OREGON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
HISTORIC RESOURCE RECORD

Instructions

Use this form to enter a property into the Oregon Historic Sites Database or to request that staff evaluate a property for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

To have a property evaluated for its potential for listing in the National Register, please complete all blanks and write neatly. Provide as much information about the exterior and interior as possible, such as the number of stories, cladding materials, and general room layout, under “General Description.” Under “Building History,” include any information about the architect, builder, original owners and subsequent occupants, and historic activities or events that occurred at the property. If available, attach historic photos, newspaper clippings, obituaries, and other documentation to help the reviewer better understand your property. Use additional sheets if necessary.

IMPORTANT: Submit current exterior (all sides) and interior color photographs (entry, living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom, hallway spaces, etc). If the property has outbuildings, include these photos too.

Mail completed forms to National Register Program, Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, ATTN: Tracy Zeller, 725 Summer St. NE, Salem, OR 97301 or email them to tracy.zeller@oregon.gov with “HRR” in the subject line. Emailed submissions must be under 10MB in size and include digital photos of the property. Mail submissions must include printed photographs. HRRs are reviewed within two weeks of submission.

All materials submitted to the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office become property of the State of Oregon and are available as public records. Materials submitted to the SHPO will not be returned.

Applicant Information

Name: Liz Carter
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City/State/Zip: Eugene OR 97403
Phone Number: 541.343.6499
E-mail: lizcarterhp@gmail.com
Date: 7 November 2016

Property Information

Historic Name, if known: Orla H. and Maidee Foster House
Street Address: 417 E. 13th Avenue
City/Town: Eugene County Lane

Owner Information

Complete if the applicant is not the owner. Response will be sent to the applicant and owner. Private property cannot be listed in the National without owner consent.

Name/Institution: Young Life
Contact Name: Lissy Lantz
Mailing Address: PO Box 448
City/State/Zip: Eugene OR 97440
Phone Number: 541.342.7513
E-mail

Application Type

☐ Add this property to Oregon Historic Sites Database

☑ Evaluate this property for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places

Staff will enter the data submitted in the Oregon Historic Sites Database, file this application in archive and may make a determination of eligibility for the National Register, but will not respond to the applicant.

Staff will enter the data submitted in the Oregon Historic Sites Database, file this application in our permanent archive, and will make a determination of eligibility for the National Register, and respond to the applicant specific instructions on how to nominate the property to the Register.

Updated January 27, 2016
**Property Name and Address:** Foster House, 417 E. 13th Avenue, Eugene, OR

### Exterior Description

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Write a general exterior description, including building shape, height, roof type, and any special features.

This is a two-story Craftsman-style house with a poured concrete perimeter foundation and basement, wood framed walls clad in wood horizontal lap siding, a projecting front porch and pergola, a side porte cochere, and a front-gable roof with wide open eaves, knee braces, and gable dormers.

Please see attached inventory form for additional information.

Write a general interior description, including general layout, major rooms, and any special features.

The two-story house includes an entry vestibule, living room, dining room, kitchen, and office on the first floor, and several bedrooms the second floor. The attic is now finished for use as living space, and the unfinished basement is used for storage. Interior Craftsman details include brick fireplace, original wood trim, some original kitchen details, multi-light doors, and leaded glass windows.

Please see attached inventory form and photographs for additional information.

List known or probable alterations and the approximate date the work was done.

The house is largely intact. Alterations appear to be limited to window sash replacements (2016), some minor kitchen upgrades and bathroom remodels (no date).

### Building History

Please explain what events and persons are associated with this property and whether the building's architecture or the construction methods used to build it are noteworthy. Use additional pages if necessary.

The Foster House is located in Shaw's Addition to Eugene, one of the city's earliest residential areas. The house was built in 1912 (according to Assessor; newspapers indicate it was constructed in 1913) for attorney Orla H. Foster, Eugene City Attorney, and his wife Maidee Foster, who resided there until around 1920. Between 1921 and 1931 ownership and occupancy is not yet known. In 1932 Emil G. and Louis Jurgens lived in the house, and by 1936 it was in the ownership of physician Charles E. Hunt and his family, who remained in the house until about 1941. Directories indicate that by 1947 the property was owned and occupied by Elroy and Mabel Reagan, who rented rooms to UO students. The Reagans resided at this address until the time of Elroy's death in 1967; it is unclear whether or for how long Mabel lived in the house between 1967 and her death in 1978. Today the building is owned by and is used as the office for Young Life, and is also occupied by several students/individuals involved with that organization.

The house is an excellent example of a Craftsman residence, and appears to meet the registration requirements described in both the West University and Eugene Residential Architecture Multiple Property Documentation Forms. It is located on its original lot in the West University neighborhood in a residential setting. It retains integrity of design, materials, and workmanship although it has been altered by the replacement of several original windows.

Please see attached inventory form for additional information.

