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This minor revision was confirmed with N. Niedernhofer of the OR SHPO.

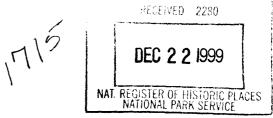
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Name of Property

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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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### NARRATIVE ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

#### **Summary**

The Gresham Branch Library building in Gresham, Oregon was constructed between 1912-13 in the English Tudor Style. It was designed by Folger Johnson. The construction was funded by a grant from the Carnegie Foundation. The library is often referred to as the Gresham Carnegie Library. The building was constructed of brick with fine decorative features such as false half timbering, leaded glass windows, decorative brick work, iron lanterns and exposed brackets. The building served as a library until a new Gresham library was opened in 1990. The Carnegie library building was purchased by the Gresham Historical Society and the building is currently being used as Gresham's Pioneer Museum. The building is listed on the State of Oregon Inventory of Historic Sites and Buldings and listed in the City of Gresham's comprehensive plan as a Historic Resource.

#### Setting

The Gresham Carnegie Library is located at 410 N. Main Avenue in Gresham Oregon. It is in the commercial core of downtown Gresham located on a rectangular lot facing Main Street on the east side. The building is set back 10 ft. from the public right of way and is flanked by two birch trees and surrounded by azaleas and camiallia bushes. There is a small red wooden shed to the rear of the main building in the northeastern corner which currently is used to store tools and a lawn mower. North of the library is a parking lot and an old church which is currently being used as a Mexican restaurant. Directly to the east of the building is a parking lot. South of the library and across the street is a dance studio and restaurant. The rest of the area primarily to the south of the library can be characterized as a typical downtown commercial core with restaurants and shops.

In front of the western entrance on the south side of the doors there is an "L" shaped low brick wall extending about 8 feet from the front of the building and crossing parallel to the building about 4 feet. It currently supports a wooden sign which says "Gresham Pioneer Museum - Carnegie Library Building 1913 Gresham Historical Society". The brick wall combined with the concrete running from its borders to the stairwell gives the feeling of a front patio to the entrance. This brick wall and the sign are not part of the original construction of the building (see photo circa 1938).

On the southeastern side of the building is a concrete wheelchair ramp with iron railings. The ramp runs in an "L" shape from the parking lot to the south entrance of the building. There are also two concrete steps which run from the sidewalk along the south side of the building which lead up to the shorter part of the wheelchair ramp and lead to the door. These steps also have iron railings. The two original steps to the southern entrance can still be seen underneath the concrete ramp, they were not removed or covered over when the ramp was added during a 1992 remodel of the building. There is a black iron gate at the head of the stairs which lead to the basement entrance on the southeastern corner of the building near the wheelchair ramp and the parking lot. The entire building is surrounded by a small neat green lawn and a variety of trees and bushes.

#### Plan

The Carnegie Library in Gresham is basically a rectangular plan with 3 additional rooms on the eastern side toward the rear of the building. The main room of the building is rectangular and originally was known as the Library

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Reading Room. It measures 62' long and 32' wide with concave bay window walls at the north and south of the room which both have a radius of 21' 1/2" from a center point in the room. There are also two window walls flanking the front entrance on the west side of the building. The entrance itself is a Tudor arch which encloses a small vestibule flanked on both sides by small closets originally used for coats. The three rooms toward the rear of the building originally housed the women's restroom, the story hour room and the librarian's office. Here the building measures 56' long and 15 1/2' wide and the story hour room has a concave bay window wall which has a radius of 21' 1/2" from the entrance to the room. The building is one story in height with a full basement and a partial attic space in the rear of the building. The foundation and walls are constructed of brick with a roof of wood shingle.

#### GENERAL EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The building has a low pitched gable roof with a hipped bay and is covered with wood shingles. The roof has a galvanized iron ridge and gutters. There was one chimney toward the rear of the building on the east side, which has now been capped. The exterior of the building is marked by distinctive decorative brick work and false half timbering. The end gables include carved oak brackets and leaded glass bay windows distinguished by symbolic medallions. All of the wood on the exterior of the building is red which compliments the brickwork nicely and the overall feel of the building is that of an English Tudor building of the finest example from the Tudor Revival period (1890-1920).

#### North Elevation

The north elevation of the exterior of the library is distinguished primarily by the concave bay window wall. This includes 7 separate rectangular panes of leaded glass each of which are topped by a distinctive medallion. For example, one is the symbol of the cylophant, a medieval printer. Framing the window panes are red timbers. On the west and eastern sides of the bay windows there is false half timbering with decorative brickwork laid in between. Below the bay windows there are 11 rectangular panels of decorative brickwork framed by red timbers. This brickwork is placed in a herringbone pattern. Above the bay windows there are 11 square panels of decorative brickwork also framed by red timbering. There is an alternating pattern in the center of the square panels. The center shape alternates from a diamond shape to the square shape all across the top of the bay windows. Seven of the panels both above and below the bay windows arch outward at the same angle as the window wall. On either end of this decorative brickwork where the gable hangs over the lower part of the building, is a decorative carved cornice. Above the bay windows and the decorative brickwork panels is the roof gable. The gable juts out above the lower part of the building in the Tudor style. Stucco is framed by red timbers, and there are two small windows providing ventilation to the attic space located at the center of the gable.

The northeastern part of the building, where the women's restroom was originally located, marks the rest of the north elevation. It is a shorter elevation than the larger reading room. This elevation is distinguished by three separate rectangular window panes framed by red timbers. On either side of the window panes there is a rectangular panel of decorative brickwork also framed by red timbers. Below the window panes are five rectangular panels of decorative brickwork of the same size and type that run underneath the bay windows of this elevation. Above the window panes the roof line hangs down at a low pitch. Below the lower panels of decorative brickwork lies the



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brick foundation marked by a few arch shaped window openings framed with red timber. These openings provide ventilation to the basement.

#### **East Elevation**

The eastern elevation of the library is primarily distinguished by the bay window wall in the center of this elevation located in the Story Hour Room. There are five rectangular panes of glass topped by 5 square panes with medallions at the center. Below the bay windows are five rectangular panels of decorative brick. Along either side of the bay window wall is another rectangular pane of glass framed by red timbering and two long rectangular panels of decorative brickwork. The top of the pane of glass is another panel of decorative brickwork of the same size and scale as the square panes of glass with medallions at the center. Below the pane of glass is a panel of brickwork of the same type that run underneath the bay window, with two small rectangular shaped panels of decorative brickwork on either side. Running along the brick foundation of the building are 5 small rectangular windows horizontal in orientation, providing light to the basement of the building. There is a hipped gable above the bay window wall which is covered with shingles. A window has been located at the center of this gable and is set back deep inside the gable. Although it is square in shape it almost appears like an eyebrow dormer. Set back from this gable is the capped chimney and then the rest of the shingled roof.

The north part of the eastern elevation is what was originally the women's restroom of the library. This part of the building is set back from the Story Hour room by one rectangular panel of decorative brickwork running perpendicularly to this part of the building. There are two large rectangular window panes, with two rectangular panels of brickwork framed by red timbering of the same size on either side of these windows. Below the windows are four smaller rectangular panels of decorative brickwork of the same type and size that run below the bay window wall of the Story Hour room.

The south part of the eastern elevation mirrors the north part of this elevation. There are also two large rectangular windows framed on either side by the same type of decorative brickwork panels. Four smaller rectangular panels of brickwork run below these windows as well. This part of the building is set back from the Story Hour room by two long rectangular panels of decorative brickwork running perpendicular to this part of the building. The stairs to the basement run below the southeastern part of the building. There is an iron gate at the top of the stairs. The brickwork along the foundation gives way to exposed concrete as the stairs descend to the basement level. There is a small red door at the outside entrance to the basement.

#### South Elevation

The main portion of the south elevation exactly mirrors the north elevation. The south eastern corner of this elevation is the entrance to the original librarian's office. The is a red wooden door in the Tudor style, with ironwork running horizontally across it. There is an iron lantern above the door. There is a small square window directly above the door, and two rectangular windows on either side. There is a panel of decorative brickwork on the west side of the window and door and another panel of the same size on the east side of the window and door. There are two smaller rectangular panels of decorative brickwork on either side of the door underneath the windows. These panels are of the same size and type as those running underneath the bay windows. The two original brick steps leading to the door can be seen underneath the concrete wheelchair ramp which leads to the

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parking lot. There are also two large bushes on either side of the door. There is an iron railing running alongside the wheelchair ramp as well as the additional two concrete stairs leading from the sidewalk to this ramp.

#### West Elevation

The west elevation is the front of the library building which faces main street. The center of the building is a Tudor Arch which frames the front entrance into the vestibule of the building. Above this arch is a gable which overhangs the entrance in the Tudor style. This gable consists of red timbers with stucco panels. There are two iron lanterns on either side of the door. The door is a light oak, with a rectangular shape. There is window above the door with four unique decorative arch patterns inlaid. The lanterns are set in the center of a rectangular panel of decorative brickwork. Underneath this panel is another square panel of decorative brickwork framed by red timbering. There are 5 brick steps with iron handrails on either side leading up to a landing and the entrance of the building.

