Los Angeles Department of City Planning RECOMMENDATION REPORT

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION

CASE NO.: CHC-2015-1448-HCM

ENV-2015-1449-CE

HEARING DATE:

May 12, 2015

10:00 AM

TIME: PLACE:

City Hall, Room 1010 200 N. Spring Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Location: 384 Delfern Drive

Council District: 5

Community Plan Area: Bel Air - Beverly Crest Area Planning Commission: West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council: Bel Air - Beverly Crest

Legal Description: TR 8236, Lot 5

PROJECT:

Historic-Cultural Monument Application for the

SINGLETON ESTATE

REQUEST:

Declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument

OWNER:

Singleton Real Estate LLC

11661 San Vicente Boulevard, #915

Los Angeles, CA 90049

APPLICANT:

Adrian Scott Fine

Los Angeles Conservancy 523 West 6th Street, #826 Los Angeles, CA 90014

PREPARER:

Katie E. Horak

Architectural Resources Group, Inc.

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Cultural Heritage Commission:

- Take the property under consideration as a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.10 because the application and accompanying photo documentation suggest the submittal warrants further investigation.
- 2. Adopt the report findings.

MICHAEL J. LOGRANDE

Director of Planning

Ken Bernstein, AICP, Manager Office of Historic Resources

Lambert M. Giessinger, Preservation Architect Office of Historic Resources

Attachments:

Historic-Cultural Monument Application

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SUMMARY

Built in 1970, the Singleton Estate is a single-family residence of the French Revival style. Dr. Henry E. Singleton commissioned Wallace Neff, Thomas Church, and Phil Shipley in 1969 to design the estate for him and his family. Singleton was the co-founder and former CEO of Teledyne, Inc., one of the largest conglomerates in the United States.

The exterior of the building exhibits many character-defining features of the French Revival style, including:

- A steeply pitched, hipped roof parallel to the front of the house with adjoining wings
- · A masonry exterior, in this case painted brick.
- · Simple block rectangular chimneys of brick.
- · Paired French doors with shutters for doors and windows
- Restrained exterior wrought iron.

The subject property was designed by architect Wallace Neff, while the grounds were designed by landscape architects Thomas Church and Philip Shipley. Throughout his career, Neff was known as a designer for the Hollywood elite, a contributor to the Spanish Style Revival – known often as the "California Style" –, as well as the innovator behind the Bubble House. Neff was a student of architect Ralph Adams Cram in Massachusetts and drew heavily from the architectural styles of both Spain and the Mediterranean as a whole. He gained extensive recognition from the number of celebrity commissions, notably Pickfair, the mansion belonging originally to Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks (built 1919, demolished 1990). Notable designs by Neff include:

- Petitfils Residence (1926), Los Angeles, CA, HCM# 916
- Airform House (1946), Pasadena, CA

Further, Church was known to be the pioneer of modern landscape architecture, while Shipley was known, like Neff, to be a designer for the wealthy and the famous.

CRITERIA

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

FINDINGS

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

HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT



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1. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Proposed Monument Name: Singleton Estate			
Street Address: 384 Delfern Drive			
Range of Addresses on Property: 384 Delfern Drive			
Tract: 8236		Block: 26, 27	Lot: 4, 5
Structure	Object	Site/Open Space	Natura Feature
property to be included in	the nomination, h	nere: Designed lan	dscape,
	rn Drive Tract: 8236 Structure	Zip: rn Drive Com Tract: 8236 Structure Object	Zip: 90077 Country Drive Community Name: Holmb Tract: 8236 Block: 26, 27

2. CONSTRUCTION HISTORY & CURRENT STATUS

Year built: 1970 • Factual	Estimated	Threatened? None	
Architect/Designer: Wallace Neff		Contractor: Walter R. Johnson	n
Original Use: single-family residence		Present Use: single-family re	sidence
Is the Proposed Monument on its Original Site?	Yes	No (explain in section 7)	Unknown (explain in section 7)

3. STYLE & MATERIALS

Architectural Style	French Revival		Stories: 2.5	Plan Shape: Rectangular
FEATURE	PRIMARY		Si	ECONDARY
CONSTRUCTION	Type: Wood	Type: Select		
CLADDING	Material: Brick	Material: Select		
ROOF	Type: Hipped	Type: Select		
	Material: Composition shingle	Material: Select		
WINDOWS	Type: Casement	Type: Fixed		
WINDOWS	Material: Wood	Material: Wood		
ENTRY	Style: Centered	Style: Select		
DOOR	Type: French	Type: Select		

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	and write a brief description of any major alterations or additions. copies of permits in the nomination packet. Make sure to list any m	
	See attached.	
EVICTIN	C HISTORIC RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION (15 los cours)	
	G HISTORIC RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION (if known)	
	Listed in the National Register of Historic Places	
	Listed in the California Register of Historical Resources	2=
	Formally determined eligible for the National and/or California Reg	isters
	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):
Other hist	orical or cultural resource designations: Identified by SurveyLA,	but not evaluated due to minimal visibility
APPLICA	BLE HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT CRITERIA	
he propo	sed monument exemplifies the following Cultural Heritage Ordinar	nce Criteria (Section 22.171.7):
	Reflects the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the	nation, state, or community
/	Is identified with historic personages or with important events	s in the main currents of national, state, or local history
1	Embodies the distinguising characteristics of an architectural- a period, style, or method of construction	type specimen, inherently valuable for study of



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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 attech 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

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Applicant

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Property Owner	Is the owne	r in support of the	nomination?	Yes	No	Unknown
Name:		Company:				
Street Address:		City:			Sta	ate:

Company:

Los Angeles Conservancy

Email:

Nomination Preparer/Applicant's Representative

Phone Number:

Name: Katie E. Horak		Company: Architectural Resources Group, Inc.		
Street Address: 8 N	ills Place, Suite 300	City: Pasade	ena	State: CA
Zip: 91105	Phone Number: (626) 583-140	1	Email: k.horak@arg-la.c	om

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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
- 2. Vritten Statements A and B
- 3.

 Bibliography
- 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)
- 7. Additional, Contemporary Photos
- 8.

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

10. RELEASE

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	read each statement and check the corresponding boxes to led space. Either the applicant or preparer may sign.	o indicate that you agree with the statement, then sign below in the	
✓	I acknowledge that all documents submitted will become that the documents will be made available upon request	public records under the California Public Records Act, and understand to members of the public for inspection and copying.	
/		d as part of this application will become the property of the City of Los se of the photographs and images by the City without any expectation	
/	I acknowledge that I have the right to submit or have obtain this application.	sined the appropriate permission to submit all information contained	
lame:	Date:	Signature:	

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

Office of Historic Resources
Department of City Planning
200 N. Spring Street, Room 620
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Phone: 213-978-1200 Website: preservation.lacity.org

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7. WRITTEN STATEMENTS

A. Proposed Monument Description

NOTE: The following property description and assessment of character-defining features was prepared using photographs (1970 and circa 2013), building and alteration permits, and archival building specifications, since the property was not accessible during the drafting of this nomination.

