

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

HIST. NAME: The Dever House
COMMON NAME: Lionsgate Books & Gallery
ADDRESS: 1125 Northwest Twenty-first Avenue
CITY: Portland
OWNER: Fildes, Larry A. & Susan L.
ADDRESS: 1025 NW 21st, Portland, OR 97209

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1888
ORIGINAL USE: Domestic: single dwelling
PRESENT USE: Commerce
ARCHITECT:
BUILDER:
THEME: Culture: 19th Century Architecture
STYLE: Queen Anne/Vernacular

T/R/S: T1N R3E S33
MAP NO.: 2927 TAX LOT:
ADDITION: Couch
BLOCK: 300 LOT: 2
ZONE: C2
ASSESSOR NO.: R180232220

RESOURCE TYPE: Residence: single family
CONDITION: Fair
MOVED (DATE): No

OLD ADDRESS: 253 Twenty-first Street North
RANK:

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Gable w/intersecting
gable/composition shingles
WALL/FRAME: Wood

NO. OF STORIES: 2
BASEMENT: Yes

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 1/1, 2/1 double-hung wood sash
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Shiplap, wood

DECORATIVE FEATURES: One corbelled interior chimney; stuccoed boxed eaves; friezeboard and cornerboards; front pedimented gable with bullseye window, flared course; two-story bays with small cornice on south and north elevation; recessed entry porch with double doors; transom with "255" in stained glass; one turned post and simple balustrade.

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): Enclosure of the upper story porch and replacement of the upper stair balusters and railings

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Foundation plantings, street trees, flat lot

ASSOCIATED FEATURES: None

SETTING: The building faces east on Northwest Twenty First Avenue, a busy, two-lane arterial. The lot is a small sized parcel and is in a primarily mixed-use neighborhood. A driveway is located north of the building. Commercial businesses flank the building.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: The Devers House, constructed in 1889, was designed with elements of the Queen Anne style. Although a vernacular adaptation of the style, the building displays characteristics of the style in its gable roof with intersecting front pedimented gable, fishscale shingles on the gable ends, circular gable end window, cut-away bay window, turned porch posts, double front door capped with transom, wood panels below the bay, and watertable with cap. Alterations include the enclosure of the upper story porch and the replacement of the original porch balustrade. In fair condition, the house is a fair example of its type.

Historical: The property is associated with the following Portland families or businesses: Douglas and Archibald Dick, Joseph Closset, Arthur H. and Nellie H. Devers, Mabel Alice Devers, John E. and Mabel King, R.E. and Pauline L. Ure, Carl Smith, and Samuel Blake and Laura May Arnold.

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP HISTORY

1885 Douglas Dick deeded Lots 1,2,6, & 7 to Archibald D. Dick.

1886 Dick deeded the property to Joseph Closset and A.H. Devers.

1889 Closset deeded Lot 2 to A.H. Devers.

1908 Arthur H. and Nellie H. Devers deeded the property to Mabel Alice Devers.

1938 John E. and Mabel G. King deeded the property to R.E. and Pauline L. Ure. Ure deeded the property to Mabel G. King, a widow.

1940 King deeded the property to Carl Smith.

1947 Smith deeded the property to Samuel Blake and Laura May Arnold.

OWNERS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Douglas Dick, No biographical information is currently known.

Archibald Dick, No biographical information is currently known.

Joseph Closset: No biographical information is currently known.

Arthur H. Devers, according to the 1907-1908 Portland city directory, was living at 253 Twenty-first N. At that time, he was the owner of Closset & Devers which sold teas, coffees, spices, baking powder and extracts, located at 1-7 Front N. Street.

Mabel A. Devers, according to the 1907-08 Portland city directory, Mabel A. Devers was living at 253 N. 21 Street.

John King, No biographical information is currently known.

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Mabel G. King, No biographical information is currently known.

Pauline L. Ure, according to the 1938 and 1940 Portland city directories, was living with her husband, Ray, at 1922 NE Twelfth. At that time Ray was working as a painter.

Carl Smith, No biographical information is currently known.

