

## OREGON CITY HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Street Address: <b>903 MADISON ST</b>				City: <b>OREGON CITY</b>	
USGS Quad Name: <b>Oregon City</b>		GPS Latitude: <b>45 21 25 N</b>		Longitude: <b>122 36 04 W</b>	
Township: <b>02S</b>	Range: <b>02E</b>	Section: <b>31</b>	Block: <b>114</b>	Lot: <b>4</b>	Map #: <b>22E31AA</b> Tax Lot #: <b>7900</b>
Date of Construction: <b>1915</b>		Historic Name: <b>Roake, John Sr. and Nora, House</b>		Historic Use or Function: <b>Domestic - single dwelling</b>	
Grouping or Cluster Name: <b>NA</b>		*Current Name or Use: <b>Domestic - single dwelling</b>		Associated Archaeological Site: <b>Unknown</b>	
Architectural Classification(s): <b>Prairie School / Craftsman</b>			Plan Type/Shape: <b>Square</b>		Number of Stories: <b>2.5</b>
Foundation Material: <b>Concrete</b>			Structural Framing: <b>Unknown</b>		Moved? <b>No</b>
Roof Type/Material: <b>Hip / Composition shingle</b>			Window Type/Material: <b>1/1 wood double-hung</b>		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: <b>Round-edge drop</b>			Secondary:		Decorative:
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: <b>A wooden stair railing has replaced the wrought iron railing noted in the 1983 survey</b>					
Number and Type of Associated Resources: <b>Garage (1)</b>					
Integrity: <b>Excellent</b>		Condition: <b>Excellent</b>		Local Ranking: <b>Designated Historic Site</b>	
					National Register Listed? <b>No</b>
Potentially Eligible: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input 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:					
Notable features of this house begin with the concrete retaining wall that wraps around the corner lot of the length of the entire property, thus elevating the yard two feet above the sidewalk level. This wall is capped with a white wood fence. The house itself faces Madison Street and rises two stories under a pyramidal roof with bell-cast detailing at the eaves. A hip roofed dormer with wood shingle siding sticks up from the roof on the main elevation. This dormer window appears to have had its windows replaced. The eaves have a wide overhang, and the top of the wall has a wide frieze board which caps the tops of the windows on the second level. The main entrance porch spans the front of the house under a rather horizontal and flat hip roof. This roof is held up with slightly tapered square wood posts. Wide stairs lead up to the broad porch. The house is covered in round edge drop siding. The house sits on a water-table capped concrete foundation. An external chimney protrudes on the left side of the building.					
Statement of Significance:					
John A. Roake Sr. and his wife Nora purchased lots 3 and 4 from Frank Barlow in 1918. Roake, who went by the name "Bert," was born in 1888 in Wisconsin. He worked as a molder in his father's Oregon City Foundry (James Roake resided at 720 11th Street). After a brief hiatus elsewhere, he returned to Oregon City and reestablished the foundry with his brother-in-laws, one of which was William Rowan. In 1927, Roake bought out his in-laws and operated the business on his own. He produced hop stoves, fruit dryers, ice machine castings and machinery for the paper and woolen mills, for the flax industry in Lima, Peru, and later, valves for ships used in World War II. In 1944, the property was transferred to his son, John Albert Roake Jr. and daughter-in-law, Rita. John was a salesman for Pitt Paint and Plate Glass. They sold to Fremont Greenling, a printer for Crown Zellerbach, and his wife Madeline.					

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