't talk. Look, Dad-" Peter says.

"I have to go. Hell, they paid money to come, and I want to show ap-preciation," O'Malley insists, adding, "for the scouts,"

O'Malley gets into the cart and rides up and down fairways, happily greeting telephone, railroad, banking and entertainment executives as he

"I've had," he says, "a marvelously interesting life. I don't know what there was that I missed."

O'Malley attends the Dodgers-St. Louis game that begins a 12-game home stand. His team at this point still is in first place in the Western division. This time he has on his gold jacket with the design of crossed golf clubs all over it.

His box is a surprisingly simple place, except for the gold-jacketed waiter serving salad, veal and spaetzle on the two white counter-like tables, adorned with volume-adjustable speakers for listening to Vince Scully announce the game.

"This is the greatest Dodger," O'Malley says, turning the volume up and down. "People ask me, who was



EVICTED- -In 1959. sheriff's deputies carried Aurora Vargas Fernandez from her house to make way for Dodger Stadium.

Times photo by Flizgerald Whitney

the greatest Dodger? Was it Robinson?" Actually, O'Malley didn't like Jackie Robinson very much, was 'disappointed" in his behavior.

"It's Scully. You know, we hired him right out of school."

Scully, is loyal, and loyalty is something O'Malley rewards. Manager Tom Lasorda, the 28-year Dodger veteran who calls God "the big Dodger in the sky" and says he prays for O'Malley every day is an example. Al Campanis, player personnel vice president who has been with the organization 39 years and calls O'Malley 'the nearest thing to Jesus Christ," is

"If you do a good job for Mr. O'Malley, he'll take care of you," Walt Alston, his field manager for 23 years,

With O'Malley to watch the St. Louis game are his wife, Kay, Peter and Peter's wife, Annette, and a halfdozen friends. Peter monitors, through a ticker tape machine in one corner, the rain-delayed Cincinnati-Mets game, now heading into its 10th inning.

As the sky dims, the hills beyond the stadium that O'Malley has so carefully landscaped with eucalyptus, olive, pine, redwoods and jacarandas stand out in darkening greens.

"I planted a lot of trees," he says. "I

love to plant trees."

In addition to building the stadium, he also developed Dodgertown, the training complex at Vero Beach, and personally designed its two golf courses and the clubhouse.

"He loves building," Warren Giles says, "like a kid with blocks."

"The secret here," O'Malley says, looking around, "is cleanliness. You know, the concrete here is washed every day after a game." He goes on like a hotel owner about the state of the rest rooms, the seats, even the parking spaces.

"I didn't want to come out here," Mrs. O'Malley, a brown-eyed woman with an angelic expression, says of Los Angeles. She speaks in a dim whisper because of a cancer operation to remove her larynx when she was young, before O'Malley married her 46 years ago.

She is a devout and highly moral person about whom people tell stories of many kindnesses she has performed. O'Malley is generally a jovial man in public-"unfettered," one friend says-but his eyes soften only when he looks at her.

It had been hard to let go of Brooklyn, she says. "I was born there."

O'Malley was born in the Bronx Oct. 9, 1903. A common theory about him holds that his efforts to stay in New York before he moved the team were "a smokescreen," which he has always denied.

His roots were in New York. His father had been commissioner of Public Markets in the city and so he understood, early and well, how its power structure worked.

Politically savvy, to the point

where he has always been a registered Democrat although he voted for Republican Presidents, he understood what it meant in 1955 when with great hoopla, New York created the Brooklyn Sports Center Authority to help replace the decrepit, too-small Ebbets Field, then quietly gave it no budget for an office or a phone.

O'Malley had begun negotiating with New York City for a new site for a stadium in 1953. He wanted his own stadium, a concept he brought with him to Los Angeles. "We didn't want to be captive of a political entity," says O'Malley.

O'Malley met his match in Robert Moses, then New York's parks commissioner. The powerful and stubborn Moses opposed the site O'Malley wanted, and O'Malley, equally stubborn, refused the sites Moses proposed, including Flushing Meadows, where the Mets eventually went.

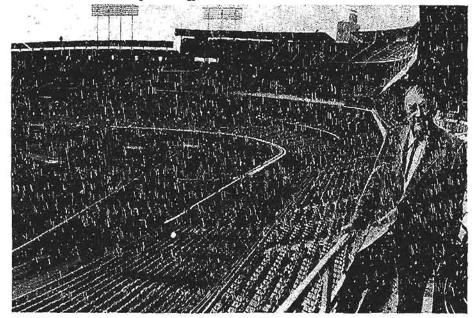
"The jig's up, Walter," O'Malley remembers Moses telling him. So he left, and persuaded Stoneham and the Giants to go with him. New York fans forever after called them traitors.

