

# Oregon Historic Site Form

Rakel, George & Stella, House  
510 1st Ave  
Oregon City, Clackamas County

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 510 1st Ave ☐ apprx. addr

historic name: Rakel, George & Stella, House

Oregon City ☐ vcnty Clackamas County

current/  
other names:

### Optional Information

assoc addresses:  
(former addresses, intersections, etc.)

location descr:  
(remote sites)

block nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ tax lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_

township: 2 S range: 1 E section: 36 1/4: \_\_\_\_\_

zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Building height (# stories): 1.5

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources: 1

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: Listed in Historic District

primary constr date: 1910 (c.) ☒ secondary date: \_\_\_\_\_ (c.) ☐  
(optional--use for major addns)

(indiv listed only; see  
Grouping for hist dist)

NR date listed: \_\_\_\_\_

primary orig use: Single Dwelling

orig use comments:

secondary orig use:

primary style: Bungalow (Type)

prim style comments:

secondary style:

sec style comments:

primary siding: Horizontal Board

siding comments:

secondary siding: Shingle

plan type: Bungalow

architect:

builder:

comments/notes: Good Bungalow example for Canemah

## GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name: Canemah Historic District, Listed on 10/11/1978

Listed Historic District

Canemah Historic District RLS Survey Update, 2007

Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name:

external site #: \_\_\_\_\_

(ID# used in city/agency database)

## SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: \_\_\_\_\_ NHD

ILS survey date: 4/3/2008

RLS survey date: 6/1/2007

Gen File date: \_\_\_\_\_

106 Project(s)



Northwest facade, looking southeast

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## ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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

Located on the level bench above the Willamette River and next to the railroad tracks, this 1 1/2 story Bungalow has high integrity and is a good representation of the early Canemah Bungalow. There is a detached noncontributing garage to the southeast accessed off of the alley between Miller and Jerome Streets.

Exterior Materials: side gabled roof extends to form porch cover per style, rear extension over utility room and (now enclosed) rear porch; shed dormers at front and rear roof slopes; east side cantilevered window bay, and window roof; roof overhangs supported with knee brackets; porches enclosed with low walls covered with siding, slot drains at base; roof: composition shingles, central brick chimney Siding: horizontal shiplap #117 Western Wood Patten (double molding per board), wood shingles at second level; soffits with tongue and groove bead board at rake, open exposed rafter tails at eaves; trim includes flat board casings, head moldings, floor line moldings and water table, porch has tapered square posts (4) and wood steps; Windows: wood double hung 1/1, single or paired, with metal exterior storm windows; front windows: 10 light over large fixed picture unit; Door similar with 8 light over single solid panel; stained glass fixed light between east side dh windows; newer concrete block foundation. Detached garage is styled to be compatible (date not known) but with vinyl window roll up garage doors.

Alterations: newer back porch deck extension; garage

Landscape: open site with views to river, large deciduous tree in front yard, and large cedar in west side yard; ivy ground cover, some perennials and shrubs

## HISTORY

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

George Rakel was a barber in Canemah in 1916, and nephew of Frederick Rakel (609 South McLoughlin Blvd). The Rakel clan owned various property in Canemah. This house was built after the Rakels sold their house at 210 Hedges Street. George was also a long-time employee of the Crown-Willamette Paper Company in West Linn. He died on Feb. 25, 1938. He was survived by his wife Stella and four children.

George Rakel was one of six children of William Rakel (1883-1928) and his wife Anna (1892-1968). In turn, William was the third son of Frederick and Dorothy Rakel, "pioneer residents of Oregon City." By at least 1883 Frederick and Dorothy were living in Canemah on an almost 40-acre farm at the outskirts of town, on the road to the Canemah Cemetery. They had two springs on their property that they developed into a public water system for the residents of Canemah (A 1914 Certificate of Water Right gave the estate of Dorothy Rakel permission to provide water "for the purpose of Domestic use for the Town of Canemah.")

When William Rakel died in 1928 his widow and their three children moved to West Linn. William Jr. stated in an interview (2008) that he did not recall the water system (in 1928 he was 5 years old), but that they "had some cows and his sisters had to deliver milk to Canemah residents every day." In 1928 William's three brothers August, Herman and George lived in Canemah.

## RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Title Records         | <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records        | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps          | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources  | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interviews |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obituaries | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives       | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories      | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits      | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library        |  |

Local Library: Multnomah Co. Library

University Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Historical Society: Museum of the Oregon Territory

Other Repository: State of Oregon Archives, Salem

Bibliography: Phone interview with William Rakel, 2008 (Fitzsimons); State of Oregon Archives, Clackamas Co., Certificate of Water Right, v2 pg 1219, v11, p12182; Oregonian, 12/16/1928 sec.1 p27; Journal 2/26/1938 p12; 11/15/1968 sec3 p5; Sanborn maps, 1911, 1925.