

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	611 31st St Astoria, Clatsop County (97103)	historic name:	Larson, Peter & Maria, House
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	2 / N. 115' Lot 1 / 12900
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	8N 9W 9
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	2.0
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	1
prim constr date:	c.1884	second date:	1887
		total inelig resources:	
NR Status:		date indiv listed:	03/09/1990
primary orig use:	Single Dwelling	orig use comments:	
second orig use:		prim style comments:	
primary style:	Gothic Revival	sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	
primary siding:	Horizontal Board	architect:	
secondary siding:	Wood:Other/Undefined	builder:	Larson, Peter
plan type:			
comments/notes:			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:	Type of Grouping	Date Listed	Date Compiled
Astoria Adair-Uppertown RLS 2013	Potential Historic District		2013
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	03/09/1990	106 Project(s)	
ILS survey date:		SHPO Case	Date
RLS survey date:	03/01/2013	07/21/2005	Agency Effect Eval
			no adverse effect
Special Assess Project(s):	None		
Federal Tax Project(s):	None		
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
Alteration includes removal of historic paneled wood front door, replaced with multi-light wood door.			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
Sanborn Fire Insurance maps indicate this house was present by 1888. It was the home of the Peter and Maria Larson family from the late 19th century through the 1950s. Peter Larson was a fisherman who died in an accident on a fish trap owned by P.J. McGowen in 1893. Evidently McGowen was found negligent and at fault for the accident for Maria Larson was awarded \$3,000 as a result of a court judgement in 1895. Mrs. Larson rented out rooms in the house during the entire time she lived here. Esther Larson, a daughter, remained in the house the longest of any family member. Ms. Larson was a well known teacher in the Astoria Public Schools for 42 years and was a one-time principal of Adair School during World War I. The Larson house is one of the earliest residences in Uppertown. Its significance stems from its antiquity, integrity, vernacular architectural design, and its long-term ownership in the Larson family.			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
Title Records	Census Records	Property Tax Records	Local Histories
✓ Sanborn Maps	Biographical Sources	SHPO Files	Interviews
Obituaries	✓ Newspapers	State Archives	Historic Photographs
✓ City Directories	Building Permits	State Library	
Local Library:		University Library:	
Historical Society:		Other Respository:	
Bibliography:			
Sanborn-Perris Map Co. 1888, 1892 Polk's Astoria City Directory 1896-1949 Daily Morning Astorian 2/24/95:1 Astoria Daily Budget 5/15/93:1, 9/22/10:6 Morning Astorian 1/25/18:6, 8/30/18:6 Astoria Budget 10/25/1971:3			