

Restoration Timeline

1931 Fountain is unveiled

1985 Restoration included general cleaning and building of maintenance building.

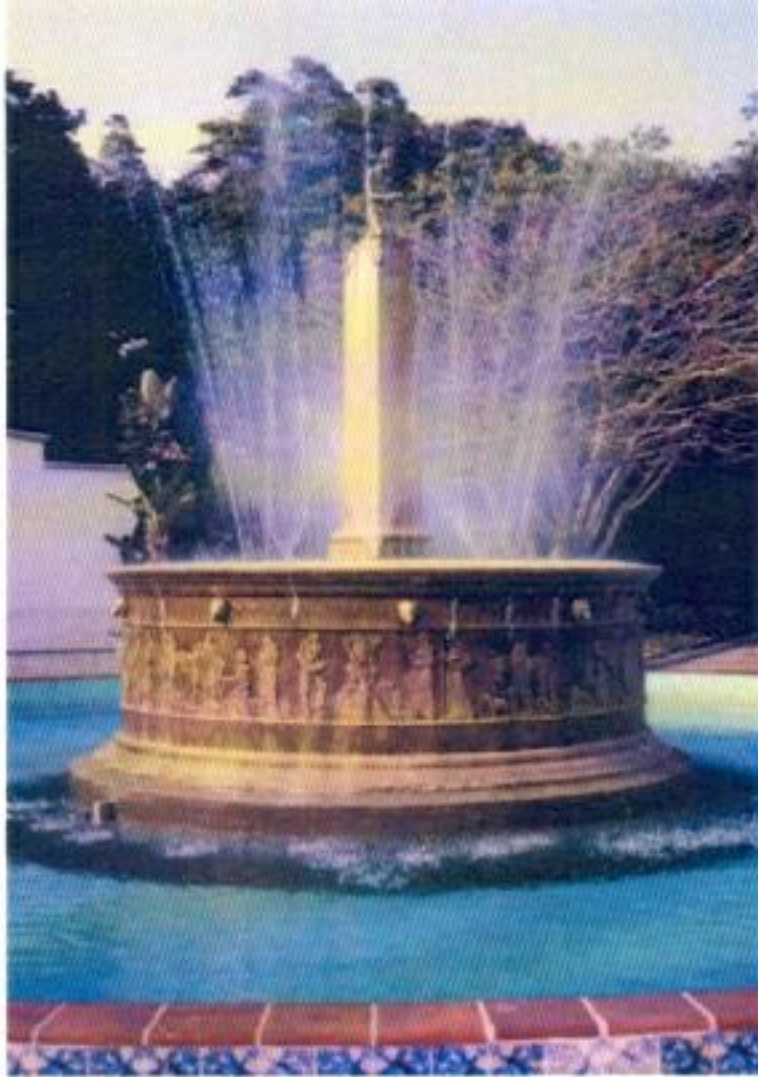
2000 Restoration included upgraded fountain equipment, lighting and general cleaning.

The Electric Fountain offers an ever-changing spray with lights of various colors playing over it. The colors change from one combination to another so that the appearance never seems to be twice the same.

The figure is symbolic of an Indian rain prayer and the frieze around the base executed by Merrel Gage depicts the history of California. Architect Ralph Flewelling is responsible for the design.



