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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

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1 NAME

HISTORIC None remembered

AND/OR COMMON

Glendora Bougainvillea

LOCATION (also see attached drawing --Exhibit #1)

STREET & NUMBER

400 block E. Bennett Ave. & 300 block N. Minnesota Ave.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN 3 blocks east of the

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 26th

Glendora center of town

VICINITY OF

STATE California

CODE 08

COUNTY Los Angeles

CODE

037

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	part of orange grove	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	on parkway easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Lloyd J. and Doris W. Pittman

STREET & NUMBER

437 East Bennett Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Glendora

VICINITY OF

STATE

California 91740

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Administration - Room 205 Phone: 213-974-3471

STREET & NUMBER

225 N. Hill St.

CITY, TOWN

Los Angeles

STATE

California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

California State Inventory of Historic Resources

DATE

1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS L.A. Co. Museum of Nat. History - Mr. Tom Sitton

CITY, TOWN

Los Angeles

STATE

California

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Glendora Bougainvillea is believed by researchers, to be the largest growth of bougainvillea in the continental United States. The vines cover the lower portion of twenty-five, ninety foot palm trees, stretching for 600 feet along Bennett Ave. and 600 feet along Minnesota Ave.

The growth borders two sides of an orange grove presently owned by the Pittmans. In the 1930's and 40's, most of the bougainvillea vines reached a height of 50 to 70 feet, forming a column of color 12 to 20 feet in diameter. However, in the 1950's, heavy rainfall and winds caused some of the dead palm fronds, which were the climbing frame for the vines, to start shearing off. Gradually, over the years, the vines have slid down and bulged out. At the present time, some are only twenty feet in height, although many still reach forty feet.

The beautiful magenta to purple-colored bracts are in evidence throughout the entire year, although the heaviest blooms are in December, May, June and July. At these times, there are so many flor-escences that the green leaves can scarcely be seen. The trunks of these giants are 18" to 24" in diameter. The soil around the vines has been kept from eroding by an historic, 20 inch, capped cobblestone wall--the last in the area.

See attached photographs, exhibits 5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16, and 17.
See also:

- Exhibit #1 - Map of site
- Exhibit #2 - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¹⁰ Quadrangle Map
- Exhibit #3 - Partially complete drawing of pipe trellis - a proposed mechanism for restoration
- Exhibit #4 - 1944 newspaper clipping

*Not in
Mammals
when done
to me - JFT.*

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		-Cultural
				-Horticultural

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Ruben Hamlin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Glendora Bougainvillea, believed by researchers to be the largest growth in the continental United States, was planted by Ruben Hamlin, a wealthy Canadian who came to Glendora in the late 1800's. His wife, Helen, is generally credited with having instigated the planting of the vines. Relying on the authoritative sources, the majority of bougainvilleas were planted somewhere between 1900 and 1903. The palm trees were planted earlier--about 1895--and the cobblestone wall was added in 1912.

The display can be connected with agriculture and landscape architecture. It was characteristic of the borders of a great many orange groves in the heyday of citrus throughout Southern California from 1895 to 1940. The bougainvilleas were usually grown along walls and fences.

The bougainvillea also has cultural significance, since it was extremely popular, as were palm trees, when citrus was one of the two major industries in California. Tourists were being attracted by the many pictures of beautiful ranch homes in a setting of orange groves, palm trees, bougainvillea and snow-capped mountains. Many of the ranchers were wealthy men who had come from the east. They started fine colleges and generally encouraged fine arts. Beautiful gardens flourished in the citrus communities. The period had a culture of its own.

A point of great significance is the size of the bougainvillea display. Running for a distance of 1200 feet, it is a show in its own right, and has given pleasure to thousands of people. At one time, Glendora stores sold post cards showing the vines in full bloom.

The site is also significant as a living example of the spread of flora throughout the world by discovery and exploration. Louis Antoine de Bougainville and botanist Philibert Commerson transported bougainvilleas from South America, where it was native, to the islands of the South Seas in 1768, and then to France. Later it spread to Asia and, around 1870, reached California and Florida. In the continental United States, bougainvilleas can only be grown as a year-round outdoor plant along the coastal region of Southern California and parts of southern Florida.

The vines have horticultural significance because of their size, and because the vines are among the last examples of *B. Glabra*, *B. Spectabilis* (Braziliana) and early hybrids of both. Horticulturists and plantsmen have come from great distances to view the Glendora Bougainvillea. (See 1944 newspaper clipping Exhibit #4).

During the citrus era, there were miles of cobblestone retaining walls surrounding groves. The wall at this site is one of the last remaining in the area.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .366 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property containing the Bougainvillea is that part of the Pittman orange grove existing in what will become the street parkway, when the grove is developed into residential units. See enclosed drawing (exhibit #1) for further clarification.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
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| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lloyd J. Pittman - property owner

ORGANIZATION

DATE

May 31, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

437 East Bennett Ave.

TELEPHONE

213-335-1196

CITY OR TOWN

Glendora

STATE

California 91740

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

K. M. Zell

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

October 25, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2-7-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles A. ...

DATE

2-7-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Mr. Francis Ching - Administrator

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