

MYRON HUNT

Myron Hunt was one of a handful of influential architects who altered the landscape of Southern California in the early 1900's. In 1924 Hunt's architectural master plan altered the landscape of Monte Vista Grove Homes. Hunt was born in the year 1868 in Sunderland, Massachusetts. His Presbyterian connection occurred through his wife Harriette Boardman. Harriette's grandfather, Rev. Henry Boardman, was a Presbyterian Clergyman who served on the staff of Princeton Theological Seminary. Myron Hunt graduated with a B.S. degree in architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Myron and Harriette became the parents of 5 children. It was several years into Hunt's career that his wife, Harriette, contracted tuberculosis and for health reasons they moved to Pasadena, California.

In 1912 Mr. Hunt entered into partnership with another prominent Pasadena architect named Henry Chambers. Hunt's first buildings were Craftsman in style. Later he became more eclectic in his designs. In 1924-28 the first Bungalows of Monte Vista Grove were designed in the Spanish Revival style. The last of his MVGH buildings was the Administration Building (pictured above). He designed this building in Monterey style.

Hunt's buildings can be found throughout Southern California, but the community that he influenced most was Pasadena. A writer of an article for the Los Angeles Times notes that: "Pasadena deeply bears Hunt's vision. His design stamp on public buildings is nearly ubiquitous."

A few of Mr. Hunt's 400 Buildings are: Occidental College - Pomona College - Cal Tech - The Rose Bowl Pasadena City Library - Huntington Hotel - Ambassador Hotel Hollywood Bowl - Huntington Hospital - Valley Hunt Club Henry Huntington Estate - I Magnin Dept. Store Beverly Hills & Monte Vista Grove Homes.