

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME					
address:	1507 NW 24th Ave Portland, Multnomah County		historic name:	Goldsmith, Bernard and Emma, House	
assoc addresses:			current/other names:	Goldsmith, Max, House; Hermanson Design	
location descr:			block/lot/tax lot:		
			tnwshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	1N 1E 33	
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS					
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	2.5	total elig resources:	1
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant			total inelig resources:	0
prim constr date:	c.1898	second date:		NR Status:	Individually Listed
				date indiv listed:	10/25/2018
primary orig use:	Single Dwelling		orig use comments:	Office	
second orig use:	Multiple Dwelling				
primary style:	Shingle Style		prim style comments:		
secondary style:			sec style comments:		
primary siding:	Shingle		siding comments:		
secondary siding:	Wood:Other/Undefined				
plan type:			architect:	Lazarus, Edgar Marks	
			builder:		
comments/notes:					
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS					
Not associated with any surveys or groupings.					
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY					
NR date listed:	10/25/2018		Special Assessment		106 Project(s):
ILS survey date:			Status	Term	End Yr
RLS survey date:			Active	1st	2025
					Federal Tax Project(s):
					None
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION					
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>					
<p>The Goldsmith house at 1507 NW 24th Avenue, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, was built in 1892 as the primary residence for Bernard and Emma Goldsmith. Designed by architect Edgar Marks Lazarus, it exemplifies the distinctive characteristics of the Shingle Style in Portland, as well as the evolution of Lazarus' residential work. The house is on a topographic rise on the corner of an urban block, with the primary elevation and entry facing NW 24th Avenue and the secondary street-facing elevation fronting NW Quimby. As is common in the neighborhood, streets were cut below grade, leaving the house site elevated above the street. The house contains approximately 4,800 finished square feet, excluding the exterior porches, with living spaces on the first floor, sleeping rooms on the second floor, a finished attic, and a partially below-grade full basement. The house is sided primarily with four-inch, lap siding, with shingle patterns used to accentuate the street-facing front and side facades above the porch roof level. The lancet window, belcast hip roof, and decorative round-headed front porch gable vents are all signature architectural details used by Lazarus in the stately homes he designed in the 1890s. Overall the house retains a high degree of integrity, despite an effort to demolish it that resulted in the loss of some interior finishes. The current owner has restored the exterior and rehabilitated the interior, preserving key spaces on the first floor and restoring and replicating interior detailing where known.</p>					
HISTORY					
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>					
<p>The Bernard and Emma Goldsmith House is eligible for the National Register at the local level under Criterion C in the area of Architecture as a notable representation of Oregon architect Edgar Marks Lazarus's residential body of work, in particular his interpretation of the Shingle Style in Portland, Oregon. Edgar Lazarus began practicing in the state of Oregon in 1890 as a residential architect. His earliest domestic work is recognized for bringing the Shingle Style to Portland – an architectural style that was in vogue at the turn of the century on both the east and west coasts. Lazarus later evolved into a civic architect, his work influenced by the Arts & Crafts, Richardsonian, and Jugendstil styles. The Goldsmith House, completed in 1892 for businessman and Portland's first Jewish mayor Bernard Goldsmith and his family, is the best example known from the peak of Lazarus's 1890s Shingle Style residences. The house has been restored, and the exterior character-defining features retain a high degree of historic integrity. The period of significance is the year of construction – 1892.</p>					
RESEARCH INFORMATION					
Title Records	✓	Census Records	✓	Property Tax Records	Local Histories
✓ Sanborn Maps		Biographical Sources	✓	SHPO Files	Interviews
Obituaries		✓ Newspapers		State Archives	Historic Photographs
✓ City Directories		Building Permits		State Library	
Local Library:			University Library:	State University of New York, Oregon State	
Historical Society:	Oregon Historical Society, Portland Jewish Society		Other Respository:		
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