Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address:	2212 A St Forest Grove, Washington County	**historic name:**	Taylor, Dr W R & Eunice, House
		current/other names:	
assoc addresses:		**block/lot/tax lot:**	
location descr:		**twnshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:**	1N 3W 31

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type:	Building	**height (stories):**	1.5	**total elig resources:**	4	**total inelig resources:**	0
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant			**NR Status:**	Listed Individually & in Hist Distr		
prim constr date:	1919	**second date:**		**date indiv listed:**	08/10/2005		

primary orig use:	Single Dwelling	**orig use comments:**	
second orig use:			
primary style:	Bungalow (Type)	**prim style comments:**	
secondary style:	Colonial Revival	**sec style comments:**	
primary siding:	Stucco	**siding comments:**	
secondary siding:	Wood:Other/Undefined		
plan type:		**architect:**	
		builder:	

comments/notes:

Three contributing outbuildings: Garage, gazebo, garden shed

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

Survey/Grouping Included In:	Type of Grouping	Date Listed	Date Compiled
Taylor Process Hollow Concrete Wall Construction in Forest Grove, Oregon MPD	MPS	08/10/2005	2004
Walker Naylor Historic District	Listed Historic District	03/03/2011	2010
Walker Naylor RLS Update	Survey & Inventory Project		2009

SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed:	08/10/2005	**106 Project(s):**	None
ILS survey date:		**Special Assess Project(s):**	None
RLS survey date:	08/21/2009	**Federal Tax Project(s):**	None

ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)

Elephantine, truncated columns on concrete bases supporting pergola entry porch flanking semi-circular arched entryway; sunroom deck railing; Shed porch on rear; Original concrete stepped walkway with "W.R. Taylor. MD."; picket fence around lot to N; old oaks to N ("Oak Alley" begins here and heads west to Indian School site); Mid-block on the west side of A Street in a residential neighborhood This 1-1/2 story house, with its gambrel roof and dormers, exhibits a form typical of the Dutch Colonial Revival style, one that is rarely true to its Colonial antecedents. Original Dutch Colonial houses, mostly constructed in New York and New Jersey during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, were usually not as large as the revival versions, had gentler roof pitches, and never had prominent shed dormers such as the one found on this example. The Colonial Revival began to use front or cross gambrels in the 1890s, but side gambrels were not common until the 1920s. This house features Colonial Revival elements including the continuous dormer across the front, the one-story, flat-roofed wing, and symmetry of the main volume. The projecting entry portico has a curved underside, and is supported by elephantine, truncated columns, which also support the flanking pergola entry porch. The columns, pergola and 3/1 grouped windows are characteristic of the bungalow style, thus exhibiting the common tendency of combining styles. The house is in good condition and retains a high level of historic integrity. It is situated on a well-manicured lot with foundation plantings and mature landscaping which include five Oregon white oaks.

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)

Construction of this house was reportedly started in 1919 for Dr. W.R. Taylor, a local physician and surgeon whose offices were located in the Nixon Building on Main Street. The title to the property was transferred to Taylor from G.H. Baldwin in 1921. George and Cynthia Bennett bought the house in 1929 and retained ownership until 1947. The next long-term owners were Homer H. and Ann V. Waltz who purchased the house in 1949. The house has remained in the Waltz family ever since. John Taylor (no relation) designed and built this Dutch Colonial Revival house using a unique construction system. Taylor developed and patented the system, using it to build numerous houses in Forest Grove. Known as the "Taylor Process Hollow Concrete Wall," it consists of two 3" thick walls of concrete, separated by a 1-1/2" air space, connected together with metal ties. Taylor's company, "Thormost Building Corporation," co-owned by C.W. Wertz, marketed this unique process throughout the United States.

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:

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