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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bonnie Court

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 140 South Bonnie Avenue

not for publication N/A

city or town Pasadena

vicinity N/A

state California

code CA

county Los Angeles

code 037

zip code 91106

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

*Paul R. Ferguson*

11/15/94

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one Box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
6	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
6	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Bungalow Courts in Pasadena

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Multiple Dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Multiple Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls WOOD

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or a grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1922-1924

Significant Dates

1922

1924

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Gilkinson, J.L. (Builder)

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

City of Pasadena - Urban Conservation Archives

Bonnie Court

Name of Property

Los Angeles, California

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.32 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	Zone	Easting	Northing
2	11 1	3 9 1 7 2 6 1 0	3 1 7 7 1 8 3 1 8 1 0

3	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

(Submit the following items with the completed form:)

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

name/title

street & number

telephone

city or town

state

zip code

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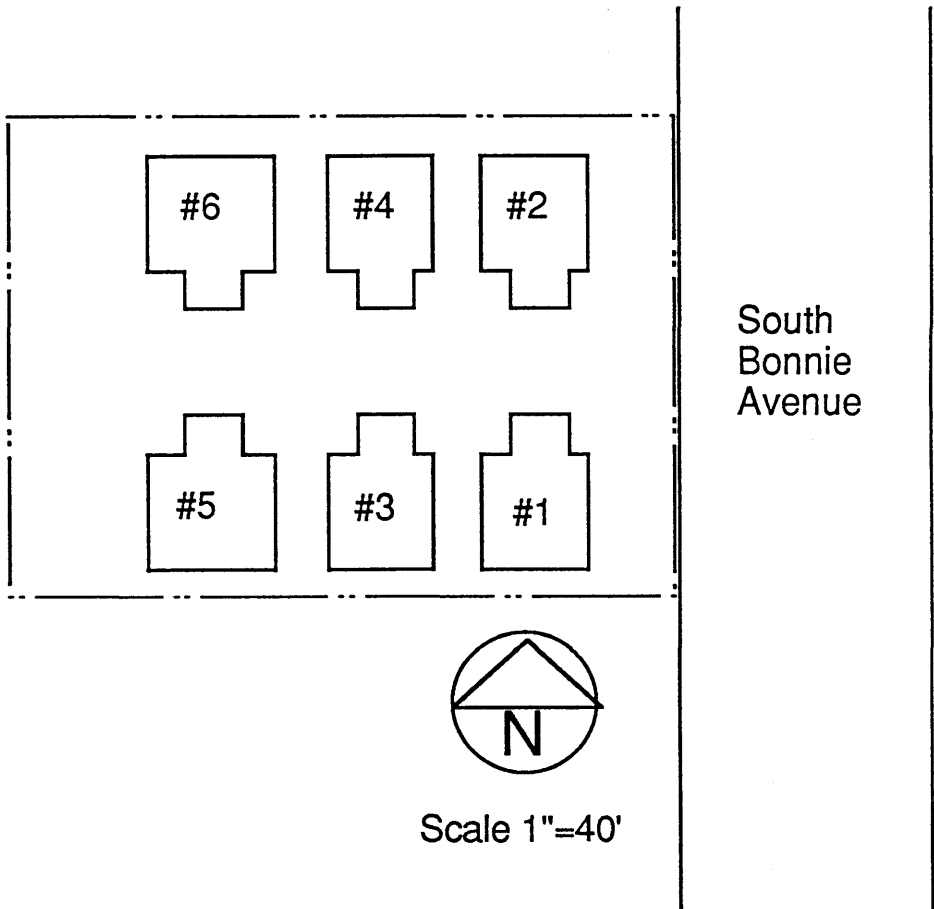
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Bonnie Court

Los Angeles County, California

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

This Colonial Revival bungalow court consists of six identical 24-foot by 26-foot residences, facing each other in two groups of three across a central landscaped walkway. The lot is 100 feet wide by 136 feet deep. Each house is gable roofed with composition rolled roofing, and has wood clapboard siding. A 6' x 12' concrete porch and stair with simple wood railings, supported by two round wood columns and a jerkinhead roof, leads to the front entrance. The front facade, as well as the side facades, are symmetrical in design. The front wood and glass entrance door, which has five divided lights, is flanked on each side by a wood sash, double-hung, nine-over-one window. There are two pairs of similar windows on each side elevation, with a short, high window in the center. Wood lattice attic vents are located below the eave at the ridge line on each side elevation. The rear elevation contains four double-hung windows of various heights. The court is landscaped with grass, small trees and shrubs. There are no visible alterations which detract from the historic character of this bungalow court.

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Los Angeles County, California

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bonnie Court meets National Register Criterion C in the area of Architecture as one of the best examples of the bungalow court form in Pasadena. Bonnie Court meets the registration requirements for its property type both in terms of representing the bungalow court form ideal, as an example of the detached narrow (open) court form, and in terms of integrity. For a definition of characteristics, forms and significance of the bungalow court property type, please refer to the National Register Multiple Property Nomination.

Bonnie Court was built for owner J.L. Gilkinson in 1922-24, during the bungalow court "boom" of the 1920s. The architect for the court is unknown. The Colonial Revival style of Bonnie Court was immensely popular for small homes throughout America in the 1920s. For example, the majority of the plans by the Architects' Small House Service Bureau (a national organization endorsed by the American Institute of Architects that provided designs and educational services for the small house builder between 1919 and 1942) were Colonial Revival designs. According to their publication "Why Colonial Revival Style is Popular" of 1925, the members believed that houses in this style were "models of good taste, logic and strength" and that the popularity of the style was due to the "homelike effect, the dignity and convenience of the modern Colonial type."

This court exemplifies the popular Colonial Revival style as it was applied to the bungalow court building type. Trademarks of the style include the columned entry porticos, multi-paned windows and jerkinhead roofs. All six residences as well as the central walkway are unaltered and retain the integrity of the original design.

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Bonnie Court

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

General reference works used for this and other buildings within the BUNGALOW COURTS IN PASADENA multiple property listing are listed in the multiple property form bibliography.

The following sources specific to this property are located at the Urban Conservation Archives, City of Pasadena:

Assessor's Building Description Blank #18081

Building Permit #5607, 5662C, 5695C, 8841, 8842B

City Directories

Schrenk, Lisa D. (Introduction). YOUR FUTURE HOME. Washington, DC: American Institute of Architects Press, 1992 (Reprint of 1923 edition)



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Bonnie Court

Los Angeles County, California

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Poilly Tract, Lot 19 and Lot 20; also east side of Tract 7/116 MB, por. west of storm drain of Lot 21.

### VERBAL BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the bungalow court.

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DATE OF PHOTOGRAPH: March, 1993.

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVE: Urban Conservation Archives, City of Pasadena, Ca.

DESCRIPTION OF VIEWS:

1. Center of court looking west from Bonnie Avenue.
2. Northeast elevation of Unit #1.