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National Register of Historic Places
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *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 Mary Louise Court

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 583-599 North Mentor 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not for publication N/A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]
Signature of certifying official

9/26/94
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:

- 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 the Keeper

Date of Action

[Signature]

11/15/94

Mary Louise Court

Name of Property

Los Angeles, California

County and State

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	
7	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
7	0	Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Bungalow Courts in Pasadena

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)

Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls STUCCO

roof ASPHALT, TILE

other STONE

WOOD

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

1928

Significant Dates

1928

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Harris, Robert (Architect)

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

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Name of Property

Los Angeles, California
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.51 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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2				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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city or town Newport Beach state California zip code 92663

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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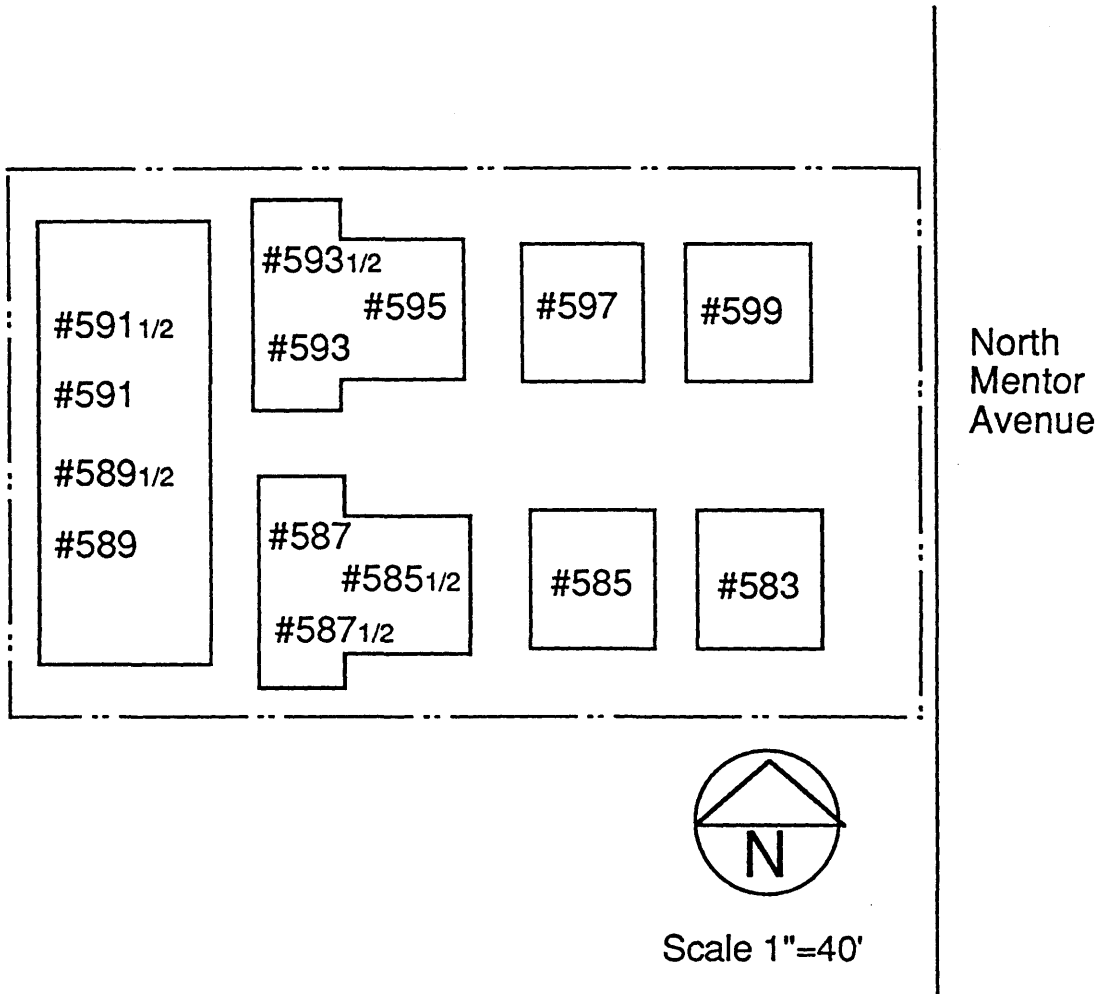
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Los Angeles County, California

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

This Spanish Colonial Revival bungalow court, sited on a lot measuring 117 feet wide by 191 feet deep, consists of seven buildings arranged in a "U"-shaped configuration. The rectangular rear structure (20' x 95') is divided into four units. The front four structures (27' x 29') contain a single unit each, while the two middle buildings (29' x 46') contain three units each. The different sizes of the structures and the informal landscaping give this bungalow court the feeling of a small village. Varieties of palm trees, including several Mexican Fan Palms, line the central walkway (marked by an irregular stone path) and shade the individual buildings. The rather lush landscaping helps define the regional character of the court and sets it apart from the surrounding structures.

Each building has a concrete foundation and is of wood frame construction with a stucco exterior. Wood casement windows and wood doors with eight lights are typical. Curved stucco brackets surround the entrance doors to several of the units. The roofs of the individual bungalows are low-pitched gable or gabled and flat, built of Spanish clay tile and composition roofing. Open-arched porches create a sense of privacy in the two bungalows nearest the street, while the center bungalows have open porches.

The property is in excellent condition, with the buildings relatively unaltered. Alterations which include several aluminum screen doors and window screens, and window-mounted air conditioners, do not substantially detract from the integrity of the court as a whole.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mary Louise Court meets National Register Criterion C in the area of Architecture as one of the best examples of the bungalow court form in Pasadena. Mary Louise Court meets the registration requirements for its property type both in terms of representing the bungalow court form ideal, as an example of the attached wide (enclosed) 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.

Mary Louise Court also possesses additional architectural significance as an outstanding example of a Spanish Colonial Revival bungalow court. The property was built in 1928, during the heyday of the Spanish Colonial Revival. The landscaping, stucco walls, arched porches, tiled roofs and stone detailing all evoke an affordable Southern California version of Mediterranean living. (The bungalows were built at a cost of \$2500 for single units, \$5000 for three unit buildings and \$7000 for the four unit building). The original owner, Robert Harris, is also listed on the building permits as architect and contractor.

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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 #907

Building Permit #7320-7326

City Directories

Pasadena Architectural and Historical Inventory, Orange Grove - Villa Grouping. Reference Number S39.141.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Leighton and Merrill's Sub., Lots 18 and 19.

VERBAL BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

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

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Barry Kyler, Thirtieth Street Architects, Inc.

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 N. Mentor Avenue.
2. Southeast elevation of Unit #599.
3. Northeast elevation of Unit #583.