Oregon Historic Site Record

block/lot/tax lot:

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 5303 SW Westwood Vw historic name:

Portland, Multnomah County current/other names:

assoc addresses:

location descr: twnshp/rng/sect/qtr sect: 1S 1E 16

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Building height (stories): 2.0 total elig resources: 1 total inelig resources: 2

elig evaluation: eligible/significant NR Status: Individually Listed

prim constr date: 1928 second date: date indiv listed: 05/23/2016

primary orig use: Single Dwelling orig use comments:

second orig use:

 primary style:
 Late 19th/20th Amer. Mvmts: Other
 prim style comments:

 secondary style:
 Arts & Crafts
 sec style comments:

 primary siding:
 Brick:Other/Undefined
 siding comments:

secondary siding: Half Timbering

plan type: Architect: Harold W. Doty; Richard Brown Architects (addition)

builder: E.F. Saucerman

James, W. Leland, House

comments/notes:

Owner considering possible NR nomination (02/23/11) ck; built for Leland James, founder of Freightliner, by Harold Doty. Hawkins & Willingham consider this property Doty's "finest work." HRR on file (03/16/11)

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

Not associated with any surveys or groupings

SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: 05/23/2016

ILS survey date:

RLS survey
date:

106 Project(s):

Special Assess
Project(s):

Federal Tax
Project(s):

None

None

ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)

The 1929 W. Leland James House was designed by Portland architect Harold Doty in the English Arts & Crafts style with some elements of the Tudor Revival style. The house has an irregular plan with two stories plus an attic and basement comprising 6,416 square feet. It is located at 5303 SW Westwood View in southwest Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. It sits on an irregular, sloping corner lot at the northeast corner of SW Westwood View and SW Westwood Drive and faces north onto SW Westwood Drive, filling much of its original lot with its 2,276 square foot footprint. The house is considered a superb example of its style. It displays the following design features that are emblematic of the style: relatively unembellished forms, in contrast to the Craftsman style; steep, gabled roofs with intersecting gables; massive chimneys; asymmetrical façades; small-paned casement windows; natural cladding material, including brick, wood and stucco; and features from the medieval English vernacular tradition. The 0.58-acre property contains the house, as well as a below-grade attached garage at the east end, a pool house and in-ground swimming pool at the west end, and a terraced lawn with simple gardens south of the house. An evergreen laurel hedge borders most of the property. Several mature, mostly deciduous trees are beyond the hedge within the property, including a Japanese maple and a spruce at the front. The residence has complex gable and hip roofs clad in thick cedar shingles. The roof is hipped at the west and east ends of the building. Three sets of gables—one cross-gable, one subordinate gable, and one dormer—are featured on each side of the ridge of the main hipped roof in symmetrical pairs. The house has two character-defining brick and stucco chimneys. The larger exterior wall chimney is at the front (north), near the northeast corner. The other chimney extends from the roof near the west end. There are several non-contributing features on the property. Along the west end of the north frontage are a pool equi

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)

The W. Leland James House, located in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, is significant at the local level under Criterion B in the category of Transportation, as the only single-family and long-term residence directly associated with W. Leland James during the years he was involved with Consolidated Freightways. James founded Consolidated Freightways—a nationwide trucking firm that evolved into the recently dissolved firm of Con-Way—and its long-time subsidiary Freightliner, a manufacturer of semi-trucks. Both had headquarters in Portland. The house is the primary residence in Oregon associated with James during his tenure at Consolidated Freightways and his residence at the time of its founding (1929-1938). No industrial or commercial buildings related to either company that also existed during his affiliation with the companies have survived with any integrity to the present in the Portland area. The James House is also eligible at the local level under Criterion C as a superb example of the Arts & Crafts style in the English Arts & Crafts tradition in the city of Portland, as discussed in the book Classic Houses of Portland. It was designed by noted local architect Harold Doty, a prominent Portland residential architect whose other local works were published in the national publication Architectural Record. Doty was active as a lead architect in Portland from 1926 to 1941. He often collaborated with better-remembered local masters Wade Pipes and Herman Brookman. Doty received the honor of a memorial retrospective of his works at the Portland Art Museum in 1943.

Property Tax Records

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