Historic Resource Inventory
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

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1436 S.E. Spokane Street

Sellwood, Block 55, Lots 1, 2
QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 3831
Sellwood-Moreland

ORIGINAL NAME: Young Mens Christian Association - Sellwood Branch
OTHER NAMES: Sellwood Community House

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Community Center

DATE BUILT: 1911

STYLE: American Basic

ORIGINAL OWNER: YMCA

TAX ASSESSOR'S ACCOUNT #: R-75270-6660
ZONING: R5

Rank II

SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:
Low-pitched hip roof with hip dormer. Exterior of horizontal siding. Double-hung windows with multi-light uppers and multi-light transoms on first floor windows. Recessed entry with projecting label supported by brackets.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTY
ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING INVENTORY
COUNTY: Multnomah

HISTORIC NAME: SELLWOOD YMCA

COMMON NAME:
OTHER NAMEs: Sellwood Community Center

RESOURCE TYPE: Building
STATUS: built & survives
LAWRENCE
(JOB#) YEAR: ( )
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FIRST DATE: Jan. 1910
DESIGN BEG:
DESIGN END: Jan. 1910
CONSTR BEG:
CONSTR END:
LOSS DATE:

CITY: Portland Oregon
STREET: 1436 SE Spokane St.
OWNER: City of Portland
1700 SW 4th, Portland 97201

TOWNSHIP: 1S RANGE: 1E SECTION: 23
MAP#: 3831 TAX LOT: 1S-1E-23-
ADDITION: Sellwood-Moreland ORIGINAL USE: YMCA
BLOCK: 055 LOT: 1,2 QUAD: Portland PRESENT USE: community center
ASSESSOR #: R-75270-6660 SITE: 0.2 acres, approx.
THEMEs: 20C Architecture, Social/Humanitarian

DATA BELOW IS ON LAWRENCE FIRM'S DESIGN AS-BUILT:

ARCHITECT: MacNaughton, Raymond and Lawrence CHIEF DESIGNER: unknown
ENGINEERs & CONSULTANTs:

CONTRACTORs:
Kinnear & Kinnear (Concrete)

ARTISTS & CRAFTSMEN:

STYLE: Craftsman
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: square
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: concrete STORIES: 2.5 BASEMENT: yes
ROOF/MATERIAL: low hip (6/12 max.) w/hipped dormer(s)/Comp. shingles
WALL CONSTR: nailed wood frame STRUC.FRAME: nailed wood frame
PRIME WINDOW TYPE: wood multi over 1 double hung
EXTERIOR SURFACE MATERIAL: wood bevel siding, wood shingles
DECORATIVE FEATUREs/MATERIALs:
transom windows on first floor, wood shingles on dormers, recessed entrance with with projecting label supported by brackets
OTHER:
interior: open floor plan with offices to east, wood floors

CONDITION: good
MOVED: not moved
ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated):
addition of play area (1986)

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
none

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ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING INVENTORY

HISTORIC NAME: SELLWOOD YMCA

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:
none

SETTING:
urban residential; facing north on corner of Spokane and 15th in Sellwood neighborhood

SIGNIFICANCE OF LAWRENCE FIRM'S DESIGN:
EXTER.DETAILS/CRAFTSMANSHIP: Ordinary construction with no special features.
INTER.DETAILS/CRAFTSMANSHIP: Ordinary construction with no special features.
EXTERIOR INTEGRITY: Essentially intact as originally built.
INTERIOR INTEGRITY: Essentially intact as originally built.
SITE INTEGRITY: Moderate changes; some original character remains.
SETTING INTEGR: Minor changes to character and relationship of surroundings.

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT:
This building is one of few Craftsman style Lawrence designs. It is a good example ofthis style and is still intact. This is the only remaining Y in Portland by Lawrence.

SOURCES/DOCUMENTS: Description (Location)
Multnomah County Tax Assessor Records; Polk's Portland City Directory; Portland Building Permits;

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sources consulted/no info located: Oregon Historic Photo collection (OHS)

PUBLICATIONs:
PACIFIC BUILDER AND ENGINEER. 1/15/1910, 4/9/1910, 4/16/1910.

