

CURR. HIST. STATUS:

RANKING: Primary
NEIGHBORHOOD: WUN 6
TYPE: Building

OREGON CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY
CITY OF EUGENE

FINAN. STATUS:

HISTORIC NAME: First Congregational Ch.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1925

COMMON NAME: Willcox Building

ORIGINAL USE: Church/Synagogue

ADDRESS: 492 E 13TH AVE

PRESENT USE: Theatre

EARLY AD: 0

DATE:

OWNER: Bernard Hoffman

ARCH./BLDR.: WRB Willcox/EM Drew

ADDR: 1170 Spyglass Dr.

ARCH./STYLE: Mediterranean

Eugene, OR 97401

Spanish Colonial

T/R/S# 17 3 32 SW 1/4 NW 1/4

INTEGRITY: Minor Modifications

MAP NO.: 17033232 TAXLOT: 11600

THEME: 007

ADD: Shaw's Second BLK:1 LOT:6&7

PROP. GROUP / /

ZONING: Community Comm. Dist.

PLAN SHAPE: "L" shaped

#STORIES: 2.0 BASEMENT (Y/N/?): N

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete wall

ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Gable/composition shingles

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood stud

STRUCTURAL FRAME: Light wood frame

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Casement

EXT. SURFACING MATERIALS: Stucco

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Cornice, window frames, porch w/columns/balusters*

OTHER: front portico w/brackets

CONDITION: Good

MOVED: N DATE MOVED:

EXT. ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS(DATED): Newly finished addition on back

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Sm garden ctyd; mature evgr fdn pltgs (esp. rhododendron & camellia); 5 lg Eur birch on Ferry, 2 Eur birch on 13th.

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: none

KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: none

GEOG. LOC. & IMMED. SETTING SW corner lot, in mixed use area, at middle of lot, on busy st. Located in center of survey area; 2 bl SW of major medical clinic, 2 bl SE of downtown.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: This 2 story Mediterranean styled church is located on the middle of the corner lot, facing north. In good condition, it is presently a theatre/office with minor modifications. An "L" shaped plan on a concrete wall foundation, it has no basement. The gable roof is covered with composition shingles. Of light wood framing, the wood stud walls are surfaced with stucco. The windows are casement. Outstanding decorative features include the cornice, window frames, porch w/columns/balusters, front portico w/brackets. Alterations include newly finished addition on back.

SOURCES: EMR 146e0123 11/14/24 p6; Swoiaia 146e0115 p57; Willcox 146e0133

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SLIDE ROLL#: 000
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RECORDED BY: J. Mulholland
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DATE RECORDED: 2/ 3/1987
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492 East 13th, also known as the Willcox Building, was designed by W.R.B. Willcox in 1924-25 in the Mediterranean/Spanish Colonial style. Originally built as the First Congregational Church, it now houses offices and a movie theater. It has also been a funeral chapel and a bridal chapel. The supervising architect for this building was George York, who also worked on the house at 441 East 13th. The general contractor was E.M. Drew, and the concrete work was handled by George W. Read. The November 14, 1924 edition of the Eugene Morning Register carried an article which remarked upon the innovative construction technique of stucco blown with air guns, also known as gunite. This was under contract to the Washington Gunite Company, Seattle, Washington. Willcox was an extremely important architectural educator and innovative architect in Eugene and throughout the State, and it was through an earlier association with the architect Bernard Maybeck that he may have learned about creative uses of gunite. This is one of only three buildings remaining of the four Willcox designed in Eugene. This building is a designated City landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. See those nominations for more information regarding this building and Willcox's importance as an architect. This building is included in the W.R.B. Willcox thematic grouping.

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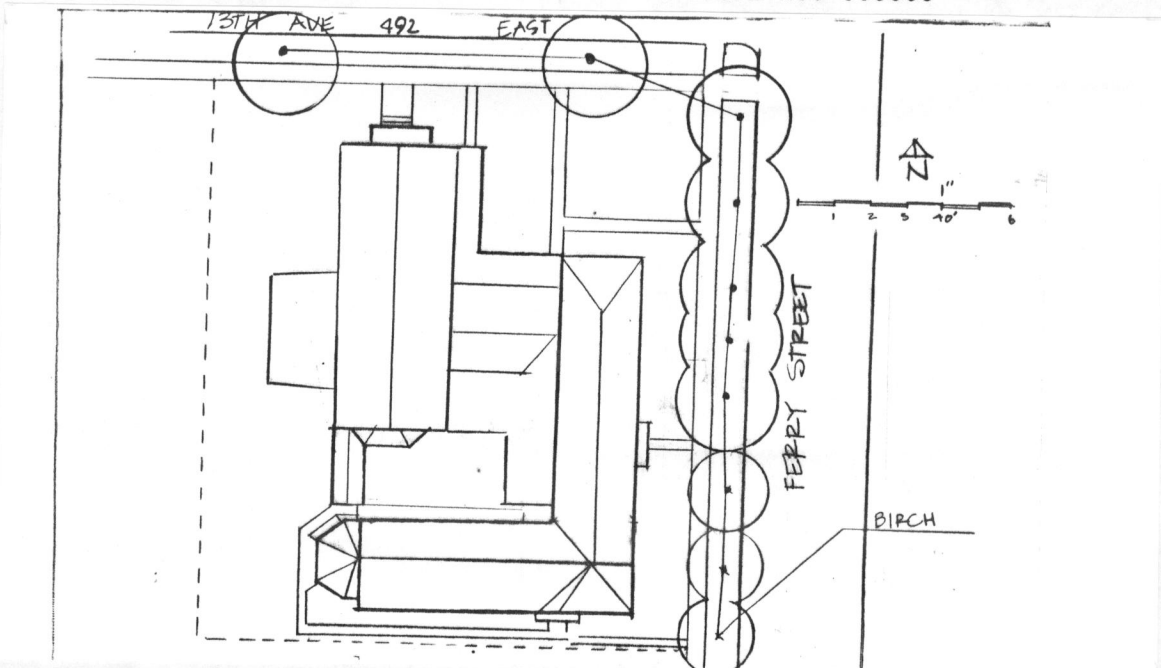
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SITE PLAN DRAWN BY: PAF
GRAPHIC & PHOTO SOURCES: 1925 Sanborn map, UO Map Libr; Army Corps airphoto #36-3883, 8/36, UO Map Libr; LCM neg #32 H 7/L72, 32 H7/L79-881

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