

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME				
address:	1247 SE Kane St Roseburg, Douglas County		historic name:	Mooers, Dr Robert & Mary Helen, House
assoc addresses:			current/other names:	
location descr:			block/lot/tax lot:	
			township/rng/sect/qtr sect:	
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS				
resource type:	building	height (stories):	1.0	total elig resources: 1 total inelig resources: 0
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant			NR Status: Individually Listed
prim constr date:	1959	second date:		date indiv listed: 06/25/2018
primary orig use:	Single Dwelling		orig use comments:	
second orig use:				
primary style:	Contemporary		prim style comments:	
secondary style:			sec style comments:	
primary siding:	Vertical Board		siding comments:	
secondary siding:	Brick/Other/Undefined			
plan type:	Ranch w/Garage		architect: Raymond Kermit Thompson and Polly Povey Thompson	
			builder:	
comments/notes:				
9-22-2016 - HRR responded to: eligible under C and possibly B. DJP				
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS				
Not associated with any surveys or groupings.				
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY				
NR date listed:	06/25/2018	Special Assessment		106 Project(s): None
ILS survey date:	09/22/2016	Status	Term	Federal Tax
RLS survey date:	09/22/2016	Closed	1st	Project(s): None
			2031	
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION				
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>				
<p>The Dr. Robert R. and Mary Helen Mooers House, constructed in 1959, is a single-story, side-gabled mid-century modern residence. It was designed by architects Raymond Kermit Thompson and Polly Povey Thompson, combining elements of the popular Ranch Style with design elements associated with the architect-driven Contemporary Style, and demonstrating the influence of the Northwest Regional style. The house is located on the eastern hillside of Roseburg, Oregon, with a view of historic Roseburg and Mount Nebo to the northwest. The long, low-slung house is set at a slight angle on its .33-acre, hillside site to take advantage of this view. The residence is 2,542 square feet in size on a full, unfinished basement, with an 839-square-foot garage, and includes 4 bedrooms, two full baths, kitchen with adjacent larder/pantry, living room and dining room. The most dramatic feature of the Contemporary/Ranch-style house is the deep, full-width patio on the south side of the building, screened by a decorative sandstone wall, complemented by a large pinkish sandstone chimney in a random ashlar pattern. The broad gable end over the patio is supported by five posts and frames a view over the south side yard. The recessed entry on the west façade features a broad front door flanked by wide sidelights covered by geometric wood screens. The interior of the house is remarkably intact, with birch paneling, cabinetry, and built-in closets, hardwood floors, and original light fixtures throughout.</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 1959 Dr. Robert R. and Mary Helen Mooers House is locally significant under Criterion C, in the area of Architecture and its period of significance is 1959, the date of construction of the house. The Mooers House is significant as an outstanding example of the blending of the form and spatial arrangement of the widely popular Ranch Style with several elements of the architect-driven Contemporary style, and incorporating several design elements generally associated with Northwest Regionalism, a design approach developed by prominent architects working in the unique climate and setting of the Pacific Northwest. The house is unique in Roseburg, a city long dominated by extractive industries and other blue collar pursuits. While the Ranch house was the ubiquitous building block that populated most post-war neighborhoods, including several in Roseburg, the Contemporary style and Northwest Regionalist approaches were generally the realm of professional architects, and, due to the challenges associated with funding construction of non-traditional forms through the Federal Housing Administration, generally not suited to construction at the neighborhood scale.</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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