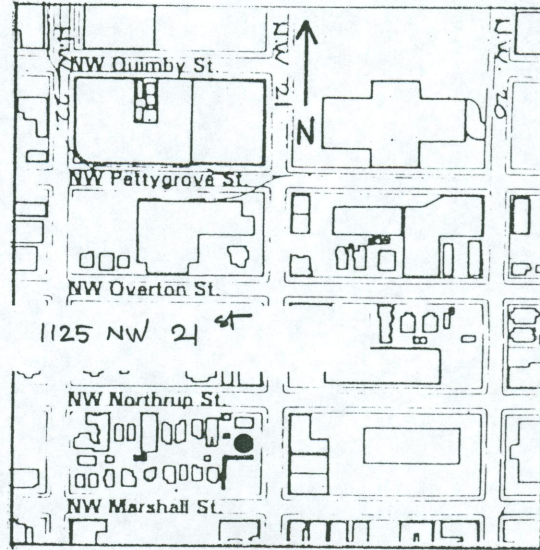
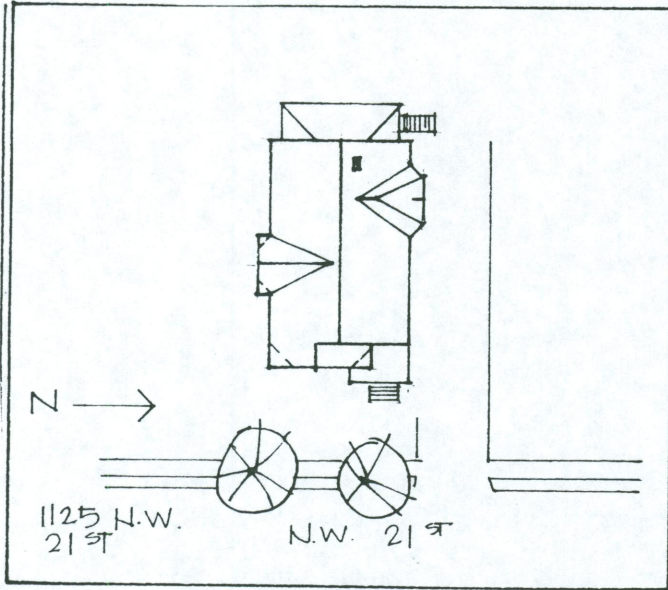
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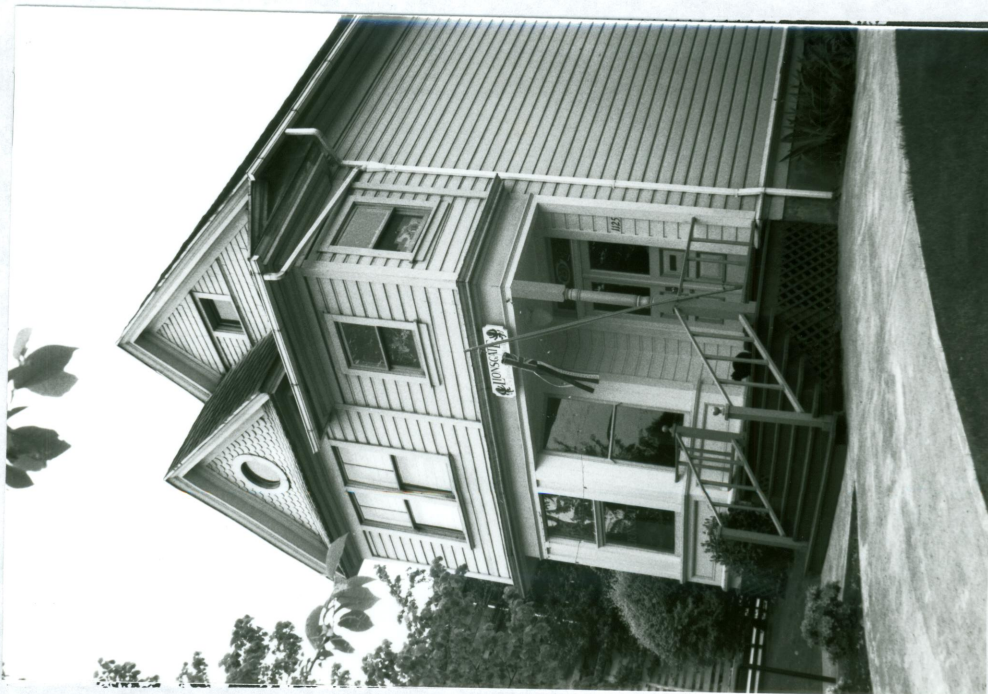
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