On either side of the vestibule entrance there is a rectangular window allowing light into the closets on either side of the vestibule. This window and the wall is perpendicular to the rest of the building. Above the window are two panels of decorative brick framed by red timber. On either side of the window are long rows of single bricks stacked on top of each other. Below the window are two square panels of decorative brick framed by red timber.

On either side of the main entrance in the window wall. There are five larger rectangular windows with a smaller square window containing a symbolic leaded glass medallion. These windows are of the same type and scale as those used in the bay window walls of the north and south elevations. Above the windows are 5 square panels of decorative brickwork of the same type and design as used on the north and south elevations above the bay windows. On either side of the windows there is a long rectangular panel of decorative brickwork in a herringbone design. It runs the length of the rectangular window and the square window on top. Above this rectangular brick panel is another square decorative brick panel, adding to the 5 square panels above the windows. Below the windows are 7 smaller rectangular decorative brick panels of the same type and style that run below the bay windows on the south and north elevations. At each corner of the building where the roof meets the building there is a decorative cornice carved out of wood.

#### INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

Vestibule - Entry Way

The floor of the entry way is most notable for the decorative tiling on the floor. There are four main squares, white with a black cross through the center. All four square blocks are surrounded by a dark blue tile border. The remainder of the floor consists of smaller white square tiles. There are two wooden inner doors with large glass panels inlaid. On either side of the entryway after you pass through the inner doors are two small closets, originally used for coats. They are now used for storage. Both closets have a large window on the wall opposite the wall that is shared with the vestibule.



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#### Library Reading Room

The main room of the building is large and open, marked primarily by the beautiful bay windows on the north and south ends of the room, as well as the large window walls on either side of the front entrance way. All of the windows are similar in design with a long rectangular pane topped by a small square leaded window with a unique medallion in the center. Along the walls all around the room are built in bookcases. They are lower under the bay windows and taller around the remainder of the room. There is a thin wooden rail running along the perimeter of the room. This rail is located at the same distance from the ceiling as the bottom of the medallion windows.

#### Story Hour Room

At the center of the library Reading room's east wall, directly opposite the front entrance way are the double wooden doors that open into the Story Hour room. This room is much smaller than the main room, but it has many of the same distinguishing features. There is a bay window wall at the east end of the room, and the original built in bookcases line all of the walls of the room.

#### Original Ladies Room

To the north of the Story Hour room was the original Ladies room. This room has since been remodeled. Now there is a small kitchen with a separate bathroom and storage closet. The bathroom floor has retained the original flooring, which was white tile, similar in style to the tiling in the front vestibule. On the north side of the room, which is now a kitchen, is a large window wall, with windows similar in nature to those in the rest of the building, except without the medallions topping the windows.

#### **Original Librarians Room**

South of the Story Hour room is the original Librarian's room. There is a door to the outside on the south end of the room. There is one window on either side of this door, and a small square window above. There is a door leading to the main library room on the west end of the room, and a door leading to the basement in the northwest corner of the room. In the northeast corner of the room there are stairs leading up to the attic space located above the Story Hour room. There is a window wall on the east side of the room.

#### Finished Attic Space

The attic space is a small room with a vaulted ceiling and a three windows on the east side of the room. The west side of the room is marked by a wooden panel. This panel is built into the wall and when rolled to the side provides an opening into the remaining unfinished attic space. There are two similar panels on the east wall of the room, towards the floor, on either side of the windows0.

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#### **Basement**

The finished basement space lies primarily under the Story Hour room with a door to the outside in the southeastern corner of the room. There is a long row of small windows along the east wall of the room. There is a unique handrail on the stairs leading up to the Librarian's room.

#### **Foundation**

The perimeter footer for the unexcavated area has the following foundation. The foundation is concrete with a footer 8 inches high and 17 inches wide. The concrete foundation wall is 2 feet 3 inches above the footer. The brick veneer wall is backed by 2x6 inch studs on 16 inch centers covered with 7/8 inch sheathing. The floor joists (2x12) on 20 inch centers are supported on 2x6 inch plates.

The perimeter footing for the excavated area has the following foundation. The bottom of the concrete footer is 7 feet 3 inches below grade. A 4 inch concrete slab rests on this footer. The head room from the floor slab to the bottom of the first floor joists is 8 feet. The foundation wall is 12 1/2 inches from footer to grade then narrows to 8 inches to provide space for the brick veneer wall.

1992 Revisions to Library
After Gresham Historical Society took Ownership

After the Historic Society purchased the building they made some alterations. A wheelchair ramp was added to the south entrance of the building. The bathroom was remodeled, and a small kitchen was added. The men's rest room was removed and a janitor's room and a deep sink was added. The women's bathroom was made into a unisex rest room. Robert W. Reed was the architect for the remodeling. His address was 32544 SE Hurlburt Rd., Corbett, Or. 97019.

At this time a wheel chair ramp was installed with entry to the south side. 1 1/4 inch pipe was used for hand railing. The ramp exited to the parking lot. A west wall and doorway was added to enclose the furnace area. A workbench was added in the basement for repairs. The door in the southeast corner of basement was changed to swing out. Gypsum board was added to basement ceiling and wall and furnace room. The attic space above the old "Story Hour Room" was converted to office space. The space measures 14 foot 6 inch by 17 foot 6 inch and is above the current reference room. A sprinkler system was installed and additional ducts added to the furnace. The building was also fireproofed and fireproof ceiling tiles were placed throughout the building along with sprinkler system.

1997

The Historic Society received a small grant from the city to do some basic repair, maintenance and cleaning to some of the decorative brickwork on the exterior of the building.

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□ E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

CRITERION "A"

The Gresham Carnegie Library meets National Register criterion "A" because the property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the history of Gresham.

In 1903, a dedicated group of Gresham residents, realizing the need to provide reading materials for the local area, took advantage of a county tax for public libraries. People in Gresham could obtain library cards through the postmaster, but they had to travel to Portland to check out or return books.

This problem was overcome when funds were gathered locally and a back room over the post office was furnished with a stove, table, hanging lamp and six wooden chairs. A load of firewood was provided by a patron. The first fifty books were donated by Iona McColl, the postmaster, and other books were brought from the Portland Public Library. The public flocked to the reading room during the three evenings a week it was open. Various "custodians" as librarians were called then volunteered their time. By the end of 1904, annual circulation had reached 567 volumes.

In 1906, a library association was formed in Gresham; Mrs. Alida Culy became the first permanent custodian, receiving a handsome salary of one dollar a week. By 1907, the library had grown so much that new quarters were found in the lower part of a building on Powell Valley Road. Open hours were extended to each afternoon and evening. The Gresham Town Council passed an ordinance, providing \$5 a month for the rent, and the Portland Library Association offered to pay the custodian-librarian. By 1908, the library collection had grown to 400 volumes.

The need for a larger building led citizens to investigate a report that the Andrew Carnegie Foundation was providing Oregon communities with funds for libraries. Donations from the community made possible the purchase of this property at the corner of North Main Avenue and Fourth Street for \$1900.

Meanwhile, the Library Association of Portland had extended its influence to all libraries in Multnomah County. The combination of support from Gresham and Portland soon convinced the Carnegie Foundation to build a library in Gresham. In 1913, at a cost of \$11,568.15, the building was completed. Furniture and equipment cost an additional \$1,756.85.

The Gresham Branch Library building was designed by architect Folgar Johnson. The building has been acclaimed as one of the finest examples of Tudor architecture and is considered outstanding in beauty and adaptability. Marion D. Ross, professor of History of Architecture, at the University of Oregon, has cited this library as being one of the finest examples of this form in the area. The decorative arrangement of bricks in the exterior walls is unique. Added to the decor of the building are the famous colophon windows which are made of glass and lead.

In 1962, the Gresham library was remodeled for a cost of \$31,558 for construction and \$10,461 for furniture and equipment. Book capacity for the museum was increased to 7,000 volumes. The remodeling included—new lighting, floor covering, additional shelving, study area new furniture and equipment and parking lot resurfacing. Since the Gresham library was a Part of the Multnomah County Library Association, costs were covered by the

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association. An award of progress was given by the Chamber of Commerce to the library for "contributing to the betterment of modern living."

In 1960, the Gresham Branch Library served a population of almost 10,000; in 1988 the population of Gresham alone was six times that. In 1990, Gresham opened a new library on the corner of Third and Miller Streets.

On Saturday, December 30, 1989, an event occurred that typified the historic cooperation of the Gresham community in supporting its library. The new library was furnished and ready to receive books and collections of the old library which was a block east of the new library. Volunteers had bundled books and marked them with identifying stickers. Encyclopedia sets and certain reference materials had been moved the night before. But 14,000 books remained to be moved -- an enormous task for Librarian Jackie Dolan and her staff. Bev Kock came up with the idea of a book brigade.

It was a clear, crisp sunny winter day; police prepared to stop traffic on Main and Miller Streets. A line of volunteers began to form diagonally across Main Avenue and down the broad alleyway between East Hill Youth Center and Franz Bakery building, across Miller Avenue and on into the new building. Former librarians Betty Larson and Julie Mikkelson started the books on their way from the old building, and the people in line passed them from hand to hand until they reached the new building where the library staff received them.

