

Historic
Resource
Inventory
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON.



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734 S.E. Thirty-fourth Avenue

Sunnyside and Plats 2 and 3, Block 9, Lot 1, 2
QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 3134
Sunnyside

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Residence

DATE BUILT: 1890

STYLE: Queen Anne Vernacular

OTHER OWNERS: Jacobs, Walter E.

TAX ASSESSOR'S ACCOUNT #: R-81040-1310

ZONING: R2.5

Rank III

HISTORIC DISTRICT: Sunnyside (potential)

SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:

Ornamental frieze of wooden lattice-work below cornice. Projecting gables over polygonal bay windows with bracketed hoods. Palladian windows with decorative surrounds in attice gables. Pediment over porch entry. Patterned shingles on belt course and on gable ends. Spool-and-spindle porch frieze. Curbed interior stair. Mantel of slate, marbelized.

SPECIAL F/M - ORIGINAL REMOVED:

Parts of porch frieze and some porch posts removed.

SPECIAL F/M - SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION:

Garage built under house, 1923. Two new windows in dining room, 1929.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

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BIBLIOGRAPHY:

City of Portland Buildings Bureau microform and card files.

Multnomah County Tax Assessor records, microform, automated data files, and card files (Portland, 1980).

Portland City Directory (Portland, Oregon).

Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1890.

OLD ADDRESS: 134 E. Thirty-fourth Street

MAJOR ALTERATIONS: 1929/200229

1923/133865

Present owners, as of May 1980: Linda Josephson

MAILING ADDRESS: 734 S.E. Thirty-fourth Avenue, Portland 97214

No Preservation Funding

Negative: 528-11

Score - Design/Construction: 7

Score - Historical:

Score - Rarity:

Score - Environment: 4

Score - Integrity: 10

Score - Intrinsic:

Score - Contextual: 14

Score - Total: 38.5

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NEIGHBORHOOD: Sunnyside
CLASSIFICATION: Building

STATUS: Eligible

1988 OREGON CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY
CENTRAL SOUTHEAST PORTLAND

COMMON NAME: HIST. NAME: Mohle, Wilhelmina, House
ADDRESS: 734 S.E. 34th DATE BUILT: 1890
EARLY ADDR: 134 E. 34th ORIGINAL USE: Single Dwelling
OWNER: Linda Josephson PRESENT USE: Single Dwelling
ADDR: Star Rt., Box 17 ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown
Davenport, WA 99122 STYLE 1: Queen Anne
TRS NO.: 1S, 1E, NE 1/4 Sec. 1 STYLE 2:
ADDITION: Sunnyside & Plat 2&3 INTEGRITY: Strong merit
BLK: 9 LOT: 1&2 THEME 1: 19th Century Architecture
TAXCODE: R-81040-1310 ZON: R25 THEME 2:

PLAN SHAPE: Asymmetrical NO STORIES: 2.5
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick BASEMENT: Y
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Hip with projecting gables. Composition. STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Long double-hung sash.
EXT. SURFACING MATERIALS: Horizontal drop siding. Imbricated shingles.
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Curvilinear encircling porch with deck above. Pedimented entrance with turned post and partial frieze. Stickwork. Full-height polygonal bay window with brackets and pendants.
OTHER: Palladian-like window with round headed center sash and decorated sill.

CONDITION: Good MOVED: DATE MOVED:
EXT. ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATE): Integrated garage inset on south elevation (1923). Two new windows installed in dining room (1929).

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: None

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: None
KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION & IMMEDIATE SETTING: Located on the east side of 34th Ave., in a quiet neighborhood composed primarily of early 20th C. residences.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: See attached.

SOURCES:

ROLL/NEG. #: J1-16, K3-8-24, S24-
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STATE INVENTORY NO.:

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1890

Significant Dates

1890

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This house is locally significant under criterion C as a well-preserved, excellent representative of a Victorian period dwelling incorporating elements of both the Queen Anne and Stick styles. Constructed about 1890, it was built in the heyday of the Queen Anne style's popularity. The date of construction is based on Sanborn Insurance maps: the building is not shown on the 1888 map but does appear on the 1890 map.

This property is one of 27 single-family houses included in the survey which is designed in the Queen Anne style. The houses range in date from 1883 to 1909, with over 75 percent built at the same approximate time as the subject house.

This large residence exhibits the asymmetrical massing and decorative features characteristic of Queen Anne architecture. It is distinctive among the surveyed properties because of the variety of siding materials which includes horizontal tongue and groove, shiplap, and imbricated shingles--hexagonal, rectangular, and fishscale. Also of interest are the paneled courses, each with distinctive decorative patterns, which wrap around the building at various levels. The basket-weave pattern found at the eaveline course and the diagonally applied dowels at the head of the first floor windows are unique in the study area. The bowed, recessed porch is not found anywhere else in the study area. The entrance is also unique and the paired, paneled-and-glazed doors are articulated by a hexagonal transom with etched glass.

The interior is richly decorated throughout; however, the most distinctive element is the handsome green marble fireplace in the sitting room.

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Deed records indicate the original owner of the house was Wilhelmina Mohle who purchased the property from the Sunnyside Land and Improvement Company in 1889. Records are unclear as to how long she owned it. The next recorded title transaction is in 1907 when Louise and John Boldt sold the house to Frank M. Fliter in whose family it remained until approximately 1929.

Although there is no conclusive evidence to document the fact, it is quite likely that the house was constructed by local contractor John Wallace, who is known to have built many of Sunnyside's early buildings.

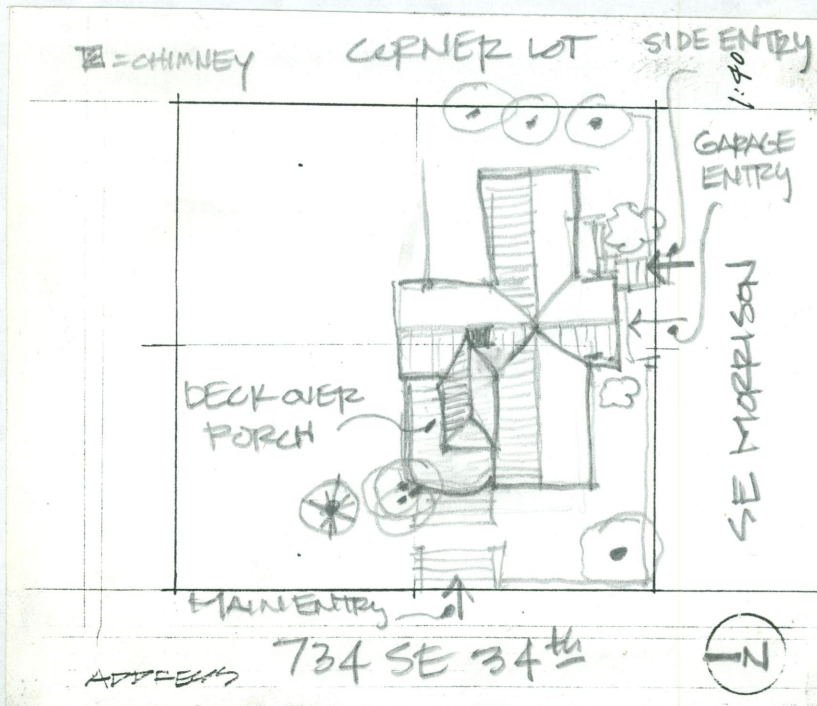
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ROLL & NEG. NO: S24-6

SLIDE: 384



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