

**Historic
Resource
Inventory**
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON



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1425 S.W. Twentieth Avenue

Carters, Block D, Lots 3, 4, south 5 feet of Lot 2 of subplot 8
QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 3127

Goose Hollow

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PREVIOUS LOCATION: Lincoln High School site; moved 1950

OTHER NAMES: Kamm House Restaurant

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Residence

OTHER FUNCTIONS: Restaurant

DATE BUILT: 1871

STYLE: Second Empire Baroque

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS BY: Jordan, A.E. (?), Piper, William W. (?)

ORIGINAL OWNER: Kamm, Jacob

TAX ASSESSOR'S ACCOUNT #: R-14040-7730

ZONING: C2 R1

DESIGNATION: National Register, Landmark

1279 2095 212

SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:

Mansard roof with segmental-arched dormers. Decorative roof cornice with volute brackets. Smooth matched siding with wood quoins and belt course. Segmental-arched windows have architraves with large keystones and bracketed sills. One-story bay window with bracketed cornice and balustrade above. Two-story bay window. Bracketed entrance canopy topped with crest-stele and urns. Double front door with transom. One-over-one, double-hung windows.

SPECIAL F/M - SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION:

Paneling from the 1882 Knapp House. Oak lobby pilasters (dated 1889), leaded glass, and courtyard ornamental ironwork from Portland Hotel.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Curiosity, Development, Transportation, Commerce, Marine, in association with Jacob Kamm

Curiosity: The Kamm House was the firsthouse in the city to be centrally heated, with heat from a ship's boiler installed by Kamm.

Development, Transportation, Commerce, Marine, in association with Jacob Kamm: Kamm (1823-1912) was born in Switzerland, but came to American at an early age with his parents. He received a diploma in engineering and worked as an engineer on Mississippi River steamboats. He came to California in 1849 and while running a steamer on the Sacramento River was induced by Lot Whitcomb to come to Oregon and help in building a steamboat on the Willamette. For several years Kamm helped build and became part owner of a series of river steamers. He was one of the five pioneer financiers who formed the Oregon Steam Navigation Company in 1860 and served as its chief engineer. He also invested heavily in Portland real estate and banking interests and built one of Portland's handsomest homes in 1872. He was vice-president of the United States National Bank and president of the First National Bank of Astoria.

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Present owner as of May 1981: Eric Ladd

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No Preservation Funding

Negative: 105-8, 681-1, 785-4

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