Rumors of O'Malley's interest in Los Angeles surfaced in local papers in 1954. Squelching that, O'Malley nevertheless told a reporter three years before it happened:

"It is conceivable something could happen in regard to San Francisco and Los Angeles rather abruptly.'

O'Malley says he did not take Los Angeles "seriously" until 1956. At that time, the county Board of Supervisors dispatched fellow member Kenneth Hahn to the World Series, with instructions to approach Calvin

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THE OLD BALL PARK -Walter O'Malley in his 56,000-seat, privately owned Dodger Stadium. Times photo by Joe Kennedy

PAYOFF FOR O'MALLEY'S GAMBLE

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Griffith, owner of the last-place Washington Senators (now Minnesota Twins), to come to L. A.
But O'Malley sent Hahn a note and

asked to meet him in Los Angeles a few weeks later, when the Dodgers would be stopping over on their way

Hahn's idea, he says, was that "a team could use the Coliseum" (the Dodgers eventually did, for four sea-sons), although the board was offering to build a stadium "out of county retirement funds."

O'Malley still wanted his own, and says now he already knew of Chavez Ravine, a site two miles from downtown and accessible to every major highway in the Los Angeles area. He decided to take a look at it.

"I had my daughter Terry with me," says O'Malley. "We got a cab and I said, 'we want to run out to Chavez Ravine.' And the taxi driver says, 'Where's that?' So we went to a Union Oil gas station for a map, and we couldn't find it. We finally went to a map company on Wilshire.

"The clerk was very decent. He got out some old maps that showed Chavez Ravine. With that, we found our way. We went along old dirt roads, old tin cans and junk. There wasn't a paved road here. Then I got in touch with Capt. Emil Praeger (bis architect) to come out and look at it."

From that time on, until he an-nounced in October, 1957, that the team was leaving, O'Malley denied it

His fight for Los Angeles and Chavez Ravine began after he arrived, when he thought he had already won.

"I thought they were enthusiastic," he says now. "Then, boom, right away, here's the negative."

His contract with Los Angeles, worked out during 1957 and approved Oct. 7, 1957 by City Council in a 10-5 vote after tumultuous debates, provided in part for the famous ex-change, Chavez Ravine for Wrigley Field.

O'Malley had actually acquired Wrigley Field for no money in Feb-ruary, 1957, when he and Phil Wrigley exchanged minor league teamsthe Los Angeles Angels and Wrigley Field for O'Malley's Fort Worth Cats. Chavez Ravine had been a political issue for the better part of a decade before O'Malley arrived. There was no site more controversial. It had housed a Mexican community of about 1,000 people who grew food, raised sheep and cattle on the hills while the city spread out on the flatlands below.

In its first controversy during the early 1950's, most residents were evicted for a federally funded housing project the city later repudiated in a referendum. With the project dead, the federal government sold the land it had bought to the city for \$1,279,-203, taking a \$4 million loss, but stipulating that the land be used "for mildio necessaria". public purposes only."

In the second controversy, in the late 1950's, opponents of the deal with the Dodgers focused largely on the fact that private ownership did not serve a public purpose. The decrepit Wrigley Field, (razed in 1964) was not comparable in white to be comparable. not comparable in value to Chavez Ravine, they said, especially when the contract failed to ask for any percentage of Dodger gate receipts or parking.

It took the better part of two years, the first months fighting for a victory on the June, 1958, referendum ("I was not aware of a thing called a re-ferendum," O'Malley says. "We don't have them in New York.") and the better part of another year until court fights upheld the contract, O'Malley broke ground Sept. 17, 1959, and opened the stadium April 10, 1962.

"It was an ugly time," Rosalind Wyman, the former city council-woman who ted the Dodgers political fight says now. "You have no con-cept, because we just don't seem to have those battles anymore.

O'Malley does not remember the period fondly.

"There was no 'gift of land' to the Dodgers," he explains, referring to the land exchange. He is still bitter when people call it a giveaway. "If I bought 10,000 barrels of apples, I still bought 10,000 barrels of apples. bought them, and then if I exchange that for something else that's the equivalent of money.

The contract had also provided the city would spend \$2 million on site improvement. But O'Malley says he spent, over and above that, "almost \$2 million for grading and site im-provement" the city didn't do, and "\$750,000" to about 20 homeowners still left in the ravine-after the televised eviction of one of them, Manuel Arechiga and his family, by sheriff's deputies and bulldozers May 8, 1959.

In addition, the contract said O'Malley would build, for not more than \$500,000, a recreational facility on a 40-acre parcel in the ravine and

pay \$60,000 to maintain it for 20 years.
The facility was never built, O'Malley graded the land—now ball fields across from the Police Academy-and after that paid the city the balance of the promised \$500,000. He still pays \$60,000 to the city to "maintain" something that isn't there, and will

for three more years.