As the flow of books started, people continued to arrive and to join the line. Soon, the straight line became a serpentine that ballooned out over and over again as more and more people of all ages wedged themselves in to become a part of the brigade. The Library Association served refreshments outside and gave every participant a souvenir pin-back button to wear.

In less than two hours, the 14,000 books were transferred to their new home. A big cheer traveled down the line as the last bundle coursed its way along. A fleeting sense of disappointment that it was all over accompanied that last bundle. It was a unique, spontaneous, happy community event and gave all those who participated in the brigade a sense of well-being and achievement. It was reminiscent of the time when community volunteers had worked to bring the Carnegie Library to Gresham in the early 1900's, when they had supported the renovations in 1961, and when they voted the taxes to build the new library in 1989.

#### Carnegie Libraries in Oregon

Andrew Carnegie, the Scottish immigrant, who later became a leading United States steel industrialist and philanthropist, financed 1,679 public library buildings in 1,412 American communities between 1886 and 1925. Carnegie was an international celebrity, who chose libraries as his primary target for his philanthropy. Eventually he would donate 56 million dollars for 2,509 library buildings throughout the English-speaking world, with 40 million dollars going to U.S. libraries.

Andrew Carnegie was born in Dunfermline, Scotland and moved with his family to the United States in 1848 and settled in Allegheny, Pennsyvannia. In 1865, he established his own business enterprises and eventually organized the Carnegie Steel Company. His company became successful and soon Pittsburgh became the center for steel production.

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At age 65, he sold his company to J.P. Morgan for \$400 million. For the remainder of his life he became a philanthropist and writer. Mr. Carnegie stated publicly that the rich have a moral obligation to give away their fortunes in their lifetime. From 1889 until his death in 1919, Carnegie a self-made multi-millionaire gave away \$350 million of his wealth for the betterment of adult education, education in the fine arts and improvement of public libraries. One of Carnegie's lifelong interests was the establishment of free public libraries to make available to everyone a means of self-education. In 1881, he developed through his corporation a program of grants for the construction of 1681 public libraries in the United States from 1889 to 1923. Most of these libraries were built in small towns. He was, at the same time, improving library services throughout the English speaking world

For a community to receive grant money for a public library building, Carnegie attached two stipulations. The first condition was that the local community had to provide a suitable site and formally agree to continuous support for the library through tax funds. Because there were no specific design criteria for Carnegie libraries, Carnegie libraries throughout the United States were designed in various styles. However, the Carnegie Foundation did issue general recommendations and standards for efficient library layouts in the form of guidelines. Around 1911, the Secretary of the Carnegie Foundations, James Bertram, met with leading authorities on library management and design to produce guidelines for communities to follow when designing libraries. These "Notes on Library Buildings" were sent to communities requesting funds from the foundation. Bertram claimed that these notes and "judicious pressure on architects in communities usually resulted in a desirable building." (Bobinski, Carnegie Libraries)

As many as 32 buildings were opened in 25 Oregon communities, typically county seats, as a result of Andrew Carnegie library philanthropy between 1906 and 1921. Seven of those buildings were branch libraries in the Portland metropolitan area. The first library in Oregon to receive funds for the construction of a public library was Eugene, Oregon, which received \$10,000 in 1906. While grants to Oregon communities ranged anywhere from \$5,000 to \$105,000, a typical grant for construction of a new public library ranged from \$7,500 to \$20,000.

From 1911 to 1921, the Carnegie Foundation granted funds for the construction of libraries in the Multnomah County communities of East Portland, Albina, Gresham, St. Johns, Arleta, and South Portland. The Gresham City Library, established in 1903, was housed in various buildings within the City until 1913 when this building was completed. The site was purchased for \$1,900 and Andrew Carnegie funds were obtained to pay for the construction of the building, which was \$11,568.

Recently a survey utilizing an H.W. Wilson Foundation grant and, in particular, the help of the foundation's research assistant, Charlene Mirabella, made it possible to determine the status of 1,681 Carnegie library buildings. Responses were received on 1,554 (92.44%) library facilities. A total of 911 U.S. Carnegie libraries remain as libraries. Of the 911 structures still operated as libraries, 276 are unchanged from the original architecture, 286 have been expanded and 401 are being used for other purposes.

#### **CRITERION "C"**

The Gresham Carnegie Library is significant under criterion "c" in that it is a well-preserved example of a Carnegie Library built in the English Tudor style. Portland architect, Folger Johnson, designed this building. Johnson, who studied at the Ecoles des Beaux Arts and was influenced by the Beaux Arts classical tradition, incorporated stylistic elements of the English Tudor style into his design. Johnson also designed the Umatilla County Library and the St.

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Johns Library in historic period styles. The Umatilla County Library was designed in the Italian Renaissance style and the St. Johns Library was designed in the 20th Century Georgian Revival style.

The Gresham City Library exhibits such elements with its rectangular shape, brick construction, and a gabled, wood shingle roof with a hipped bay. Other predominant characteristics include wood casement windows with leaded glass, false half-timbering, and a Tudor arch entryway. The leaded glass windows picture a colophon, the symbol of a printer that dates from the medieval period. Other stylistic details are evident in the decorative brickwork, iron lanterns, and exposed brackets.

The period of significance dates from 1913 to 1949. The start date represents the construction date of the library and the end date represents the 50-year cut-off date for significance according to the National Register guidelines. The areas of significance include architecture, social history, and education.

**English Tudor Style** 

The English Tudor style, one of the most popular styles in the years following the First World War, was used as the design concept for suburban homes of wealthy Americans who were attracted to the English country manor house. This particular style was popular in Oregon between 1910 and 1935. Other styles such as the Classic Revival, Gothic Revival and Renaissance, and Second Empire Styles, styles popular between 1840 and 1915, were predominant during their respective periods; however, the English Tudor was one style of architecture that was designed simultaneously along with other styles. This is characteristic of Historic Period style buildings. Historic Period style buildings vary, as did the taste of the owners, and range from Colonial to Spanish Colonial Revival or English Cottage, all of which were popular between 1910 and 1935. (Clark, Architecture Oregon Style)

The idea of designing buildings in a wide variety of historic period styles partially came from the Beaux Arts academic tradition. Architects trained at the Ecoles des Beaux Arts in Paris often designed buildings within the historic period styles at the same time, and in the same neighborhood, a tradition adopted by most American schools of architecture by the beginning of the twentieth century. The Ecoles des Beaux Arts emphasized the return to a disciplined order based on classical composition, either ancient or Renaissance, and principles. (Clark, Architecture Oregon Style) Often the architects borrowed different elements of historic period styles to create a completely new style.

The sources of the English Tudor style are to be found in English buildings of the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. Half-timbering, a characteristic of this style, is usually a superficial design placed upon a stucco wall, was based on the medieval tradition. In the original medieval designs, the buildings required heavy timber framing with wattle and daub, a mud and straw or twig mixture, or bricks between the timbers. English Tudor buildings usually had steeply pitched gable roofs and a prominent fluted chimney. Bay and tall, diamond- or many-paned windows, sometimes with leaded glass, and Tudor arched or round-arched openings, especially around the entrance door, were popular features. Quatrefoil or medieval designs were incorporated into the decorative trim. These buildings were generally rectangular in shape, and brick, sometimes set in intricate designs, wood, or brick and wood constructed with brick buildings having contrasting stone moldings.

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Architect: Johnson, Parker, and Wallwork

Folger Johnson was born on July 4, 1882 in Columbus, Georgia to Walter and Florence Johnson. After completing high school, Johnson went on to college and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Johnson then moved to New York and continued his education, receiving a bachelor's degree in architecture from Columbia University. In 1908, he went to Paris, France to study architecture at the Ecoles des Beaux Arts. He returned to the United States in 1910 and worked in New York and Florida before moving out to the West Coast where he entered into practice with Jamieson Parker, and Carl Wallwork. The new State Board of Architect Examiners granted him his architectural license in 1919.

Johnson was active in civic affairs while practicing architecture in Portland. He served on the Portland Planning Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Portland Art Commission. He was appointed the State Director of the Federal Housing Administration in 1940, replacing Jamieson Parker. Johnson retired from the post in 1950 and retired from the firm Johnson and Parker in 1965. Johnson died at the age of 88 in 1970 leaving his second wife Shelby Payne Johnson, and a son, Folger Johnson, Jr.

#### **SUMMARY**

The Gresham Carnegie Library satisfies two National Register Criteria. It meets criterion "A" because the property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the history of Gresham. It meets criterion "C" because the structure is a well preserved and unique example of English Tudor architecture designed by Portland architect Folger Johnson.

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The Gresham Carnegie Library is located at tax lot 700 in the City of Gresham, Multnomah County, Oregon in Section 10BB, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, W.M.

