

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY  
OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310

County Marion

Theme 8d, 8b

Name  
(Common) Edward Weller House

(Historic) \_\_\_\_\_

Address 165 17th NE

Chamberlain's Add., Fr L 1,2,4  
Alfred (deceased) &  
Present Owner Lucille Schramm

Address 165 17th NE

Original Use Residence

Date of Construction ca 1905 Earlier

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Statement of historical significance:

Edward, Emily, and Irene Weller are listed in the Salem City Directories as living in the house from 1917 through 1942. The Schramms have been there since 1945. Wellers had a grocery business at 155 N. Commercial. This house was originally located on Waverly Street just off State Street and was the home in 1904 of President Homan of Willamette University.

The house is two stories, has a high brick foundation, 6/1 double hung windows on first floor. The main roof is a pyramid but there are other rooflines too; there is a hipped roof dormer facing front, a wraparound porch with balustrade, 2 chimneys, weatherboarding, a distinctive oval window with trim on second floor center front. According to Dr. John Griffith and Mrs. Schramm the interior was remodeled in 1944 by Pietro Belluschi, architect for the Marion County Courthouse, and an attached garage was added.

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Recorded by Toni Salzmann Date 3/13/81

Sources consulted (continue on back if necessary):

Salem City Directories, phone conversation with Mrs. Schramm  
(Mary Eyre)

Please enclose map. Township 7 <sup>N</sup> <sub>S</sub> W Section 26 <sup>E</sup>

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OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

HIST. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_

42 Weller-Schramm House (c. 1895)

165 17th Street, NE; Assessor's Map 26BD 7-3W; Tax Lot 80960-010

Owner: Lucille K. Schramm, 165 17th Street, NE, Salem, OR 97301

Primary

MAP NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ TAX LOT: \_\_\_\_\_ BLDG. STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE)  
ADDITION: \_\_\_\_\_ THEME: \_\_\_\_\_  
BLOCK: \_\_\_\_\_ LOT: \_\_\_\_\_ QUAD: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: \_\_\_\_\_ NO. OF STORIES: \_\_\_\_\_  
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: \_\_\_\_\_ BASEMENT (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_  
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: \_\_\_\_\_  
WALL CONSTRUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_ STRUCTURAL FRAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_  
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: \_\_\_\_\_  
DECORATIVE FEATURES: \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_ EXCELLENT \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ DETERIORATED \_\_\_\_\_ MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

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Description: The Weller-Schramm House is a large two-story vernacular Colonial Revival structure with a Craftsman porch. Its low-pitched hipped roofs extend in wide, enclosed overhangs. A hipped attic dormer is located on the front (east) face of the main roof, and hipped wings extend the main roof on the north and south sides. The full porch extends the width of the front and continues around the southeast corner to the wall of the south-facing wing. Porch supports are tapered piers, while an attached classical column is located at the northeast corner of the porch wall. A distinctive oval window with four decorative brackets at the top and bottom and sides is centered on the front second story. An arched stairway window accented by a mock keystone is located on the north wall. Windows are multi-pane-over-one double-hung sash. Siding is clapboard with cornerboards.

Cultural Data: The house, probably built c. 1895, stood at 160 Waverly Place, on the site of the Oregon Supreme Court Building (conversation with Mary Eyre, November 1984). It was the home of Dr. Fletcher Homan, president of Willamette University from 1907 to 1915. When the Supreme Court Building was built in 1916, the house was moved to its current location in Chamberlins Addition (cf. commentary on the Waller-Chamberlin House, #39). Rose Weller Chamberlin sold the lot to her brother, Edward N. Weller, in March 1916, and the Wellers are listed as living in the house they moved to this address from 1917 through 1942. Edward Weller was a partner in Weller Brothers Grocery at 155 N. Commercial.

SOURCES: \_\_\_\_\_

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The house was sold to Alfred A. and Lucille Schramm in 1944. That year, the Schramms employed the prominent Oregon architect Pietro Belluschi, who modernized the interior and re-designed the back of the house (conversation with Lucille Schramm). An attached garage was added to the north side. A. A. Schramm, a prominent banker, was born in 1889 in Minnesota and came to Oregon with his parents in 1893. He attended Salem schools and Willamette University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1912 and his law degree in 1919. He worked for Ladd and Bush Bank from 1913 until 1917, then for the Corvallis State Bank until 1927. He was appointed superintendent of banks by Gov. I. L. Patterson and served as superintendent from 1927 until 1935. He was associated with the First National Bank of Portland in 1935-36 and was vice-president of the First National Bank of Corvallis 1936-41. In 1941, he was appointed state bank examiner by Gov. Charles A. Sprague, serving until 1943, when he became owner of Capitol Loan Co. He died in 1951 (obituary, Capital Journal, May 16, 1951, p. 2). Lucille Kuntz Schramm, also a graduate of Willamette, was an instructor of music there and a civic leader in Salem for many years. She continues to live in the house in 1986. The scale of this structure helps it dominate its site near the busy corner of 17th and State Streets; it is an important anchoring structure to the Chamberlins Addition area of the District.