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Bunker Hill District
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ADDRESS: 251 South Bunker Hill Avenue
OWNER: J. Orville L. Cooper. To be sold to Community
Redevelopment Agency and DEMOLISHED
USE: Residence

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Bunker Hill District was developed during the first waves of real-estate speculation and boom that came with the extension of Southern Pacific Railroad to Los Angeles in 1876, and the construction of the Santa Fe Railroad, completed in 1886; and came to an abrupt recession with the bursting of the bubble in 1888.

Large mansions of the wealthy, designed in the flamboyant styles that were the fashion of the time, were constructed on Bunker Hill, giving way in the 90's to homes for the professional class, and finally, after 1900, to residential hotels and apartment buildings. The mansions have disappeared and the few examples of the eclectic residential architecture remaining at this writing are of modest proportions. They are doomed for demolition with the redevelopment of the Bunker Hill Redevelopment Project.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Built in 1890. See CAL-344 for more complete Historical and Architectural information regarding Bunker Hill District.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

A one-story frame residence of 14 rooms, total area of 2,768 square feet with 126 square feet open wood stair and 72 square foot of covered wood porch.

Exterior: typical clapboard siding over wood stud walls on a brick foundation; pitched roof and gables with composition shingles. Onion shaped dome-like feature with finial constructed into roof at south east corner.

Interior: typical wood flooring; wood paneled doors and trim; wood lath and plaster walls and ceilings. Basement - 10' x 14', brick walls, concrete floors; located at rear (downhill side).

Miscellaneous: windows, double-hung; dormer, tympanum with shingles and sculptured ornament.

Overall dimensions: 24' x 54', approximately.

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