Property Description

Site

The property at 384 Delfern Drive is located at the northeast corner of Delfern Drive and North Faring Road. The seven-acre estate is surrounded by large single-family residences in the Holmby Hills neighborhood in western Los Angeles. The property is entered off of Defern Drive via a wrought-iron gate and brick-paved drive that leads to an extensive forecourt and an attached four-car garage. The lushly-landscaped grounds, designed by landscape architects Thomas Church and Phillip Shipley, feature a tennis court, manmade pond, swimming pool, decomposed granite walkways, rolling lawns, manicured gardens and a variety of mature tree species. The two-and-a-half-story French Revival-style house is sited near the west edge of the property, surrounded by a dense cluster of large shade trees. The length of the house runs in the north-south direction, parallel to Faring Road. Completed in 1970, the residence was designed by prolific Los Angeles architect Wallace Neff for Dr. Henry E. Singleton.

Residence - Exterior

The Singleton House is of wood frame construction with a roughly rectangular plan. The roof is steeply pitched and hipped, and is clad in asphalt composition shingles. A dentil motif runs along the bottom of the closed eaves of the roof. The exterior walls are clad with brick veneer, painted off-white. The primary entrance is located at the center of the west façade and is fronted by a large brick-laid forecourt surrounded by manicured hedges and shade trees. The entry consists of a slightly projecting colonnade of six cast stone columns, two stories in height, supporting an unadorned entablature. Wood dividedlight French doors are evenly spaced along the first and second stories of the primary elevation. Each of the second-story doors open to small balconies with decorative metal railings. The entrance at the east façade, which overlooks a large stretch of lawn and an irregularly-shaped manmade pond, is equally as formal. This façade is fronted by an expansive brick garden terrace, which is demarcated by a cast stone balustrade. The east entrance, composed of divided-light French doors, is located at the center of the façade and is distinguished by a projecting portico of four cast stone columns, two stories in height, supporting an entablature. French doors that open to a tiled balcony are situated above the main entry, at the second story. The north elevation, which overlooks the swimming pool, consists of a recessed porch supported by several cast stone columns, which are much smaller in scale than the columns at the east and west façades. Four brick chimneys of varying heights are located at each corner of the house's central volume.

Fenestration primarily consists of wood divided-light French doors along the east and west façades, hipped dormer windows at the north, south and east elevations, and wood casement windows at the north elevation. Along the east façade, just north and south of the entrance, are two semi-circular bays

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lined with fixed wood windows. The bays are one story in height, and the tops of the bays form a balcony at the second story. Two pairs of wood French doors open onto each of the balconies.

Residence - Interior

The interior of the Singleton House is very formal and opulently decorated. Ten bedrooms, 12.5 baths, a formal dining room, family room, library, living room, kitchen and staff quarters comprise the spaces of the residence. The interior plan radiates from a central, oval-shaped foyer. The foyer, two stories tall, is reached via a marble-laid entrance hall from the west and a pair of French doors from the east. A cream-colored carpet surrounded by white and dark green marble trim comprises the flooring of the foyer. The walls of the space retain wallpaper hand painted with floral and landscape motifs. A carpeted staircase with decorative metal railing is located along the southwest edge of the foyer and leads to an oval-shaped mezzanine at the second floor.

The first floor consists of communal and service spaces, while private spaces comprise the second floor. At the north wing of the house is the living room. The living room is a rectangular-shaped space; finishes include parquet wood floors laid in a diamond pattern and plaster walls and ceiling with egg and dart molding. A fireplace is located along the center of the west wall, and a group of arched windows overlooking the pool is located along the north wall of the room. South of the living room, along the east side of the house, is the library. The library features carpeted floors, wood paneled walls and a plaster ceiling with a carved wood cornice. A fireplace is located along the north wall and a semi-circular bay with a view of the garden terrace is located on the east wall of the library. The family room is situated south of the library, also along the east side of the residence. This room consists of hardwood and carpet floors, plaster and wood paneled walls and a plaster ceiling lined with wood beams. Along the east wall of the family room is a semi-circular bay overlooking the garden terrace, and a fireplace is situated on the south wall.

At the south wing of the house are the kitchen and dining room. The kitchen retains rectangular and diamond-shaped vinyl floor finishes and acoustic tile ceilings. Wood cabinetry lines the walls of the space, and a sliding glass door at its southeast corner opens to a simple brick patio. The dining room, located west of the kitchen, is an oval-shaped space. Finishes in the dining room include dark hardwood floors with an oval-shaped inlaid carpet, hand painted wall paper with floral motifs and an arched plaster ceiling with banded moldings. A fireplace is located along the north side of the dining space.

The second floor primarily consists of bedrooms and bathrooms. Finishes in the bedrooms include carpet floor finishes and plaster walls with moldings. Hexagonal blue tile from Heath Ceramics was specified for the floors of the second floor balconies and bathrooms; it appears in current photographs of the balcony (bathrooms have not been observed).²

¹ Wallace Neff, General Specifications of Labor to be Performed and Materials to be Furnished in the Construction of a Residence for Dr. and Mrs. Henry E. Singleton, 384 Delfern Drive at Faring Road, Holmby Hills, California, June 1969, 31.

² Wallace Neff, General Specifications, 30.

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Character-Defining Features

Site and Landscape

- · Estate setting, including multiple acres of sprawling open space
- · Location and orientation of the house to afford optimum views of the estate's landscape
- Arrangement of mature shade trees around residence and perimeter of the property, providing privacy as well as shelter from the elements
- · Manicured gardens that surround and delineate outdoor living spaces
- Decomposed granite-paved curving walkways that provide stable footing around the estate without overpowering the landscape
- Brick driveway
- Expansive paved forecourt/motor court that focalizes the entrance and provides for a formal approach to the estate
- Brick garden terrace as a livable outdoor space that affords multiple viewpoints of the estate's landscape
- The placement of the swimming pool in proximity to the house to provide for a seamless integration of indoor-outdoor living as well as shelter from the elements
- The irregular shape of the manmade pond and its placement far from the house to imitate a more natural setting
- Location of the tennis court near the edge of the property and surrounded by foliage, ensuring uninterrupted views of the estate's natural scenery
- · Tennis court enclosure

Residence - exterior

- · North-south, linear orientation
- Rectangular plan
- · Steeply-pitched hipped roof with boxed eaves
- Tall, slender brick chimneys demarcating the four corners of the central volume of the residence
- Hipped dormers
- Exterior brick clad walls (painted)
- Entrance colonnade on primary (west) elevation
- · Entrance portico on east elevation
- · Recessed porch on north elevation
- Balconies with decorative metal railings
- Wood divided-light French doors throughout the house's exterior
- Semi-circular bays at the east elevation
- Paired and grouped wood (fixed and casement) windows throughout

Residence - interior

- Formality and relationship of interior spaces, with a grand, two-story foyer leading to more intimate living spaces
- Central oval-shaped foyer, including its two-story height, curving staircase with decorative railings, mezzanine balcony with pilasters and decorative railing, classical surrounds with exaggerated pediments at interior doors

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- Marble and hardwood floor finishes throughout the house
- · Wood paneling and ceiling beams in some rooms of the house (family room, library)
- Hand painted wall paper throughout the house (foyer, dining room)
- · Moldings around ceilings and door and window surrounds throughout the house
- Blue hexagonal tile at balcony floors

B. Statement of Significance

Summary

The Singleton Estate meets the following criteria for designation as a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument:

- It is identified with historic personages;
- It embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural-type specimen, inherently valuable for study of a period, style or method of construction; and
- It is a notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual genius influences his or her age.