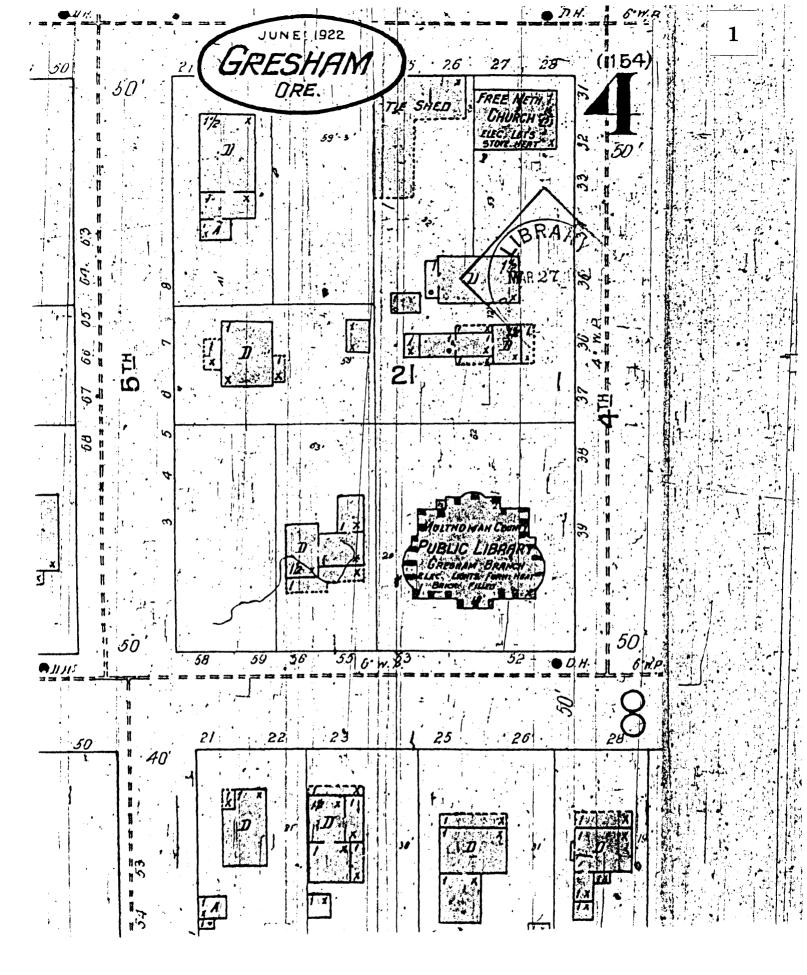
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All that certain parcel of land described as Lots 1, 2 and 6, Block 4 of the Mount Hood Addition situated in Section 10, Township 1 South, Range 3 East of the Willamette Meridian in the City of Gresham, County of Multnomah and State of Oregon more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the east line of N. Main Ave. with the north line of N.E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. as shown on Survey No. 38308 filed in the office of the Multnomah County surveyor, said point being also the southwest corner of the aforementioned Lot 1; thence, northerly along the westerly line of Lots 1 and 2, being also the east line of N. Main Ave., North 100.00 feet; thence, easterly along the northerly line of Lots 2 and 6, East 175.00 feet; thence, southerly along the easterly line of Lot 6, South 100.00 feet to a point in the north line of N.E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.; thence, westerly along said north line being also the south line of Lots 1 and 6, West 175.00 feet to the point of beginning.

### MAPS

- 1. 1922 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map
- Mt. Hood Addition Subdivision Map. Book 308, page 51.
   USGS Map Camas Quad
   Multnomah County Assessors Map, 1998



# Mount Hood Addition

### TO GRESHAM.

In Section 10 T.I.S.R.B.E.WM.

John A Hurlburg



Know all men by these presents, that we Eliza E. Metzger and John H. Metzger, her husband, declare that the anext plat is a true plat of the land owned and laid out by us and designated as Mount Hood Addition to Oreshom, consisting of six blocks No.1,2,3,4,5 = 6 and we hereby dedicate to the public for ever the Streets Avenues and and Allies as laid out on said plat.

In witness whereof we have set our hand and seal this the 21 day of Morch A.D.1904

Executed in the presence of 6.H.Sunday Heiry Metzger

Eliza E.Metzger (Seal) John H.Metzger (Seal)



This certifies that on this 21st day of March A.D.1904 before me the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County and State personally oppeared within named Eliza E Metzger and John H. Metzger who I know to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within instru ment and and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and vakustarity for the uses and purposes therein mentioned

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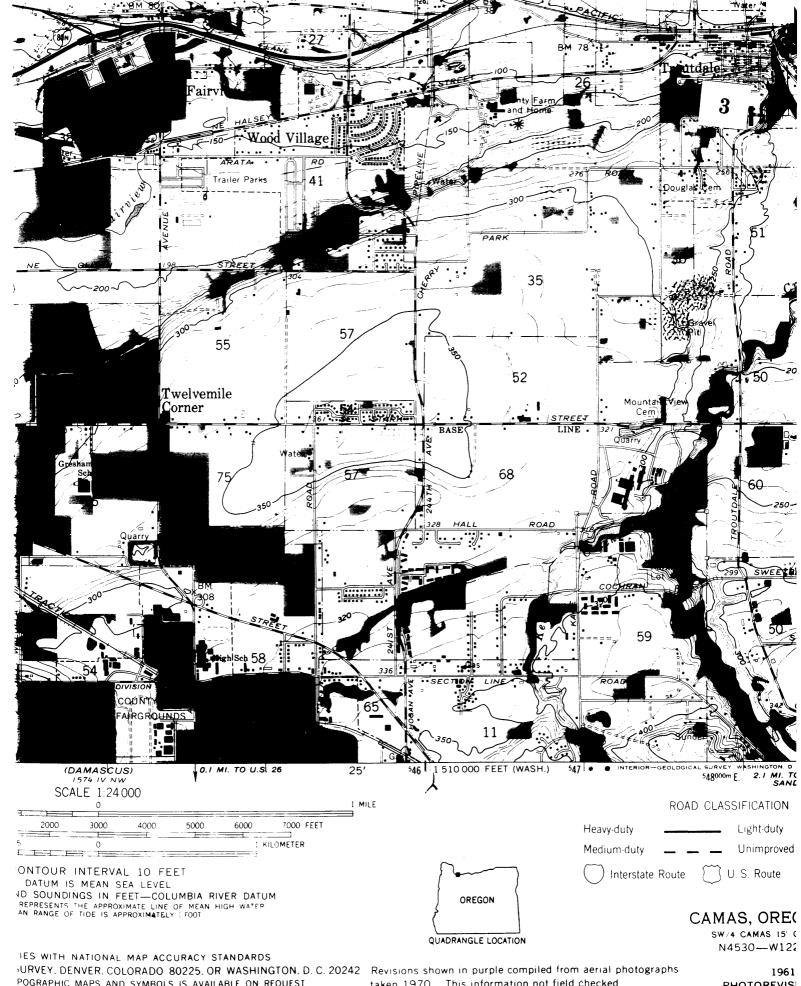


