

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTY
ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING INVENTORY
COUNTY: Lane

HISTORIC NAME: CHAMBERS, FRED E., HOUSE

COMMON NAME:
OTHER NAMES: Danby house

RESOURCE TYPE: Building
STATUS: built & survives

LAWRENCE

(JOB#) YEAR: (1651) 1923

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FIRST DATE: May 1923

DESIGN BEG: May 1923

DESIGN END: ? 1923

CONSTR BEG: ? 1923

CONSTR END:

LOSS DATE:

ORIGINAL USE: residence

PRESENT USE: residence

SITE: 2.0 acres, approx.

CITY: vicinity Eugene Oregon
STREET: 1151 Irving Road, Santa Clara
OWNER: Danby, Jack E. & Anne
(at property address above)

TOWNSHIP: 17S RANGE: 04W SECTION: 10
MAP#: TAX LOT: 17-04-10-00-2900

ADDITION: ORIGINAL USE:

BLOCK: LOT: QUAD: PRESENT USE:

ASSESSOR #:

THEMES: 20C Architecture

DATA BELOW IS ON LAWRENCE FIRM'S DESIGN AS-BUILT:

ARCHITECT: Lawrence and Holford
ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS:

CHIEF DESIGNER: probably EFL

CONTRACTORS:

ARTISTS & CRAFTSMEN:

STYLE: Colonial (1910-1935)

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: "L"-shaped +irregular/diagonal wing

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: concrete

STORIES: 2 BASEMENT: yes

ROOF/MATERIAL: hipped w/center gable w/hipped dormer(s)/Wood shingles

WALL CONSTR: nailed wood frame

STRUC.FRAME: nailed wood frame

PRIME WINDOW TYPE: wood multi-pane double-hung

EXTERIOR SURFACE MATERIAL: wood bevel siding,

DECORATIVE FEATURES/MATERIALS:

leaded glass window in livingroom; porte cochere; enclosed patio in rear

OTHER:

CONDITION: good

MOVED: not moved

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated):

kitchen remodeled (c1957); upper maid chambers opened to rest of upper floor (c1957); composition shingles (?); aluminum storm windows (?)

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

house on 6' earth platform, raising it above the river plane; extensively landscaped with trees & shrubbery; formal rose garden in rear (now removed)

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ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:

SETTING:

flat rural farmland and orchards now just past the northern edge of the Eugene metropolitan area

SIGNIFICANCE OF LAWRENCE FIRM'S DESIGN:

EXTER.DETAILS/CRAFTSMANSHIP: Better than average workmanship and materials.

INTER.DETAILS/CRAFTSMANSHIP: Ordinary construction with no special features.

EXTERIOR INTEGRITY: Minor changes, but original character intact.

INTERIOR INTEGRITY: Minor changes, but original character intact.

SITE INTEGRITY: Minor changes, but original character intact.

SETTING INTEGR: Historic character & relationship of surroundings is intact.

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT:

Fred E. Chambers was an important developer of the fruit industry in Eugene, and his orchards adjoined this house. This country home was raised above the floor plane on a six-foot platform of dirt delivered to the site from the excavation for the downtown Eugene Montgomery Ward Store (now Lane Community College). Fred Chambers probably knew of Lawrence through his brother Frank, whose sister-in-law was Maude Kerns - a faculty member in Lawrence's School of Architecture and Allied Arts. The home is large but quite simple in detail, apparently at Fred Chambers' request. It is formal in front and informal in the rear - a characteristic of many of Lawrence's houses. The present owner is only the 2nd owner of the house, and they have maintained the house in near-original condition. It is the largest of six Eugene-area houses known to have been designed by Lawrence or his firms, and it is his only country house. Four of these houses still stand.

SOURCES/DOCUMENTS: Description (Location)

bill for architectural services, box 6 of EF Lawrence Collection (UO Library, Special Collections)

blueprints of elevations (at house, possession of owner); other blueprints may also exist at the house.

