

OREGON CITY HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Street Address: 915 MADISON ST				City: OREGON CITY	
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City		GPS Latitude: 45 21 26 N		Longitude: 122 36 03 W	
Township: 02S	Range: 02E	Section: 31	Block: 114	Lot: 2	Map #: 22E31AA Tax Lot #: 8100
Date of Construction: 1912		Historic Name: Cook, Joseph, House		Historic Use or Function: Domestic - single dwelling	
Grouping or Cluster Name: NA		*Current Name or Use: Domestic - single dwelling		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Architectural Classification(s): Vernacular			Plan Type/Shape: Square		Number of Stories: 1.5
Foundation Material: Concrete			Structural Framing: Unknown		Moved? No
Roof Type/Material: Hip / Composition shingle			Window Type/Material: 9/1 wood double-hung		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Round-edge drop			Secondary:		Decorative:
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: Solar panels, 1982; brick retaining wall in front					
Number and Type of Associated Resources: Garage (1)					
Integrity: Excellent		Condition: Excellent		Local Ranking: Designated Historic Site	National Register Listed? No
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:					
<p>This house is a unique 1-1/2 story bungalow . Notable landscape features include a substantial brick retaining wall which maintains the even grade of the lot as the street drops off below it in the front of the building, and a large monkey puzzle tree in the front yard. A large hip roof with multiple hip roof dormers has wide overhanging eaves. The dormers all are detailed with exposed rafter tails. Round edge drop siding covers the building which also exhibits 9/1 wood double-hung windows which appear to be original. The most unique feature is the front entry porch on the southeast corner of the building. While this appears to be original, its cross gambrel roof form is very unique. The porch sits two steps up and is made of poured and painted concrete.</p> <p>An associated compatible garage lies to the southwest of the building.</p>					
Statement of Significance:					
<p>In 1910, this property was purchased by Joseph C. Cook, who owned and operated the Oregon City Screen Plate Works. It was the only business of its kind on the Pacific Coast in the early teens. He repaired and re-cut the bronze screens used in paper mills, which were used to cut wood pulp into thicknesses of less than one-thousandth of an inch. Cook's shop did almost all this work for paper mills on the Pacific Coast. He was also active in civic affairs and was manager of the local YMCA. Cook and his wife Lillian sold the property to relatives, Thomas and Ida Cook, in 1918. The property stayed in the Cook family until 1940, when it was sold to J. S. and Lillian Anderson. In 1949, Mrs. Anderson sold the property to Mabel and Richard Kinley Jr. Richard was a manager at Pabco Point Co and Mabel worked as a clerk there. His sister, Constance, lived with them and was a student at OSC. They had two children, Constance and Richard Jr. Deed records show that Kinley sold the property to Connie Niloud (probably his sister) in 1968. However, city directories indicate that Mabel continued to live there throughout the 1960s when she became a widow.</p>					
Researcher/Organization: Joe Snider / HPNW				Date Recorded: 6/1/2002	
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