Postcard Image of Electric Fountain 1942



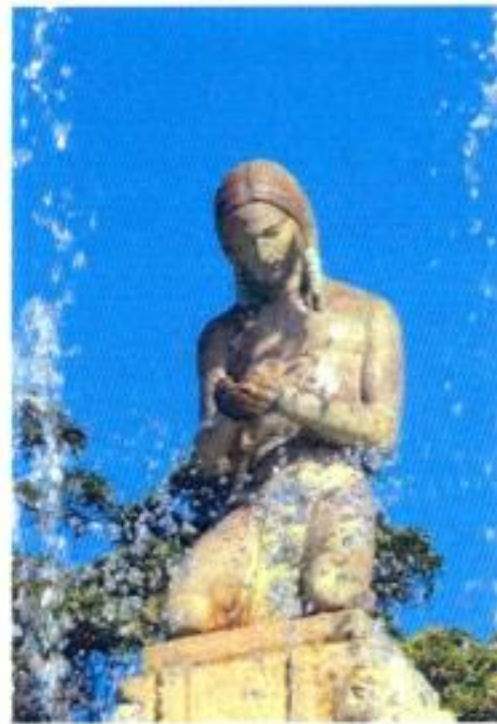
Electric Fountain 2000



Electric Fountain Color Display 1952



Central Cast Stone Element 2013



Indian Rain Prayer Statue 2013

The Bas-Relief on the fountain's bowl is described as the story of the state of California in many descriptions over the years. The relief executed in 1930 is decorated with wolf busts and a relief sculpture of symbolist figures depicting the history of California. At the center of the piece is a depiction of the sun. Beginning by facing the sun and moving left, the depiction of the early Native Americans that lived in California before the Spanish conquest. Continuing one sees the Padres working for the missions, life in California during the 18th Century, the coming of the Fremont and the Americans, the immigration of the Americans from the East. The story concludes with the discovery of Gold in California and the struggle of the Spanish and Mexicans to make California into an American State.



