

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Historic Name: George Taylor House
 Current Name: Oliver House
 Street: 504 NW 6TH ST
 City: Corvallis
 County: Benton
 Owner: BARRY LAWLER, 504 NW 6TH ST,
CORVALLIS, OR 97330-6427
 Category: Building Location: Urban
 TRS: 11 05 35
 Quad: Corvallis
 Map: 11535CA TLN: 101
 Addition: Rayburn's
 Block: 6 Lot: 1 & 2

Original Use: Single-family residence
 Current Use: Single-family residence
 Secondary Current Use: _____
 Building Date: 1900 Moved?
 Theme: 20th Century Architecture
 Secondary Theme: _____
 Style: Vernacular
 Secondary Style: _____
 Architect: Unknown
 Builder: W.O. Heckart

Condition: Unknown
 Integrity: Unknown
 Local Ranking: NA

Plan Shape: Rectangle Number of Stories: 2.0
 Foundation Material: Unknown Basement? Porch?
 Roof Form: Unknown Roofing Material: Unknown
 Structural Framing: Unknown
 Primary Window Type: Unknown
 Exterior Surfacing Materials: Unknown
 Decorative Surfacing: Refer to Statement of Significance
 Decorative Features: Refer to Statement of Significance
 Alterations/Additions: Refer to Statement of Significance
 Landscape Features: Refer to Statement of Significance
 Associated Structures: Garage
 Known Archaeological Features: Unknown
 Setting: Refer to Statement of Significance



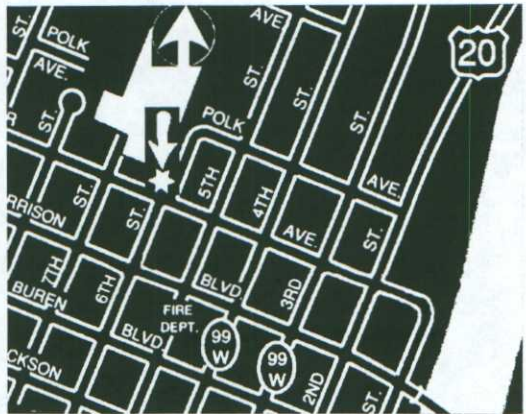
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 Recorder: J. Sanders Chapman Local Number: 505B SHPO Number: _____
 Recorded: 5/12/84

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Site Plan:

No image recorded

Location Map:



Statement of Significance:

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**CORVALLIS, BENTON COUNTY, OREGON
BUILDING AND STRUCTURE
INVENTORY FORM**

CORVALLIS PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.
CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY 1983-1984

INVENTORY NO: 505B
ROLL/EXP: 17B/5A

Form Prepared By:
NAME: J. Sanders Chapman
DATE: 5-12-84

identification

BUILDING ADDRESS: 504 N.W. 6th Street

COMMON NAME: The Oliver House

HISTORIC NAME: George Taylor House

BUILDING TYPE/USE: Residence

Legal Description

ADDITION: Rayburn's
MAP NO: 11 5 35 CA
BLOCK/TAX LOT NO: 6/101
LOT NO(S): 1, 2

Current Owner

NAME: Barry Lawler and
Brynn Heintz
ADDRESS: 504 N.W. 6th Street
CITY: Corvallis STATE: Oregon
ZIP CODE: 97330 PHONE:

data

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1900

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNATION:
Homestead

a. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND FEATURES

Garage

b. HISTORIC PHOTO/SOURCE LOCATION

c. FORMER USE OF LAND

1850: W. F. Dixon Donation
Land Claim
c. 1895: One story dwelling

d. FORMER USE(S) OF PRESENT BUILDING

Retail outlet for Corvallis
Creamery Company

SANBORN MAP REPRESENTATION: 1912, 1927, 1949

status

- NATIONAL REGISTER
- STATEWIDE INVENTORY
- 1982 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
- 1979 WOMANS CLUB SURVEY

significance

- NO
- YES
- POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT
(see continuation sheets)

CORVALLIS CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

continuation sheet

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BUILDING AND STRUCTURE
INVENTORY FORM**

