Richard Neutra Case Study Project

Richard Neutra designed the house at 819 Camino Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. for Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Heilbron in 1936. The main purpose of the house was to provide a home that would be small enough for the Heilbrons to maintain when they were alone, but spacious and strong enough for the children and grandchildren to have plenty of space and privacy when visiting.

Neutra designed a U-shaped house with a small courtyard in the rear. A master bedroom in the northern wing of the house had its own entrance, providing a separate bedroom for guests and privacy for its occupants. A second story addition above the master bedroom featured a quiet bedroom for visiting grandchildren and a play area where they could play without being in the way of the adults.

When not entertaining guests, the Heilbrons could easily close off the northern wing and the upstairs. By dividing the house into three distinct sections, Neutra was able to design a functional and practical place for the Heilbrons to live with extra room to expand for guests.

Axonometric Diagram