Around the country, 21 stadiums are publicly financed, with ball clubs paying various rents with or without percentages of parking, admissions or concession incomes. Private owner O'Malley pays the \$60,000 plus \$1,-083,670 in real estate taxes, which is well above the lowest rental and well below the highest.

The highest rental last year was \$2.6 million, paid by the Cincinnati Reds, and the lowest was \$147,267. paid by the New York Yankees.

"We didn't get a good deal," O'Mal-ley says. It would have been, except for the taxes. He never thought they would go so high.

"It was written, on the campaign literature for the referendum, our taxes would be \$320,000," he says. "In New York, a politician tells you something, you can count on it. Here," he waves an arm, "someone looks you in the eye and the next day its all forgotten.

"I think he thought he had a per-manent assessment," Supervisor Hahn says. "I imagine when he looks at his attendance, when he looks at his bank account, sometimes he weeps tears, smiling Irish tears. He's been good for Los Angeles and Los

Angeles has been good for him."
"It turned out," O'Malley says, flashing his impish smile.
The Dodgers are beating St. Louis.

and he prepares to leave in the sixth inning.

"A writer wrote once-and I was absolutely misquoted, though I didn't correct it," he says, "that I said, "This stadium is a monument to me.' I'd never be that arrogant."
He pauses. "Even if I thought it, I'd

be smart enough not to say it.

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L.A. Scene The City Then and Now

n the years of hope and expansion in the 1950s, Los Angeles was a city that seemed to have all the ingredients for greatness, except for one thing—a major league baseball

The Music Center was on the drawing boards, the great thoroughfare of Interstate 10 was being built, and the bustling plants of Lockheed and McDonnell Douglas were cranking out the latest aircraft, drawing thousands in search of work

But for all the signs of growth, when it came to baseball, L.A. was still in the minor leagues—the only baseball in town was played by the triple-A Hollywood Stars and the Los Angeles Angels.

When rumors surfaced that Brooklyn Dodger owner Walter O'Malley might be interested in moving his team to Los Angeles, city fathers leaped at the chance.

O'Mailoy was disgruntled with the displdated shape of his team's ballpark, Ebbets Field. New York City had offered him a chance to move to Flushing Meadows.

But O'Malley was enticed by the offer from Los Angeles officials, who promised to build him a stadium of grand proportions using county retirement funds. In the meantime, they offered him use of the Collseum.

O'Malley finally decided to pull up stakes and move west in 1957. Plus, he persuaded New York Giants owner Horace Stoneham to move his team to San Francisco so at least some games could be played on the West Coast without a cross-country trip.

Many New York fans have branded them traitors ever since,

For four seasons, the Dodgers played in the Collseum while O'Malley dreamed of having his own

stadium—built his own way and exactly where he wanted it.

A few years earlier, while visiting L.A., O'Malley had seen a patch of eroded guilles, stunted trees and a few ramshackle dwellings. The site, known as Chavez Ravine, had been turned down by Disney as a possible

location for its amusement park.
But O'Mailey liked the site. It was only two miles from Downtown and accessible by every major highway in the Los Angeles area. It could not have been more perfect.

But he couldn't have picked a more controversial location. It had formerly housed a close-knit community of at least 1,000 Mexican Americans who called the rugged hills of Chavez Ravine home. To them, it was called Polo Verde, or Green Tree. It was a rural area, with unpaved

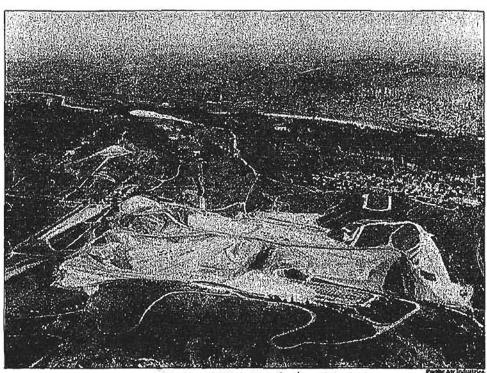
roads, back-yard farms, and goats, sheep and cattle roaming the terrain. Palo Verde was an area where children would take wooden carts, fit them with wheelbarrow wheels and ride fast down the bills.

Ravine resident Chris-Pin Martin, an actor who played a Cisco Kid movie, would come out of his house each morning and jokingly yell out, "My people!" to the delight of

neighborhood children.
By the time O'Mulley arrived, most residents had been evicted to make way for a federally funded housing project. The city, however, refused to have anything to do with the project and the site had remained vacant for several years.

Finally, the federal government agreed to sell the land to the city for \$1.3 million—a \$4-million loss—with the condition that it be used "for million may are only "

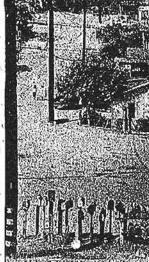
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In 1958, the city agreed to trade the land in Chavez Ravine for nine acres



The future site of Dadger Stadium, shown from the air in 1960.