The Singleton Estate is significant for its association with Dr. Henry E. Singleton, co-founder and former CEO of Teledyne, Inc., one of the nation's largest conglomerates. Singleton co-founded Teledyne in 1960 during a time when the conglomerate business model was extremely popular. By the time Singleton stepped down as CEO in 1986, Teledyne had become one of the leading conglomerates in the United States, specializing in the aviation and defense industry. Dr. Singleton commissioned Wallace Neff, Thomas Church, and Phil Shipley to design the estate for himself and his family in 1969; he occupied the house until his death in 1999, a period which includes his most productive years at Teledyne.

The Singleton Estate is also an excellent example of the French Revival style, embodying the essential character-defining features of the style, including its horizontal orientation, relaxed symmetry, steeply-pitched hipped roof, prominent chimneys, brick veneer, French doors and hipped dormers. Although it was constructed outside of the period typically associated with Period Revival architecture (1920s through the 1940s), it is a particularly grand and opulent example of the style, built in response to the desires of the client.

The Singleton Estate is eligible as a significant work of master architect Wallace Neff. Neff, who practiced in Southern California from 1919 to 1975, was known for his early adaptations of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, though he designed in various Period Revival styles throughout his career. By the 1930s, Neff had become the architect of the rich and famous, with clientele including Hollywood film couples Frances Marion and Fred Thomas, and Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks; heir to the Singer Sewing Machine Company, Arthur K. Bourne; and publisher of the Los Angeles Times, Norman Chandler. The Singleton House was the last major project of Neff's prolific career and one in which he was deeply involved.

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Lastly, the Singleton Estate is eligible for its designed landscape, which is the work of notable landscape architects Thomas Church and Philip Shipley. Church, who was based in San Francisco, spearheaded the design of the landscape while Shipley served as the local landscape architect, helping to relay and expand upon Church's vision for the site. Thomas Church is widely considered a "founding father" of modern landscape design; the Singleton Estate is one of his largest private residential commissions, and a rare collaboration between Church and Shipley, a significant landscape architect in his own right.

Historical Background

Holmby Hills and Site Development

Holmby Hills was developed in 1925 by Arthur Letts, founder of the Broadway Department Store, and brothers Dr. Edwin Janss and Harold Janss of the Janss Investment Company (Harold Janss was Letts' son-in-law). The tract, part of the former Wolfskill Ranch, comprised 400 acres north and south of present-day Sunset Boulevard.³ The estate community was said to be "one of the most elaborately designed [projects] in the history of modern community development," with improvements totaling over \$1,000,000.⁴ Enhancements to the tract included the installation of ornamental street lamps, underground utilities, paved concrete streets and a large public park.⁵ Residences, the majority designed by noted architects, were said to have cost between \$25,000 and \$100,000 each.⁶ A number of the city's most prominent business and social leaders acquired properties during the neighborhood's initial development. Although development of Holmby Hills began in the mid-1920s, progress slowed during the Great Depression and did not pick up again until after World War II. By the 1960s, most of the neighborhood had been developed, its lots occupied by large single-family residences.

384 Delfern Drive is located on Lots 4 and 5 of Blocks 26 and 27 in Tract No. 8236. The tract, with the rest of Holmby Hills, was subdivided in 1925 by the Holmby Corporation and the Janss Investment Company. The lots were two of only a few parcels left undeveloped in the late 1960s, presumably because of their challenging topography (a sizeable canyon separated the two lots) that hindered the development of a grand residence like those in the immediate vicinity. Dr. and Mrs. Singleton acquired the lots circa 1968. It took two years and thousands of dollars to fill and grade the site in preparation for the construction of their estate. By 1970, the house, designed by master architect Wallace Neff, was complete, and the Singleton family began occupying it shortly thereafter. The complex landscape, created by noted landscape architects Thomas Church and Philip Shipley, and including rolling stretches of lawn, a number of mature shade trees, paved walkways, tennis courts and a swimming pool, was not complete until 1972.

³ GPA Consulting, Inc., *Historic Resources Survey Report: Bel Air – Beverly Crest Community Plan Area* (Los Angeles: Department of City Planning, Office of Historic Resources, 2013), 7-8.

⁴ "Million to Be Spent on New Tract: Holmby Hills Improvements and Residences Planned to Cost \$2,000,000," Los Angeles Times, 19 June 1925, F7.

⁵ "Boulevard Paving to Aid Tract: Letting Highway Contract Will Assist Improvement of Holmby Hills," Los Angeles Times, 27 December 1925, E10.

⁶ "Million to Be Spent on New Tract: Holmby Hills Improvements and Residences Planned to Cost \$2,000,000," F7.

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Henry Earl Singleton was born in 1916 to rancher John B. Singleton and Victoria Singleton in Haslet, Texas. He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering in 1940, and his PhD in 1950. During his time at MIT, Singleton programmed the first student computer, and in 1939, he won the Putnam Medal as the top mathematics student in the United States. Upon graduation, Singleton moved to Los Angeles to work as a research engineer at Hughes Aircraft and North American Aviation. Shortly after, Charles Bates "Tex" Thornton of Litton Industries recruited Singleton, where, in the late 1950s, he devised the inertial guidance systems still used today in commercial and military aircraft. Under his leadership as general manager, Litton's Electronic Systems Group grew to be the company's largest division with over \$80 million in revenue by 1960.8

In 1960, Singleton and his colleague, George Kozmetzky, who ran Litton's Electronics Components Group, left Litton to form Teledyne, a Los Angeles-based conglomerate. Between 1961 and 1969, Singleton established Teledyne as one of the leading conglomerates in the country, purchasing 130 companies in industries ranging from insurance to aviation. In the next decade, Singleton shifted Teledyne's focus from the direct acquisition of companies to investing in the stock of technical firms. At its peak, Teledyne had revenue of almost \$5 billion, with a variety of businesses including insurance, unmanned aircraft, specialty metals and swimming pool heaters. In 1986, Henry Singleton retired as CEO of Teledyne, and in 1991, he relinquished his title as chairman to focus on his extensive cattle ranching operations in New Mexico, Arizona and California, becoming one of the largest landowners in the country.

In 1969, Dr. Singleton and his wife, Caroline, commissioned Wallace Neff to design a residence for them in Holmby Hills. A decade prior, the Singletons had commissioned Richard Neutra to design a residence on Mulholland Drive. Unsatisfied with the house's lack of privacy and modest size, the family hired Neff to create a residence they felt was more fitting to their lifestyle. Dr. and Mrs. Singleton and their children moved to the estate in the Holmby Hills in 1970. In August of 1999, Henry Singleton died at his Holmby Hills home. The family put the house up for sale in 2008, soon after the death of his wife, Caroline Singleton.

French Revival Style

The Singleton residence is an excellent example of the French Revival style on a grand residential scale. While serving in France during World War I, many Americans became familiar with the French idiom and brought prototypes of the style back to the United States after the war. 14 Although popular throughout

⁷ United States Census, 1920.

⁸ William N. Thorndike, Jr., "An Unconventional Conglomerateur: Henry Singleton and Teledyne," *Journal of Applied Corporate Finance*, 26 no. 4 (2014): 81.

⁹ Thorndike, Jr., 82.

^{10 &}quot;Henry Singleton, Teledyne Co-founder," Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 4 September 1999, 4.

¹¹ Thorndike, Jr., 84-86.

¹² Clark, Wallace Neff: Architect of California's Golden Age, 219.