*Updated January 27, 2016*
Foster House, west side elevation viewed from Mill Street.

Foster House, north (rear) and west side elevations viewed from Mill Street.

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Foster House, 417 E. 13th Avenue, Eugene, OR

Foster House, front (south) elevation looking north from E. 13th Avenue.

Foster House, front (south) elevation looking northeast from corner of E. 13th Avenue and Mill Street.

Updated January 27, 2016
Foster House, view from living room into entry with open front entrance door.

Foster House, view from dining room into living room.  Foster House, office/den; french doors to porte cochere at rt.

Updated January 27, 2016
Foster House, original kitchen cabinetry.
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FINAN. STATUS:

HISTORIC NAME: ORLA H. FOSTER HOUSE
COMMON NAME:
ADDRESS: 417 E 13TH AVE
EARLY AD: 0
OWNER: Mabel J. Reagan % Young Life
ADDR: P.O. Box 448
Eugene, Oregon 97440
T/R/S# 17 3 32 SW 1/4 NW 1/4
MAP NO.: 17033232
ADD: Shaw's
BLK: 6
LOT: 10
ZONING: Community Comm. Dist.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1912
ORIGINAL USE: One-Family Resid.
PRESENT USE: Office
ARCH./BLDR.: 
ARCH./STYLE: Craftsman
INTEGRITY: 
THEME: 002
PROP. GROUP / /

PLAN SHAPE: Square
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concr. bl. wall
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Gable/composition shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Wood, double hung, 1/1
EXT. SURFACING MATERIALS: Beveled/wood siding
DECORATIVE FEATURES: 4 porch columns
OTHER:
CONDITION: Good

#STORIES: 2.5 BASEMENT (Y/N/?) : Y
MOVED: N DATE MOVED:

EXT. ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS(DATED): none

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: 3 v. lg. camellia, Eu snowball to west, 2 sweetgum on Mill, 2 v. lg. Am elm on 13th.
ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: none
KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: none
GEOG. LOC. & IMMED. SETTING SE corner lot, fdn. gr. level 2' above sidewalk, in mixed use area on busy st. Located in NW section of survey area; 1 block SE of downtown.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: This 2.5 story Craftsman styled single family resi- is located in the middle of the corner lot, flat site, facing south. In good condition, it is presently offices, virtually intact. A square plan on a concrete block wall foundation, it has a basement. The gable roof is covered with composition shingles. Of light wood framing, the wood stud walls are surfaced with beveled wood siding. The windows are wood, double hung, 1/1. Outstanding decorative features include the 4 porch columns. Noteworthy landscape features, 2 large elm trees.

SOURCES: Polk 1912-38 146e0121; Korstad 1933-38 146e0375; Old permit 146e0125; EDG 146e0122, 7/6/14; Sundberg 146e0087

ROLL NO.: 00
NEGATIVE NO. 000
SLIDE ROLL#: 000
SLIDE NO: 000000
RECORDED BY: W. Sparks
RESEARCHED BY: RZM, KAS
DATE RECORDED: 7/7/1986
FIELD INVENTORY NO: 00000
STATE INVENTORY NO: 3900

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417 East 13th was built in 1912 for Orla H. Foster, at a projected cost of $3000. Foster, a lawyer with Foster and Hamilton, lived there at least until 1914, along with his wife, Maidee and a boarder. Foster later served as City Attorney, from at least 1918-21. Earl C. Simmons, proprietor of the E.C. Simmons Co., a Ford auto dealership, lived in the house from at least 1921 through 1925. In 1932 and 1933 the house was occupied by Emil Jurgens, proprietor of Jurgen's Grocery, 94 East 8th. In 1934 and 1935 it was lived in by Claude E. Davison, his wife, Ruth, and Clara Davison, widow of Bradley Davison. Claude davison was the Chief District Appraiser for the Federal Land Bank. From 1936 through at least 1939, the house was owned by Dr. Charles E. Hunt, a physician at the Women's and Children's Clinic, as well as at the Eugene Hospital and Clinic. In 1934 and 1935 the house was reshingled and the porch was repaired. It is a fine example of the Craftsman styled bungalow and retains a very high degree of integrity, showing fine detail and craftsmanship.
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HISTORIC NAME: ORLA H. FOSTER HOUSE T/R/S# 17 3 32 SW 1/4 NW 1/4
ADDRESS: 417 E 13TH AVE TAXLOT: 10500

ROLL NO: 00
NEGATIVE NO: 000

SLIDE ROLL NO: 000
SLIDE NO: 000000

SITE PLAN DRAWN BY: PAF
GRAPHIC & PHOTO SOURCES: 1925 Sanborn map, UO Map Libr; Army Corps airphoto #36-3883, 8/36, UO Map Libr.

FIELD SURVEY NO: 00000
STATE INVENTORY NO: 3000