ELECTRIC FOUNTAIN

Year Built: 1931

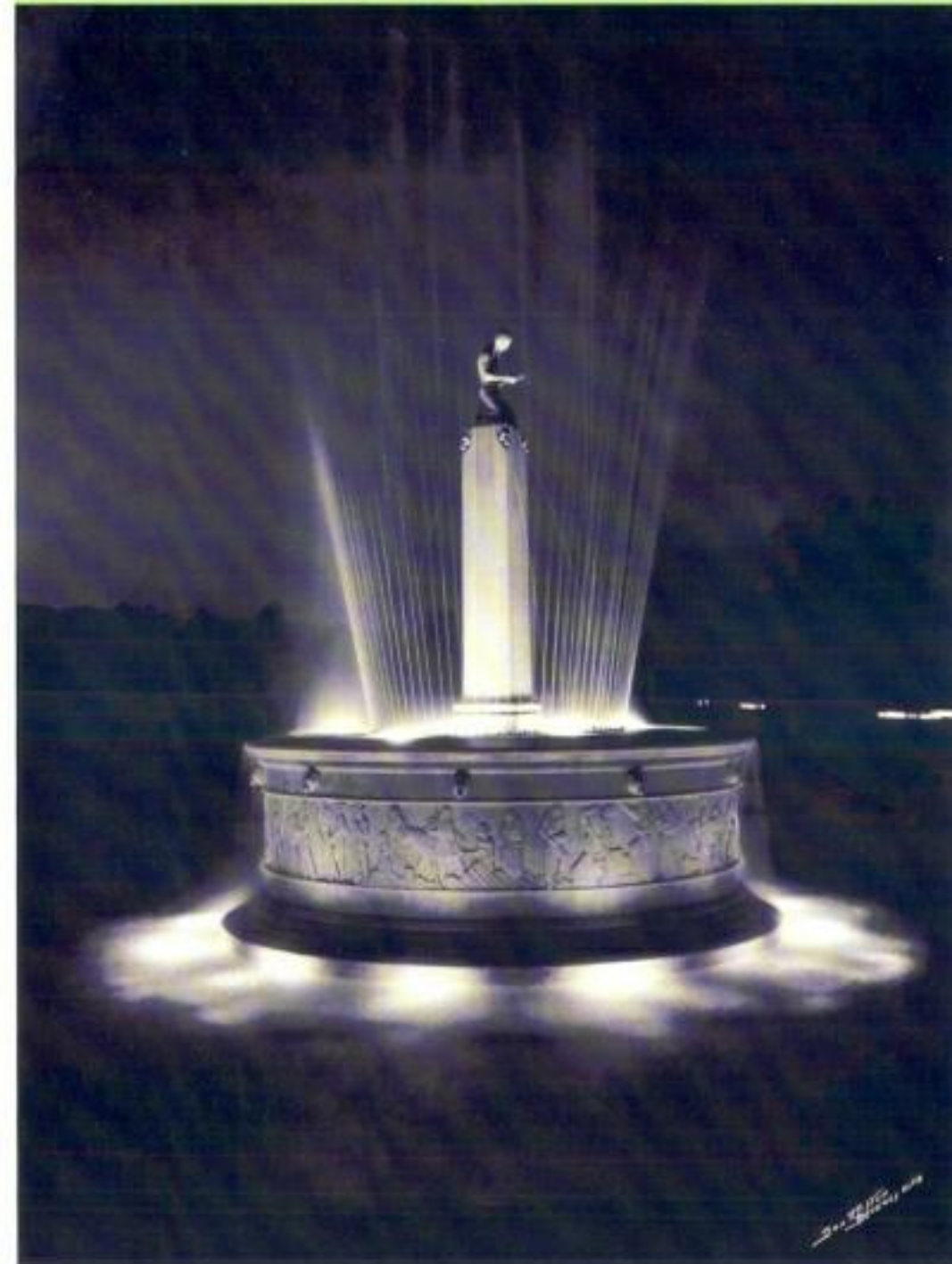
Fountain Architect: Ralph Flewelling

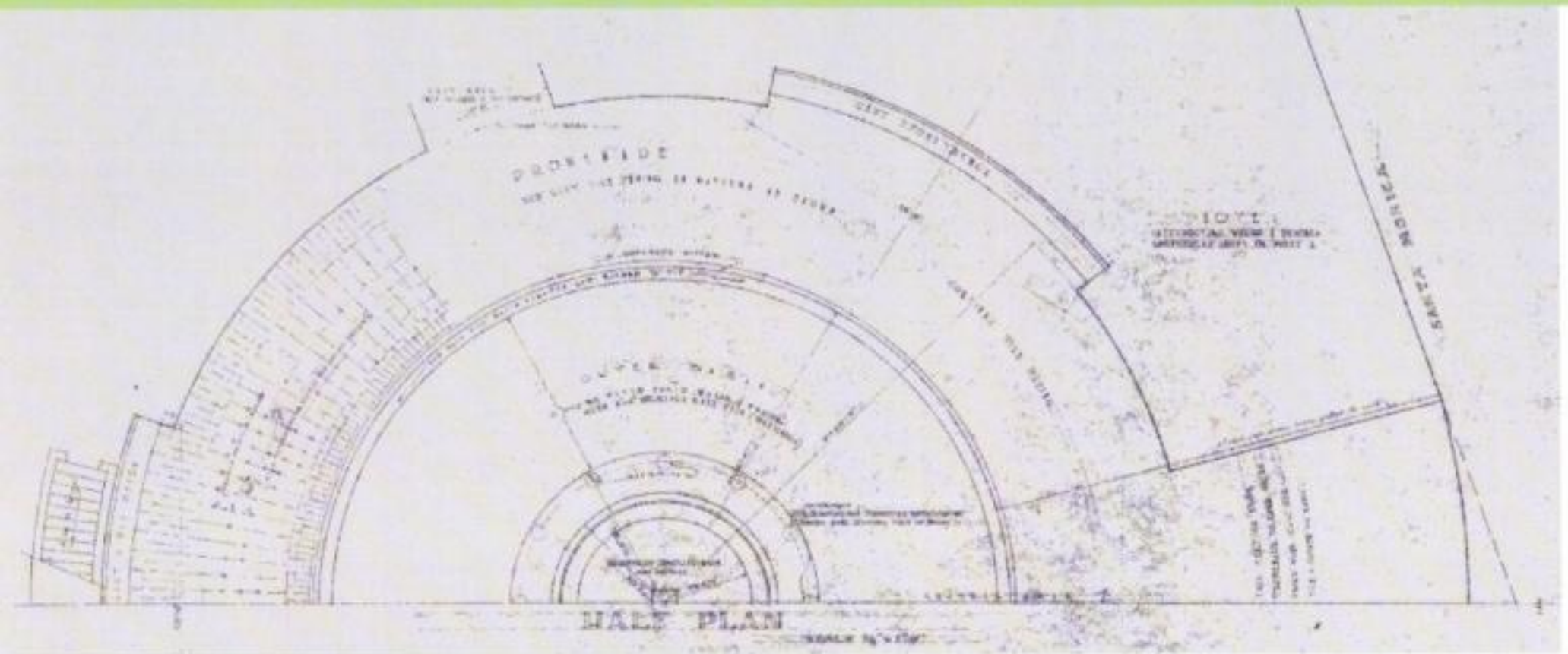
OFFICIAL PAPER OF BEVERLY HILLS

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1931

Fountain Adds to Scenic Beauty

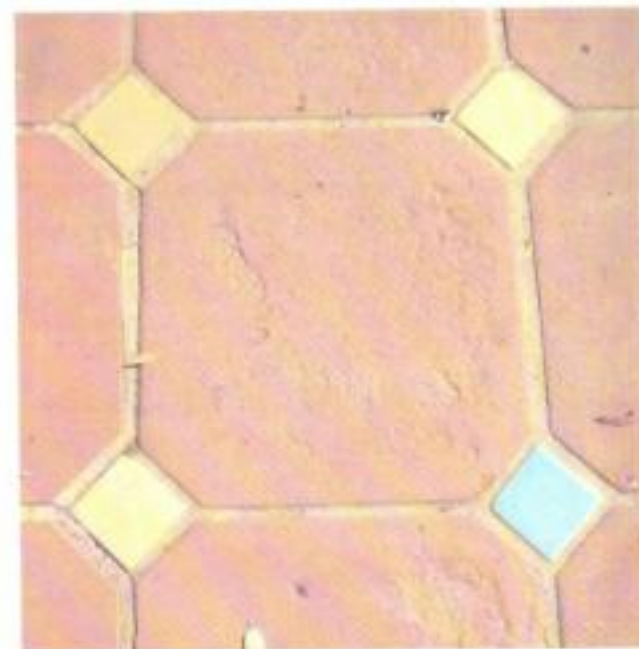
The fountain has complicated the traffic situation in the vicinity of the intersection and it has been found necessary during the peak hours to station officers nearby. Thousands of persons have halted their cars during the short time the fountain has been running to view it.





RESTORE AND REPAIR PAVING IN SITU

- Clean Tiles with Aqueous and Solvent Based Cleaners
- Losses in Tiles to be Filled with Material
- Reproduction of Some Tiles
- Patches to be Toned to Mimic Existing
- Sealing to Protect from Excessive Water Penetration



