

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

STORIC NAME: William & Narcissa Bowers Residence

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1895

COMMON NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ADDRESS: 913 Fourth Avenue

PRESENT USE: Residence

OWNER: Wallace Turner, 917 Fourth Avenue

ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown

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

STYLE: Vernacular

ADDITION: First Addition to Canemah

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

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

THEME: Architecture, 19th Century

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Irregular (additions)

NO. OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: No foundation

BASEMENT (Y/N): No

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

STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood

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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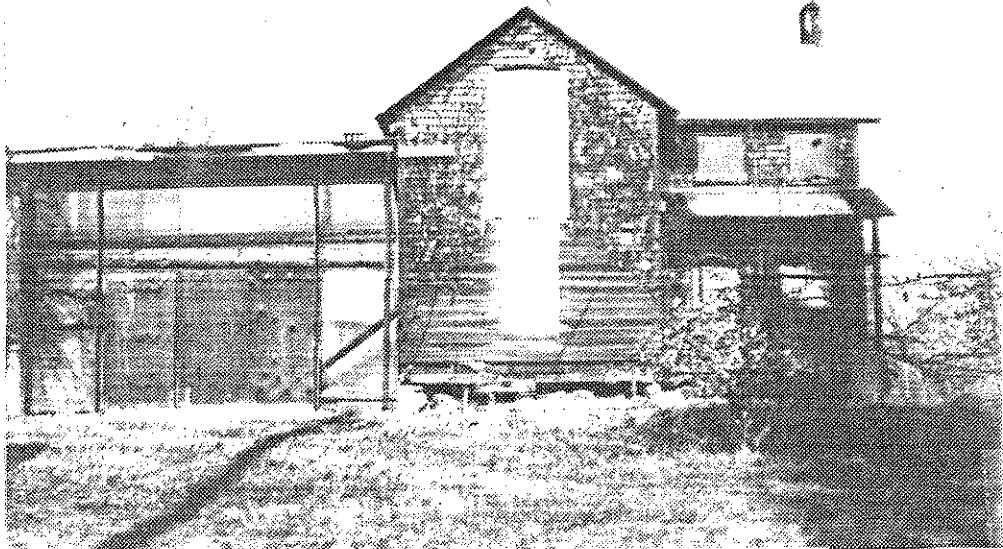
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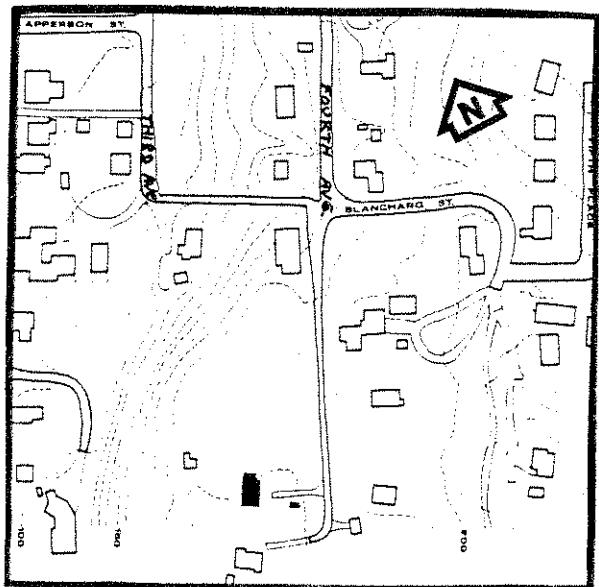
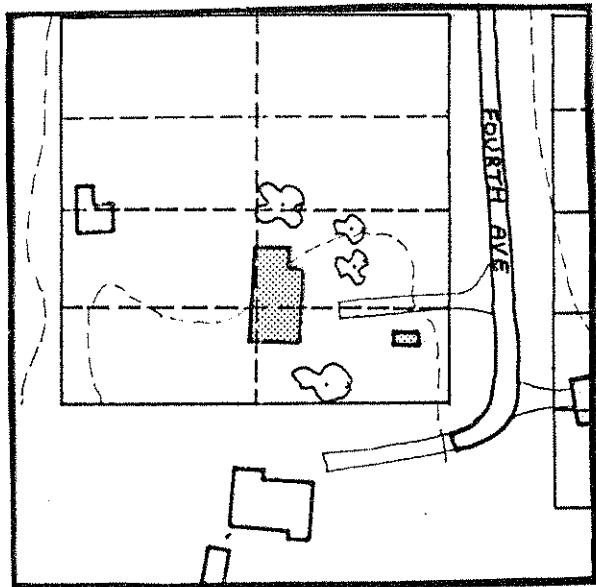
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