

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

**HISTORIC NAME:** Pope, Ezra L. and Blanche B., House  
**COMMON NAME:** None

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 15721 S. Washington Street  
**OWNER:** Richard & Debroh Geisler  
**OWNER'S ADDRESS:** 15721 Washington Street  
**RESOURCE TYPE:** Buildings  
**PRESENT USE:** Residential  
**THEME:** Culture; Government  
**ARCHITECT/BUILDER:** Unknown  
**COUNTY:** Clackamas  
**QUAD:** Gladstone  
**T/R/S:** 2-2E-20DC  
**TAX LOT:** 100  
**ADDITION:** --  
**BLOCK:** --  
**LOT:** --  
**LOT SIZE:** .96 acre  
**ZONE:** M-1 Light Industrial

**HOUSE**

**DATE BUILT:** 1910  
**STYLE:** Bungalow/Craftsman  
**PLAN TYPE/SHAPE:** Asymmetrical  
**NO. OF STORIES:** 1½  
**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** Concrete  
**BASEMENT:** Yes  
**ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS:** Multi-gable w/ comp. shingles  
**WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME:** Wood/stud  
**PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE:** Double-hung sash, 9/1  
**EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS:** Shingles, lap siding  
**DECORATIVE FEATURES:** Exposed rafters; purlins and brackets; port cochere

**OTHER:** Full-width shed porch w/ paneled posts and plain balustrade; flush, glazed door, narrow sidelights; shed dormers, e. elev., polygonal window bays, w. elev.; gabled central sleeping porch w/ French doors; two sidewall chimneys.

**CONDITION:** Good

**EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE):**

Shed roof porch cover added, s. elev. (n.d.); back porch partially enclosed and door replaced (n.d.); window replaced, e. elev. (n.d.)

**NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:**

Ornamental plantings, holly, laurel; mature deciduous trees, mature coniferous trees; basalt steps off west side of front porch; semi-circular drive.

**NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES:**

None

**SETTING:** Located on the west side of Washington Street, adjacent to Clackamas River and vacated bridge to Gladstone. Houses along Washington Street date from the post World War II period. Interstate 205 is located on the east side of Washington; it is visible and audible. The parcel is surrounded by mature trees and screened from the street by a six foot (6') tall vertical board fence. Houses in this area date from late 19th century to mid-20th century.

**RECORDED BY:** Koler/Morrison

**DATE:** August 1990

**SHPO NO.** 1061

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**ADDRESS:** 15721 Washington Street

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County records indicate the subject dwelling was constructed in 1910. Deed records indicate that Ellen E. Burnett was the property owner from 1909 through 1922, when it was sold to Blanche Burnett Pope. However, during that period the dwelling was known as the Pope House.

Ezra Pope was identified as a gardener in early directories; later in life he became a county judge. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Park Place school.

The house is an excellent example of the Bungalow style. The broad form is covered with a series of low-pitched gable roofs. Salient architectural features include the multi-light windows, exposed rafters, purlins and braces, and French doors. The combination of siding materials is also common in dwellings of this style. Dormers, sleeping porches and commodious porches were often used to facilitate ventilation and natural light into dwellings of this period. The symmetrical facade and porte cochere are elements that suggest an influence of the Colonial style which was concurrently popular.

Alterations, although limited, have been made to the house. On the rear elevation the rear porch has been partially enclosed and a shed roof cover has been added. A window has been replaced on east elevation.

Landscape features, including laurel and holly, contribute to the historic character of the dwelling. Basalt steps, which lead from the front porch toward the Clackamas River, are also important components of the landscape.

Sources: Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory, 1984.  
Oregon City Landmarks Inventory, Urban Growth Boundary, 1982.  
Oregon City Telephone Directory, 1916, 1920, 1936, 1947.  
Oregon Historical Society records, D.A.R. collection, Portland, OR.  
TICOR Title Company records, Oregon City, OR.

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<b>PRESENT USE:</b>	Garage
<b>THEME:</b>	Culture
<b>ARCHITECT/BUILDER:</b>	Unknown
<b>COUNTY:</b>	Clackamas
<b>QUAD:</b>	Gladstone
<b>T/R/S:</b>	2-2E-20DC
<b>TAX LOT:</b>	100
<b>ADDITION</b>	--
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**GARAGE**

<b>DATE BUILT:</b>	Unknown
<b>STYLE:</b>	Bungalow/Craftsman
<b>PLAN TYPE/SHAPE:</b>	Rectangular
<b>NO. OF STORIES:</b>	1
<b>FOUNDATION MATERIAL:</b>	Concrete
<b>BASEMENT:</b>	No
<b>ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS:</b>	Gable w/ comp. shingles
<b>WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME:</b>	Wood, stud
<b>PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE:</b>	Multi-light wood sliders
<b>EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS:</b>	Wide lap siding
<b>DECORATIVE FEATURES:</b>	Purlins and braces
<b>OTHER:</b>	Hinged end-wall doors
<b>CONDITION:</b>	Good
<b>EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE):</b>	Shed roof extension, e. elev., (n.d.) (n.d.); back porch partially enclosed and door replaced (n.d.); window replaced, e. elev. (n.d.)

**NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:**

See 15721 S. Washington Street  
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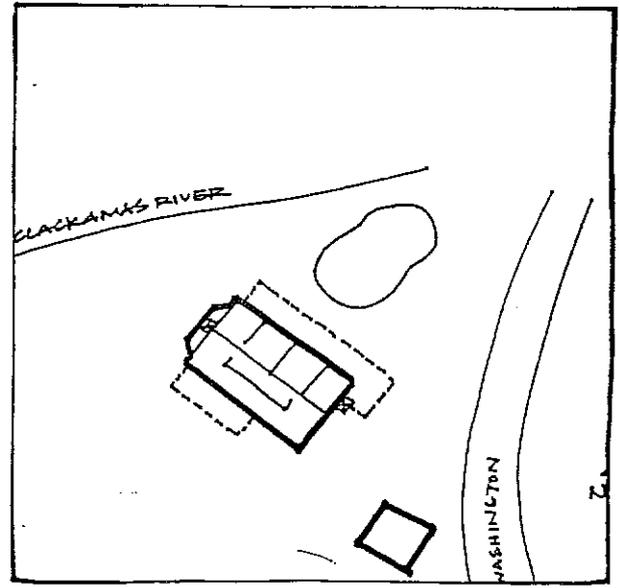
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