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

HIST. NAME:
COMMON NAME:
ADDRESS: 2205 Northwest Johnson Street
CITY: Portland
OWNER: Sinnott, Ann C. & Josephine & Neal, Mildred S.
ADDRESS: 2205 NW Johnson, Portland, OR 97210

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1907
ORIGINAL USE: Domestic: single dwelling
PRESENT USE: Domestic: single dwelling
ARCHITECT:
BUILDER:
THEME: Culture: 20th Century Architecture
STYLE: Craftsman/Classic Box

T/R/S: T1N R1E S33
MAP NO.: 2927 TAX LOT: NA
ADDITION: King's 2nd Addition
BLOCK: 2 LOT: 3,4
ZONE: RH QUAD.: Portland
ASSESSOR NO.: R452300230

RESOURCE TYPE: Residence: single dwelling
CONDITION: Good
MOVED (DATE):

Old Address: 721 Johnson
RANK:

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete block
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Hip, hip dormers/composition shingles
WALL/FRAME: Wood frame

NO. OF STORIES: 2 1/2
BASEMENT: Yes

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 1/1 double-hung wood sash
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Lap siding, wood

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Dormer windows; wide overhanging eaves with modillions; Tuscan porch post.

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): Unknown.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Sited on slight knoll, low shrubs in front with street trees; conifers in side yard.

ASSOCIATED FEATURES: None.

SETTING: The house is located on the corner of N.W. Johnson Street, and N.W. 22nd Avenue, a quiet, two-lane street. The area is characterized mainly as mixed use.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: The residence, constructed in 1907, was designed in the popular Craftsman/Classic Box styles. The majority of these houses were designed from 1900 to 1910 and are wide spread throughout the study area. An intact example, the residence displays characteristics of the type in its overhanging eaves, box-like massing, two story height and classically inspired front porch details. The residence is an excellent example of its type.

Historical: The property is associated with the following Portland families or businesses: John and Sarah Kiernan, S. Morton Cohn Real Estate and Investment Company, A.S. and Edna Ellis, and Gussie and Herbert H. Sichel.

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP HISTORY

1906-1909 John and Sarah Kiernan purchased lots 3 & 4/Block 2 in 1906. They sold the property in October 1906 to S. Morton Cohn Real Estate and Investment Company.

Cohn sold the property on February 17, 1909 for $23,000 to A.S. Ellis and Edna B. Ellis, husband and wife. Ellis sold the property on April 9, 1909 to M. Sichel.

1909-1921 Gussie Sichel deeded the property to Herbert Hirsch Sichel on September 14, 1921.

The M. Sichel estate was probated on January 13, 1920. Gussie Sichel's estate was probated on January 31, 1952. Herbert Sichel's estate was probated on April 15, 1954.

OWNERS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

John Kiernan(1842-1929) was one of Oregon's first salmon packers, lumberman, and a prominent figure in real estate, contracting, and other industries within the state. Kiernan was born in Galesburg, Illinois to Francis and Ann(O'Reilly) Kiernan on March 16, 1842. His parents were both natives of Ireland, but were married in New York. Kiernan's father was a farmer and he himself was in the agricultural business for several years. Kiernan joined a wagon train leaving Illinois for Oregon on April 20, 1862.

Kiernan continued working in the Northwest on ranches, dairy farms, and in the transfer business. As he began to accumulate capital he made investments in real estate. Kiernan was active in Portland businesses until the time of his death. He owned Ross Island for over fifty years. He was a promoter for several salmon canneries, contractor on Columbia river jetties, and owner of a number of lumber and sawmills. He served as president of the Oregon Transfer Company and the Cook and Kiernan Company. In 1923 he formed the John Kiernan Corporation and became president. He had a large interest in the Bear Creek Logging Company. Kiernan was also a member of the Democratic Party.and the Auld Lang Syne Club. He ran for the office of Multnomah County Sheriff and for city treasurer.

Kiernan married Sarah Ingram (1871-1913), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ingram, in 1870. Sarah moved to Portland in 1852 from Salem, Iowa, where she was born. She was active in the

First Methodist Church. They had three daughters, Anna, Sarah and Eva Kiernan John died at eighty-six years of age on February 20, 1913. They lived at 165 Northwest Twentieth street.

Sarah Kiernan (1871-1913) was the wife of John Kiernan, president of the Oregon Transfer Company. Mrs. Kiernan moved to Portland in 1852 from Salem, Iowa where she was born. Active in the Methodist Church , she became an invalid ten years prior to her death Sarah died at seventy years of age, survived by her daughters, Mrs. James Henry Murphy, Mrs. R.B. Caswell and Miss Eva I. Kiernan.

