

**OREGON CITY
PARK PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD
HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY 1990**

HISTORIC NAME:	Tollefson, Knute, House
COMMON NAME:	
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	15831 S. Harley
OWNER:	Gary W. Reddaway
OWNER'S ADDRESS:	405 Ogden Drive, Oregon City
RESOURCE TYPE:	Building
PRESENT USE:	Residential
THEME:	Culture
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	Unknown
COUNTY:	Clackamas
QUAD:	Gladstone
T/R/S:	2-2E-20DD
TAX LOT:	601
ADDITION	--
BLOCK:	--
LOT:	--
LOT SIZE:	1.77 acres
ZONE:	RD-4 Two-Family Residential

HOUSE

DATE BUILT:	c. 1893
STYLE:	Queen Anne
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE:	Asymmetrical
NO. OF STORIES:	2½
FOUNDATION MATERIAL:	Brick
BASEMENT:	Yes
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS:	Intersecting gable with composition shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME:	Wood/unknown
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE:	Double-hung sash, some in pairs.
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS:	Wide shiplap with corner boards, rake boards, watertable
DECORATIVE FEATURES:	Cut-away window bays with decorative casements and incised spandrels, leaded glass, w. elev.; patterned shingles; gable end ornament incised with floral pattern, n. elev; sunburst motif at second level porch, carved porch posts; cannonball corner blocks.
OTHER:	Corner double porch, n. elev; paired French doors, w. elev.

CONDITION:

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE):

Porch balustrades replaced (n. d.)

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Mature deciduous trees; mature coniferous trees; ornamental shrubs

NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES:

None

SETTING: On the corner of Forsythe and Harley, high above the lower portion of Park Place. Interstate 205 and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks are visible and audible. To the west is an industrial building, across Forsythe is an early 20th Century house and across Harley is a large vacant lot. The Abernethy Grange is located several hundred feet to the north. Houses in this area date from late 19th century to mid 20th century. The parcel slopes gently to the west. It is landscaped with huge trees, deciduous and coniferous, and ornamental shrubs.

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DATE: August 1990

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

ADDRESS: 15831 Harley

HISTORIC NAME: Tollefson, Knute, House

Knute Tollefson is believed to be the original owner of the subject property, which he purchased in 1893. The next recorded transaction was between Martin Tollefson and Betsy Tollefson, who were both presumably relatives. In 1918 Betsy Tollefson sold the property to Ed Sobezinski. Two years later he sold to Lulu B. Sheldon. In 1935 Daisy Smith, as the administrator of Lulu Sheldon estate sold the house to Charles A. Smith who held it for two years before selling to E.L. and Catherine Walters.

According to the current owner the subject house was built by an old sea captain. No documentation has substantiated this information. Martin Tollefson was identified as a servant living in Astoria in 1900. Martin was born in Norway in 1873.

Lulu Belle Crandon Sheldon was born in Ohio in 1857. She came to Park Place via Kansas and Salem. At the break of World War I Mrs. Sheldon and husband, Dr. Rufus Sheldon, came to Portland where he worked in the shipyards. Following the war they purchased the subject property. Mrs. Sheldon was a recognized artist who taught art in Salem and Oregon City. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The house is an excellent example of a late 19th eclectic style dwelling. It is composed of several perpendicular volumes covered with wide, dropped siding and finished with corner boards, rake boards and watertable molding. The house is embellished with decorative elements on every face, including a cut-away window bay with decorative casements and inscribed spandrels; turned gable-end ornament inscribed with a sunburst pattern; a sunburst motif at the second level porch; carved porch posts; cannonball corner blocks; and leaded glass. Porch balustrades are missing or replaced, however, pieces of the original members are located under the porch deck on the north elevation.

In addition to the house there is a garage, which appears to date from the historic period. It is in poor condition.

Landscape features, including mature deciduous and coniferous trees, as well ornamental shrubs, contribute to the historic character of the dwelling.

Sources: Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory, 1984.
Federal Census, 1900.
Oregon City Enterprise. 5 December 1933.
Oregon City Landmarks Inventory, Urban Growth Boundary, 1982.
TICOR Title Company records, Oregon City, OR.

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GARAGE

DATE BUILT:	Unknown
STYLE:	Vernacular
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE:	Rectangular
NO. OF STORIES:	1
FOUNDATION MATERIAL:	Concrete
BASEMENT:	No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS:	Hip w/composition shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME:	Wood/stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE:	Fixed, multi-light, unglazed
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS:	Horizontal wood siding
DECORATIVE FEATURES:	None
OTHER:	None
CONDITION:	Poor
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE):	Dooor removed; (n.d.) glass removed from windows

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES:

SETTING: Located on the west side of Harley at the intersection of Forsythe Road. Houses in the area date from the late 19th Century through the mid-20th Century. Landscaping includes ornamental shrubs such as

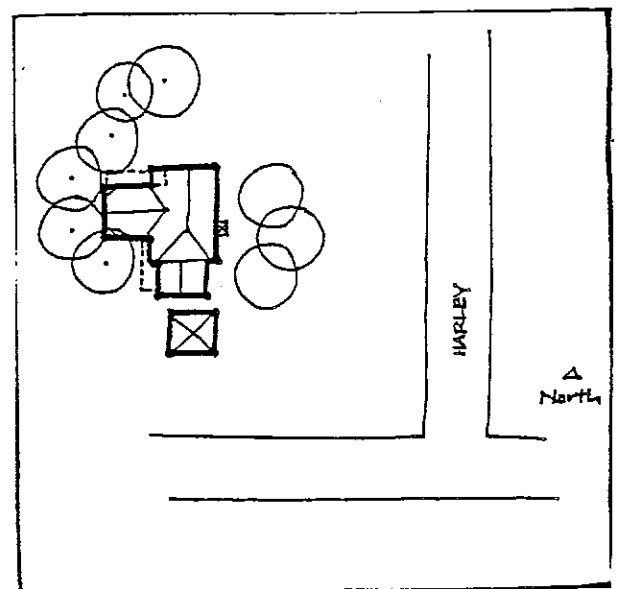
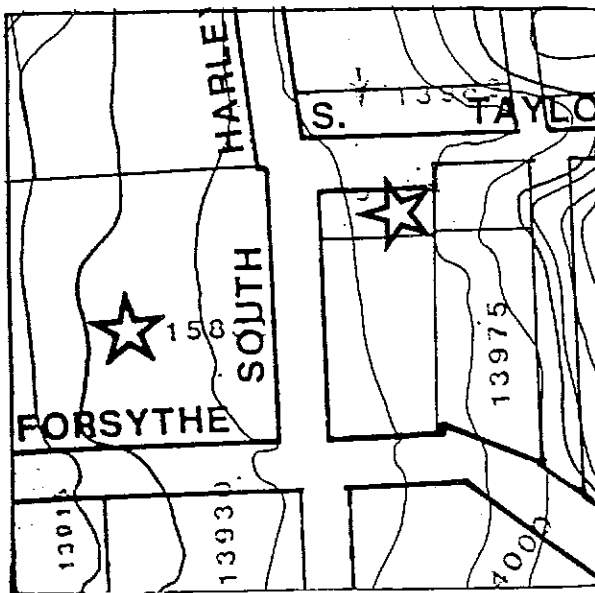
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SITE PLAN AND PHOTOGRAPH: 15831 Harley Street



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