

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM  
COUNTY: CLATSOP

HIST. NAME: Fisher Residence  
COMMON NAME: Stramiello Residence  
ADDRESS: 687 12th Street  
CITY: Astoria  
OWNER: Anthony Jr. & Roberta Stramiello

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: <1890/1901  
ORIGINAL USE: SF residence  
PRESENT USE: SF residence  
ARCHITECT: unknown  
BUILDER: unknown  
THEME: Urban Development; Architecture  
STYLE: Queen Anne

T/R/S: T8N/R9W/S8  
MAP NO.: 8-9-8CD TAX LOT: 4700

ADDITION: McClure's  
BLOCK: 70 LOT: 8 S, 9 S QUAD: Astoria 7½' (1984)  
BLDG STRUC DIST SITE OBJ  
RANKING: Primary

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: irregular NO. OF STORIES: 2  
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: brick, stuccoed BASEMENT (Y/N):  
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: truncated hip; composition shingles  
WALL CONSTRUCTION: stud wall STRUCTURAL FRAME: light wd. frame  
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 1/1 DH, wood sash  
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: weatherboard  
DECORATIVE FEATURES: eave brackets; double 2-story bay windows flanking central entryway; box bay windows on south; front door with sidelights and transom; frieze band with cutouts; chamfered porch posts; 3 massive corbelled brick interior chimneys  
OTHER:

CONDITION: GOOD FAIR POOR MOVED (DATE)  
(needs paint)

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): virtually intact--some window replacement on south; attached carriage house (2-story) on south side off southwest corner (historic)

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: foundation plantings: chamelias, rhododendrons, others

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: none

KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES: unknown

SETTING: northwest corner of 12th and Grand on the west side of 12th in residential neighborhood south of downtown; 12th Street slopes down to the north; neither 12th nor Grand go through to the south or east

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The main (east) portion of this house was built prior to 1890 by brothers Ferdinand A. and Augustus C. Fisher, pioneer Astoria merchants. Between 1901 and 1902, the Fishers enlarged the house and lived there until 1911. Ferdinand and Augustus Fisher came to Astoria in 1864 with their parents. In 1877 Ferdinand opened a chandlery, hardware, and grocery store in Astoria with his brother-in-law, Louis Wilson. In 1890, Wilson sold his interests in the company to Augustus Fisher and the firm became Fisher Brothers Hardware. The year after Ferdinand and his wife Clara Madison Fisher enlarged this house, the Fishers sold their store. In 1911, they moved to the house next door to the north, and this house was used as a boarding house. In the 1930s the home was purchased by Judge Guy Boyington, who lived here with his family until 1938. At that time, it was purchased by Mrs. Euna Pearl Burke, who remodeled the house into ten apartments, naming it the "Magnolia House." The house has since been restored to a single-family home, been listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and is one of Astoria's finest representations of Victorian architecture.

SOURCES: Sanborn-Perris Map Co. 1888, 1892; Dellinger's Astoria City Directory, Polk's Astoria City Directory 1890-1925; National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form (on file at Astoria Public Library); MA 7-19-29:1; AB 4-28-38:6; Biographical and Subject Newspaper Index (Astoria Public Library)

NEGATIVE NO.: Roll 5-0  
SLIDE NO.:

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 HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM - TWO

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 QUADRANGLE: Astoria 7½' (1984)

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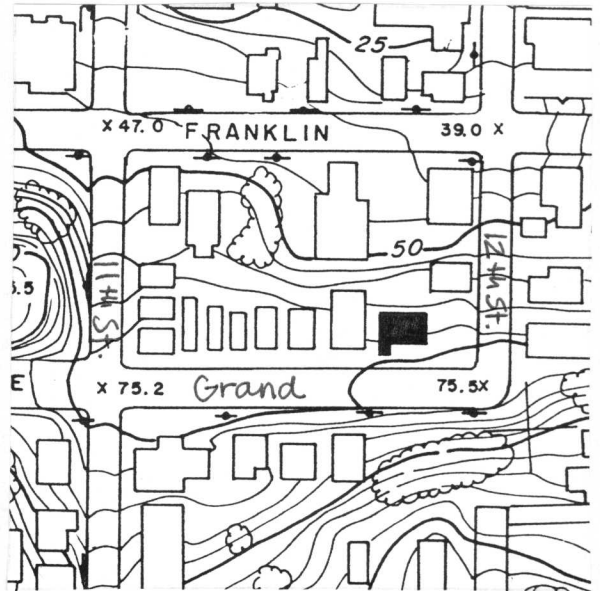
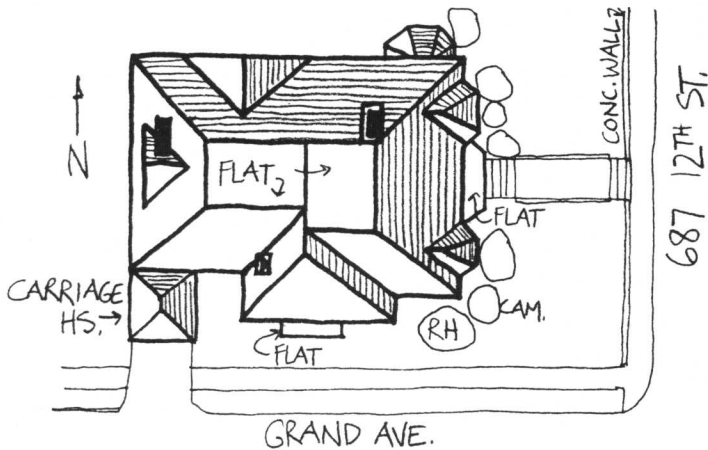
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 State Historic Preservation Office-  
 Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310