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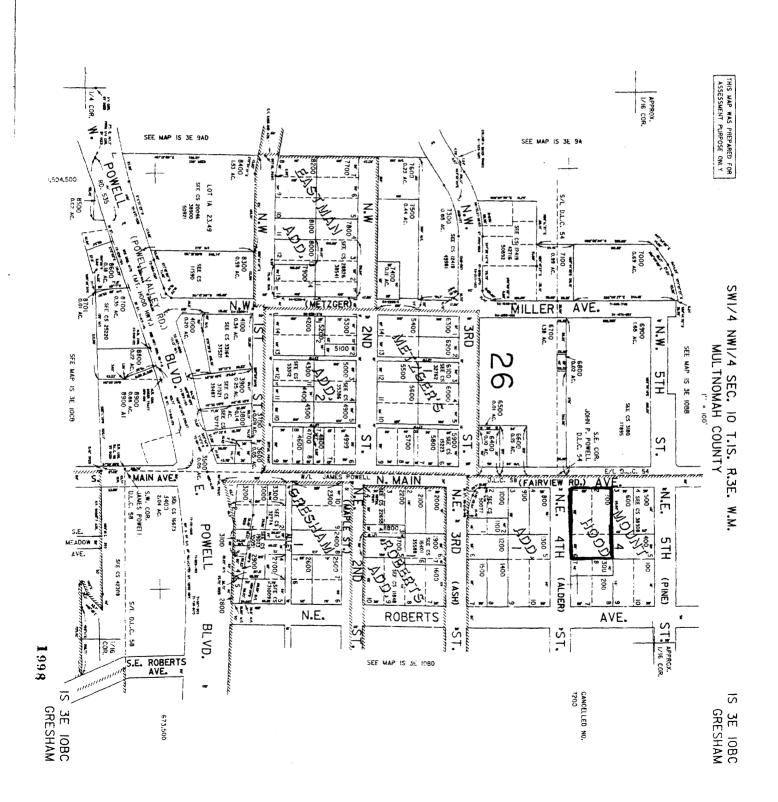
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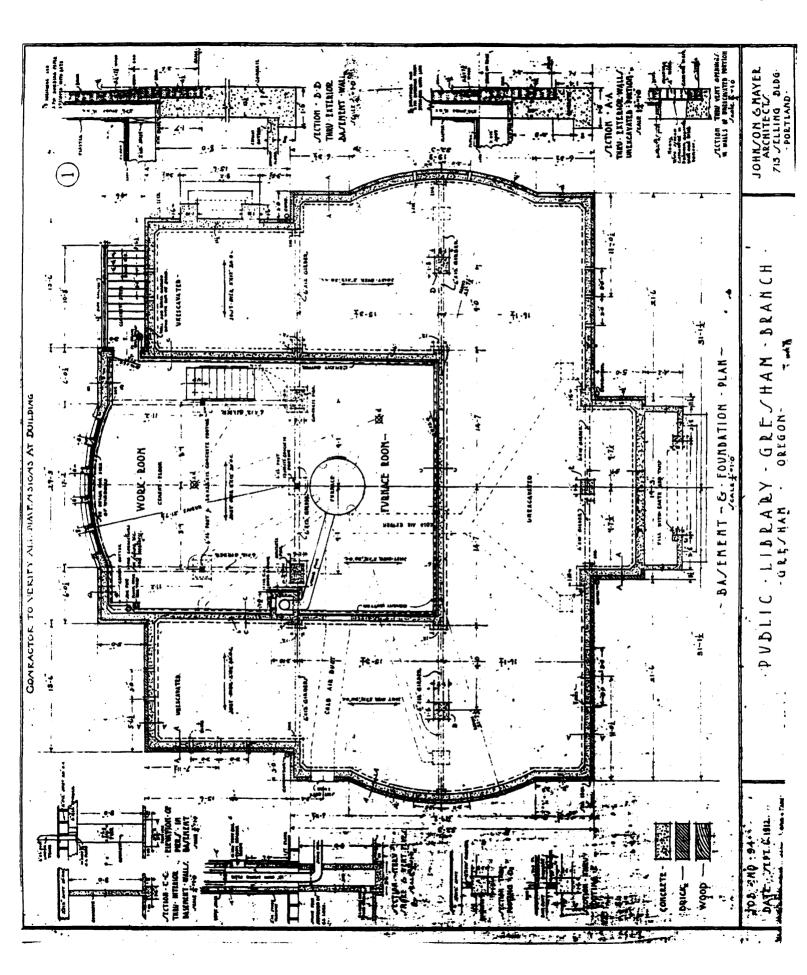
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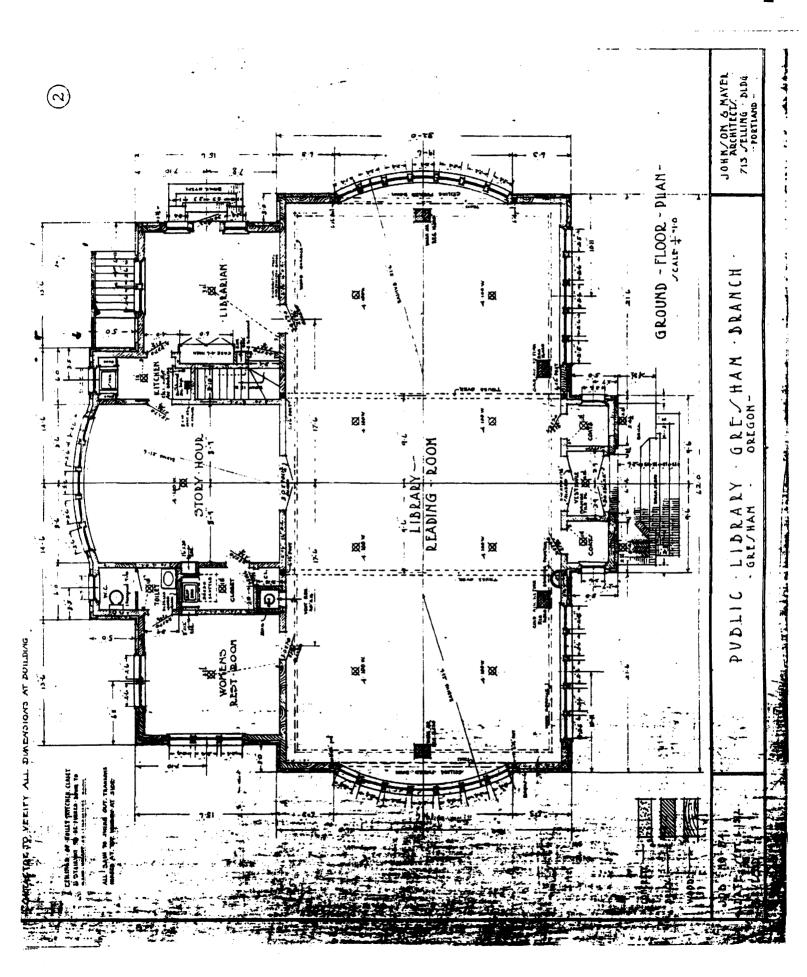
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- Johnson and Mayer Architects, 713 Selling Bldg. Portland Public Library - Gresham Branch, Gresham, Oregon Sept. 6, 1912 Ground Floor Plan
- Johnson and Mayer Architects, 713 Selling Bldg. Portland Public Library - Gresham Branch, Gresham, Oregon Sept. 6, 1912 West Elevation
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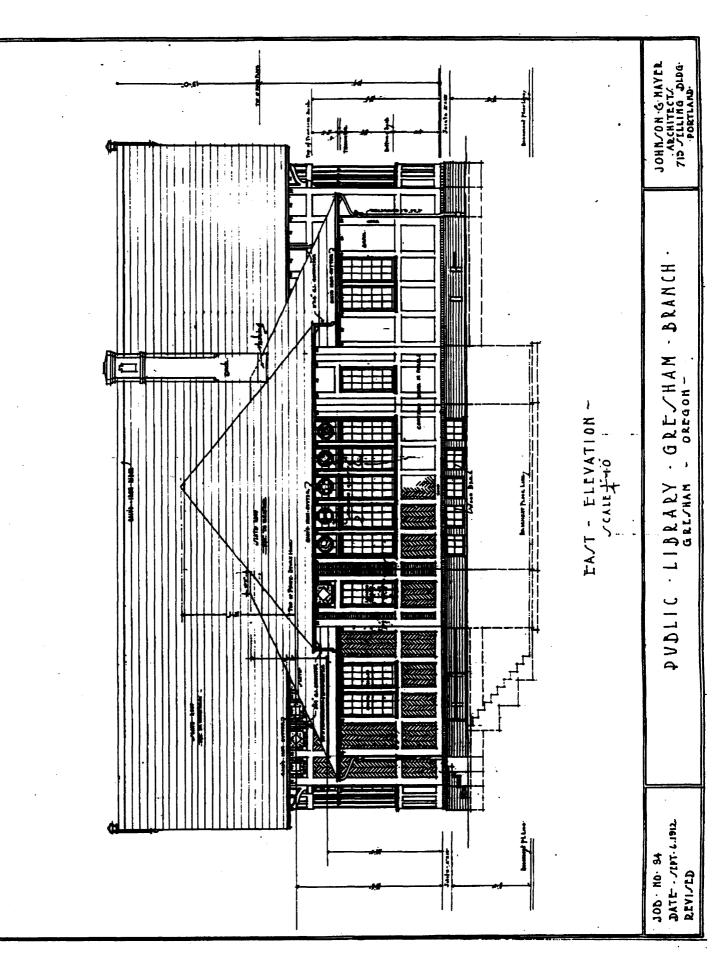