Chavez Ravino, right, was once a rural area with unpaved streets. Now the Dodgers call the area home.



that O'Malley owned at Avalon Boulevard and 42nd Place, the site of Wrigley Field.

O'Malley was now set to begin construction of Dodger Stadium. But more problems were still ahead.

About 20 homeowners in the area refused to accept the city's buyout offer and remained in their cluster of modest homes.

On May 9, 1959, the city moved to evict the group. Television cameras recorded one particularly ugly confrontation, in which sheriff's deputies tried to evict the Arechiga family from the property where they had lived for 36 years.

Four sheriff's deputies carried one daughter kicking and screaming out of the house and arrested her for

battery; her mother, Abrana, cursed battery; her mother, Abrana, cursed at everyone. Chickens, dogs and a turkey ran wildly as buildozers pulled down the house. The head of the family, Manuel Arcehiga, set up a tent and refused to budge, saying he had no place to go.

Public sympathy was aroused. A trailer company provided to the Arechiges the latest and most expensive model available.

Several days later, the Los Angeles Mirror reported that the Arechiga family as a whole owned 11 dwellings in the city and therefore did have a place to go.

The Arechigas accepted the city's offer of \$10,500.

The families were all eventually removed and O'Malley began building his \$20-million stadium on Sept. 17,

Dodger Stadium officially opened on April 10, 1962. O'Malley, ever the businessman, built the stadium with only two drinking fountains-one in each team's dugout-to help boost refreshment sales.

The next season, the Dodgers beat the New York Yankees in the World Series. Factory sirens blared, horns honked, strangers clapped each other on the back. Chavez Rayine had now become a gathering place for the new Los Angeles, with the community that once occupied the site becoming a part of the city's history.

-CECILIA RASMUSSEN

Building Permit History 2004 Echo Park Boulevard and 1553 W. Ewing Street Echo Park

Circa 1895: Construction of a 2-story, 6-room, 32' X 24', frame residence, at

1621 Husted Street (now 1553 W. Ewing Street), on Lots 11 and 12, Block 12 of the Subdivision of Blocks 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 &

17 of Elysian Heights.
Owner: Unknown
Architect: Unknown
Contractor: Unknown

Cost: Unknown

September 27, 1919: Building Permit No. 8362 for one addition front porch 6' X 20'

and one screen porch, 7' X 10'.

Owner: Reuben Most

Architect: None

Contractor: Reuben Most

Cost: \$200.00

November 5, 1945: Building Permit No. 21387 for proposed 2-story, 20' X 27',

stucco 1 family addition at 2004 Echo Park Boulevard, part of Lot 11, Block 12, Elysian Heights. (Note on rear dated Dec. 28, 1945: "I agree to demolish & remove all portions of the foundation which, after checking by the engineer of the Dept. of Building and Safety, are found not to conform with the building code and the state housing act or other applicable laws." Floyd

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Owner: Floyd Wood Architect: None Engineer: None

Contractor: Owner Cost: \$550.00

January 8, 1946: Building Permit No. 514 for proposed 2-story, 20' X 27', stucco

1 family addition {2nd permit}. Architectural OK required

Owner: Floyd Wood Architect: None

Engineer: None
Contractor: Owner

Cost: \$550.00

February 8, 1978: Building Permit No. LA58371 to comply with conservation

letter dated January 13, 1978.

Owner: Mary Jarrin Architect: None Engineer: None Contractor: Owner Cost: \$500.00

November 11, 1993: Building Permit No. LA12515 to remove existing roofing and

replace with ½ CDX plywood, 15 lb. felt, asphalt shingles 16 sq.

Owner: Mary Jarrin Architect: None Engineer: None Contractor: Owner Cost: \$5,000.00

February 3, 2003: Plumbing Permit No. WO34203615 for replacing old drain

pipes (cast iron).

Owner: Alfred C. and Mary P. Jarrin

Architect: None Engineer: None Contractor: Owner Cost: Not Shown

January 12, 2017: Building Permit No. OL15813 to reroof with 18 sqrs COMP

SHINGLE roofing. Existing solid sheathing. Re-roof with class A or B material weighing less than 6 pounds per sq. ft. for residential roof replacement > 50% of the total roof area, apply Cool Roof Product labeled and certified by Cool Roof Rating Council (CRRC). Cool Roof may be required for non-

residential buildings per Title 24, Part 6, Section 149(b).

Owner: Mary P. Jarrin

Architect: None Engineer: None

Contractor: T & U Roofing

Cost: \$3,600.00

All applications must be filled out by applicant.

