

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	417 E 13th Ave Eugene, Lane County	historic name:	Foster-Simmons House
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	Foster, Orla H and Maidee, House
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	17S 3W 32
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	2.5
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	1
prim constr date:	1912	NR Status:	Individually Listed
	second date:	date indiv listed:	10/30/2017
primary orig use:	Single Dwelling	orig use comments:	
second orig use:	Organizational	prim style comments:	
primary style:	Craftsman	sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	
primary siding:	Horizontal Board	architect:	
secondary siding:	Shingle	builder:	
plan type:			
comments/notes:			
12-16-2016 - HRR responded to; ES for architecture. DJP			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:	Type of Grouping	Date Listed	Date Compiled
Eugene West University Neighborhood Cultural Resources Survey	Survey & Inventory Project		1987
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	10/30/2017	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:		Special Assess Project(s):	None
RLS survey date:	07/01/2014	Federal Tax Project(s):	None
Gen file date:	12/16/2016		
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>The Foster-Simmons House is a 1913 Craftsman style residence located at 417 E. 13th Avenue in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon. Situated on a small lot in the West University Neighborhood between Eugene's downtown and the University of Oregon, the 2½-story, wood-framed house was built for Orla H. and Maidee Foster. Although an architect may have been involved in its design, none has been identified to date. The three-bedroom house displays many characteristic features of the Craftsman style, including varied exterior siding and window types, open eaves, a projecting front porch with heavy concrete piers and exposed structural elements, and a modest porte cochere. Interior elements include an open floor plan, built-in features, and an abundance of simple but elegant woodwork. The house retains a high degree of interior and exterior integrity, and clearly conveys its style and period of construction through its original form, features, and materials.</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 Foster-Simmons House is locally significant under National Register Criterion C in the area of Architecture as an excellent, nearly-intact representative example of a Craftsman style residence in Eugene's West University Neighborhood, an area documented in the "Eugene West University Neighborhood Historic and Architectural Resources Multiple Property Documentation Form." The period of significance is 1913, the year of the building's construction. Built for Orla H. and Maidee Foster, the subject house retains a high degree of historical integrity, clearly displaying its original materials, form, design, and stylistic elements reflective of the Craftsman style. It remains on its original small lot, with minimal landscaping immediately surrounding the house. The parged concrete foundation, generous front porch, combination clapboard and shingle siding, multi-pane wood sash and leaded glass windows, moderately-pitched front-gable roof, and porte cochere are all typical features of the period and style. As one of only six single-family Craftsman dwellings in the fragile West University MPD area that have been evaluated as being National Register-eligible, the Foster-Simmons House is an excellent example of its type in the neighborhood and in Eugene.</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:		
Historical Society:	Other Repository:		
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