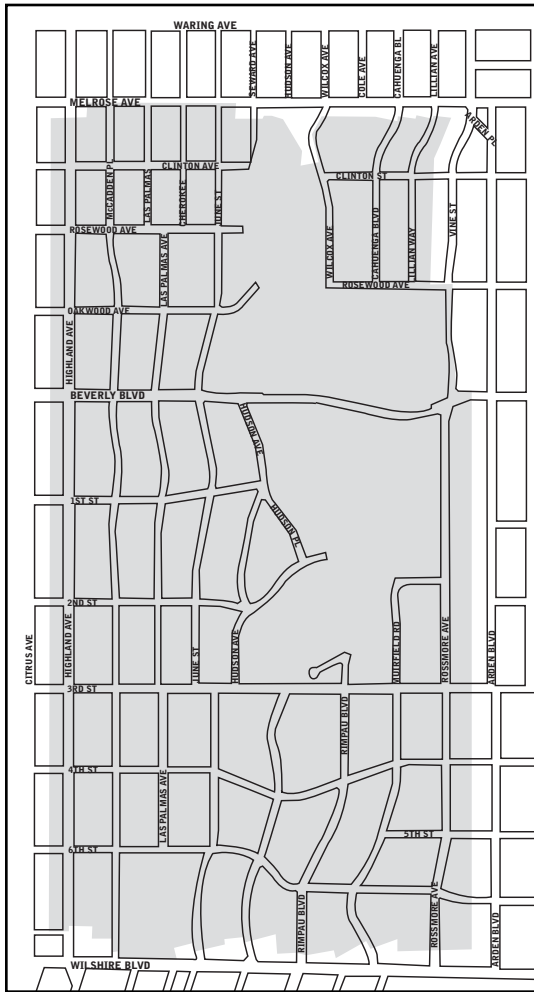


Hancock Park (2007)



HANCOCK PARK, LOCATED IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE original Rancho La Brea area, was purchased by Major Henry Hancock in 1863. The residential subdivision of Hancock Park was developed by Major Hancock's son, G. Allan Hancock, in the 1920s. Outstanding architects of the era designed the palatial two-story, single-family residences in various Period Revival styles (including Tudor Revival, English Revival, Spanish Colonial Revival, Mediterranean Revival, Monterey Revival, and American Colonial Revival) for influential members of Los Angeles society. The vast majority of the residences are set back fifty feet from the street, as insisted upon by G. Allan Hancock, and include side driveways generally leading through a porte cochere to a rear garage. Prominent Hancock Park residents have included millionaire Howard Hughes; entertainers Mae West and Nat King Cole; Broadway Department Store magnate Arthur Letts, Jr.; and architect William Pereira.

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