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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

Application to Alter, Repair or Demolish

To the Board of Public Works of the City of Los Angeles:

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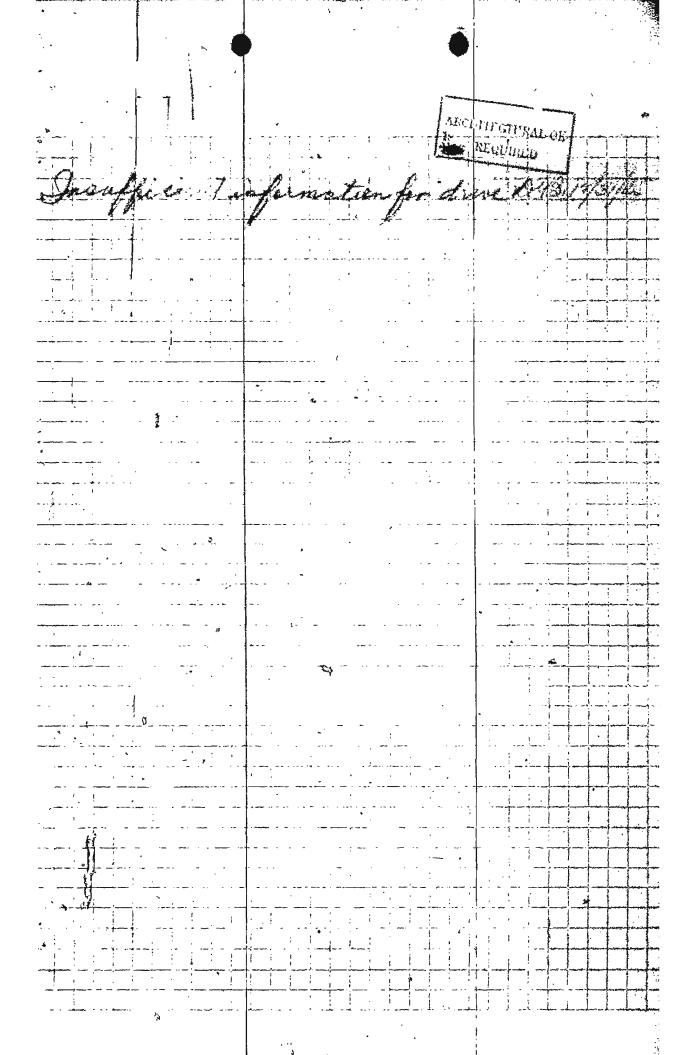
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7 7 1 2 4 9 3 5 ADDRESS APPROVED Bullard 11/22/93 Bureau of Engineering DRIVEWAY HIGHWAY REQUIRED DEDICATION COMPLETED FLOOD CLEARANCE Public Works Required YES NO D PERMIT Improvement SEWERS AVAILABLE SEWERS RES. NO. NOT AVAILABLE CERT, NO. SFC NOT APPLICABLE SFC DUE Grading PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEM APPROVED Comm. Safety APPROVED FOR ISSUE | NO FILE | FILE CLOSED CEQA Fire APPROVED (TITLE 19) (LA.M.C.-S700) APPROVED - HYDRANT UNIT, ROOM 920 CHE CRA APPROVED PER REDEV. PROJECT Transportation APPROVED FOR DRIVEWAY LOCATION APPROVED FOR ORD. # Planning WORK SHEET # APPROVED UNDER CASE # LANDSCAPE / XERISCAPE SIGHT PLAN REVIEW Housing HOUSING AUTHORITY AFFIDAVIT NO. Construction Tax DWELLING UNITS RECEIPT NO. Cultural Affairs Rent Stabilization Division LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON PLOT PLAN SHOW ALL BUILDINGS ON LOT AND USE OF EACH โรงไวล์ เป็น เป็นวิธีเป็นสามักษณ์ 4-11.15 AND STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE P



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Plumbing 1 or 2 Family Dwelling Express Permit No Plan Check City of Los Angeles - Department of Building and Safety

APPLICATION FOR PLUMBING PLAN CHECK AND INSPECTION

Issued On: 02/03/2003

Last Status. Issued Status Date: 02/03/2003

I. PROPERTY OWNER

Jarrin, Alfred C And 2004 Echo Park Ave LOS ANGELES CA 90026

2. APPLICANT INFORMATION (Relationship Owner-Bld.)

Alfred Jarrin - 1553 W Ewing St LOS ANGELES, CA 90026 (323) 663-0356

3. TENANT INFORMATION

4. CONTRACTOR ARCHITECT, & ENGINEER NAME		CLASS LICENSE	PHONE #
(O) . Owner-Builder	1	0	3236630356

5. APPLICATION COMMENTS

E-Permit paid by credit card, fax number-> NA

6 DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Replacing old drain pipes (cast iron).

7 COUNCIL DISTRUCT: 13

B. APPLICATION PROCESSING INFORMATION

PC OK By:

OK for Cashier:

Signature: _____ Date. ____

1553 W Ewing St 03042-90000-03615

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Permit Fee. 43.40

INSPECTION TOTAL Plumbing 43.40

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Permit Fee Subtotal Plumbing 40.00

Permit One Stop Surcharge 1.00

Permit Sys Development Surcharge 2.40

Permit Issuing Fee 0.000

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Call toll-free (888) LA4BUILD

Outside LA County, call (213) 977-6941

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W/0 #: 34203615

Project Name:

Payment Date: 02/03/03 Receipt No: IN050113545

Amount: \$43.40

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10. FEE ITEM INFORMATION SEWER AND WASTE Waste and Vent Alter/Repair (1) 7.00	
PERMIT EXPIRATION This permit expires two years after the date of the permit issuance. This permit will also expire if no construction work is performed for a continuous 98.0602 LAMC). Claims for refund of fees paid must be filed within one year from the date of expiration for permits granted by LADBS (Sec. 22.12).	
11. OWNER-BUILDER DECLARATION	
I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that I am exempt from the Contractors' State License Law for the following reason (Section 7031.5, Business Any city or county which requires a permit to construct, alter, improve, demolish, or repair any structure, prior to its issuance, also requires the applifile a signed statement that he or she is licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Contractors License Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 70 and Professions Code) or that he or she is exempt therefrom and the basis for the alleged exemption. Any violation of Section 7031.5 by any applicant to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500).):	icant for such permit to 00) of Division 3 of the Business
() I, as the owner of the property, or my employees with wages as their sole compensation, will do the work, and the structure is not intended or or (Sec. 7044, Business & Professions Code: The Contractors License Law does not apply to an owner of property who builds or improves thereor himself or herself or through his or her own employees, provided that such improvements are not intended or offered for sale. If, however, the sold within one year from completion, the owner-builder will have the burden of proving that he or she did not build or improve for the purpos OR	on, and who does such work e building or improvement is
() 1, as the owner of the property, am exclusively contracting with licensed contractors to construct the project (Sec. 7044, Business & Profession Law does not apply to an owner of property who builds or improves thereon, and who contracts for such projects with a contractor(s) licensed License Law.)	
12. WORKERS' COMPENSATION DECLARATION I hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, the following declaration:	
I certify that in the performance of the work for which this permit is issued, I shall not employ any person in any manner so as to become subject laws of California, and agree that if I should become subject to the workers' compensation provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code, I shall provisions.	ct to the workers' compensation I forthwith comply with those
13. ASBESTOS REMOVAL DECLARATION I certify that notification of asbestos removal is either not applicable or was sent to the AQMD or EPA as per section 19827.5 of the Health and Safety Code.	
14. FINAL DECLARATION	
I certify that I have read this application INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATION. I certify that I have presented the above information in INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATION. I certify that I have presented the above information in INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATION. I certify that I have presented the above information in Including The Above the above information in Including	ove-mentioned property for inspection or permit any violation or failure to shall be responsible for the nalty of perjury, that the proposed
By signing below, I certify that:	
 I accept all the declarations above namely the Owner-Builder Declaration, Workers' Compensation Declaration, Asbestos Removal Declaration and Fi This permit is being obtained with the consent of the legal owner of the property. 	nal Declaration; and
Print Name: ALFRED JARRIN Sign: Internet ePermit System Declaration Date: 02/03/2003 X	Owner Authorized Agent

2004 N Echo Park Ave



AND CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

Permit #:
Plan Check #:
Event Code:

17016 - 90000 - 00738

Status Date: 01/12/2017

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Bldg-Alter/Repair City of Los Angeles - Department of Building and Safety Issued On: 01/12/2017

Apartment APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT Last Status: Issued

Express Permit

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2. ASSESSOR PARCEL # 5420 - 034 - 004

1.PARCEL INFORMATION

Area Planning Commission - East Los Angeles LADBS Branch Office - LA Council District - 13 Ccrtified Neighborhood Council - Greater Echo Park Elysian Community Plan Area - Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Census Tract - 1973,00 District Map - 144A211 Energy Zonc - 9 Fire District - VHFHSZ Hillside Grading Area - YES

Hillside Ordinance - YES Lot Cut Date - 10/07/1937 Near Source Zone Distance - .3 School Within 500 Foot Radius - YES Thomas Brothers Map Grid - 594-F6

ZONE(S): RD3-1VL

4. DOCUMENTS

RENT - YES ORD - ORD-129279 ORD - ORD-165167-SA3560 HLSAREA - Yes CPC - CPC-1986-255 CPC - CPC-1995-148-GPC

5. CHECKLIST ITEMS

6. PROPERTY OWNER, TENANT, APPLICANT INFORMATION

Owner(s):

JARRIN, ALFRED C AND

2004 ECHO PARK AVE

LOS ANGELES CA 90026

Tenant:

Applicant: (Relationship: Net Applicant)
BEATRIZ ISABEL ULLOA

11100 SEPULVEDA BLVD 554

MISSION HILLS, CA 91345

(818) 899-1919

7.EXISTING USE (05) Apartment PROPOSED USE

L DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Reroof with 18 sqrs COMP SHINGLE roofing. Existing solid sheathing. Re-roof with Class A or B material weighing less than 6 pounds per sq. ft. For residential roof replacement > 50% of the total roof area, apply Cool Roof Product labeled and certified by Cool Roof Rating Council (CRRC). Cool Roof may be required for non-residential

buildings per Title 24, Part 6, Section 149(b).

