

OREGON CITY HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Street Address: 1108 JOHN ADAMS ST				City: OREGON CITY	
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City		GPS Latitude: 45 21 32 N		Longitude: 122 36 03 W	
Township: 02S	Range: 02E	Section: 31	Block: 97	Lot: 6	Map #: 22E31AA Tax Lot #: 1200
Date of Construction: c. 1894		Historic Name: Simmons, Mahala Eaton, House		Historic Use or Function: Domestic - single dwelling	
Grouping or Cluster Name: NA		*Current Name or Use: Domestic - multiple dwelling		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	

Architectural Classification(s): Vernacular		Plan Type/Shape: Complex	Number of Stories: 2.0
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Unknown	Moved? No
Roof Type/Material: Gable / Composition shingle		Window Type/Material: 1/1 wood double-hung	
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Round-edge drop Secondary: Lap Decorative: Wood shingle			
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: Single-story addition to east; Rear additions with shed roofs and composition shingle siding; Front porch remodeled post 1982 with wood posts and balustrade.			
Number and Type of Associated Resources: None			

Integrity: Fair	Condition: Good	Local Ranking: Designated Historic Site	National Register Listed? No
Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered (choose one): <input checked="" 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:

This c.1894 residence is a complex, multi-unit structure with a side facing wall dormer. A front facing gable roof adorns the main façade with a pent roof over the main entry porch. Decorative square, hexagonal and saw-tooth imbrication embellishes the gable ends of the structure. The front porch currently has been remodeled with a post 1980's wood railing and balustrade. Two large, non-historic, fixed picture windows are present at the front façade. Post 1982, the exterior stair leading to an upstairs apartment has been relocated from the front façade to the south façade complete with a rear addition. A compatible, non-historic fan light door is present at the main entrance. Several original windows are still intact with lamb's tongue detailing. The door located at the southwest addition has been removed since the 1980's survey and the window at the south addition is currently a door. The rear addition has channel rustic siding with round edge siding above in sporadic locations, while the main house is clad in lap siding. Alterations include an addition to the east and rear façades including a deck, a relocated exterior stair and a post 1982 remodel of the front porch.

Statement of Significance:

In 1892, this property was purchased by Mahala Eaton Simmons, who is credited with the construction of the residence. She occupied the house until her death in 1903. In 1909, her heirs sold the property to George Rissberger, an employee of Crown Willamette Paper Company, and his wife Afra. The couple owned the house until 1936, when it was transferred to J.F. Ramsay, who in turn sold it to Hans and Johanne Christenso four years later. In 1944, the property was purchased by Thomas Caroompas, who worked at the Grand Central Market, and his wife Ruth. The couple continued to own and occupy the house until 1977.

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