¹³ Andrew Pollack, "Henry E. Singleton, a Founder of Teledyne, Is Dead at 82," New York Times, 3 September 1999.

¹⁴ Virginia McAlester and Lee McAlester, A Field Guide to American Houses (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1984), 387-388.

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the country as early as the 1920s, examples in Los Angeles largely date to the mid-1930s through the 1950s. Wallace Neff employed variations of the French Revival style for several of his residential designs beginning in the 1930s. An early example of a French-style residence Neff designed is the Joan Bennett House (1938), after which the Singleton residence is modeled. Although a late example, the Singleton residence nonetheless retains the essential character-defining features of the style. Its horizontal orientation, loose symmetry, steeply-pitched hipped roof, slender chimneys, brick cladding, French doors and dormers are evocative of the French Revival style.

Wallace Neff

The Singleton residence was designed by master architect Wallace Neff. Neff had a prolific career in Southern California, primarily designing single-family residences from 1919 until 1975. He was perhaps best known for his interpretations of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, helping to develop what is often referred to a California's "indigenous" style. Wallace Neff was born in 1895 in La Mirada, California, on a ranch owned by his maternal grandfather, Andrew McNally (co-founder of the mapmaking firm Rand McNally). He was born to Edwin and Nannie Neff, who had recently migrated to California from Chicago. In 1909, the family moved to Europe, where Neff attended boarding school in Switzerland, studied drawing and painting in Munich, and apprenticed with a German architectural office. Upon returning to America, Neff enrolled in the architecture program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). In 1917, when America entered World War I, Neff was forced to move back to California, assigned to duty with the Shipping Board of the U.S. Army in a shippard in Wilmington. During his time in Wilmington, Neff grew fond of shipbuilding, and he took a course in naval architecture at the University of Southern California. 15 After the war, Wallace chose not to go back to MIT, but rather to find work in California. While designing a vacation home for his mother in Santa Barbara, Neff became acquainted with noted Santa Barbara architect George Washington Smith. Neff greatly admired the work of Smith, who was known for his Spanish-style designs. Neff apprenticed with Smith without pay until he could no longer afford to do so. Upon returning to Pasadena, Neff found work as a designer of speculative houses in the Hollywood office of the Frank Meline Company. In 1922, Neff received his architecture license and left the company to start his own firm.16

Wallace Neff set up his practice in Pasadena in 1922, just as the "California style," rooted in the state's Spanish and indigenous past, was beginning to mature. He became a reputable architect over a short period of time, establishing himself through early works such as the Ojai Valley Country Club and stables for E.D. Libbey of Toledo, for which he received an Honor Award from the Southern California chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in 1923. That same year, he received another AIA Honor Award for a Spanish-style house he had designed for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walker on California Boulevard in Pasadena. Neff developed his own unique manner of design through manipulating the proportions and massing of traditional Mediterranean and indigenous architecture. His fresh take on traditional styles were so well received that speculative builders began building imitation-Neff houses across Los

¹⁵ Alson Clark, "Wallace Neff and the Culture of Los Angeles," in *Wallace Neff: 1895-1982*, ed. Andrea A.P. Belloli (San Marino, CA: Huntington Library, 1989), 15-19.

¹⁶ Diane Kanner, "Wallace Neff: Architect to the Stars" (master's thesis, University of Southern California, 1996), 55.

¹⁷ Kanner, "Wallace Neff: Architect to the Stars," 65-67.

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Angeles. In 1923, just as his career had begun to take off, Neff married Louise Up de Graff. Together, they had three children, one girl and two boys. 18

During the first few years of his practice, Neff's clientele were primarily established families of Pasadena, who often had personal ties to the Neff family. However, this soon changed with commissions by the Hollywood couple Frances Marion and Fred Thomson, and the New York heir to the Singer Sewing Machine Company, Arthur K. Bourne. Both houses gained wide recognition and established Neff as an architect for the wealthy and famous. In 1926, architectural historian and University of Illinois professor Rexford Newcomb published *Mediterranean Domestic Architecture in the United States*, a compilation of various works of architects, focusing on the California regional school. Neff was featured alongside distinguished architects such as Reginald Johnson and George Washington Smith, though he had practiced for only half as long. ²⁰

With the Great Depression came a decline in the widespread popularity of romantic regional architecture, which many saw as derivative and historicist, in favor of modernism. Neff struggled through the early years of the Depression; he sold his Pasadena office and moved to Hollywood where he rented office space and an apartment. During this time, Neff developed a fondness for the French style, which he applied to a number of commissions in the 1930s, including the Fredric March House in Beverly Hills (1934), the Joan Bennett House in Holmby Hills (1938), and the Robert F. Garner, Jr. House in San Marino (1938). Hollywood celebrities Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks hired Neff to carry out several alterations, additions and redecoration of their Pickfair estate, which helped to keep him afloat during the Depression.²¹

Neff, like his Grandfather McNally, was a natural-born inventor, which as a young man he employed to patent a self-sharpening pencil and an instrument that told the angle of the grade a car was climbing. This inherent talent led Neff to the creation of his most prolific invention, the Bubble House, or Airform Construction, in 1941. Neff described the Bubble House as an economical bomb- and fire-resistant form of mass-produced housing that could be built for defense workers and war-evacuated populations. The Bubble House was first employed in a development for defense workers in Falls Church, Virginia. Although the Bubble House had limited success in postwar America (he built two in the Pasadena area, one of which was for his brother, Andrew Neff), the structure received widespread recognition throughout Europe, South America and Africa. Entire Bubble House villages were constructed in western Africa, Brazil, Pakistan, Mexico, Jordan and the Virgin Islands. Near the end of Neff's life, he resided in the Bubble House he had built for his brother decades earlier.

With the 1950s came new challenges for Neff, as clientele sought modernist estates and Ranch style houses. Struggling to find work in the residential sector, he entered several competitions to design buildings for college campuses, with some success. In 1948, he won competitions to design two

¹⁸ Clark, Wallace Neff: Architect of California's Golden Age, 25.

¹⁹ Diane Kanner, Wallace Neff and the Grand Houses of the Golden State (New York: Monacelli Press, 2005), 73.

²⁰ Clark, Wallace Neff: Architect of California's Golden Age, 24.

²¹ Clark, Wallace Neff: Architect of California's Golden Age, 26-27.

²² Clark, Wallace Neff: Architect of California's Golden Age, 28.

²³ Jan Furey Muntz, "Bubble for Defense," in *Wallace Neff: 1895-1982*, ed. Andrea A.P. Belloli (San Marino, CA: Huntington Library, 1989), 75-83.

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residence halls and a gymnasium at Loyal University, and in 1950, he was chosen to design a gymnasium and an addition to the student union at the Pomona College in Claremont. As Neff regained confidence in his architectural abilities, he again began to attract residential commissions, designing in the postwar style architectural historian David Gebhard called "soft modernism." His one-story houses achieved a closer connection to the land than his grand 1920s residences; he made extensive use of indoor-outdoor plans, open floor plans and large, floor to ceiling windows. Examples of this stylistic shift include Neff's Groucho Marx House in Beverly Hills (1956), the Harpo Marx Houses in Rancho Mirage (1956) and the Edgar Richards House in Palm Springs (1956). In 1954, the Southern California chapter of the AIA presented Neff with an honor award for the Myrtle Hornstein House, and in 1956, he was nominated a Fellow of the AIA.