9.# Bidgs on Site & Lise:

Sewer Cap ID:

12. ATTACHMENTS

10. APPLICATION PROCESSING INFORMATION

BLDG, PC By: DAS PC By:
OK for Cashier: Coord, OK:
Signature: Date:

For inspection requests, call toll-free (888) LA4BUILD (524-2845). Outside LA County, call (213) 473-3231 or request inspections via www.ladbs.org. To speak to a Call Center agent, call 311 or (866) 4LACITY (452-2489). Outside LA County, call (213) 473-3231.

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IL PROJECT VALUATION & FEE INFORMATION	Final Fee Period	
Permit Valuation: \$3,600.00		PC Valuation:
FINAL TOTAL Bidg-Alter/Repair	145.95	
Permit Fee Subtotal Bldg-Alter/Repair	85.00	
E.Q. Instrumentation	0.50	
D.S.C. Surcharge	3.38	
Sys. Surcharge	6.75	
Planning Surcharge	6.72	
Planning Surcharge Misc Fee	10.00	
Planning Gen Plan Maint Surcharge	5.60	
CA Bldg Std Commission Surcharge	1.00	
Permit Issuing Fee	27.00	
Permit Fee-Single Inspection Flag		

Total Bond(s) Due:

Payment Date: 01/12/17 Receipt No: ON167416 Amount: \$145.95

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13.STRUCT	URE INVENTORY	(Note: Numeric measurement data in the format "number / number" implies "change in numeric value / total resulting numer	value") 17016 - 90000 - 00738
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E-Permit	paid by credit card	I, fax number-> (818)363-8906.	additional information has been captured electronically and could not be printed due to space restrictions. Nevertheless the information printed
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	permit fees it the Depart	unent fails to conduct an inpection within 60 days of receiving a request for final inspection (HS 17951).	
		17. LICENSED CONTRACTOR'S DECLARATION	
		enalty of perjury that I am licensed under the provisions of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division o B contractors only: I understand the limitations of Section 7057 of the Business and Professional Code related to	•
	License Class: C39	License No.: 872976 Contractor: T & U ROOFING	
		18. WORKERS: COMPENSATION DECLARATION	
		enalty of perjury, one of the following declarations: maintain a certificate of consent to self insure for workers' compensation, as provided for by Section 3700 of the L	bor Code, for the performance of the work for which this permit is issued.
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	<u> </u>	the performance of the work for which this permit is issued, I shall not employ any person in any manner so as to subject to the workers' compensation provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code, I shall forthwith comply will	
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	ATTORNE) 5 FEES.	19. ASBESTOS REMOVAL DECLARATION / LEAD HAZARD WARNING	
		removal is either not applicable or has been submitted to the AQMD or EPA as per section 19827.5 of the Health	
		urb paint in pre-1978 buildings due to the presence of lead <u>www.aamd.gov</u> (909) 396-2336 and the notification 0) 524-5323 or the State of California at (800) 597-5323 or <u>www.dhs.ca.pov/childle</u> ad	form at per section 6716 and 6717 of the Labor Code. Information is available at
		20. CONSTRUCTION LENDING AGENCY DECLARATION	
I hereby aff	irm under penalty of perju	ry that there is a construction lending agency for the performance of the work for which this permit is issued (Sec.	i097, Civil Code).
Lender's Na	me (If Any):	Lender's Address:	
I certify tha	t I have read this applicat	ALFINAL DECLARATION ion INCLUDING THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS and state that the above information INCLUDING THE A	BOVE DECLARATIONS is correct. Lagree to comply with all city and county
ordinances	and state laws relating to	building construction, and hereby authorize representatives of this city to enter upon the above-mentioned proper	y for inspection purposes. I realize that this permit is an application for inspection
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		posed work will not destroy or unreasonably interfere with any access or utility easement belonging to others and title easement(s) satisfactory to the holder(s) of the easement will be provided (Sec. 91.0106.4.3.4 LAMC).	located on my property, but in the event such work does destroy or unreasonably
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Decla	ration; and	ve namely the Licensed Contractor's Declaration, Workers' Compensation Declaration, Asbestos Removal Declara-	non / Leau Hazaro Warning, Construction Lending Agency Declaration, and Final
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Print Name	BEATRIZ ULLO	Sign: Internet e-Permit System Declaration Da	e: 01/12/2017 X Contractor Authorized Agent