INVENTORY NO: 522B
ROLL/EXP: 18B/1A
Form Prepared By:
NAME: J. Sanders Chapman
DATE: 4-20-84

CORVALLIS PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.
CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY 1983-1984

identification

BUILDING ADDRESS: 660 S.W. Madison
HISTORIC NAME: Dr. George Farra House

COMMON NAME:

BUILDING TYPE/USE: Business: Madison Inn Bed and Breakfast

Legal Description
ADDITION: County
MAP NO: 11 5 35 CD
BLOCK/TAX LOT NO: 10/6900
LOT NO(S): 7, 8

Current Owner
NAME: Kathryn Brandis
ADDRESS: 660 S.W. Madison
CITY: Corvallis STATE: Oregon
ZIP CODE: 97333 PHONE:

data

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1903

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNATION:
Princess Anne

a. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND FEATURES

b. HISTORIC PHOTO/SOURCE LOCATION

c. FORMER USE OF LAND
1850: J. C. Avery Donation
Land Claim

d. FORMER USE(S) OF PRESENT BUILDING
c. 1912: Dwelling
c. 1927: Fraternity
c. 1949: Dwelling

SANBORN MAP REPRESENTATION: 1912, 1927, 1949

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STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
 OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
 State Historic Preservation Office
 Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310



County Benton
 Theme Private Residence
 Name
 (Common) Oliver House
 (Historic) Taylor (George) House
 Address 504 NW 6th Street
Corvallis, Oregon 97330
 Present Owner Barry & Brynn Lawler
 Address 504 NW 6th Street, Corvallis, Or.
 Original Use Private residence/retail outlet
for Corvallis Creamery Co.
 Date of Construction approx. 1896

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The property is being nominated on the basis of its single-family dwelling, perhaps best described as a Victorian-style farm house, built approximately 1896 and originally doubling as a private residence and business adjunct for the former Corvallis Creamery Company.

The house is sited ^{on} a double corner lot occupying approximately one-quarter acre. It is wood-frame construction, sits on a poured concrete foundation, and is constructed in three distinct though connected sections: the main house standing two stories, the kitchen-bathroom section and attached Carriage House each standing one story. Each section is characterized by a gabled roofline.

The 1500 square foot interior includes living room, bath, three bedrooms, kitchen, and dining room/Carriage House. The home is almost entirely original in terms of shape, woodwork, and interior appointments. Walls are of original plaster or wood; only the Carriage House and kitchen have been at all remodeled--even then deviating minimally from the form and function of the original.

The primary significance of the house is that it is one of the few true Victorians in the City's rapidly expanding business district which

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Recorded by Barry Lawler Date 1980

sources consulted (continue on back if necessary): CASA FILE AVAILABLE

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 S W Section

retains its original shape, character, and function both inside and out. In short, it has not been cut up, added to, or subtracted from. The addition of plumbing and building of a second chimney in 1936 appear to have been the major alterations to the house prior to its purchase by the present owners in 1975. And all necessary restoration and preservation work since that time has been done with retention of original craftsmanship and intent as a main priority.

Historically, the house perhaps lacks specific identification in terms of notable people or events (though both former owners and their businesses were well known in the community), but it occupies a highly visible location in an eclectic neighborhood which only a few years back was dominated by turn-of-the-century homes (and earlier), but is now being integrated with restaurants and real estate offices.

Also quite unique and significant to the house--though historically perhaps only in a very indirect manner--is the fact that it has been made a model of energy efficiency without the slightest bit of sacrifice of its structural or aesthetic integrity. Despite ten-foot ceilings, excessive window space, and almost total absence of energy-conserving design characteristics, the home demonstrates (via four year documentation of utility bill records) that a 19th century dwelling need not be an impractical anachronism in an era inevitably dependent upon energy consciousness. The conversion was accomplished through a combination of generally invisible insulation/weatherization techniques (excluding injected foams) and a return to the home's original space-heating source: wood. If for no other reason, the conversion is, I believe, historically significant in that it helps to dispel the unfortunate association which people often make between "old" and "obsolete."