The 1960s marked a return to the California style Neff had become so well known for decades earlier. The Roy Eaton House (1962) and the Robert K. Straus House (1969), both Spanish Colonial Revival in style, represent this shift. In 1969, Neff received his last major commission from Dr. Henry E. Singleton for a large estate in Holmby Hills. The Dr. and Mrs. Singleton had initially attempted to buy Neff's house he had designed for Joan Bennett in 1938; however, negotiations fell through. The Singletons hired Neff to design a house in the same French style as the Bennett house, but on a much grander scale. Neff, knowing this would be his last major project, was involved in every detail of the house's design, from finding mature shade trees for the gardens to selecting terra-cotta urns for the terrace. Wallace Neff died on June 9, 1982, little more than ten years after the completion of the Singleton residence.

Thomas D. Church and Philip A. Shipley

The estate at 384 Delfern Drive features a landscape designed by noted landscape architects Thomas Church and Philip Shipley. Thomas D. Church was born in 1902 in Boston, Massachusetts. Shortly after his birth, his parents moved to the Ojai Valley in Southern California. Upon his parents' divorce, Thomas and his sister, Margaret, moved to Oakland, California with their mother, Wilda. In 1922, Church received a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from UC Berkeley, and in 1926, he graduated from Harvard University with a master's degree in city planning and landscape architecture. In 1930, Church moved to San Francisco to establish his own practice. Church's style was largely shaped by a visit to Europe in 1937 with his wife Betsy. There, he met Alvar Aalto whose designs inspired Church to create more informal and relaxed landscape plans. Site planning became increasingly important in his work. Veering from the orthodox formalism of traditional designed landscapes, he stressed the importance of multiple vantage points, so that views not only from the house were pleasing to the onlooker. Church's career took off upon his return home; in the following decades, he designed over 2,000 private gardens in California and 24 other states. ²⁹ Church, known to be the pioneer of modern

²⁴ Kanner, Wallace Neff and the Grand Houses of the Golden State, 202.

²⁵ David Gebhard, "William Wurster and His California Contemporaries: The Idea of Regionalism and Soft Modernism," in *An Everyday Modernism: The Houses of William Wurster*, ed. Marc Treib (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1995), 164, quoted in Diane Kanner, *Wallace Neff and the Grand Houses of the Golden State* (New York: Monacelli Press, 2005), 202.

²⁶ Kanner, Wallace Neff and the Grand Houses of the Golden State, 202.

²⁷ Clark, Wallace Neff: Architect of California's Golden Age, 30.

²⁸ Kanner, Wallace Neff and the Grand Houses of the Golden State, 219.

²⁹ "He Changed the Landscape," Stanford Alumni, Stanford University,

http://alumni.stanford.edu/get/page/magazine/article/?article_id=37793 (accessed 24 February 2015).

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landscape architecture and the 'California Style', died in San Francisco in September of 1978. He was 76 years old.³⁰

Philip A. Shipley was born in 1913 in Santa Paula, California, to warehouse broker Frank H. Shipley and Eliza Shipley. ³¹ After graduating from UC Berkeley with a degree in landscape architecture in 1933, he moved to Southern California to set up his own practice. Known for his simple yet unusual landscape plans, Shipley designed for the wealthy and famous, from Presidents Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, to celebrities such as Frank Sinatra, Clark Gable, Walt Disney and Lew Wasserman. In addition to residential commissions, Shipley was hired to design several commercial and research complexes including Palm Springs' Eldorado Country Club, Las Vegas' Tropicana, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory campus and TRW headquarters in El Segundo and Universal Studios. Philip Shipley died in 2001 at the age of 88.³²

The landscape at 384 Delfern Drive is the product of collaboration between Thomas Church and Philip Shipley. Church, who had been the Singletons' initial choice as landscape architect, was leaving on a sixmonth-trip to Rome. Church recommended they commission Shipley, who was local and had proven experience designing the landscapes of large private estates. Between 1971 and 1973, through a series of meetings and mail correspondence, Shipley and Church worked together on the design of the forecourt, terrace, gardens, swimming pool and paved walkways.³³ Church's influences on the landscape design are clear. Brick terraces, appropriately scaled to the house, the siting and orientation of the house to provide for maximum views, the use of mature trees to provide a sense of time and place and the creation of livable outdoor spaces, sheltered from the elements, are evocative of Church's designs and apparent at the Singleton House.³⁴ Church was able to relay his ideas for aspects such as the siting and shape of the swimming pool and the design of the garden terrace through schemes he drew that Shipley would then present to the Singletons and modify as necessary. Together, Church and Shipley created a cohesive and seemingly effortless landscape design that was appropriate to the lifestyle of the Singleton family and could hold its own against the immense scale of Wallace Neff's French Revival mansion.

Period of Significance

Because the Singleton House is eligible under multiple contexts and eligibility criteria, there are two periods of significance.

The period of significance for the residence's association with Dr. Henry E. Singleton is defined as 1970 to 1999. The beginning of the period of significance, 1970, is the date of construction of the estate and the beginning of Singleton's occupation. The year 1999 was chosen as the culmination of the period of significance because it was the year Dr. Singleton died.

^{30 &}quot;Architect, College Planner Thomas Church, 76, Dies," Los Angeles Times, 1 September 1978, F4.

³¹ United States Census, 1920.

³² "Philip A. Shipley; Did Landscape Design for Presidents, Celebrities," Los Angeles Times, 3 August 2001.

³³ Correspondence between Thomas Church, Philip Shipley, Wallace Neff and Henry Singleton, 1970-1973.

³⁴ Thomas D. Church, *Gardens are for People*, preface and forward by Grace Hall and Michael Laurie, 3rd ed. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1995).

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The period of significance for the estate as an excellent example of the French Revival style, as a significant work of master architect Wallace Neff, and as a significant landscape designed by notable landscape architects Thomas Church and Philip Shipley, has been defined as 1970-1972, the period of construction of the house and landscape from start to completion.

Integrity

In addition to meeting multiple eligibility criteria, the Singleton Estate is unaltered and retains a high degree of physical and associative integrity. Historic integrity is the ability of a property to convey its significance and is defined as the "authenticity of a property's historic identity, evidenced by the survival of physical characteristics that existed during the property's prehistoric or historic period." The aspects of integrity, as defined by the National Park Service, are location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

- Location: The Singleton Estate remains on its original site and therefore retains integrity of location.
- Design: The residence is unaltered, and therefore its character-defining features remain intact. It
 is still able to convey its historic significance as a French Revival-style house designed by master
 architect Wallace Neff. The sprawling picturesque landscape, designed by noted landscape
 architects Thomas Church and Philip Shipley, also remains unaltered, with all character-defining
 features intact. Thus, the Singleton Estate retains integrity of design.
- Setting: The Singleton Estate remains sited among seven acres of lush landscape. It therefore retains integrity of setting.
- Materials: With the exception of its original ceramic shingle roofing being replaced with composition shingle roofing, all of the house's original materials remain intact. Thus, the Singleton House retains integrity of materials.
- Workmanship: The Singleton House retains its physical features from the time it was
 constructed, including brick veneer, cast stone entrance colonnade and portico, wood French
 doors and brick paving. Its landscape remains as originally designed and executed. Thus, the
 estate retains integrity of workmanship from its historic period.
- Feeling: The building retains its essential character-defining features and appearance from its historical period. It therefore retains integrity of feeling.
- Association: Though no longer occupied by the Singleton family, the estate appears almost exactly the way it did when occupied by former CEO and co-founder of the major conglomerate Teledyne, Henry Singleton. Thus, it retains integrity of association.