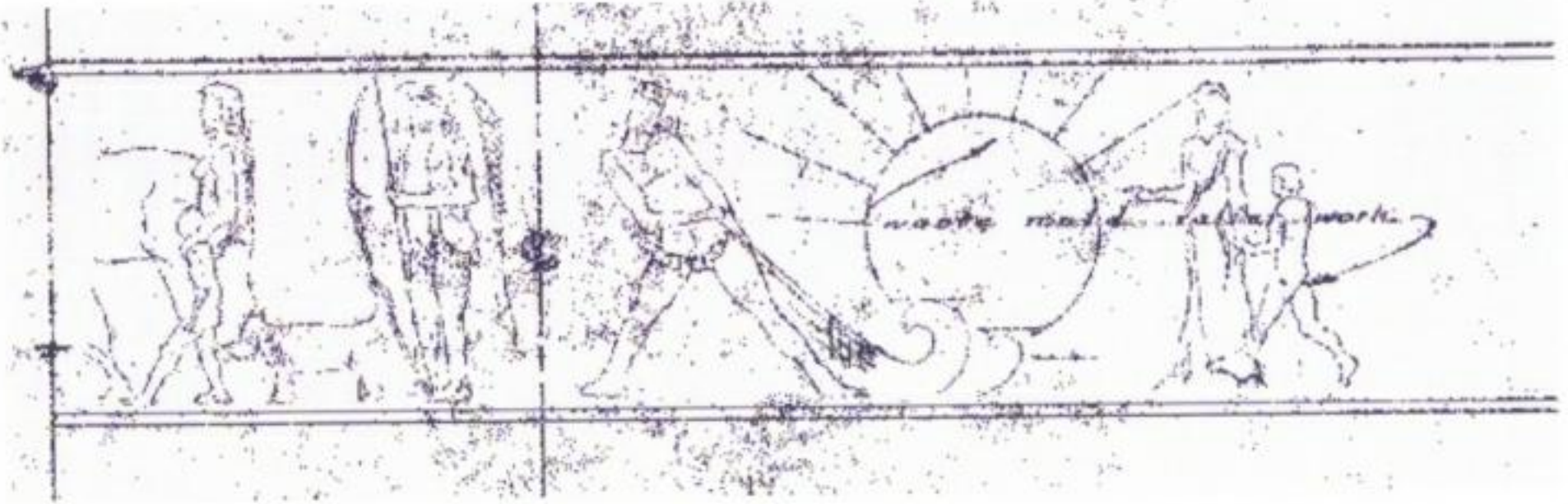
**32 CALIFORNIA HISTORY SCENE TERRA COTTA PAVER TILES
500-3" YELLOW GLAZED TILES and 190-3" BLUE GLAZED TILES**

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BLUE AND WHITE MAJOLICA TILES and TERRA COTTA COPING TILES

- Removal of **640 Original Tiles** to be Stored by the City of Beverly Hills
- Reproduce and Install New but Accurate Reproductions of Original Majolica Tiles
- Reproductions to Mimic the Originals as closely as Possible in Dimension, Pattern, Color and Sheen
- Use a Stable Finish for a Seamless Mortar and Grout Bed
- Additional Tiles to be Produced for Future Replacement Needs
- Reproduce **160 Terra Cotta Coping Tiles** that Mimic the Size, Thickness and Color of the Original Coping Tiles



