

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

HIST. NAME: Peter W. and Maria Larson House  
COMMON NAME: Reither House  
ADDRESS: 611 31st St.  
CITY: Astoria  
OWNER: Michael and Sheryl Reither  
611 31st St.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1880  
ORIGINAL USE: SF residence  
PRESENT USE: SF residence  
ARCHITECT: unknown  
BUILDER: unknown  
THEME: Urban Development  
STYLE: vernacular

T/R/S: T8N/R9W/S9

MAP NO.: 8-9-9CA TAX LOT: 12900

ADDITION: Shively's

BLOCK: 2 LOT: 1

QUAD: Astoria 7½' (1984)

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RANKING: Primary

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: T

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: concrete

ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: gable; composition shingles

WALL CONSTRUCTION: stud wall

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 4/4 DH wood sash

EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: v-groove and cove shiplaps, wood shingles on west elevation

DECORATIVE FEATURES: 4-panel (octagonal panels) Italianate style door w/ transom, east; window and door head casing; turned porch columns on south hipped porch

OTHER: two later interior chimneys--one stuccoed and one concrete block

NO. OF STORIES: 1.5

BASEMENT (Y/N): elevated

STRUCTURAL FRAME: light wd. frame

CONDITION: GOOD FAIR POOR MOVED (DATE)

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): house is reasonably intact for its age; additions are all historic--historic hipped-roof additions, northwest and southwest; some windows (late historic compatible--wood sash 1/1); house is presently undergoing rehabilitation/restoration

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: holly, northeast corner of lot; concrete retaining wal, north and west

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: none

KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES: unknown

SETTING: southwest corner of Marine Dr. and 31st St., west side of 31st; house sits above Marine Dr.; lot slopes down north, west, and south

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: Sanborn Fire Insurance maps indicate this house was present by 1888. It was the home of the Peter and Maria Larson family from the late 19th century through the 1950s. Peter Larson was a fisherman who died in an accident on a fish trap owned by P.J. McGowen in 1893. Evidently McGowen was found negligent and at fault for the accident for Maria Larson was awarded \$3,000 as a result of a court judgement in 1895. Mrs. Larson rented out rooms in the house during the entire time she lived here. Esther Larson, a daughter, remained in the house the longest of any family member. Ms. Larson was a well known teacher in the Astoria Public Schools for 42 years and was a one-time principal of Adair School during World War I. The Larson house is one of the earliest residences in Uppertown. Its significance stems from its antiquity, integrity, vernacular architectural design, and its long-term ownership in the Larson family.

SOURCES: Sanborn-Perris Map Co. 1888, 1892; Polk's Astoria City Directory 1896-1949; *Daily Morning Astorian* 2/24/95:1; *Astoria Daily Budget* 5/15/93:1, 9/22/10:6; *Morning Astorian* 1/25/18:6, 8/30/18:6; *Astoria Budget* 10/25/1971:3

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