³⁵ U.S. Department of the Interior, *National Register Bulletin 16A: How to Complete the National Register Registration Form* (Washington D.C.: National Park Service, 1997), 4.

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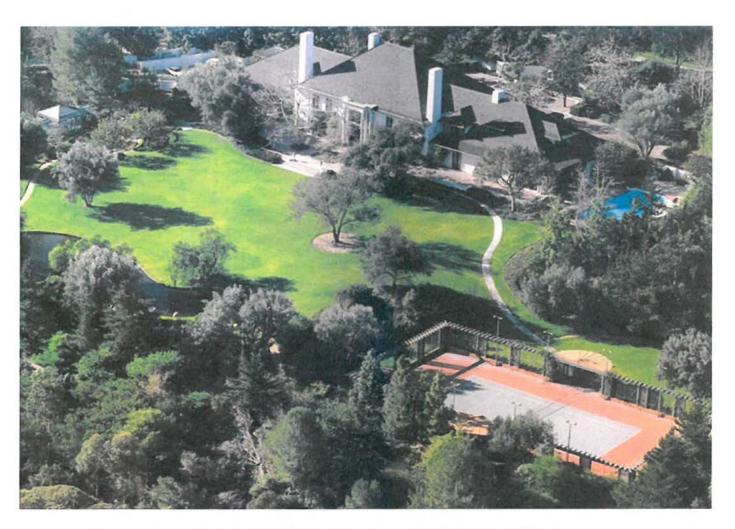
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Singleton Estate, bird's-eye view (source: www.delfern.com/mls/)

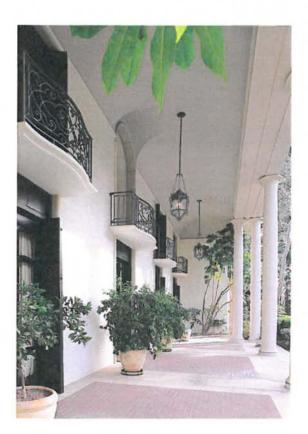
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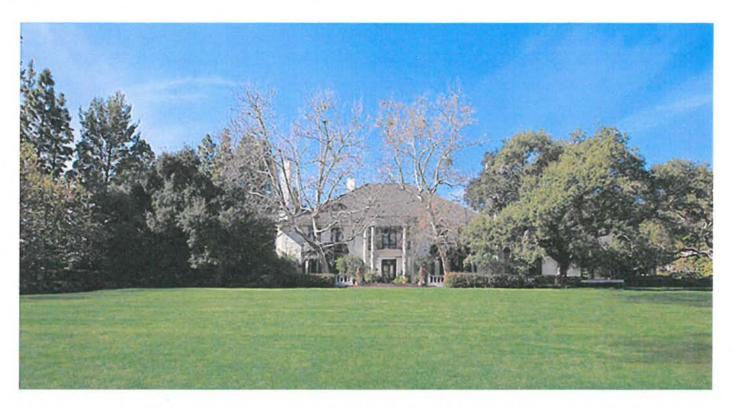
Entrance drive (source: www.delfern.com/mls/)



Forecourt (source: www.delfern.com/mls/)



West elevation close-up (source: www.delfern.com/mls/)



Expansive lawn with house in the background, view east (source: www.delfern.com/mls/)



View of brick terrace from balcony, (source: www.delfern.com/mls/)



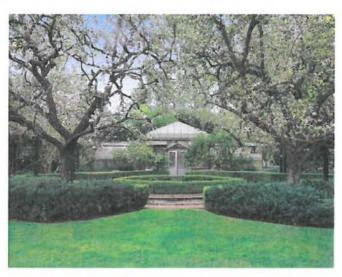
Brick terrace at east elevation, (source: www.delfern.com/mls/)



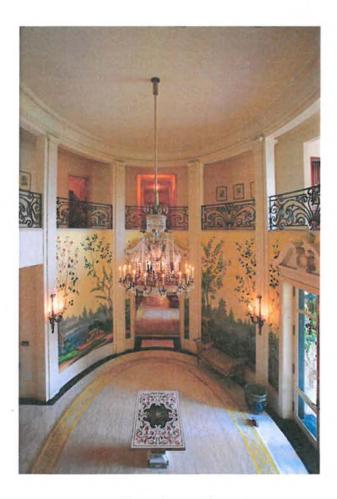
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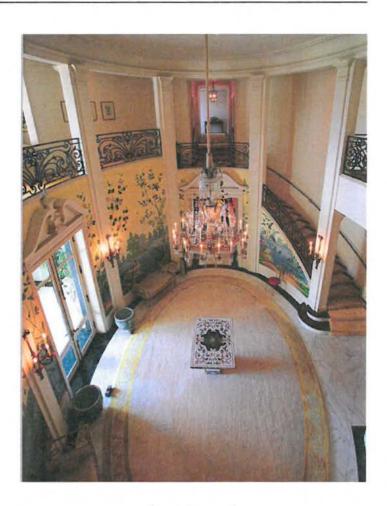
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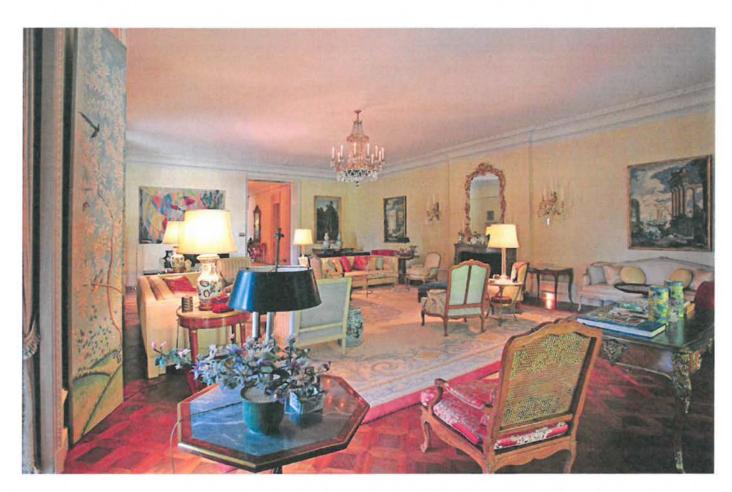
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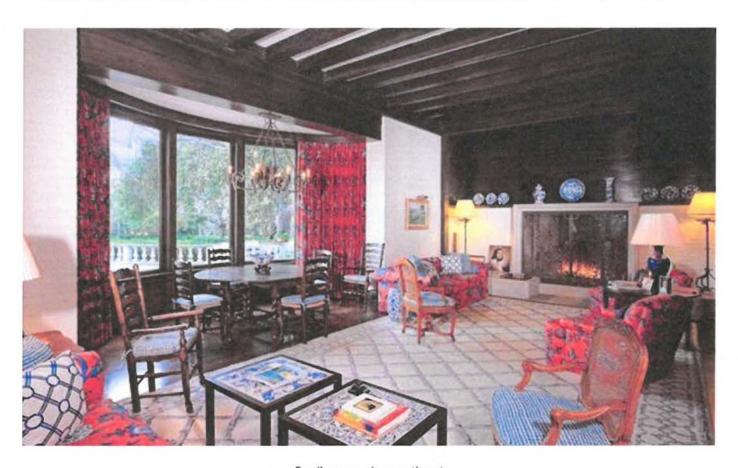
Foyer, view north (source: www.delfern.com/mls/)