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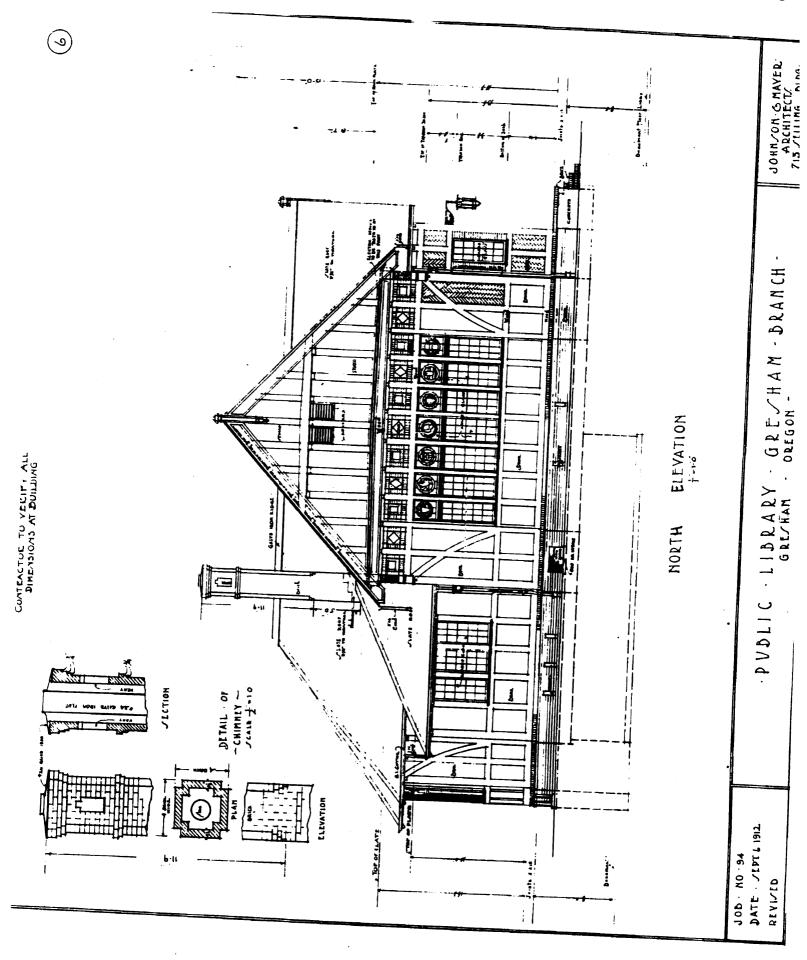
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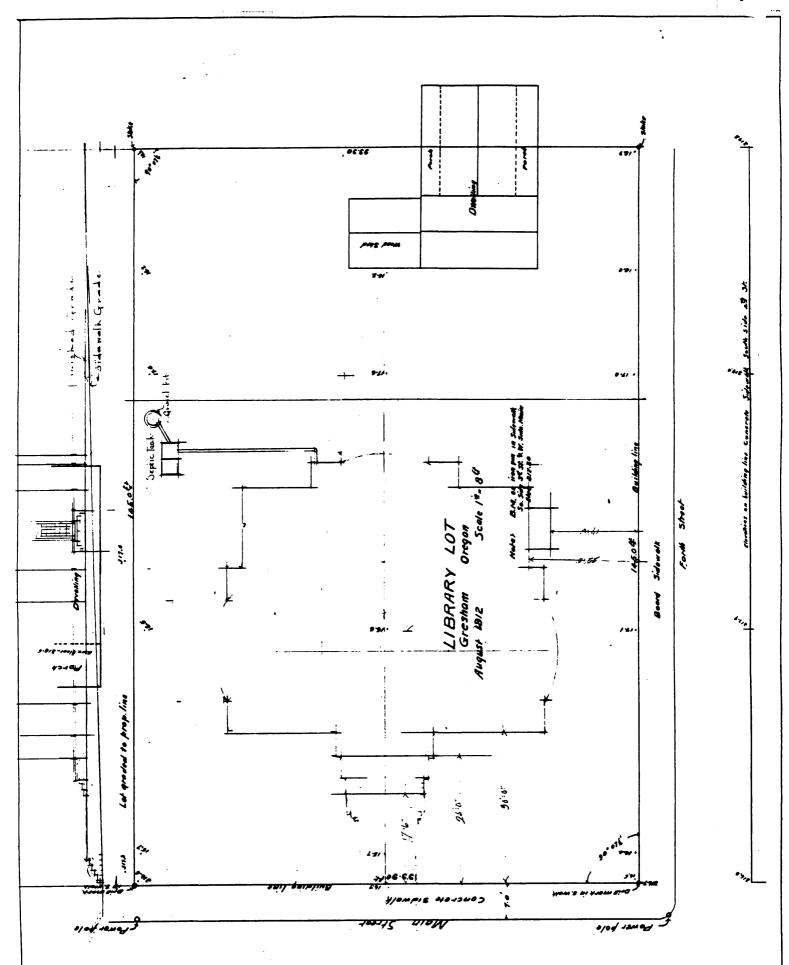
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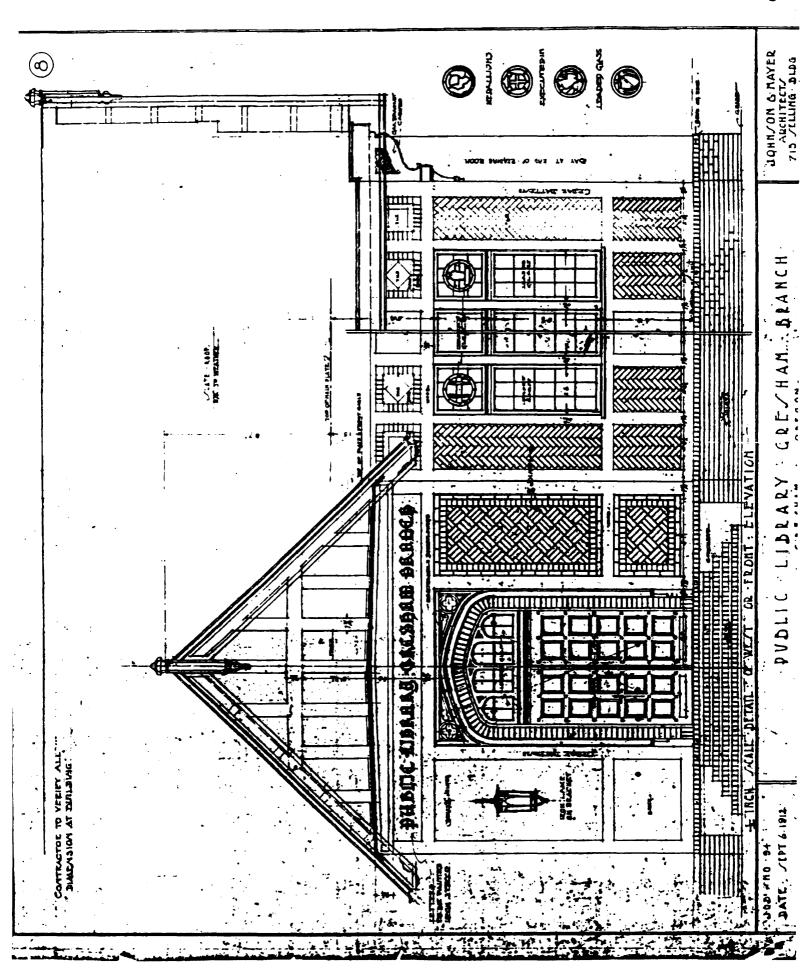
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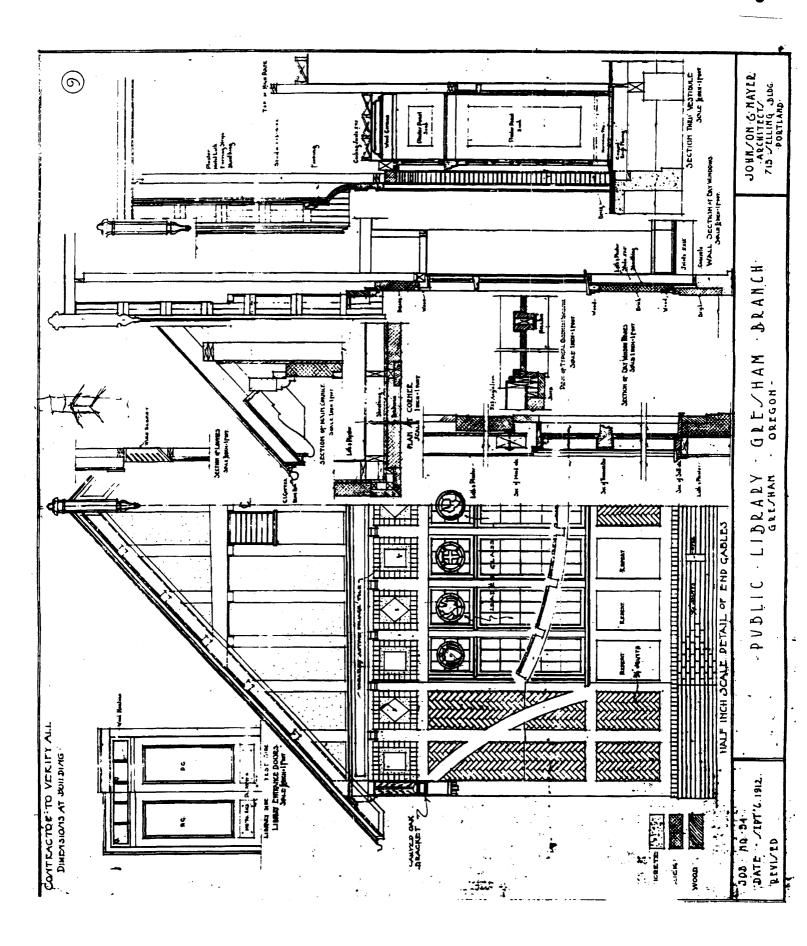