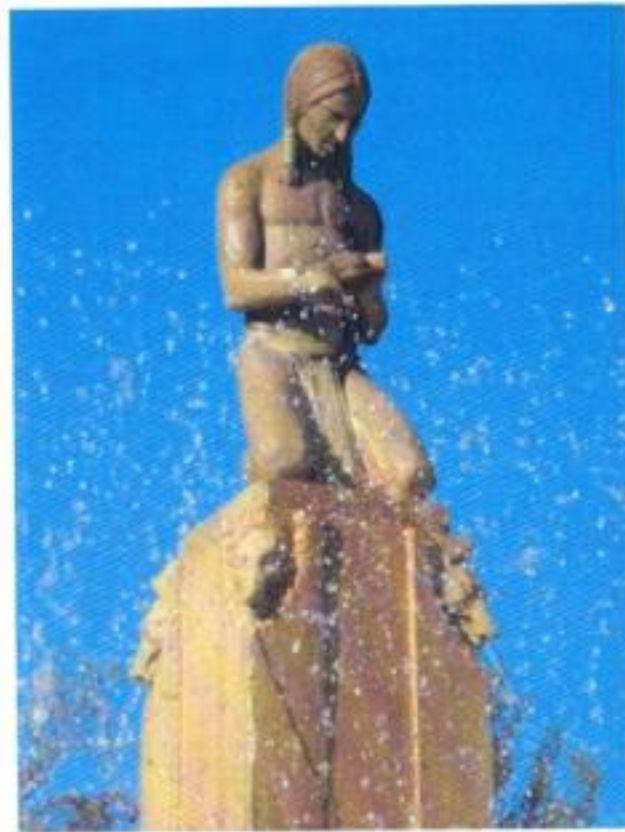
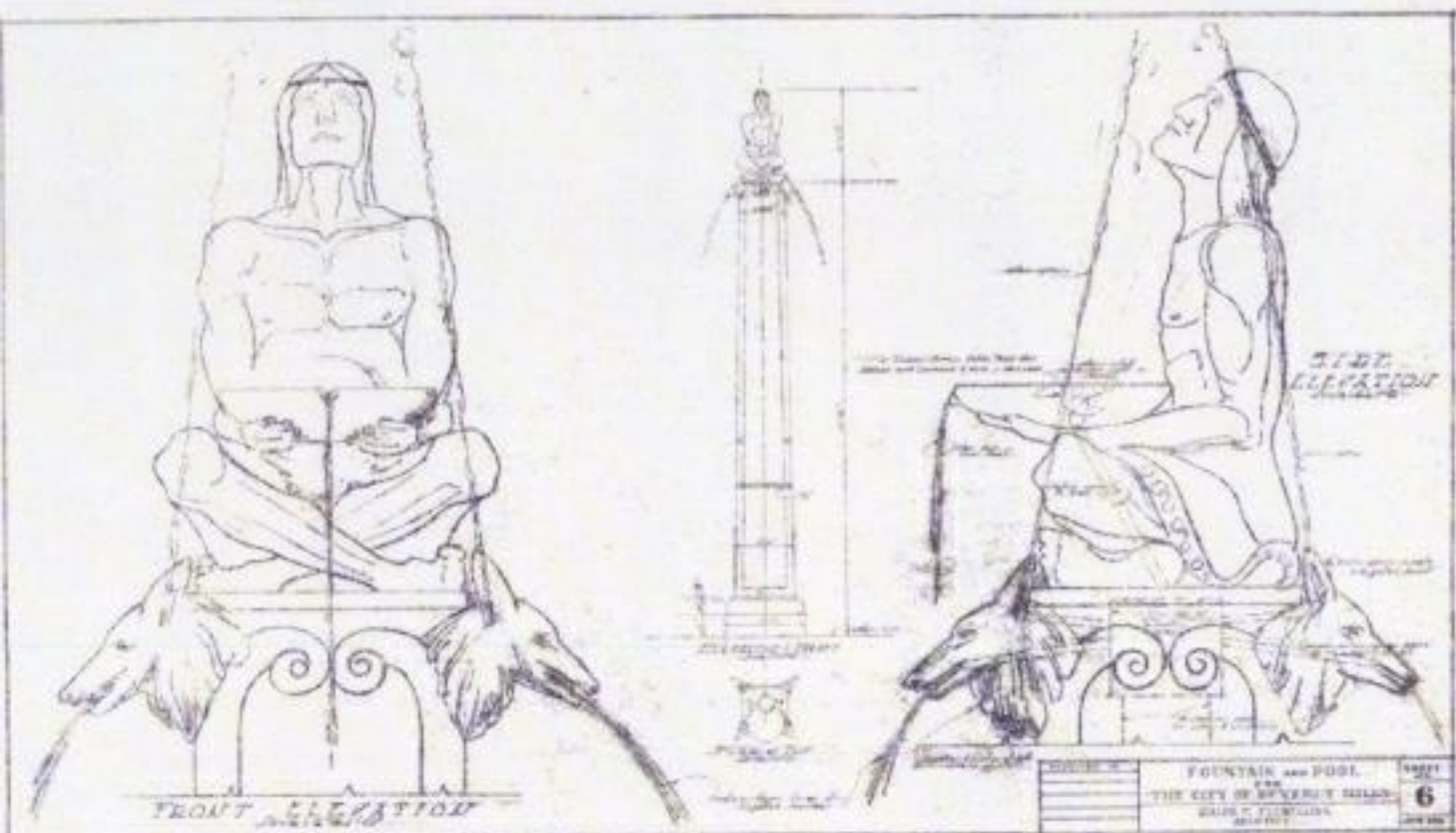
STORY OF CALIFORNIA DEPICTED ON BAS RELIEF, 1931