Map showing Subdivision of Blocks 12,13,1415,16 and 17 ELYSIAN HEIGHTS

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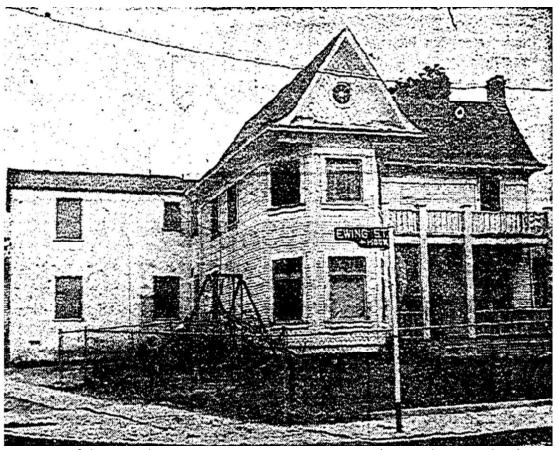
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Queen of Elysian Heights, 2004 Echo Park Avenue & 1553 Ewing Avenue, Echo Park



Queen of Elysian Heights, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



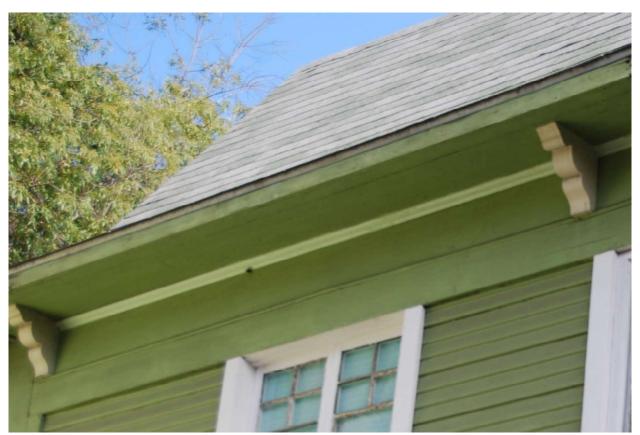
Queen of Elysian Heights, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, May 13, 1959 (Los Angeles Times Photo)



Queen of Elysian Heights, West facade, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, 2nd story windows, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, enclosed eaves & brackets, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, 1946 addition, 2004 Echo Park Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, entry to 1946 addition, 2004. Echo Park Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, satellite view, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, January, 2021 (Photo by Google Earth)



Queen of Elysian Heights, front gable, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, rear facade, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



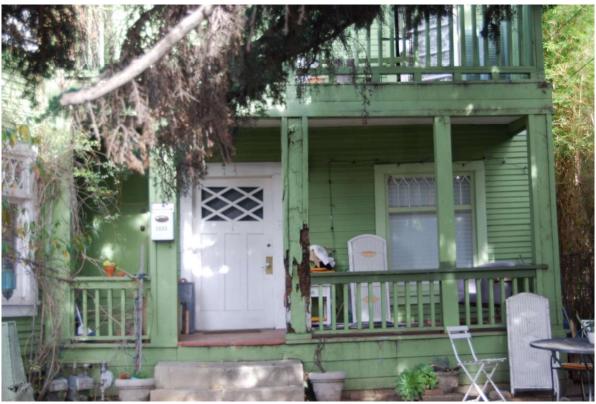
Queen of Elysian Heights, earthquake damaged chimney, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, front bay, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



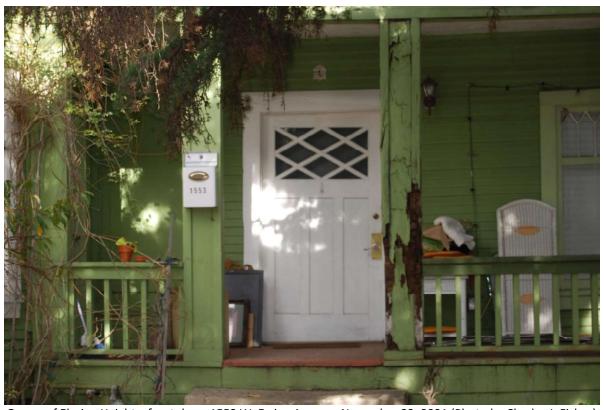
Queen of Elysian Heights, front bay window, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, front porch (built in 1919), 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, front balcony, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, front door, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, living room, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 2021 (Multiple listings Photo)



Queen of Elysian Heights, interior of bay, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, fireplace, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



Queen of Elysian Heights, coved ceiling, 1553 W. Ewing Avenue, November 22, 2021 (Photo by Charles J. Fisher)



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