Arthur S. Ellis (b.1868) was active in business and political circles in Multnomah county. He was born in Madison, Wisconsin, educated in the public schools of Iowa and Nebraska and at the University of Oregon. He moved to Portland in 1886 Ellis was a real estate dealer and builder. In 1926 he was a candidate for a republican nomination to represent the legislature from Multnomah county. According to the 1913 Portland City Directory, his real estate firm was named Ellis and Snyder, and was located at 603 Board of Trade Building. He lived at 2056 Glisan street.

Gussie A. Sichel (1862-1952) was the mother of Herbert Hirsch Sichel, Portland merchant. Born in Portland on July 22, 1862, Mrs. Sichel lived here all of her life in Portland except for the period between 1884 and 1891, when she lived at Prineville. Her father was Philip Selling, pioneer Portland merchant. Gussie attended the old Central school at Southwest Sixth avenue and Morrison street and St. Mary's academy. At the age of sixteen she taught at Beth Israel Sunday school. She was a life member of the Portland Council of Jewish Women. Gussie married Moses Sichel and they lived at 2205 Northwest Johnson street. She died at eighty-nine years of age on January 10, 1952.Sichel was survived by her son, owner of Moses and H.H. Sichel men's furnishings store.

Herbert H. Sichel (1888-1953) was a Portland merchant who operated the Moses and H.H. Sichel mens furnishings store at 300 S.W. Washington. Herbert was born in Portland on September 1, 1888, at the home of his grandparents, Philip and Carolyn Selling, pioneers in the city. They lived at Southwest 12th and Main streets. Herbert Sichel graduated from Portland academy and Amherst college. Active in civic and club affairs, Sichel was a leader in merchandising organizations during his active store career. He was a member of the selective service board for several years and was a past grand chef de gare of the 40 et 8. Sichel was a member of Al Kader Shrine, Scottish Rite, Harmony Masonic lodge, Aero club, pst vice commander of American Legion post No 1, treasurer for the American Council for Judaism, and a member of the Harmonie club of New York. He was a past national director of the National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishings. He died at the age of sixty-five on December 29, 1953. Herbert Sichel was survived by his widow, Elsie F. Sichel and his daughter, Mrs. Irwin Winfield.

Sources: Ticor Title Company Records
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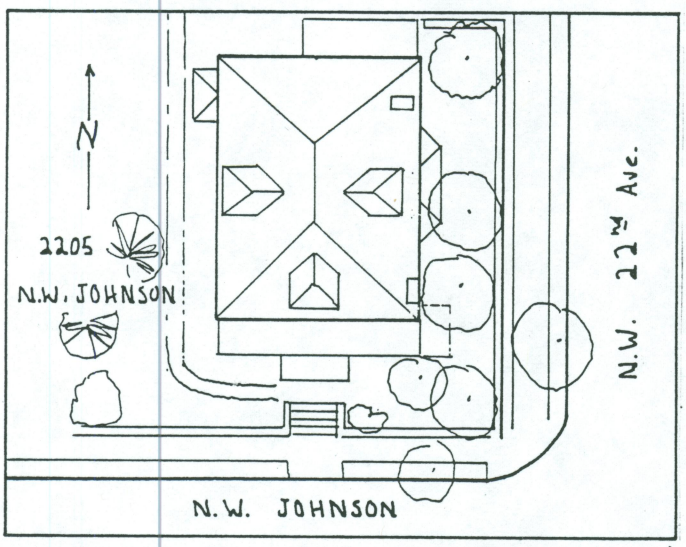
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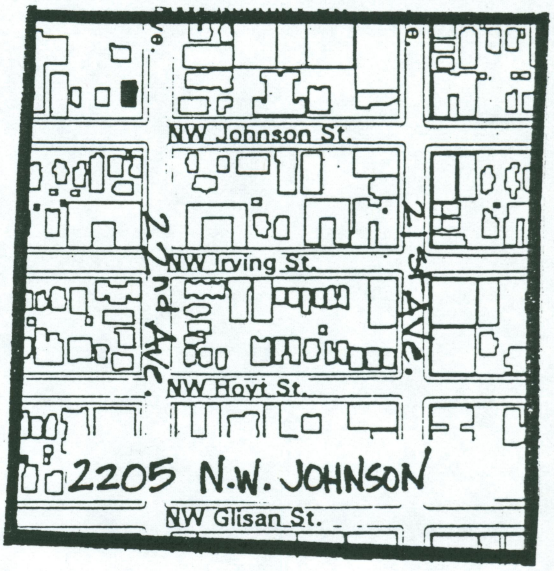
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