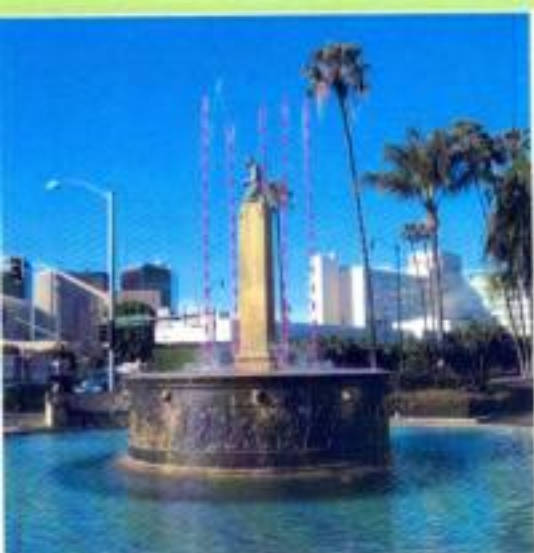
- Story Begins With a Depiction of the Sun
- Early Native Americans that lived in California before the Spanish conquest
- Padres working for the Missions
- Life in California during the 18th Century
- Coming of the Fremont and the Americans
- Immigration of the Americans from the East
- Discovery of Gold in California
- Struggle of the Spanish and Mexicans to make California a State



CENTRAL CAST STONE ELEMENT

- Cleaned with Conservation Grade Detergent
- Some Powerwashing may be Implemented
- Biological Growth to be Treated with Biocide
- Cracks in Stone to be Injected with Liquid Mortar
- Losses in Stone to be Filled with Inert Reversible Patching Materials Tinted to Mimic Surrounding Materials in Color and Texture





