

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



1-016-01960

1960 S.W. Sixteenth Avenue

Portland, Block 301, Including 10' West of and Adjacent to North 30' of Lot 6,  
Including 10' West and Adjacent to Lots 7, 8

QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 3227

Goose Hollow

SWHRL

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Residence

DATE BUILT: 1908

STYLE: Arts and Crafts

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS BY: Knighton, William C.

ORIGINAL OWNER: Holman, Edward and Julia

OTHER OWNERS: Holman, Walter E.

TAX ASSESSOR'S ACCOUNT #: R-66773-2330

ZONING: R5

Rank II

**SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:**

Enormous bellcast gable roof with curved-end bargeboards and pegged-end rafters. Brackets. Foundation, porch column pedestals, and entrance stair cheek walls all of uncoursed rough stone. Wood shingles.

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*SPECIAL F/M - SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION:*

*Garage added, 1932. Porch enclosed, 1936.*

*AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Commerce, in association with Edward Holman, As site, Law, Transportation, Development, Agriculture, Communications in association with Joseph Gaston*

*Commerce, in association with Edward Holman: Holman (1854-1920) was born in Brooklyn, New York and at the age of seven came to Oregon with his parents. He was orphaned by age 11 and forced to earn his own way. He eventually built a successful transfer business in the city and joined his father-in-law in an undertaking concern, establishing Portland's first mortuary. He was an active contributor to charitable and philanthropic causes. The first free public baths in Portland were established in 1907, largely through his efforts.*

*As site, Law, Transportation, Development, Agriculture, Communications, in association with Joseph Gaston: Gaston (1833-1913) was born in Lloydsville, Ohio. He received a country school education and studied law at St. Clairsville, Ohio. He came to Jacksonville, Oregon in 1862 where he practiced law and edited the JACKSONVILLE SENTINEL. In 1864 he moved to Salem, practiced law and wrote editorials for the OREGON STATESMAN. From 1866 to 1880 he engaged in railroad promotion and then retired to developing a model farm at Wapato Lake. In 1896, he moved to Portland and developed a fruit farm near Hood River and managed a soda borax mine at Alkali Lake in Lake County. He edited or contributed to a number of agricultural journals and authored PORTLAND, ITS HISTORY AND BUILDERS (1911) and the CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF OREGON. He was know as an independent political activist.*

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*Lockley, Fred, HISTORY OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER VALLEY, (Chicago, 1928).*

*OLD ADDRESS: 440 Sixteenth Street*

*Present owner as of May 1981: Richard C. and Mabel G. Gearhart*

*MAILING ADDRESS: 1960 S.W. Sixteenth Avenue, Portland 97201*

*No Preservation Funding*

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Negative: 671-9, 785-31, 32

Score - Design/Construction: 11

Score - Historical: 5

Score - Rarity:

Score - Environment: 6

Score - Integrity: 6

Score - Intrinsic: 16

Score - Contextual: 12

Score - Total: 68