County Clatsop  
 Theme 10-A, 9-J, 6-A  
 Name (Common) Fisher (Augustus & Ferdinand) House  
 (Historic) (same)  
 Address 687 Twelfth St.  
Astoria, Ore.  
 Present Owner ? Carnish  
 (Address) Knappa, Ore.  
 Original Use Residence  
 Date of Construction 1895

Physical

historical significance:

In 1895 Augustus and Ferdinand Fisher erected this large, two story, wood frame house in Italianate Style on the hillside overlooking Astoria, Oregon. The building has a low, hipped roof. Projecting two story bays are located on either side of the main entrance. The main doorway has sidelights and a transom. The hipped roof is decorated the eaves with brackets. An open porch is located at the main entrance. It has lattice work skirting its foundation. The exterior of the building is shiplap. A band of vertical milled boards encircles the house at the eaves. A projecting window bay is located on the first floor on the south elevation. The window surrounds are elaborate. The windows are one-over-one double hung sash. Another projecting window bay is located on the north elevation of the first floor. The house has two brick chimneys in perilous condition. The building is in poor condition and is divided into about six apartments.

Augustus and Ferdinand Fisher were sons of Carl Albert Fisher and Crystal (Wittick) Fisher. Their parents emigrated from Germany to the United States in 1854 and settled in Connecticut. In 1870 the family moved to Clatsop County, Oregon. (Hines, 1894, reports that the family emigrated in 1864 to Oregon and came to the U.S. in 1855). Capt. Augustus C. Fisher built his fortune out of a steamship business which hauled freight and passengers along the lower Columbia River. In 1877 he built a business building in Astoria. Eventually he and his brother, Ferdinand, owned the Fisher Brothers Hardware (which was also a ships chandlery firm).

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Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 11 May 1976 Sources Consulted:

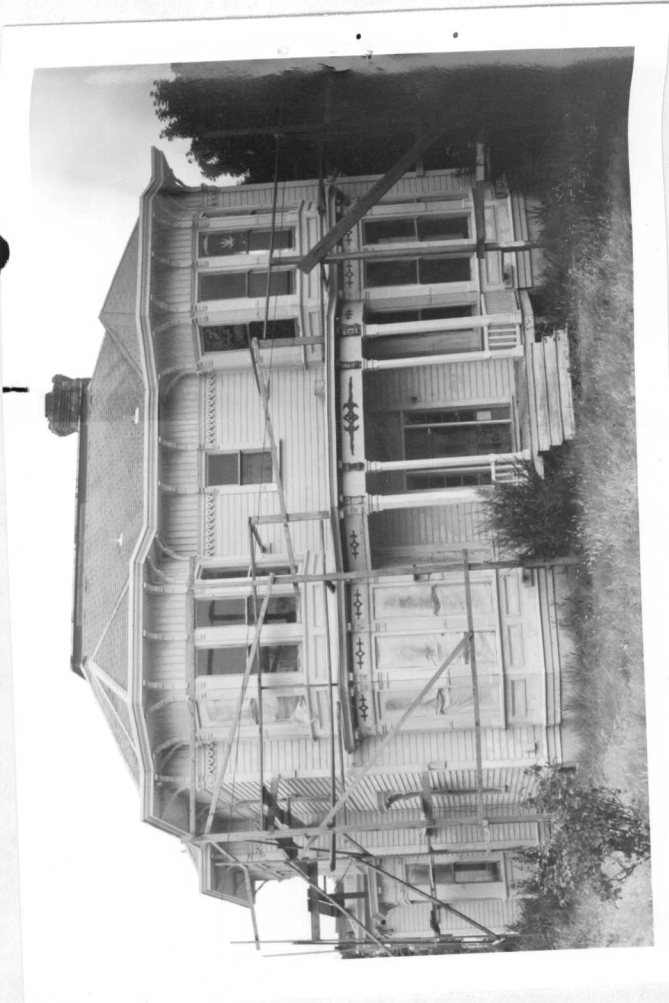
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Oregon State Historic Preservation Office "Captain A. C. Fisher." Hines, Harvey. An Illustrated History of Oregon. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1894, p. 536.

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County Clatsop, Astoria City Survey

Theme \_\_\_\_\_

Name  
(Common) \_\_\_\_\_

(Historic) \_\_\_\_\_

Address N.W. corner 12th & Grand 687 12th  
Astoria, Ore.

Present Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address 687-12th

Original Use \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Construction c. 1885

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

This extremely valuable example of high Victorian Italianate is presently\* being restored, more or less correctly, in an historic neighborhood of Astoria. The building is a 2 story hip structure, massive in design, currently with apartments off a central 2 story interior hallway. The building is symmetrically balanced in front except for a brick flared chimney that is off to one side. Brackets extend all the way around a vertically planked cornice. A fringe pattern below this vertical planking circumscribes the house except at the bay area extensions. Two tiered bay extensions are to the north and south of a central 1st story front porch. This porch mimics the bay curved shapes it has to either side of it. Four one over one double hung sash windows in moderately ornate surrounds can be found per bay. A decorative frieze band, effectively dividing the first story from the second story, extends the entire length of the front elevation. The porch is balustrated with four front columns supporting its portion of the frieze and a separate flat roof. The front entrance is sidelighted. The bay pannels under the windows are decorative. Horizontal wood siding covers the exterior of this dwelling except for the skirting.

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\* No progress for 6 months.

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