Foyer, view south (source: www.delfern.com/mls/)



Living room, view south (source: www.delfern.com/mls/)



Family room, view southeast (source: Coldwell Banker, http://www.californiamoves.com/property/details/3375119/MLS-13-708241/384-Delfern-Dr-Los-Angeles-Bel-Air-CA-90077.aspx)



Dining room, view north (source: http://www.extravaganzi.com/singleton-holmby-hills-property-on-sale-for-75-million/)

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DATE: March 26, 2015

1. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Proposed Monument Name: Singleton Estate (so named for first owner)

Street Address: 384 Delfern Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90077

Council District: 5

Community Name: Holmby Hills

Assessor Parcel Number: 4358-007-015

Tract: 8236 Block: 26, 27 Lot: 4, 5

Property type: Building

Additional Resources: Designed landscape, including swimming pool, tennis courts, pond, manicured

gardens, mature trees.

4. ALTERATION HISTORY

Historic and current photos of the Singleton Estate as well as alteration permits from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety indicate the building is unaltered from its original construction. Nearly all of the work items listed below, derived from building and alteration permits, date to the Singletons' first year of occupancy in the house and likely represent minor modifications to the residence desired by the family upon living in the house.

July 1970 A second fireplace was added to the dining room October 1970 A brick retaining wall was added to the property

April 1971 A 30' by 16' storage room was added at the retaining wall

July 1971 The retaining wall was extended

October 1971 A greenhouse was added to the property

December 1971 A pool equipment room was added to the estate

Unknown Original ceramic shingle roofing was replaced with asphalt composition shingle

roofing



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RECENT ACTIVITY

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Neighborhood Council Bel Air - Beverly Crest
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Census Tract # 2621.00
LADBS District Office West Los Angeles

Planning and Zoning Information

Downtown Parking

Building Line

Special Notes None Zoning RE40-1

Zoning Information (ZI) ZI-2443 Neighborhood Conservation ICO - Bel Air ZI-2438 Equine Keeping in the City of Los Angeles

General Plan Land Use Minimum Residential

General Plan Footnote(s) Yes Hillside Area (Zoning Code) Yes Baseline Hillside Ordinance Yes Baseline Mansionization Ordinance No Specific Plan Area None Special Land Use / Zoning None Design Review Board No Historic Preservation Review No Historic Preservation Overlay Zone None Other Historic Designations None Other Historic Survey Information None Mills Act Contract None POD - Pedestrian Oriented Districts None CDO - Community Design Overlay None NSO - Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay No Streetscape No Sign District No Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area None CRA - Community Redevelopment Agency None Central City Parking No

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No

None

Region Transverse Ranges and Los Angeles Basin

Fault Type

Slip Rate (mm/year) 1.00000000

Slip Geometry Left Lateral - Reverse - Oblique

Slip Type Poorly Constrained

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Liquefaction No
Tsunami Inundation Zone No

Economic Development Areas

Business Improvement District None
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Police Information

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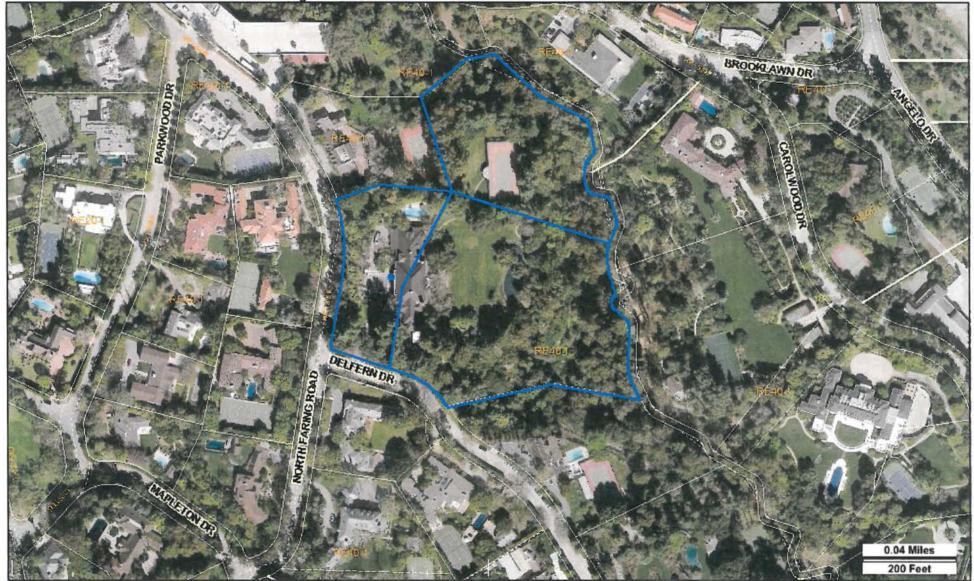
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COASTAL ZONES

Middle School

Dual Jurisdictional Coastal Zone
Calvo Exclusion Area

Coastal Zone Commission Authority

OTHER SYMBOLS

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500 Ft School Zone No 500 Ft Park Zone No **Assessor Information** Assessor Parcel No. (APN) 4358007015 APN Area (Co. Public Works)* 5.300 (ac) 0101 - Single Residence with Pool Use Code Assessed Land Val. \$1,670,802 \$2,317,512 Assessed Improvement Val. 06/16/10 Last Owner Change Last Sale Amount \$9 Tax Rate Area 67 Deed Ref No. (City Clerk) 823392 760818 4-504 3-867 1764325 Building 1 Year Built 1970 **Building Class** CX Number of Units 1 Number of Bedrooms 10 Number of Bathrooms 13 **Building Square Footage** 15,520.0 (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 **Additional Information** None Airport Hazard None Coastal Zone Farmland Area Not Mapped Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Yes Fire District No. 1 No Flood Zone None 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-Yes 13372) Oil Wells None Seismic Hazards Active Fault Near-Source Zone Nearest Fault (Distance in km) Within Fault Zone Nearest Fault (Name) Hollywood Fault Region Transverse Ranges and Los Angeles Basin Fault Type 1.00000000 Slip Rate (mm/year) Slip Geometry Left Lateral - Reverse - Oblique Slip Type **Poorly Constrained** 14.00000000 Down Dip Width (km) 0.00000000 Rupture Top Rupture Bottom 13.00000000 Dip Angle (degrees) 70.00000000 Maximum Magnitude 6.40000000

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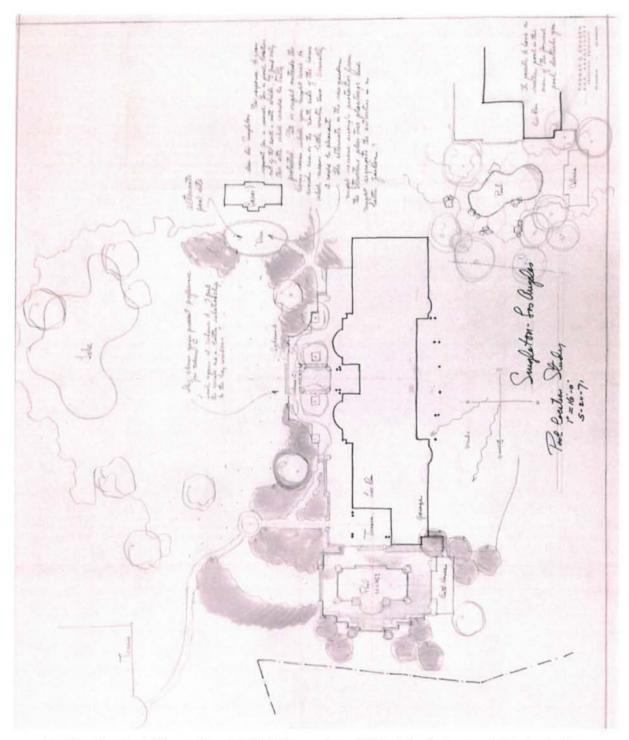


