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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Terwilliger, Claude and Florence, Residence

other name/site number: NA

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2. Location

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street & number: 5880 San Elijo

not for publication: NA

city/town: Rancho Santa Fe

vicinity: NA

state: CA county: San Diego

code: 073 zip code: 92067

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: District

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_ 1 _	_ 0 _	buildings
_ 0 _	_ 0 _	sites
_ 0 _	_ 1 _	structures
_ 0 _	_ 0 _	objects
_ 1 _	_ 1 _	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:  0

Name of related multiple property listing: Lilian Rice Designed Buildings in Rancho Santa Fe, California

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this XX 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 XX meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 6-12-91

California State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- 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):

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current : Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description  
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## Architectural Classification:

Spanish Colonial Revival

Other Description: NA

Materials: foundation: concrete roof: red clay tile  
walls: stucco other: \_\_\_\_\_  
woodDescribe present and historic physical appearance.  X  See continuation sheet.=====  
8. Statement of Significance  
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: at state level in area of community planning and at local level in area of architecture

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : NA

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Community Planning and Development

Period(s) of Significance: 1925

Significant Dates: 1925

Significant Person(s): NA

Cultural Affiliation: NA

Architect/Builder: Rice, Lilian Jenette

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
 X  See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: Rancho Santa Fe Association

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 2.97 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

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C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Assessor's Parcel Number: 265-120-11  
Rancho Santa Fe, Block 10, Lot 3

Boundary Justification: The boundary includes the residence and the immediate surroundings retaining historic integrity.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Ray Brandes, Ph.D. (revised by OHP 1/18/91)

Organization: Historian Date: November 6, 1990

Street & Number: 2725 Barnson Place Telephone: (619) 296-8619

City or Town: San Diego State: CA ZIP: 92103

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Terwilliger Residence

The Claude and Florence Terwilliger residence was completed on July 1, 1925, and is located at 5880 San Elijo, Rancho Santa Fe, California. Built slightly set back from a sloping hill on two sides, the home is subdued by the fact that it is away and down the slope from the main road. The home has 2,403 square feet of living space, not as small as the cottages, and not as large as some of the estates.

It is a "U" shaped home, and is unusual in that the home was so sited as to allow the front facade to face the valley and mountains to the north and west, while the driveway to the home approaches at the rear of the house, the garage and the walled in patio. The construction was standard with structural framing done with 2 x 4 x 16"; floor joists on both the first and second floor were 2 x 6 x 16". The exterior walls are white over stucco and the trim is gold.

While the roof is clay tiled, the rim or edge of the roofline is stuccoed in a wavy fashion for ornamentation purposes. The roof is 2/4 gable pitch and medium 2/4 gable. A single fireplace and chimney are located at the front left of the entry door on the north side of the house.

The patio has lush foliage, a part of the Rice context, with banana palms, fern and other semi-tropical plants. The patio is an extension of the original planted and enclosed area. It has been enlarged and a covered porch which has been arranged with wooden shuttered sliding doors that enclose the porch area for outdoor dining when necessary.

At the east side of the house, once a dry cobblestone area, has been converted into an area with circulating water and plantings which give coolness to that side of the house. Solar panels have been discreetly placed on the house. At the east side of the home at a lower level, a sauna placed near the house was finished about 1986, but the exterior so cleverly stuccoed that it appears to be a part of the home. A lap pool built in 1980 became a part of the recreation area east of the home.

Some of the area around the house is in orchards; the front is a grassy area and below that on the hillside, types of fire-resistant vegetation exist.

Doors and windows appear in abundance. Windows are casement, double and single sash, vertical and horizontal; multipaned as well as single-paned. Door entries are very carefully gauged.

The view from the front of the home, looking south reflects a bit more of the southwest Spanish Colonial Revival in that there are some recessed windows which are set back more than in the other Rice homes; gutter spouts are extended further, and in the peak of the fireplace one sees the interesting combination of stack and balustrade. In this home Rice did not provide a covered porch at the front of the home; the entry and the living room are set back slightly. The only porch is in the rear, the roof supported by 4 x 4 columns. The entire porch area is glassed in, and one may see through the living room to the front yard. At that point, there is a wide sweeping panorama of the valley to the north.

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The assessor noted in his report the superior quality of original craftsmanship, and of the ongoing maintenance to retain the home in good condition. The interior is composed of wood lath and plaster. The floors are of concrete, hardwood, and vinyl in some areas.

Research has not enabled a determination as to whether the current acreage of 2.97 comprised the older estate grounds.

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The Terwilliger Residence is significant under Criterion C in the architectural history of Rancho Santa Fe as an excellent example of the the domestic architecture designed by Lilian Rice in the Spanish Colonial Revival style and in the community planning and development history of California as a component of a carefully laid out group of buildings over a large planned area. The house is beautifully sited on a hilly slope among boulders and stands of eucalyptus trees. The siting of the residence is highly reflective of Rice's attempt to preserve natural features such as rocks and trees to create the impression a building was a detail in the landscape. The Terwilliger Residence exhibits the major characteristics of its property type, making it eligible for the National Register in the context of The Work of Lilian Jenette Rice in Rancho Santa Fe During the Years 1923-1938.