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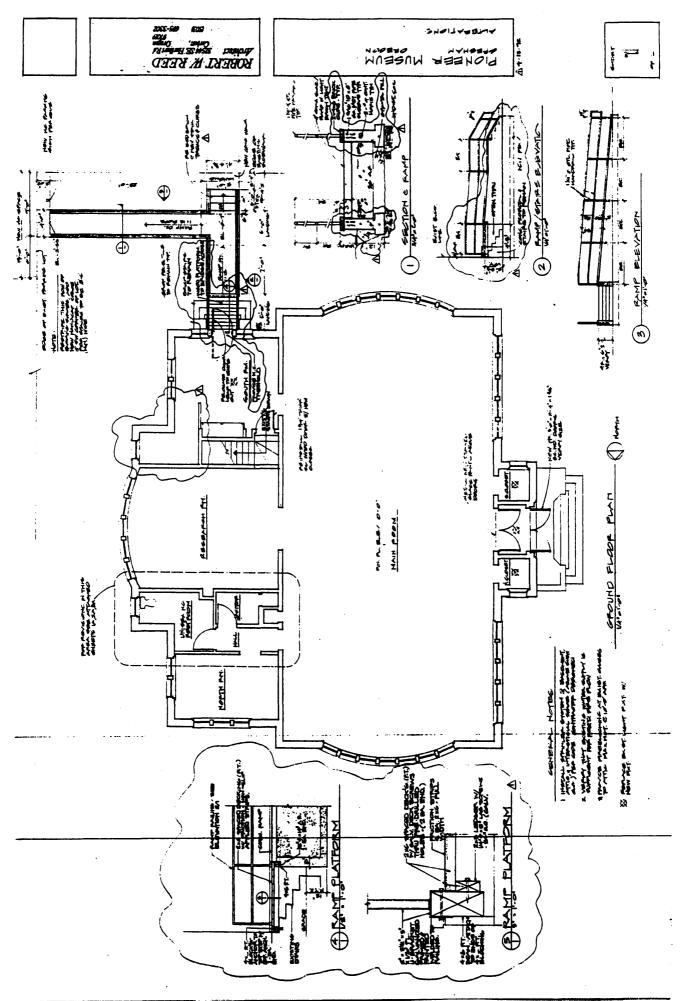
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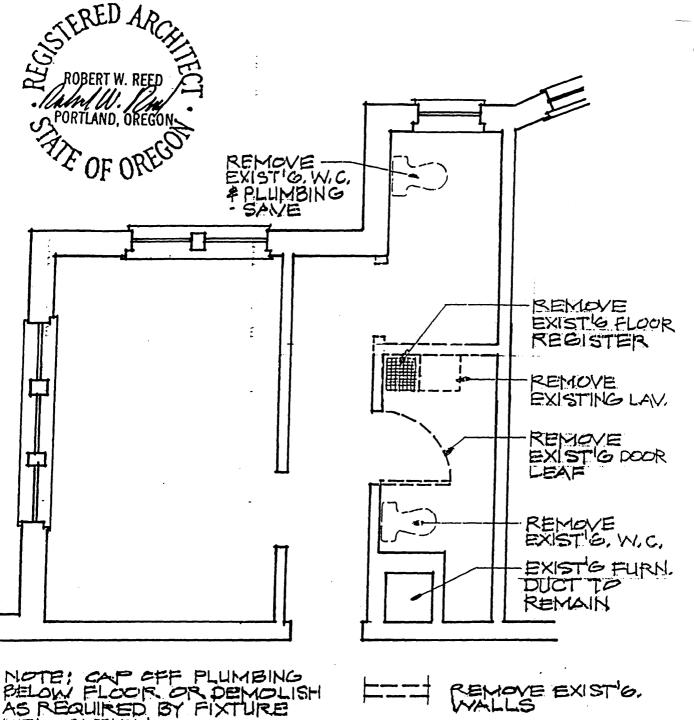
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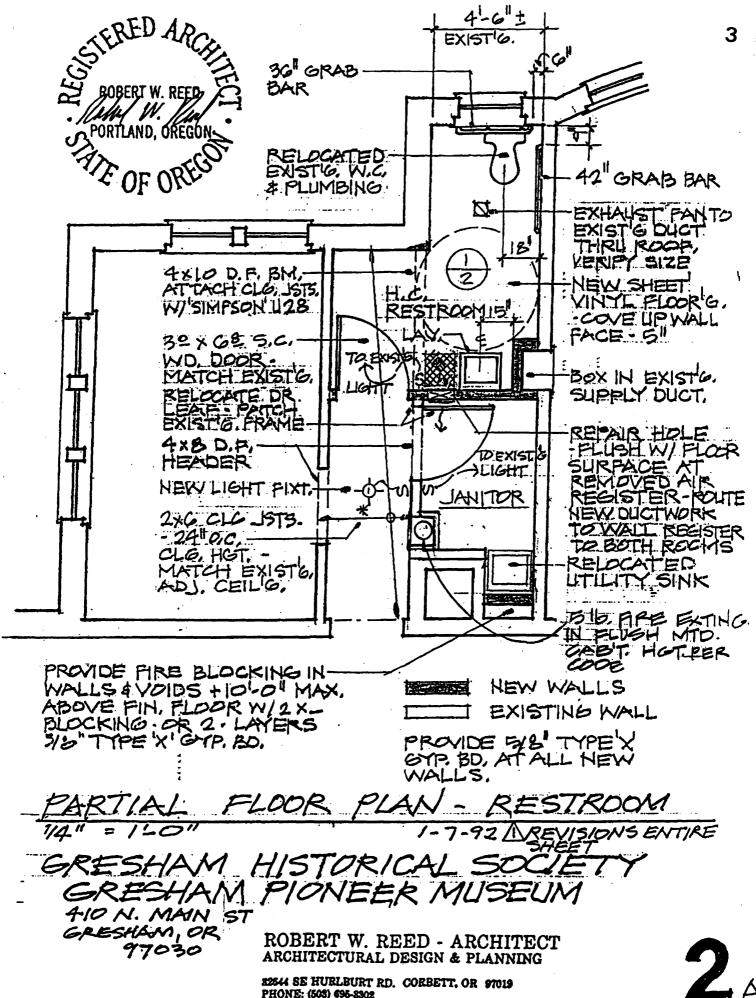
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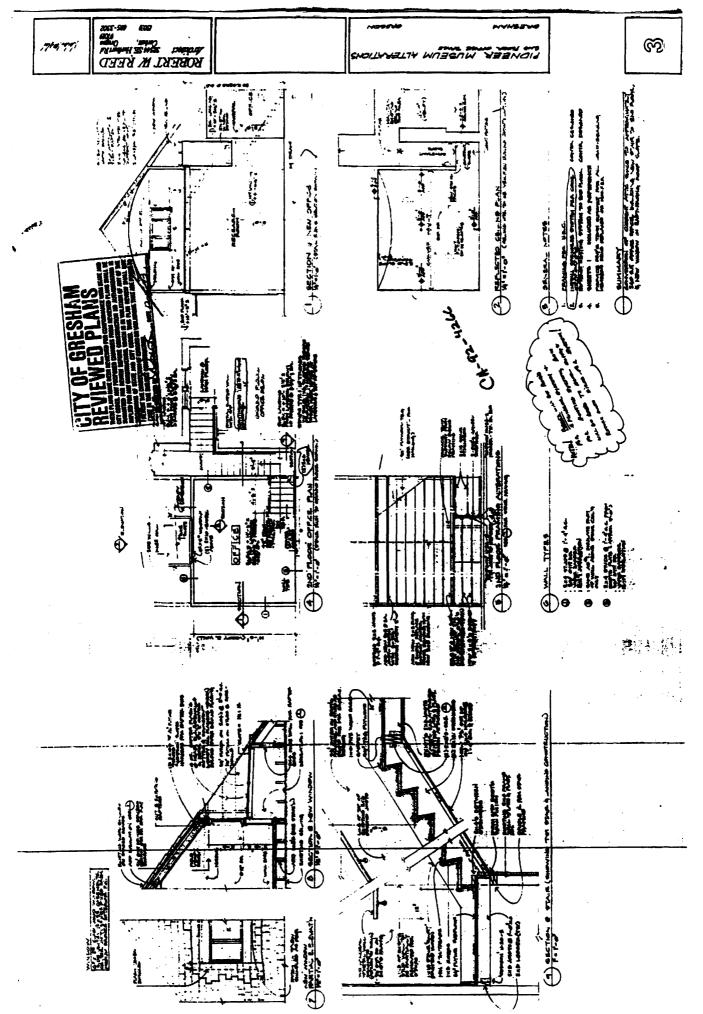
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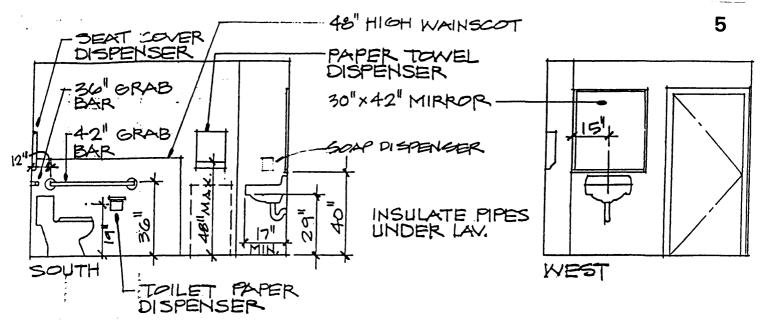