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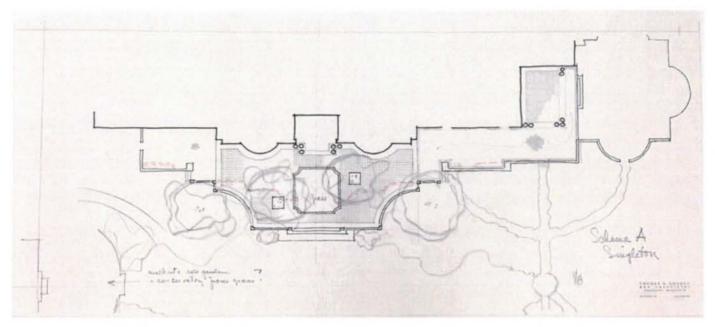
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- 02 Correspondence regarding the landscape design of the estate
- 03 Thomas Church landscape drawings
- 04 Historic Photos, Singleton Estate during construction
- 05 Existing Conditions Photos



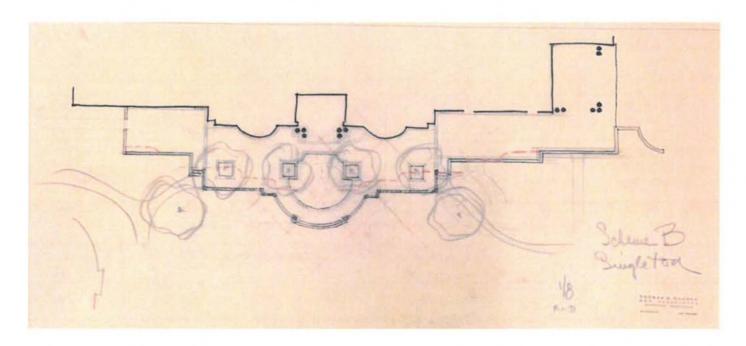


Pool Location Study, Thomas Church, 5-20-1971, courtesy of UC Berkeley Environmental Design Archives



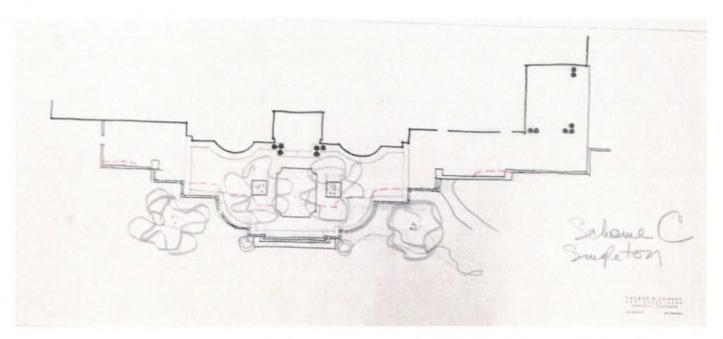


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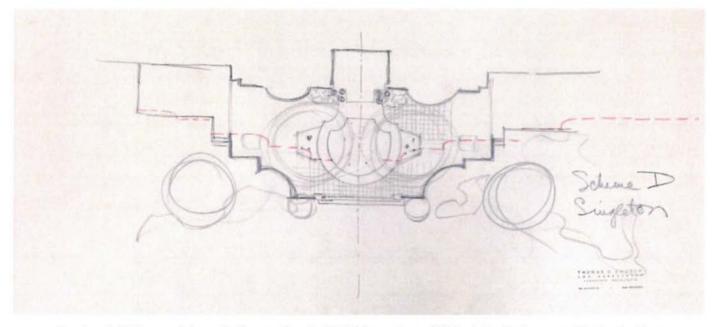


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ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES GROUP, INC. Architects, Planners & Conservators



Singleton House under construction, ca. 1970, courtesy of UC Berkeley Environmental Design Archives



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- 4. For all terrace paving consider the herring pone turned parallel to the house. Color of the mortar joints to be determined after seeing samples.
- Lone at samples of a possible sand-blasted surface on the tail columns.
- 6. Winding paths through lawn and ground cover areas to be asphaltic concrete. It will look too plack when first installed but will weather to the point where it will make no statement.
- 7. Consider low (6") and wide (16") curls of the black brick around the inside of the four Magnelia pockets in the forecourt.

c.c. Wallace Neff Phil Shipley

March 26, 2015

16 September, 1971.

Dr. Henry E. Singleton 15090 Mulholland Drive Los Angeles, California, 90024.

Dear Dr. Singleton:

I had a very good conference with Phil Shipley yesterday. He showed me snapshots of the progress to date and I was pleased with the terraces, balustrade and the tree planting to date.

I suggested that the avenue of trees along the entrance drive might be postponed until other work is farther along and see if they are really needed. Perhaps the introduction of several more olives will complete the picture.

In the pool area I suggested the possible elimination of several features which I felt overloaded the restricted space. Subject to your comment I felt the substitution of underwater sests in place of the six fountain jets would be calmer, and that the columns are not needed and distract one's eye from the major column motif at the loggia. In their place I'd like to see the low brick seat wall continued around that side of the pool. Phil will show you these ideas on the plan.

If you have any questions, let me know.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Church.

cc: Mr. Phil Shipley Mr. Wailace Neff.



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JOB Dr. and Mrs. Singleton
DATE 16 November, 1971.

PRESENT: Dr. and Mrs. Singleton, Wallace Neff, Phil Shipley.

The following items were discussed for consideration by all parties.

- 1. Extending the brick work in the forecourt to widen the access at the house partice, and fill in the strip around the fountain. Softening of the composition will come by planting Hibertia on the fountain wall, adding four Pittosporum tobira variegata, and planting Bougainvillea over the top of the wall.
- The fountain will be lined with a blue-green tile as selected and will have three jets. Puture fountains or sculpture is a possibility here.
- No more large trees seem to be needed. This will be reviewed when the present scheme is completed.
- Various designs were discussed for the swimming pool.
 Shipley will prepare final drawings based on the decisions made.
 - Tile will be gray 3/4" Italian tile as per sample selected.
 - Plant boxes will be 6" above pool grade.
- Underwater seats will be on both sides of the pool. The one in the alcove will be wider - say 24".
- The Singletons will look at samples of coarse sand MOSAI as a possible paving material around the pool. Brick or concrete bands could be used for borders and for the coping of the pool. 4" brass strips would be used between brick and terrazzo and 1/8" strips in the pattern in the terrazzo.
- It was agreed that some feeling of structural enclosure at the service side was needed, (Wallace wasn't sure).
- What brick is to be painted white and what is natural will be a later decision.

Dr. Singleton will call another meeting at a later date if there are points to be discussed.