

OREGON CITY HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Street Address: 312 HIGH ST				City: OREGON CITY	
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City		GPS Latitude: 45 21 16 N		Longitude: 122 36 33 W	
Township: 02S	Range: 02E	Section: 31	Block: 36	Lot: 6x	Map #: 22E31AC Tax Lot #: 11200
Date of Construction: c. 1903		Historic Name: Bittner, John, Rental		Historic Use or Function: Domestic - multiple dwelling	
Grouping or Cluster Name: NA		*Current Name or Use: Domestic - duplex		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Architectural Classification(s): Vernacular			Plan Type/Shape: Square		Number of Stories: 2.0
Foundation Material: Concrete			Structural Framing: Unknown		Moved? No
Roof Type/Material: Hip / Composition shingle			Window Type/Material: 1/1 wood double-hung; casement		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Lap			Secondary: Wood shingle		Decorative:
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: Second floor extended beyond entry, creating recessed porch with Tuscan columns, 1910s-1920s					
Number and Type of Associated Resources: House next door at 308-310 High was originally a twin to this house (1)					
Integrity: Good		Condition: Good		Local Ranking: Designated Historic Site	National Register Listed? No
Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Altered (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Potentially eligible individually or in district <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Ineligible as it lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity <input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old					
Description of Physical and Landscape Features:					
<p>This two story house sits under a hip roof with a small gabled dormer centered on the west façade. The gable features enclosed eaves with large scroll cut brackets at the corners. The gable frieze, like the main hip, is made of boards laid in a rounded profile making the transition from wall to eave. The west side features a recessed porch that runs the full width of the house under a large cantilevered bay that may have served as a sleeping porch at one time. This porch features a row of six-pane casement windows, while the rest of the house typically features 1/1 double-hung wood sashes. The sleeping porch is supported by a series of Tuscan columns set on chamfered wood piers. At the south end of the porch is a shallow octagonal bay, mirrored on the south side of the house by a second cantilevered octagonal bay under a hip roof. The house is primarily clad with lap siding, but a one story wing at the southeast corner is clad with wood shingles. A central chimney is present, parge above the roof line. The house features a full water table and plain board window trim with decorative apron moldings.</p>					
Statement of Significance:					
<p>John Bittner (1848-1931) was a hotelkeeper who served as Oregon City Councilman for seven years in the 1890s. He resided at 308 High Street and rented this house. This house was originally a twin of Bittner's residence. Bittner bought the property in 1903 and probably had the house built. Bittner sold to E.A. and Grace Osborn in 1920 who sold two months later to Eva Reaksecker. It stayed in the Reaksecker family until 1930 when Corinne Henningsen Gay purchased the house. Rufus and Corinne Gay lived in the house in the 1940s. Effie Gay sold to Leland and Cleo Gay in 1954 who sold to Edward and Francetta Kowalskis in 1962. Edward Kowalski had been living in the house since at least 1953 and was employed by Crown-Zellerbach.</p>					

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