

CURR. HIST. STATUS:

RANKING: Primary  
NEIGHBORHOOD: WUN 3  
TYPE: Building

OREGON CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY  
CITY OF EUGENE

FINAN. STATUS:

HISTORIC NAME: BETA THETA PI HOUSE

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: CA. 1905

COMMON NAME:

ORIGINAL USE: Multi-Unit Resid

ADDRESS: 379 E 12TH

AVE

PRESENT USE: Multi-Unit Resid

EARLY AD: 193 E 11TH

AVE

DATE: S1912

OWNER: ~~Russell L. Maxfield~~ *Dennis Clay*

ARCH./BLDR.:

ADDR: 381 E. 12th Ave  
Eugene, Oregon 97401

ARCH./STYLE: Craftsman  
Classic Box

T/R/S# 17 3 31 SE 1/4 NE 1/4

INTEGRITY: Virtually intact

MAP NO.: 17033141 TAXLOT: 600

THEME: 010

ADD: Ellsworth's BLK:3 LOT:5

PROP. GROUP FRSOR /TH/005

ZONING: Historic District

PLAN SHAPE: Square

#STORIES: 2.5 BASEMENT (Y/N/?): Y

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Stone

ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Hipped/composition shingles

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood stud

STRUCTURAL FRAME: Light wood frame

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Wood, double hung, 6/1, 9/1

EXT. SURFACING MATERIALS: Shiplap siding

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Central bay windows, upper level porch railing

OTHER:

CONDITION: Good

MOVED: N DATE MOVED:

EXT. ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS(DATED): Rear porch added in the 1920's. *Converted in Apts. 1930s.*

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Very large Tree of Heaven on corner of 12th & Mill.

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: none

KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: none

GEOG. LOC. & IMMED. SETTING NW corner lot in residential area, at middle of lot on quiet st. Located on NW section of survey area; 1 bl SE of downtown.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: This 2.5 story Craftsman styled multi-unit residence is located on the middle of the corner lot, flat site, facing south. In good condition, it is presently virtually intact. A square plan on a stone foundation, it has a walk-in basement. The hipped roof is covered with composition shingles. Of light wood framing, the wood stud walls are surfaced with shiplap siding. The windows are wood, double hung, 6/1, 9/1. Outstanding decorative features include the central bay windows, upper level porch railing. Alterations include rear porch added in the 1920's. Note-worthy landscape features, large tree of heaven on corner.

SOURCES: Polk 1910-38 146e0121; Korstad 1933-38 146e0075; Sundberg 146e0081, 146e0087; Ref Plan 146e0135 \*Oregana 146e0117

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NEGATIVE NO. 000  
SLIDE ROLL#: 000  
SLIDE NO: 000000

RECORDED BY: W. Sparks  
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379 East 12th was built between 1902 and 1910. The original address, 193 East 12th, was changed to 381 East 12th in 1913. That address was changed to 381 East 12th in 1925. While it may initially have been a single family residence, from 1910 to at least 1921 this was the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, with thirteen University of Oregon students in 1910. Beta Theta Pi was chartered at the University of Oregon in 1909. From at least 1923 through 1929, the house was used by the Delta Zeta sorority. It was then lived in by different families until 1936, when it was owned by Dr. George Hurley, a prominent physician and surgeon, with offices at 804-815 Miner Building, downtown. By 1938 it was owned by Mrs. DeMott McMorrان. In 1934 Dr. Hurley completed some alterations on the building and in 1935 he added the garage. In 1936 Mrs. McMorrان remodeled the building into five apartments, with an additional address around the corner at 1176 Mill. This is one of a very few surviving early fraternity houses dating from the initial developmental period of fraternities at the University. It is a good example of the Craftsman style and retains a high degree of integrity, with minor modifications made before 1937. It is in very good condition. This building is included in the Fraternity/Sorority thematic grouping.

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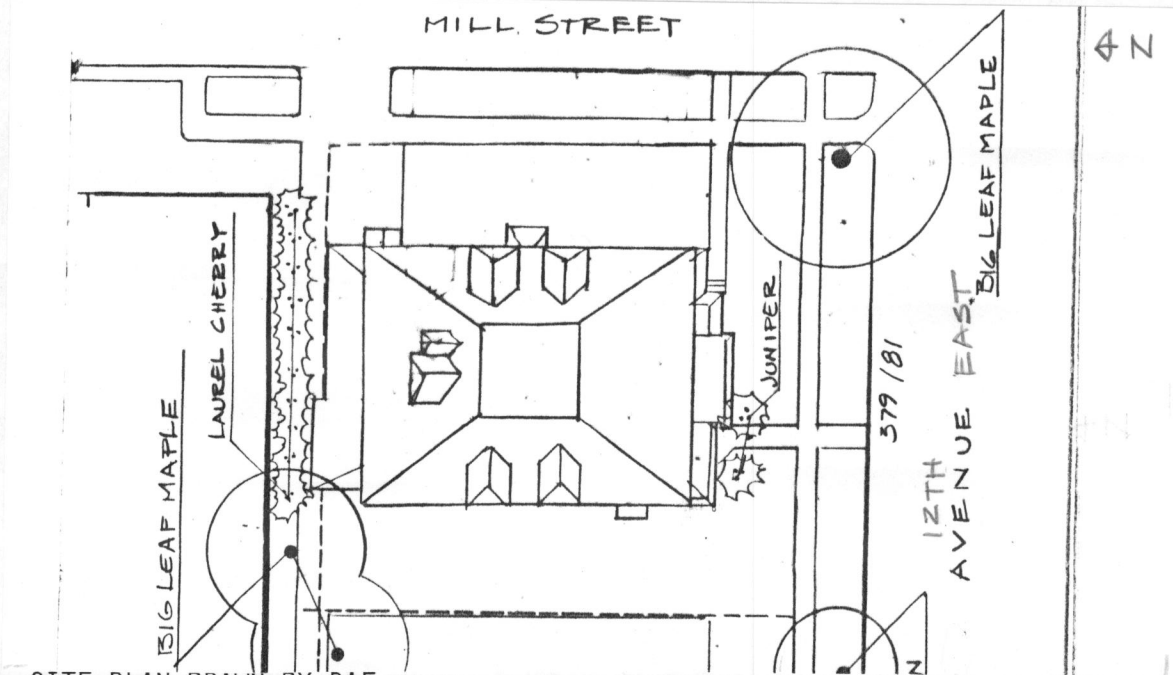
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SITE PLAN DRAWN BY: PAF  
GRAPHIC & PHOTO SOURCES: 1912 Sanborn Map, UO Map Libr; Army Corps airphoto #36-3883, 8/36, UO Map Libr; LCM neg#32C/L72-351, /L78-374 Oregon 12, 14, 23, 29\*

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