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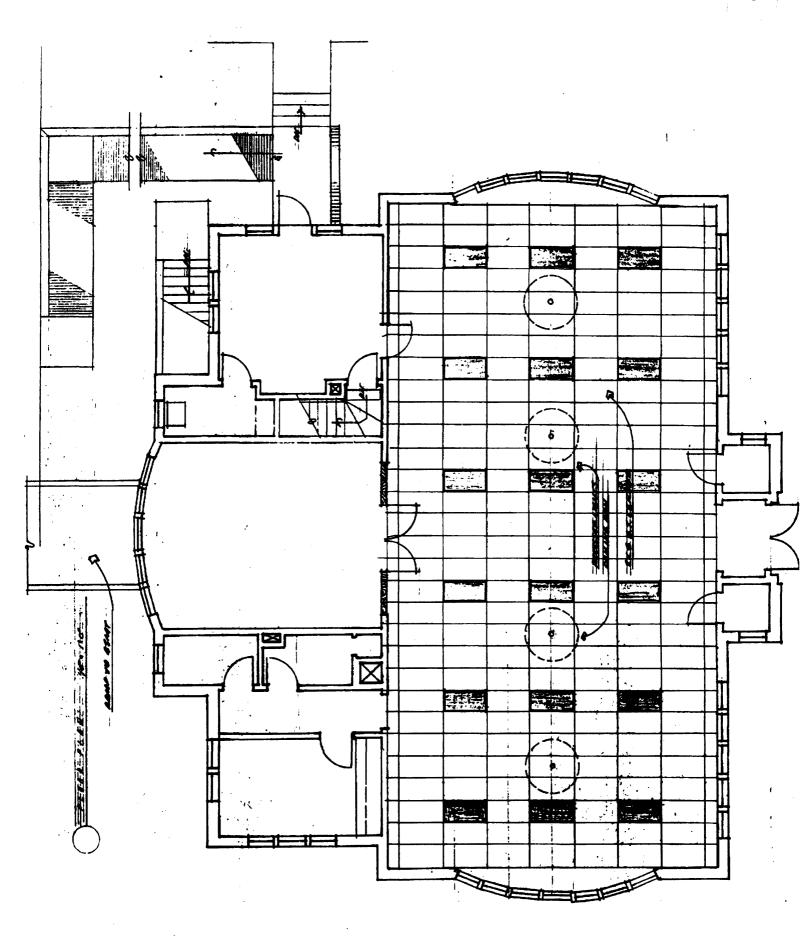
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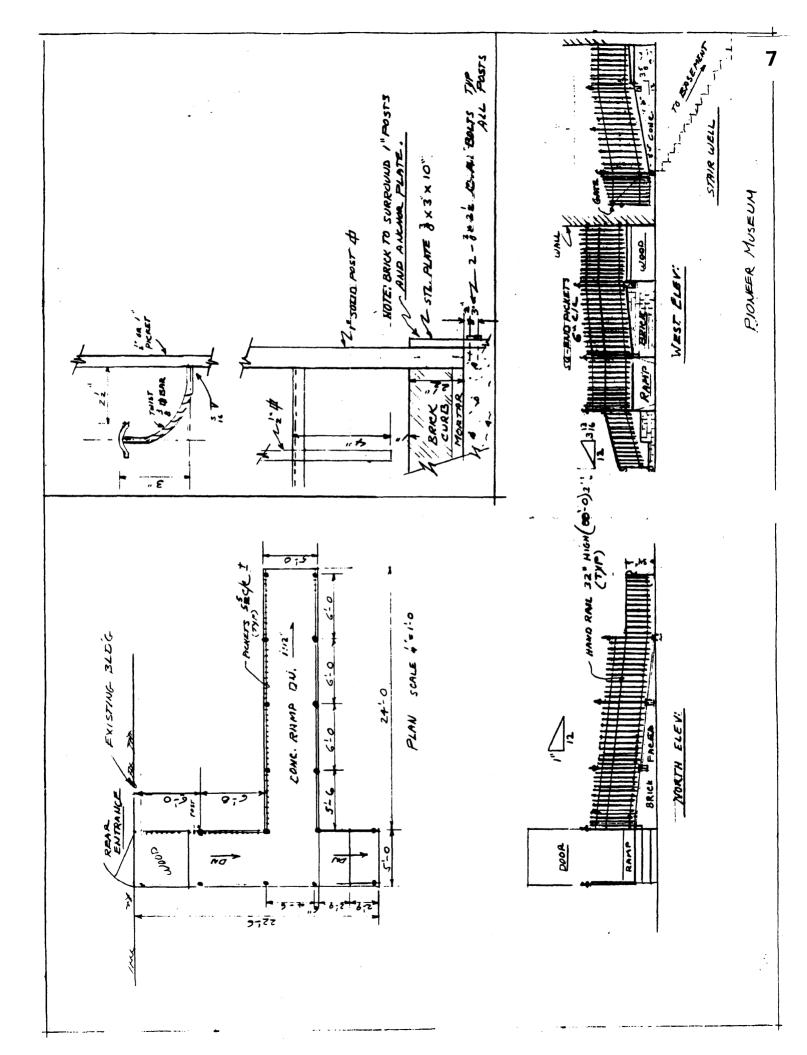
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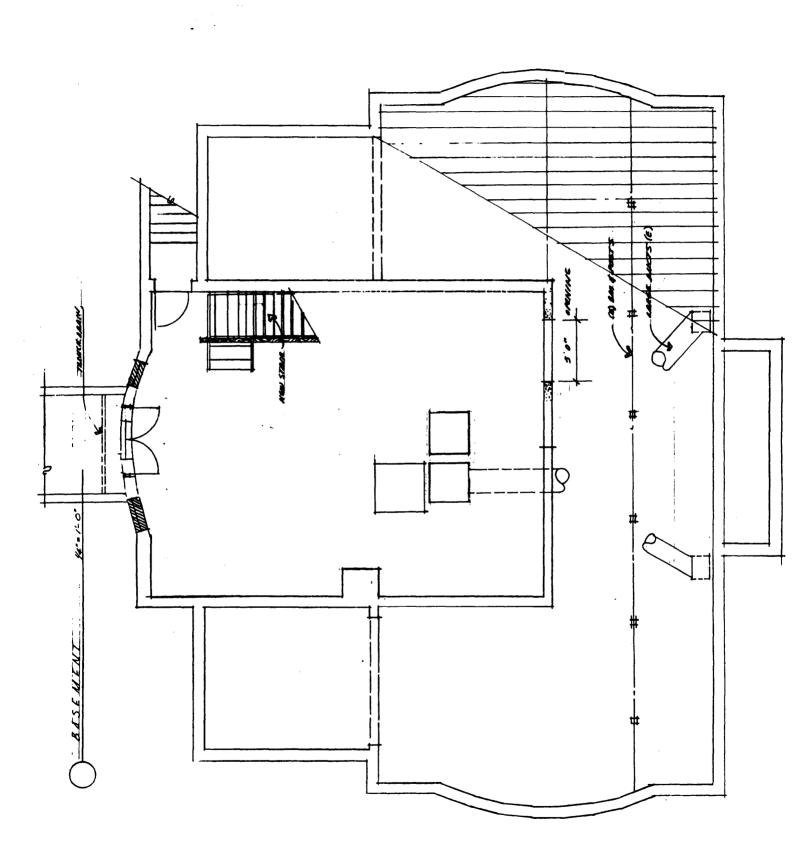
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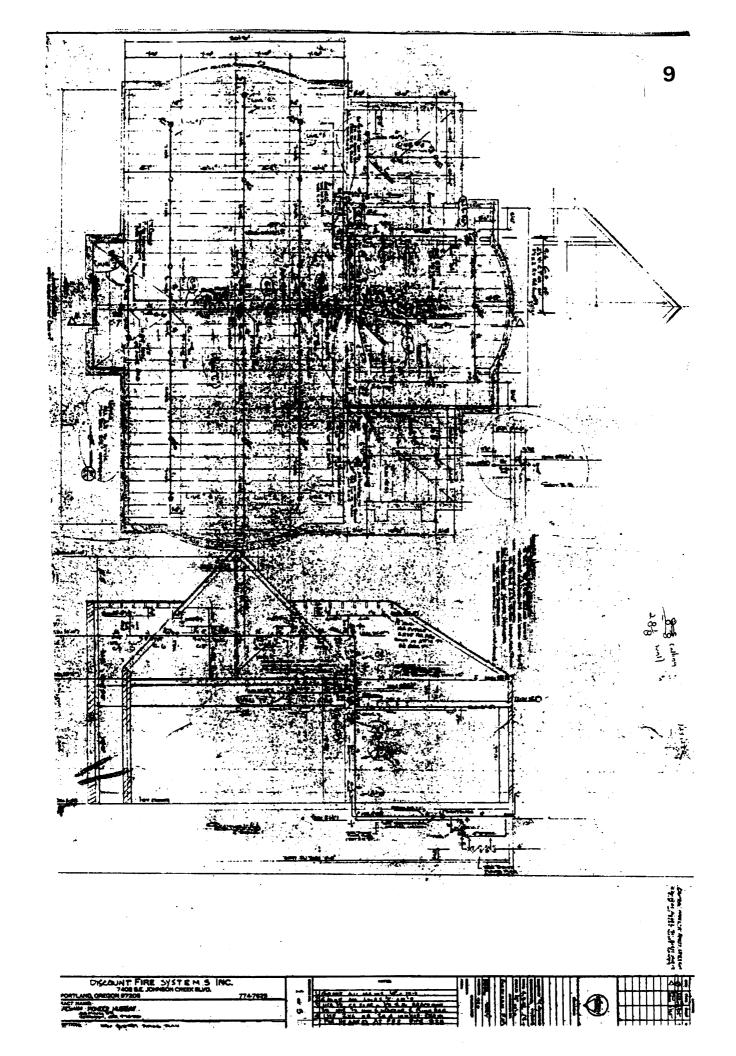
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