

Cultural Resource Survey Form:

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

T. D. NUMBER 0-11-R10

PHOTO INFORMATION:

ROLL: XVII
FRAME: 12

STUDY AREA: OAK GROVE
LEGAL: T. 2S R. 1E SEC. 11 DA
TAX (LOTS): 5300
ZONE _____ SIZE 2.69

IDENTIFICATION:

COMMON/HISTORICAL NAME: STARKWEATHER HOUSE
ADDRESS: 16022 S.E. River Road AREA: Milwaukie 97222
CURRENT OWNER: EUGENE BIXON USE: Residence
OWNER'S ADDRESS: Same
ORIGINAL OWNER: HARVEY STARKWEATHER USE: Residence
AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: TOWN: _____ COUNTY: X CITY: _____ NATION: _____

HISTORIC INTEREST:

THEME: Architecture - 19th Century DATE: 1909
DESCRIPTION: The Starkweather's were a prominent pioneer family of politicians and educators. After crossing plains in 1850, first William Starkweather, then his Oregon-born son, Harvey Gordon Starkweather, made their mark on Oregon history. William was active in the territorial government and later elected to the constitutional convention in 1857. In 1865, he bought land south of Milwaukie and began farming. He devised means for building the first schoolhouse in the area and served as director and clerk of the school district.

ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST:

STYLE: Classic Revival STORIES: 2½+
DATE: 1909 CONDITION: Fair ARCHITECT: Harvey Starkweather
SIDING: 6" tongue and groove with corner and rake boards.
ROOF: Cross gable with partial return.
DOORS: _____
WINDOWS: 1/1 double hung with architrave molding. Some fixed sash.

MAIN ENTRANCE: Doric columns paired on paneled base. 2 doors paneled bases. Stone balustrade. South elevation: Doric columns, etc. Door has sidelights and transoms. Another stone balustrade west elevation - back door - enclosed porch.

NOTES: Uncoursed stone basement and balustrade and retaining wall. Watertable. Decorative chimney, Daylight basement.



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HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

HIST. NAME: Harvey G. Starkweather House
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c.1909
COMMON NAME:
ORIGINAL USE: Residence
ADDRESS: 16022 S.E. River Road, Milwaukie 97222
OWNER: Eugene Dixon
PRESENT USE: Residence
ARCH./BLDR.:
T/R/S: 2S 1E 11DA
TAX LOT: 5300
STYLE: Colonial Revival
RESOURCE TYPE: Building
THEME: Architecture - 19th Century; Agriculture; Government;
Politics; Education
ADDITION: Jacob Risley DLC
BLOCK:
LOT: 2.69 acres
QUAD: Lake Oswego
LOT SIZE: 2.69 acres
ZONE: R-10/HL (Historic Landmark)

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Asymmetrical
NO. OF STORIES: 2-1/2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Uncoursed Stone
BASEMENT (Y/N): Y
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Intersecting gable with partial return
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood
STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Double-hung with architrave molding
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Tongue-and-groove with corner and
rake boards
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Paneled and glazed door with sidelights and
transom. Chimney.
OTHER: Doric columns on paneled bases support hip roof porches.
Stone balustrades.
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): Porch enclosed, n.d.
NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Circular driveway with small,
amorphous swimming pool in center. Large trees.
ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: None
KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None
SETTING: On nob of hill on heavily wooded lot. In neighborhood
of post World War II era residential buildings. Above River
Road, a moderately heavily traveled road.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL
IMPORTANCE, DATES, EVENTS, PERSONS, CONTEXTS): The Alice R.
Starkweather House is an excellent example of Colonial Revival
architecture. Situated atop a small nob above River Road, the 2-
1/2 story house has many features which contribute to the grand
composition. These features include hipped porches with Doric
supports on paneled bases, stone balustrades, paneled and glazed
doors with sidelights and transom.

Alice Starkweather (186?-1920) was the daughter of pioneer Jacob Risley, on whose donation land claim the house is built. Her husband Harvey Gordon Starkweather (1868-1951) was a teacher, politician, farmer and real estate professional. His father, Harvey A. Starkweather, was a pioneer of 1850 who was attracted to the West Coast by "gold fever." After several months of unsuccessful panning, the senior Starkweather ventured to Oregon. Here he married Eliza Gordon, pioneer of 1846 and sister of Hugh Gordon who designed the state seal and was the state's first printer. H. A. Starkweather was representative to the territorial legislature and member of the Constitutional Convention. He was reelected in 1860, 1866, 1870, and 1876. In 1880 he was elected State Senator. In 1860 and 1865 he was the register of U.S. Land Office at Oregon City. After his death, Eliza supervised the operation of the largest poultry farm in the state. Their home was located near the present-day McLoughlin Boulevard. It was demolished a number of years ago.

Their son, Harvey G. Starkweather, began his professional career as a teacher. He was made Clackamas County Superintendent of Schools, LaGrande Superintendent, and regent of the state normal schools. In 1901 he became a farmer. Starkweather was a member of several fraternal organizations, as well as the state Grange, the Chamber of Commerce, and the City Club. Between 1916 and 1920 he was the Chairman of the Clackamas County Democratic Central Committee and then the state Democratic Central Committee. In 1920 he ran for U.S. Senator, but was defeated. Woodrow Wilson appointed Starkweather to tour Europe "to study rural credits and country life conditions." The commission's report was the basis for the Federal Farm Loan. Starkweather was an advocate for better roads. The Super Highway--McLoughlin Boulevard--was a result of his efforts. In 1940 he married Justice-of-the Peace, Edna Marie Thiessen.

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SHPO INVENTORY NO. 151

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T/R/S: 2S, 1E, 11DA

Tax Lot: 5300

