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Bunker Hill District
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
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245 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE
BUNKER HILL DISTRICT

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ADDRESS: 245 South Grand Avenue
OWNER: From the Paul Kretek Estate. Sold to the
Community Redevelopment Agency
USE: DEMOLISHED

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 1895. See CAL-344 for more complete Historical and Architectural information regarding Bunker Hill District.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

A two-story frame residence, finally a rooming house, with 12 rooms and 2 baths, totaling 3,620 square feet, with an open wood front porch and an enclosed rear porch, approximately 8' x 14'.

Exterior: clapboard and shingles over wood frame walls on a brick foundation (no basement); pitched roofs and gables.

Interior: typical 1 x 6 pine board floors, 4 panel wood doors, wood double hung windows; softwood trim; wood lath and plaster walls and ceilings; 2 wood stairs to second floor.

Overall dimensions: approximately 38' x 58'.

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