

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

HISTORIC NAME:	Unknown
COMMON NAME:	
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	14125 S. Beemer Way
OWNER:	J. C. & Mabel Wheeler
OWNER'S ADDRESS:	14125 S. Beemer Way
RESOURCE TYPE:	Building
PRESENT USE:	Residential
THEME:	Culture
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	Unknown
COUNTY:	Clackamas
QUAD:	Oregon City
T/R/S:	2-2E-28CB
TAX LOT:	1300
ADDITION	Clackamas Heights
BLOCK:	--
LOT:	16
LOT SIZE:	2.23 acres
ZONE:	R-9 Single-Family

HOUSE

DATE BUILT:	c. 1880
STYLE:	Vernacular
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE:	Asymmetrical
NO. OF STORIES:	1½
FOUNDATION MATERIAL:	Post and beam
BASEMENT:	No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS:	Intersecting gable w/ comp. shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME:	Wood/unknown
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE:	Double-hung sash, some in pairs
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS:	Wide shiplap, corner boards, rake boards
DECORATIVE FEATURES:	Patterned shingles; diamond window, e. elev.
OTHER:	Paneled and glazed doors
CONDITION:	Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE):	Partially covered with cedar siding, (n.d.); shakes over patterned shingles in gable end (n.d.).

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Although the original owner is unknown the subject property may be one of the oldest houses in the Clackamas Heights area. The house is a good example of the Vernacular style. It is composed of several perpendicular volumes covered with wide, dropped siding and finished with corner and rake boards. According to the current owner, the house had a number of pieces of fancy work. She likened it to the McDonough House on Fifth Street in Oregon City. All that is visible today are some patterned shingles on the side elevation of the front porch. Wide shakes in the end-wall of the frontal gable cover more fancywork.

The possible age of the house is determined by the construction methods and materials. The house, at least the one-story eastern volume, is of plank construction, fastened with square nails. Plank construction was generally out-of-favor with local builders by 1875, and square nails by 1880. However, rare examples of this method of construction are known as late as 1905 in some areas. It is not known what method of construction was employed for the western, two-story volume. The patterned shingles and other noted fancywork was the hallmark of the late 19th century architecture, typically in the 1880s and 90s. The diamond window on the east elevation and the decorative paneled and glazed doors are other features common to dwellings built during the waning years of the 19th century.

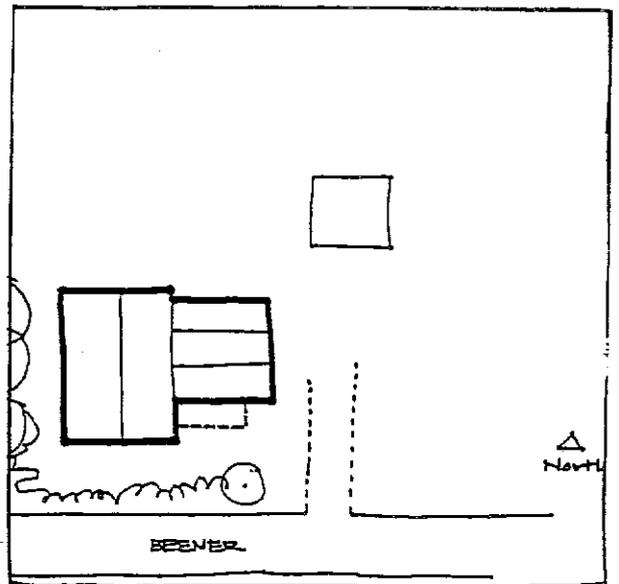
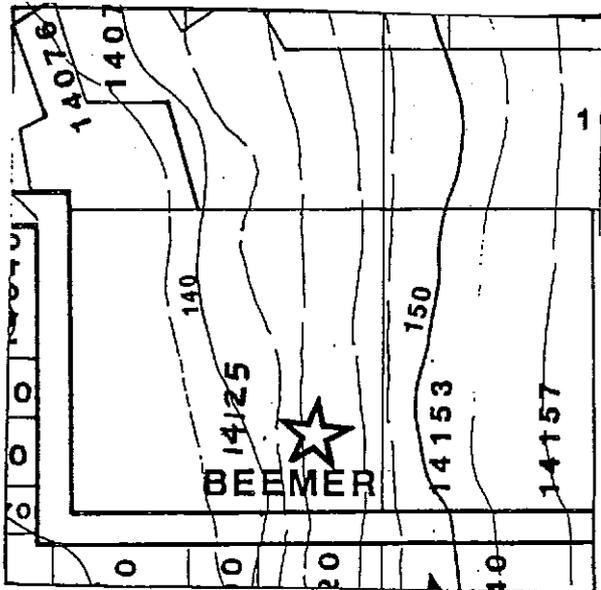
In addition to the removal of the "gingerbread", other alterations have been made to the house. Many of the changes are reversible. The owner believes that an historic photograph may exist. The front porch posts have been removed and a small section of the facade has been covered with vertical cedar siding; the original siding is clearly under the new material. A porch has been enclosed on the northwest (rear) elevation of the east volume. This is a common phenomenon, often employed to accommodate indoor plumbing for a bathroom or utility room.

Landscape features, including a boxwood hedge, holly, camellias, rhododendron and mature fruit trees, contribute to the historic character of the dwelling.

Sources: Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory, 1984.
Oregon City Landmarks Inventory, Urban Growth Boundary, 1982.
Wheeler, Mabel. Interview w/ Jane Morrison, August 1990.

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NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Ornamental plantings: camelia;
mature deciduous trees; lace-leaf
maple, pear, oak, magnolia (tulip)

NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES:

None

SETTING: Located on the north side of Beemer Way. Houses in this area date from late 19th century to mid-20th century. Lot is large and level, and area around house is landscaped with mature ornamental plantings.

RECORDED BY: Koler/Morrison

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Notes: Square nails, e. and maybe other volume; tongue-and-groove studs; 10 foot tall ceiling; replaced wdo; e. elev; enclosed porch (rear) until 1940; one historic photo; red barn torn down on adjacent lot.