

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	1337-1321 SW Washington St Portland, Multnomah County	historic name:	Hotel Ramapo
assoc addresses:	SW Washington St	current/other names:	Ramapo Hotel; Taft Hotel; Taft Home for the Aged Retirement
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	N1/2J / 5&6
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	1N 1E 33
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	4.0
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	1
prim constr date:	1906	NR Status:	Individually Listed
	second date:	date indiv listed:	10/31/1985
primary orig use:	Hotel	orig use comments:	
second orig use:		prim style comments:	
primary style:	Chicago School	sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	
primary siding:	Brick:Other/Undefined	architect:	Lazarus, Edgar M
secondary siding:	Concrete: Other/Undefined	builder:	
plan type:			
comments/notes:			
Additional documentation and name change approved 1/2/13			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Not associated with any surveys or groupings.			
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	10/31/1985	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:		Special Assess Project(s):	None
RLS survey date:		Federal Tax Project(s):	None
Gen file date:	11/07/2012		
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
Refer to scanned documents links.			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>Franklin Hotel [Hotel Ramapo], 1906 NRIS # 85003474 Date Listed: 10/31/1985 2012 Amendment The purpose of this continuation sheet is to correct the erroneous identification of "Franklin Hotel" as the historic name of the building which today is commonly known as the Taft Hotel, 1337 SW Washington St., Portland, Oregon. The Franklin Hotel (historic name) is actually a nearby property addressed as 515 SW 13th Avenue. The name Franklin Hotel was used throughout the original National Register nomination for the subject building at 1337 SW Washington Street; a more correct historic name is the Hotel Ramapo. Summary The building at 1337 SW Washington Street was called the Nortonia Hotel when it first opened in 1906. It became the Hotel Danmoore in 1908, but held that name for only a year. The hotel re-opened as the Hotel Ramapo in 1909, and was known by this name for 47 years. It became the Taft Hotel in 1955. The building was converted to a residential care facility in 1987/88 and completed a seismic retrofit in 1993. Today the building houses the Taft Home for the Aged Retirement and Cassidys Restaurant and Grill, located on the ground floor. History The building at 1337 SW Washington Street has had four names – Nortonia (August 1, 1906-February 1908), Danmoore (February 1908- February 1909), Ramapo (1909- August 1955), and Taft (August 1955 to present). The name change history can be tracked in the contemporary newspapers, The Oregonian, and the Portland Daily Abstract, hotel advertisements, Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, and historic building permit files.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
Title Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps Obituaries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories	Census Records Biographical Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Permits	Property Tax Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files State Archives State Library	Local Histories Interviews Historic Photographs
Local Library:		University Library:	
Historical Society:		Other Respository:	
Bibliography:			
"Portland's New Hotel. The "Nortonia," Handsomest Hotel in Northwest, Opens August 1," The Sunday Oregonian, July 15, 1906, p. 7. This article notes that the "new Lazarus block" will open under the management of Mrs. A. B. Norton, and will be called the Nortonia. "Moore Gets Hotel. Leases Former Nortonia for a Period of Ten Years. Changes to Cost \$10,000. Building Owned by E. M. Lazarus Will Be Brought Thoroughly Up-To-Date and Known as The Danmoore." Morning Oregonian, February 19, 1908, p. 10. "Danmoore Will Close. Proprietor Finds Rent is Higher Than Business Will Justify." Morning Oregonian, February 19, 1909, p. 16. "Hotel Ramapo," in "City News in Brief." Morning Oregonian, June 16, 1909, p. 9. The article describes the newly furnished hotel at the corner of 14th and Washington streets, with M. E. Foley as proprietor. "Portland Is Host for Fully 25,000...Hotels Taxed to Utmost." Morning Oregonian, June 10, 1909, p. 14. Both the Franklin and Ramapo hotels are referenced respectively. "Brick to Replace Frames at Once." Morning Oregonian, August 1, 1909, p. 5. Article describes erection of a new building owned by Richard Koehler at 14th and Washington streets, to be located across from the Ramapo Hotel, and which will adjoin the Franklin Hotel at 13th and Washington streets. "Name of Hotel Becomes Taft." Oregonian, August 2, 1955, p. 8. Quote "Name of the old Ramapo Hote, S. W. Washington street and 14th avenue, has been changed to the Taft hotel..." Shellenbarger, Michael. "Nortonia, The [The DanMoore], alteration," An Index and Summary of Oregon Building Information in the Portland Daily Abstract (1906-1910). Eugene, Oregon: Historic Preservation Program, 1992. p. 867. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, 1908; 1908 updated to 1950. Historic building permits, PortlandMaps, http://www.portlandmaps.com/ , accessed November 2012.			