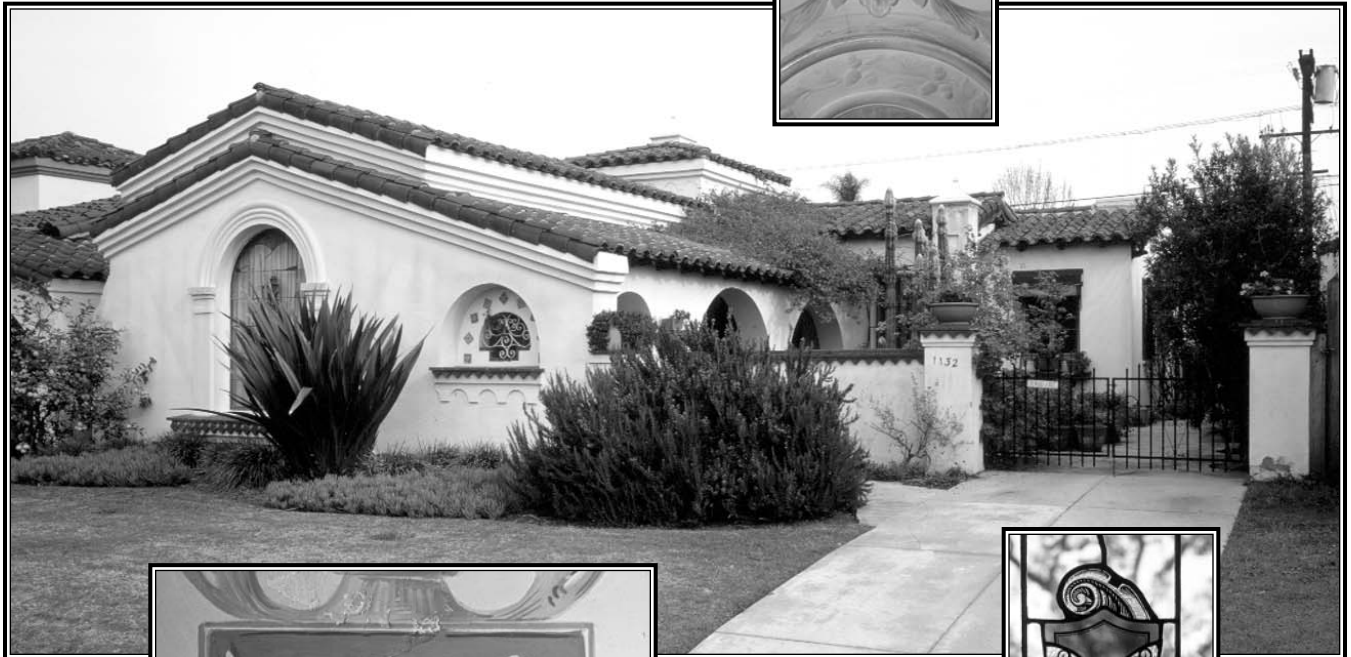


South Carthay (1984)



LOCATED ON FORMER VEGETABLE FIELDS FOR THE RALPH'S Market stores, the homes in what became the South Carthay HPOZ did not really begin to appear until the early 1930s. Remarkable for the consistency and integrity of its Spanish Colonial Revival architecture, almost half of the area's single-family dwellings were designed and built by Greek developer Spyros George Ponty, who built homes throughout the Los Angeles area and Beverly Hills. Other contractors who built homes within the undeveloped tract also espoused the Spanish Colonial Revival style, giving the neighborhood a visual unity—low-pitched red tile roofs, arched doors and windows, and smooth stucco exterior finishes. South Carthay residences are exceptional in their quality construction, skilled craftsmanship, decorative detailing, and individuality—no two homes are exactly alike.



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