

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

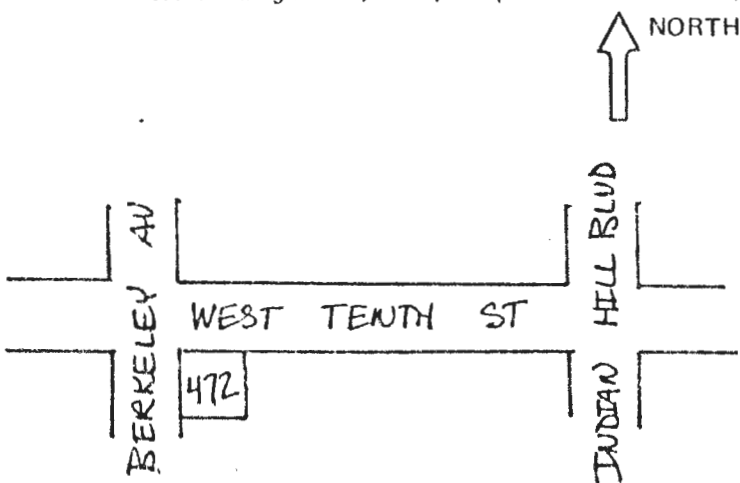
1. Common name: Wright House
2. Historic name, if known: Lincoln House
3. Street or rural address: 472 West Tenth Street
City: Claremont ZIP: 91711 County: Los Angeles
4. Present owner, if known: Colin & Judy Wright Address: _____
City: _____ ZIP: _____ Ownership is: Public ☐ Private ☒
5. Present Use: Residence Original Use: _____
Other past uses: _____

DESCRIPTION

6. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

2 story Monterey Revival House of stucco and concrete with low hip roof of red tile, with 2 foot eave overhang. Decorative wood balcony with Monterey Posts and heavy, functional shutters over multi-light windows. French doors. Basement with two furnaces. Original plans available.

7. Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



8. Approximate property size:
Lot size (in feet) Frontage 65 Depth 145 ;
or approx. acreage _____.
9. Condition: (check one)
a. Excellent ☒ b. Good ☐ c. Fair ☐
d. Deteriorated ☐ e. No longer in existence ☐
10. Is the feature a. Altered? ☐ b. Unaltered? ☒
11. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary)
a. Open land ☐ b. Scattered buildings ☐
c. Densely built-up ☐ d. Residential ☒
e. Commercial ☐ f. Industrial ☐
g. Other ☐
12. Threats to site:
a. None known ☒ b. Private development ☐
c. Zoning ☐ d. Public Works project ☐
e. Vandalism ☐ f. Other ☐
13. Date(s) of enclosed photographs: _____

NOTE: The following (Items 14-19) are for structures only.

14. Primary exterior building material: a. Stone ☐ b. Brick ☐ c. Stucco ☒ d. Adobe ☐ e. Wood ☐
f. Other ☐
15. Is the structure: a. On its original site? ☐ b. Moved? ☐ c. Unknown? ☐
16. Year of initial construction 1928 This date is: a. Factual ☒ b. Estimated ☐
17. Architect (if known): Helen Wren
18. Builder (if known): Hershey
19. Related features: a. Barn ☐ b. Carriage house ☐ c. Outhouse ☐ d. Shed(s) ☐ e. Formal garden(s) ☐
f. Windmill ☐ g. Watertower/tankhouse ☐ h. Other ☐ i. None ☐

SIGNIFICANCE

20. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site when known):

This house was Helen Wren's first design in Claremont. In 1928 Mrs. Beth Lincoln contacted Mrs. Wren at the suggestion of a friend, Estelle McFarland, Mrs. Wren's sister. It was the beginning of a long and happy relationship. The house was situated in the corner of an orange grove and was designed to suit the Lincolns' wish for an early California house, stemming from their interest in western history.

The house has the flavor of a gracious hacienda. The upper story balcony, which runs the full extent of the facade, has a wooden railing which gives a strongly Monterey touch. In another of Mrs. Wren's less rustic designs it might have been of wrought iron.

Inside, the woodwork is stained dark. The ceilings are hand hewn open beamed and planked. Typically, the garden is an integral part of the overall design. A small court yard garden with brick paving is separated from the remainder of the front yard by a paling fence. A profusion of beautiful shrubs and potted plants

21. Main theme of the historic resource: (Check only one): a. Architecture ☒ b. Arts & Leisure ☐
c. Economic/Industrial ☐ d. Exploration/Settlement ☐ e. Government ☐ f. Military ☐
g. Religion ☐ h. Social/Education ☐

22. Sources: List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates:

23. Date form prepared: 4/2/79 By (name): Steadman/Barber
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(State Use Only)

Lincoln House
472 West Tenth St.
Claremont, Ca. 91711

Significance:

contribute to a warmly welcoming entryway.

Elliot Lincoln, who lived in the house for many years, was an English professor at Pomona College. He wrote western novels and served on the Claremont City Council. His wife, Beth, worked at the Claremont Chamber of Commerce for many years.

The house is now lived in by the second owners, Judy and Colin Wright. Mr. Wright is Dean of Faculty at Claremont Men's College, and Mrs. Wright is on the Claremont Planning Commission.

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