SLIDE NO.:
SHPO INVENTORY NO.: 3694

RESEARCH BY: K. Lakin DATE: 07/03/88
RECORDED BY: K. Lakin DATE: 02/15/89

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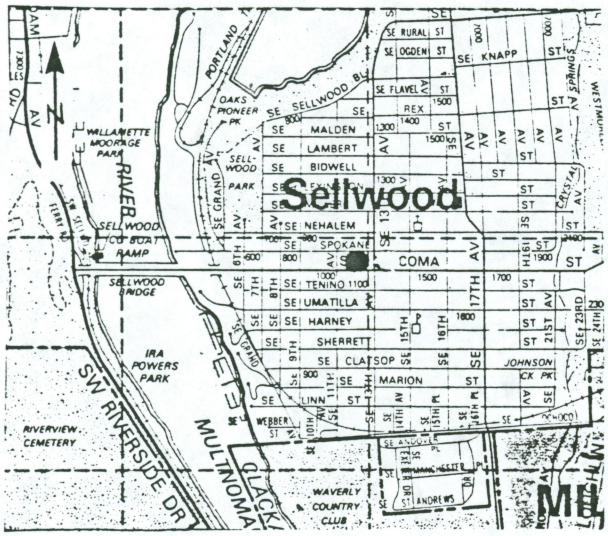
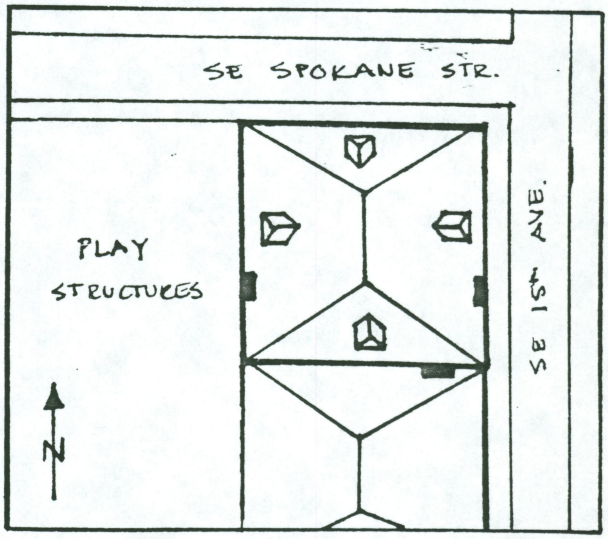
ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING SURVEY

HISTORIC NAME: SELLWOOD YMCA

RECENT PHOTO
NEGATIVE #s:
KLR23, #15a

First # above is upper-right photo; second # is just below. If no # above, see sources at bottom of page.





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OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTY
ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING INVENTORY

E V A L U A T I O N

HISTORIC NAME: SELLWOOD YMCA

INTEGRITY OF:		NUMERICAL
1. EXTERIOR:	Essentially intact as originally built.	9
2. INTERIOR:	Essentially intact as originally built.	9
3. SITE:	Moderate changes; some original character remains.	3
4. SETTING:	Minor changes to character and relationship of surroundings.	3
	INTEGRITY TOTAL	24

DISTINCTION OF:	
1. EXTERIOR DETAILS & CRAFTSMANSHIP: Ordinary construction with no special features.	0
2. INTERIOR DETAILS & CRAFTSMANSHIP: Ordinary construction with no special features.	0
3. STYLE: (Craftsman) It is a prime example of its identified style.	5
Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this style is one of few (5 or less) in its city/town or rural area.	2
4. ORIGINAL USE: (YMCA) Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this use is unique in Oregon.	9
5. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this design is average quality and significance.	2
Is it part of an ensemble of surviving buildings by Lawrence? No other Lawrence buildings are nearby.	0
Are structural or technical aspects of the design significant? Of little significance.	0
6. LAWRENCE'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE DESIGN PROCESS: Lawrence was probably chief designer, though little evidence	6
DISTINCTION TOTAL	15

EDUCATIVE OR ASSOCIATIVE VALUE:	
1. HISTORIC EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES: No known association with historic events or activities.	0
2. HISTORIC PERSONs: No known association with a significant historic person.	0
3. SYMBOLIC ASSOCIATION WITH AN IDEAL, INSTITUTION, OR POLITICAL ENTITY: Some significant symbolic association.	2
EDUCATIVE OR ASSOCIATIVE TOTAL	2
GRAND TOTAL	41
RANK:	SECONDARY

NOTE: Only the built, surviving buildings in Oregon were evaluated.

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