

Historic  
Resource  
Inventory  
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

3-023-01901

1901 N.W. Twenty-third Avenue

Wilson's, Block 3, Lot 12  
QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 2827  
Northwest District Association

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Residence

DATE BUILT: ca. 1915

STYLE: American Basic

TAX ASSESSOR'S ACCOUNT #: R-91950-0530  
ZONING: C2

Rank III

SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:

Hip roof with hip-roofed dormer. Flat-roofed porch with columns. Exterior finish of bevel siding.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture



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BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Sanborn Insurance Map, 1926.

Multnomah County Tax Assessor records, microform, automated data files, and card files (Portland, 1980).

City of Portland Buildings Bureau microform and card files.

OLD ADDRESS: 399 Twenty-third Street North

Present owners, as of May 1980: State of Oregon  
MAILING ADDRESS: Highway Building, Salem 97310

No Preservation Funding

Negative: 564-8

Score - Design/Construction: 8  
Score - Historical: 0  
Score - Rarity: 0  
Score - Environment: 4  
Score - Integrity: 10  
Score - Intrinsic: 8  
Score - Contextual: 14  
Score - Total: 42

**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM  
COUNTY: MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

HIST. NAME: Garesche House  
COMMON NAME: Competitive Advantage  
ADDRESS: 1901 Northwest 23rd Avenue  
CITY: Portland  
OWNER: Moran James F. & Katharine  
ADDRESS: 2624 Northwest Pettygrove St.,  
Portland, OR 97210

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1905  
ORIGINAL USE: Domestic: single dwelling  
PRESENT USE: Commerce: manufacturing  
ARCHITECT:  
BUILDER:  
THEME: Culture: 20th C. Arch.  
STYLE: Craftsman/Classic Box

T/R/S: T1N R1E S28  
MAP NO.: 2827      TAX LOT:  
ADDITION: Wilson's  
BLOCK: Block 3      LOT: Lot 12  
ZONE: C2  
ASSESSOR NO.: R919500530

RESOURCE TYPE: Residence: single family  
CONDITION: Good  
MOVED (DATE): No

OLD ADDRESS: 399 23rd Street North  
RANK: Secondary

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular  
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete  
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Hip w/hip  
dormer/composition shingles  
WALL/FRAME: Wood frame

NO. OF STORIES: 2  
BASEMENT: Yes

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 1/1 double-hung wood sash  
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Lap siding, wood

**DECORATIVE FEATURES:** Wide overhanging boxed eaves; cornerboards with caps have the appearance of pilasters; projecting window cornices; two diamond shaped windows on north elevation; front porch with three Tuscan porch columns set on lap sided railing; wood porch decking and steps; single-pane front door; watertable with cap.

**EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:** Porch stair railing replaced.

**NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** House set on slight embankment; concrete steps ascend to house; asphalt parking to north of building; railroad tie retaining wall along sidewalk; rhododendrons along front; hedge along neighboring drive to the south.

**ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:** None.

**SETTING:** The building faces east on Northwest 23rd Avenue, a busy two-way arterial. The lot is a moderately sized parcel and is in a primarily mixed use neighborhood. A driveway and parking area are located north of the building. Commercial businesses and residences flank the building.

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HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM  
COUNTY: MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Architectural: The Garesche House, constructed in 1905, was designed in the Craftsman/Classic Box style. The house displays characteristics of the style in its hip roof with hipped dormer, rectangular form, cornerboards with caps, wide friezeboard, watertable with cap, full front porch, Tuscan porch posts, lap sided porch wall, and narrow lap siding. In good condition with minor alterations, the house is a good-excellent example of its type. The Classic Box was a popular style in Northwest Portland after the turn of the century.

Historical: The property is associated with the following Portland families or businesses: A. J. and M. M. Garesche, Laura S. Grenier, and George and Rose Vrvilo.

**PROPERTY OWNERSHIP HISTORY**

1901      John A. Duncal deeded lots 9-12 to A. J. and M. M. Garesche.  
1908      Garesche deeded lot 12 to Laura S. Grenier.  
1947      Grenier deeded lot 12 to George and Rose Vrvilo, husband and wife.

**OWNERS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

A. J. Garesche No biographical information is known at this time.

M. M. Garesche No biographical information is known at this time.

Laura S. Grenier No biographical information is known at this time.

George Vrvilo was a millworker at Clark J. Wilson Lumber Company in 1943. In that year he resided with his wife (Rose Vrvilo) at Box 467, Road 1, St.. Helens, Oregon. No other biographical information is known at this time.

OTHER SOURCES: Portland City Directory, 1943-44.

ARCHITECT: Unknown at the present time.

Sources:    Ticor Title Company Records  
              Multnomah County Tax Assessor Records  
              City of Portland Building Bureau  
              Portland City Directories  
              Portland Block Books

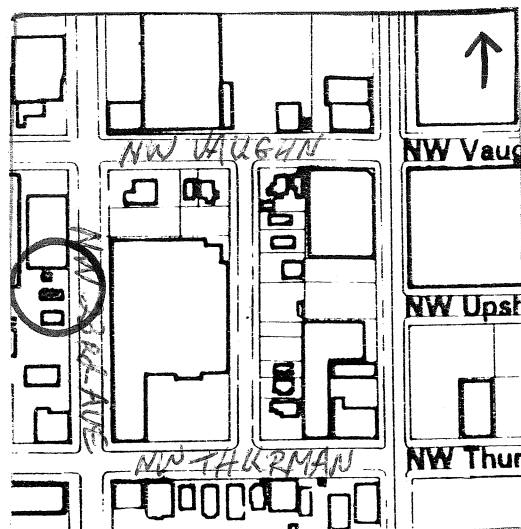
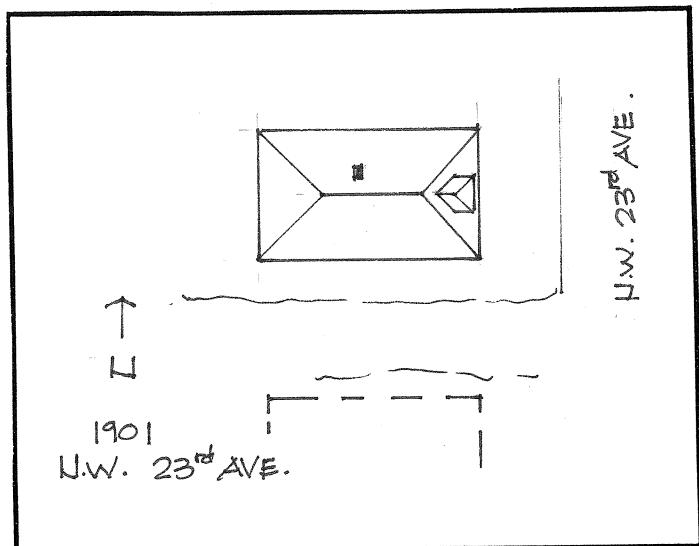
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