Frank Chambers & Chambers Hardware Co. Files, (Lane County Historical Museum)

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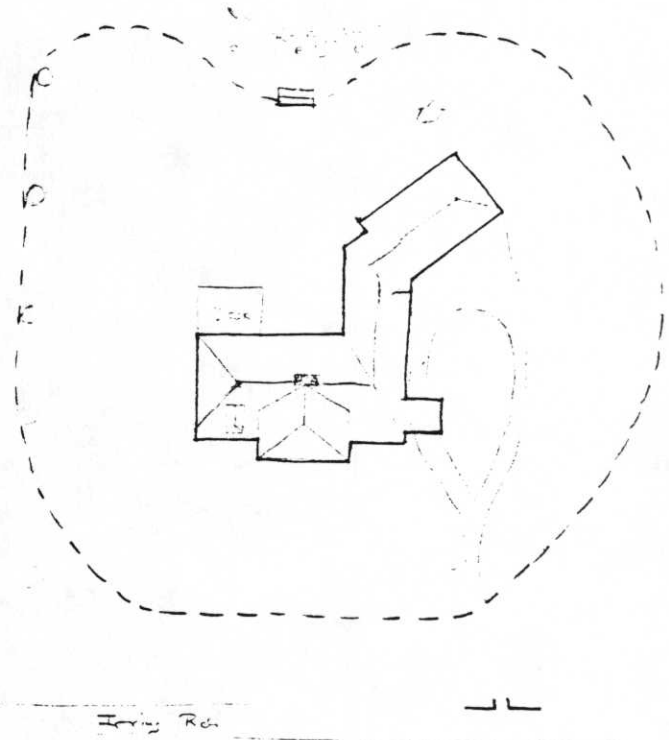
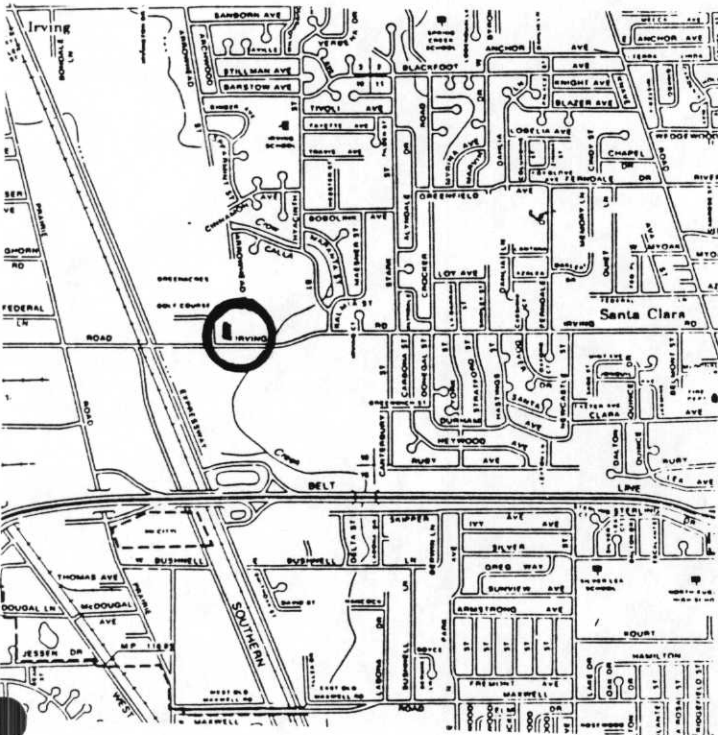
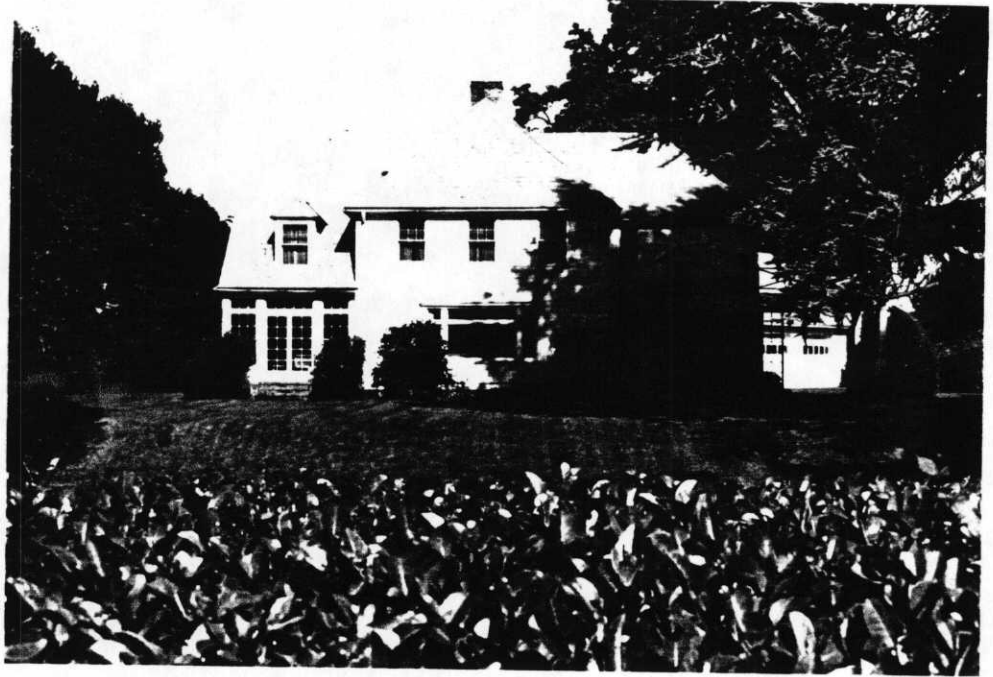
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ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING SURVEY
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RECENT PHOTO
 NEGATIVE #s:
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HISTORIC PHOTO/OTHER GRAPHIC SOURCE:

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EVALUATION

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INTEGRITY OF:

	<u>NUMERICAL</u>
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2. INTERIOR: Minor changes, but original character intact.	7
3. SITE: Minor changes, but original character intact.	7
4. SETTING: Historic character & relationship of surroundings is intact.	5
INTEGRITY TOTAL	26

DISTINCTION OF:

1. EXTERIOR DETAILS & CRAFTSMANSHIP: Better than average workmanship and materials.	3
2. INTERIOR DETAILS & CRAFTSMANSHIP: Ordinary construction with no special features.	0
3. STYLE: (Colonial (1910-1935)) It has distinctive features of its identified style. Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this style is one of few (5 or less) in its city/town or rural area.	2
4. ORIGINAL USE: (residence) Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this use is one of few (5 or less) in its city/town or rural area.	2
5. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this design is average quality and significance. Is it part of an ensemble of surviving buildings by Lawrence? No other Lawrence buildings are nearby. Are structural or technical aspects of the design significant? Of little significance.	0
6. LAWRENCE'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE DESIGN PROCESS: Lawrence was probably chief designer, though little evidence	6
DISTINCTION TOTAL	17

EDUCATIVE OR ASSOCIATIVE VALUE:

1. HISTORIC EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES: No known association with historic events or activities.	0
2. HISTORIC PERSONS: Strong assoc. with person(s) of local historic significance.	5
3. SYMBOLIC ASSOCIATION WITH AN IDEAL, INSTITUTION, OR POLITICAL ENTITY: No known significant symbolic association.	0
EDUCATIVE OR ASSOCIATIVE TOTAL	5

GRAND TOTAL 48

RANK: SECONDARY

NOTE: Only the built, surviving buildings in Oregon were evaluated.

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