Inner Circle of Single Jets

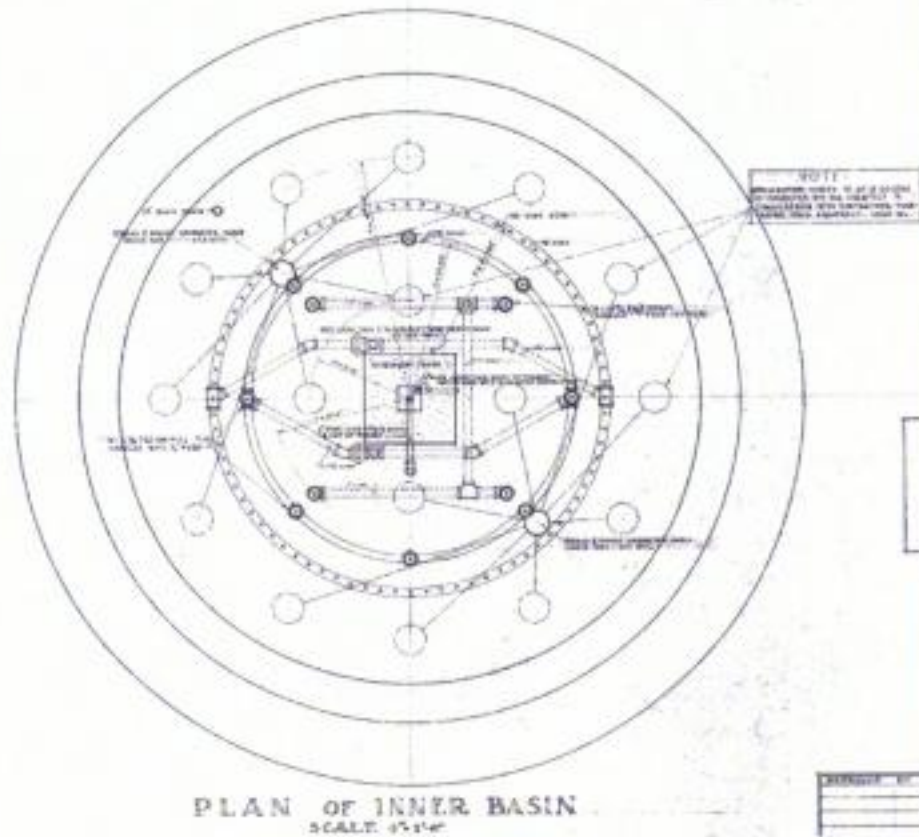


Outer Fountain Ring and
Inner Circle of Single Jets



Middle Circle Spray and
Inner Circle of Single Jets





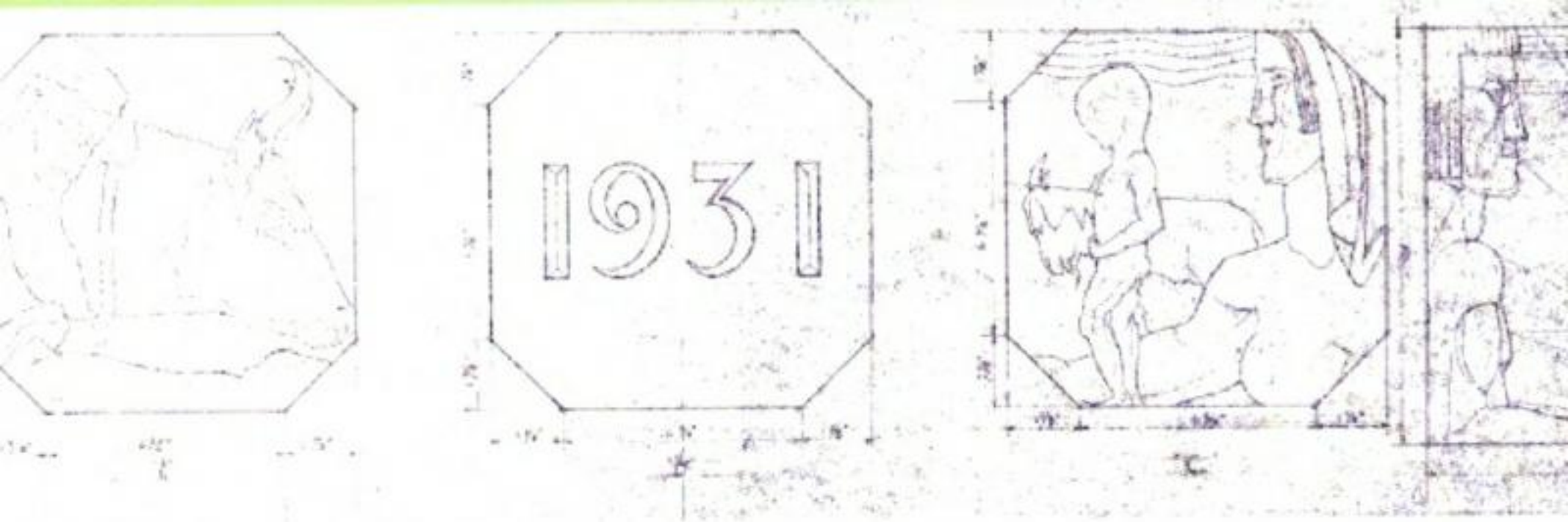
16 Lights at Upper Basin Shown in Original Drawings

- Replace Incandescent Light Fixtures with **LED Fixtures**
- LEDs Lights Last Longer Thus Lower Long Term Maintenance



FOUNTAIN MECHANICAL SYSTEM

- Control Water Over Spray with Updated Wind Control System
- Clean Existing Trench Drain Surround at Lower Basin
- Replace Auto-Fill System
- Install New Circulation Suction and Discharge Points in Basin
- Remove Ad Hoc Skimmer/Discharge PVC System



CAST CONCRETE BENCHES WITH BAS RELIEF INSERTS

- Clean Concrete with Conservation Grade Detergent
- Biological Growth to be Treated with Biocide
- Exposed Rebar to Filled and Coated
- Losses in Concrete to be Filled with Inert Reversible Patching Compound
- Toned to Mimic Surrounding Material in Color and Texture