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### Major Bibliographical References

Notice of Completion, Book 23, page 243, dated December 5, 1925

Building Contract #2930 date September 10, 1925

Residential Building Record, Office of San Diego County Assessor  
Carlsbad, California

Rancho Santa Fe Progress, January 1928

Lilian Rice rendering of home, collections, San Diego Historical Society

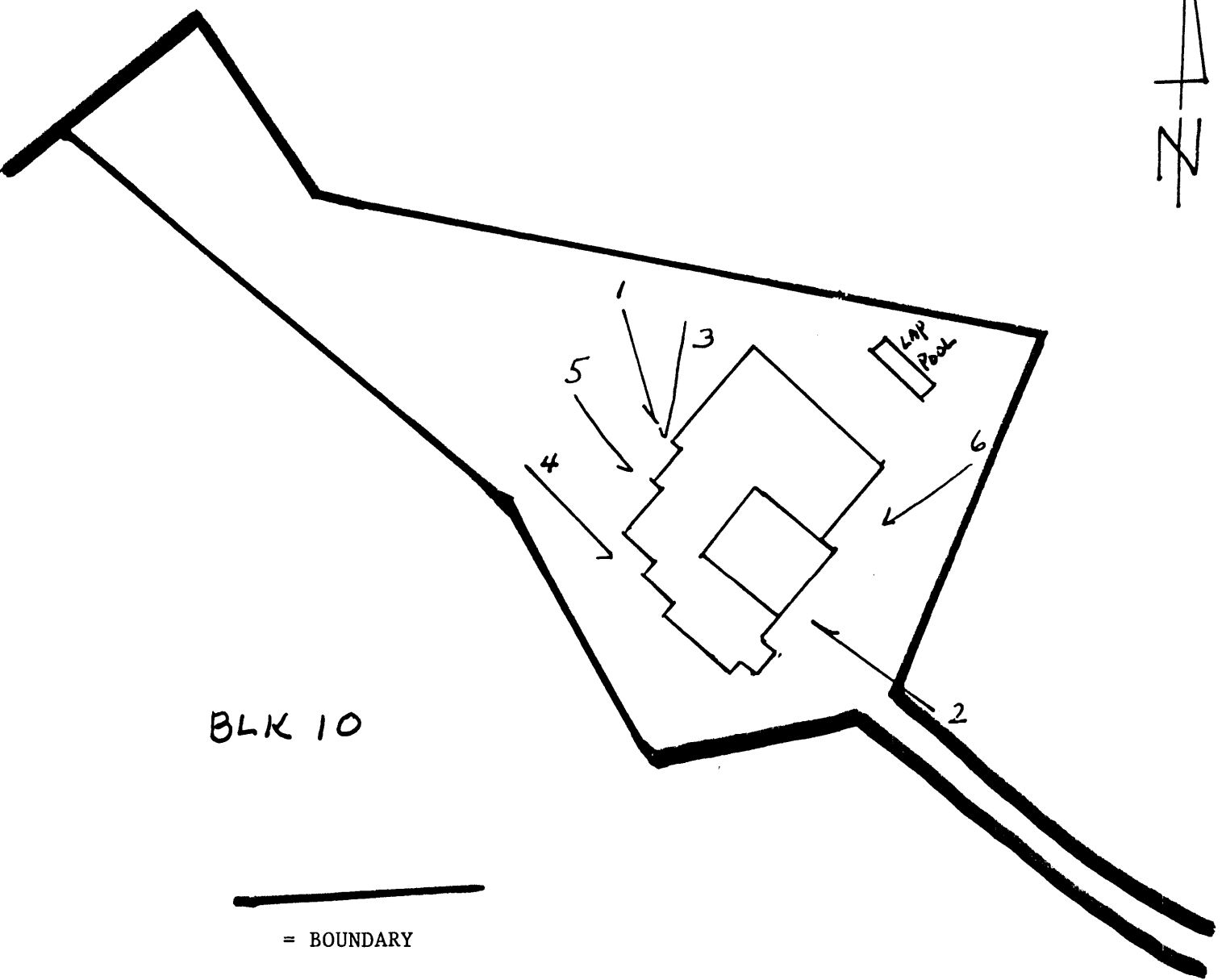
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Rancho Santa Fe, CA  
San Diego County



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Following information is the same for all photographs.

Claude and Florence Terwilliger Residence

5880 San Elijo, Rancho Santa Fe, CA. 92067

Current Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clotfelter

Photographer, negatives on file: Phyllis Paul, Box 2034, Rancho Santa Fe, CA.

Dates of Photographs: August, September 1990

1. View north to south; front facade from rim of valley. Note recessed porch, windows and apertures, gutter spouts and stylized chimney.
2. Patio entrance looking north. Note sliding wooden shuttered doors which enclose the open but covered porch. View is through home to canyon beyond.
3. Close up view of front facade (see #1).
4. View north to south on west side of residence. Sloping hill toward canyon on right.
5. Close up chimney and detail.
6. Garage with original lantern.