

State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

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Resource name(s) or number (assigned by recorder) *Dillman Residence*

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted

*a. County *Riverside*

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad

Date:

*c. Address *40-780 Thunderbird Road*

City *Rancho Mirage*

Zip *92270*

*e. Other Locational Data: Assessor's Parcel Number Block: Lot:

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries.)

Finnish architect C. Barlund drew the plans for this one-story, flat-roofed residence in 1964, although the building was not constructed until 1967. The "L"-shaped house located in Thunderbird Heights is 3,332 square feet, with three bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms, and is set on .49 acres. Medium-smooth stucco sheathes the exteriors. "V"-shaped beams beneath deep overhangs are the strongest visual element of the house. A pair of wood posts supports the roof of the deeply recessed center entrance porch. Shallow rectangular ponds faced with blue tiles flank the porch walkway. The double carved wood entrance doors have floor to ceiling plate glass sidelights. A row of four narrow vertical fixed windows is located north of the porch. South of the porch is a projecting storage area and enclosed double car garage. Rear elevations are primarily floor-to-ceiling walls of glass. Aluminum-framed sliding glass doors open to the swimming pool area. The rear patio, steps, and pool deck are coated with a brown pebble-like material. Lawns, clipped hedges, flowerbeds, and mature trees surround the property. A circular driveway, also paved with pebble-like material, dips down below street level past the entrance. The house appears mostly original and in excellent condition.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (list attributes and codes) *HP2. Single-family Property*

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other

P5a. Photo



P5b. Description of Photo: (view and date)
*Northwest elevation
November 2002*

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources: historic
1967/ Source: Metroscan

*P7. Owner and Address:
*David B. Mazer / Jay R. Hart
40780 Thunderbird Road
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270*

*P8. Recorded by:
*P. Moruzzi, T. Grimes, L. Heumann
Leslie Heumann and Associates
600 N. Sierra Bonita Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90036*

*P9. Date Recorded:
September 23, 2002

*P10. Survey Type:
Intensive Survey.

*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none")

None.

*Attachments: None Location Map Sketch Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record
 Archaeological Record District Record Linear Feature Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record
 Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (list)

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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*NRHP Status Code 5S1

*Resource Name or #: *Dillman Residence*

B1. Historic Name: *Dillman Residence*

B2. Common Name: *Same*

B3. Original Use: *Single-family Residence*

B4. Present Use: *Single-family Residence*

*B5. Architectural Style: *Modern*

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations): *Constructed in 1967.*

Note: No building permits exist prior to incorporation of the City of Rancho Mirage in 1973.

November 14, 1983. Reroof.

January 20, 1995. Add spa to pool.

*B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown Date: _____ Original Location: _____

*B8. Related Features:

None.

B9a. Architect: *C. Barlund S.A.F.A Finland*

b. Builder: *Patten-Wild, Palm Desert*

*B10. Significance: Theme *Country Club Era*

Area *Rancho Mirage*

Period of Significance: *1951-1973* Property Type: *Single-family Residence* Applicable Criteria: *C*

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity)

This property is architecturally significant as a good example of 1960s unadorned Modernism applied to a desert residence in Thunderbird Heights. Original plans indicate that the first owner was Mr. Dillman. By 1972, the Palm Springs Directory lists the owner as Mrs. Norma Cameron. Floor-to-ceiling glass walls along the rear elevations allow the house to take full advantage of amazing desert and mountain views. The deeply projecting, west-facing, porch overhang protects the interior from the harsh afternoon sun. Designed by Finnish architect C. Barlund, the house takes cues from Cody's Desert Modern style in both the use of overhangs and glass walls, but does not employ Cody's characteristic mixture of sheathing types, thin support posts, natural rock chimneys, or walkways. The property appears eligible for designation under an existing or proposed local ordinance, but does not appear eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (a "5S1" National Register Status Code).

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) _____

*B12. References:

Alan Hess and Andrew Danish, Palm Springs Weekend, Chronicle Books, 2001.

1972 Palm Springs "Yellow Book" Directory.

.Original architectural plans.

City of Rancho Mirage Building Permits.

B13. Remarks:

*B14. Evaluator: *Peter Moruzzi, Teresa Grimes, Leslie Heumann*

*Date of Evaluation: *September 23, 2002*

(This space reserved for official comments.)

Sketch Map

P5b. Description/Date of Photo: *View of pool area looking southwest at southeast and northeast elevations, November 2002.*

