

**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM**

HISTORIC NAME: William & Narcissa Bowers Residence

COMMON NAME: _____

ADDRESS: 913 Fourth Avenue

OWNER: Wallace Turner, 917 Fourth Avenue

T/R/S: 3-1E-1AA TAX LOT: 1000

ADDITION: First Addition to Canemah

LOT: 5, 6 BLOCK: H QUAD: Oregon City

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1895

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PRESENT USE: Residence

ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown

STYLE: Vernacular

BLDG. STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE)

THEME: Architecture, 19th Century

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Irregular (additions)

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: No foundation

ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Cross-gable. Original roof covered with metal roofing.

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood

STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Windows boarded up.

SURFACING MATERIALS: Shingle siding covers original shiplap.

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Brick corbelled chimney.

OTHER: Shed-roof porch. Shed-roof addition to rear. Large, flat-roofed addition to south

CONDITION: EXCELLENT _____ GOOD _____ FAIR _____ DETERIORATED X MOVED _____ (date)

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated): Shingle siding covers original, n.d. Roof has been covered with metal, n.d. Additions to rear and south. All windows and doors boarded up

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: None.

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: Shed.

KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None.

GEOGRAPHIC SETTING: Occupies a lot that is almost an entire City block, with the exception of a narrow tax lot abutting unbuilt Paquet Street. On the other side of Paquet Street is Canemah Children's Park. This house and the four other houses on this most southerly section of Fourth are all owned and occupied by one family. South edge of district.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts): William Bowers, who was born in New York in 1838, was a day laborer. His second wife, Narcissa, was born in Oregon in 1856. They owned the house in the 1890's. Narcissa was formerly married to Wiley May (his second wife) (507 Third Avenue). Later, Mr. and Mrs. Balcom, parents of Louisa Balcom Freeman (214, 216 Jerome Street) lived in this house (c. 1915-1925). Mrs. Balcom was killed in an accident in the steam room at Hawley Pulp and Paper Company. The structure is significant for its age. Unfortunately, much architectural detailing has been removed, and the house is in poor condition. In the NR District, the house is classified as a Secondary structure.

SOURCES: Sanborn Insurance Map, 1900. Pioneer National Title Company Records, Oregon City. Federal Census, 1900. Clackamas County Tax Rolls, 1901. Interviews with Florence Turner and Erma Morrow, by Pat Erigero, 1983.

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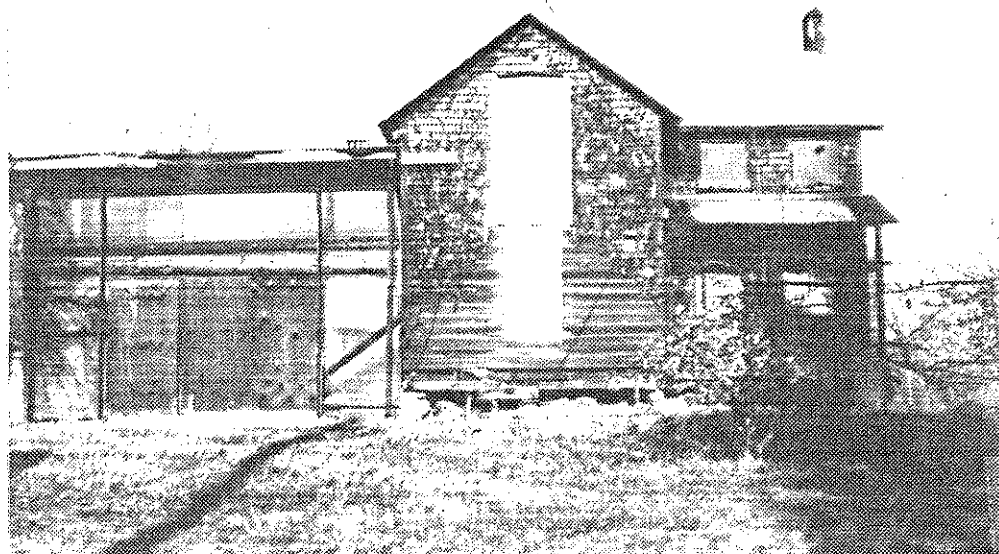
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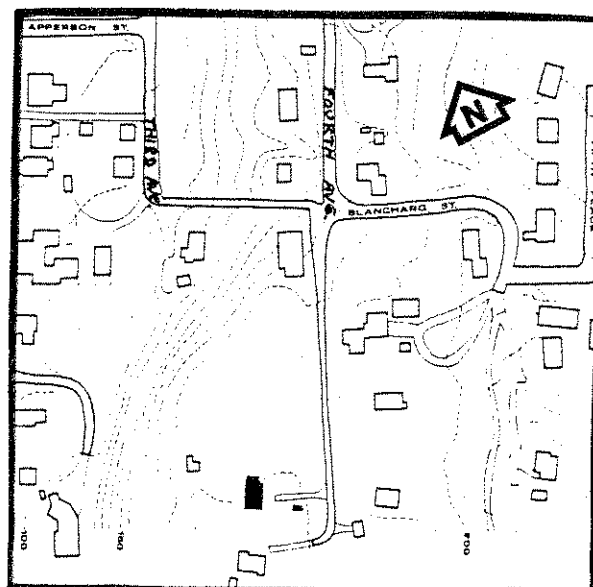
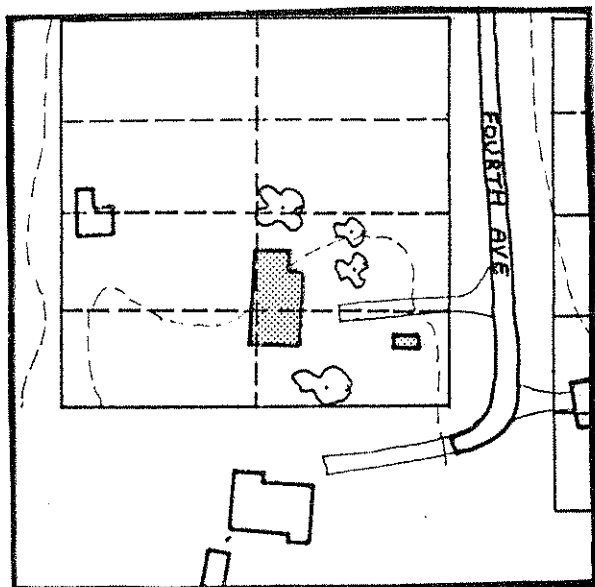
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