THE WORK OF ARCHITECT
RICHARD NEUTRA
BAILEY HOUSE
SANTA MONICA CALIFORNIA
1946

EAST ELEVATION

FIRST FLOOR / SITE PLAN

SOUTH ELEVATION

WEST ELEVATION
Richard Neutra Case Study Project

The Bailey House is a single-story residence overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica, California. German-born Neutra incorporated exterior space as a part of interior space, he used large glass sliding doors throughout. He streamlined to eliminate any barriers to the back yard. Each bedroom has a glass door providing access to the garden. The plan is designed to provide greater privacy. The Case Study House contains a protected interior core that contains the central plumbing and mechanical equipment. The kitchen and bathroom surround this mechanical core.

Stuart Bailey asked Neutra in 1958 to design a new addition to the west end. Bailey went on to celebrate the fact that the house "does not just sit there passively. I feel that it acts on me in a most beneficial manner it shows me to it. After ten years students still come from all over the world and stand here in poses of reverence, circling their cameras, and taking their gazes. It is simply that they want to get a feel of which you ever had the high press." Or is it that the building acts on them too. Tells them some archetypal truth which sets them free?"