

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

HISTORIC NAME: Straight, John, House
COMMON NAME:
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 16038 S. Depot Lane
OWNER: James D. Curtis
OWNER'S ADDRESS: 16038 S. Depot Lane, Oregon City
RESOURCE TYPE: Building, site
PRESENT USE: Residential
THEME: Culture
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
COUNTY: Clackamas
QUAD: Gladstone
T/R/S: 2-2E-20DD
TAX LOT: 5400, 5900
ADDITION: Straight's Addition
BLOCK: 1
LOT: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
LOT SIZE: 1.33 acres
ZONE: RD-4 Two-Family and M-1 Light Industrial

HOUSE

DATE BUILT: c 1890
STYLE: Vernacular
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: T-Plan
NO. OF STORIES: 2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete Block
BASEMENT: Yes
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: Narrow shiplap, corner boards w/caps, rake boards
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Enclosed shed porch, w. elev; enclosed shed porch, e. elev;
OTHER: paneled and glazed doors, w/transom, interior chimney
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Porch enclosed (n.d.); door apparently covered over, s. elev., (n.d.); breezeway added between house and shed.
NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Ornamental plantings: camelias, roses; mature coniferous trees; nut trees; cemetery to s. of house

NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES:

Two non-historic sheds

SETTING: Located on the east side of Depot Lane and Clackamas River Drive. Houses in this area date from late 19th century to mid-20th century. Interstate 205 is located on the west side of Clackamas River Drive; it is visible and audible. The parcel is level and landscaped with mature plantings around the house and milkroom.

RECORDED BY: Koler/Morrison

DATE: August 1990

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

ADDRESS: 16038 Depot Lane

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John Straight is believed to be the original owner of the subject property, which he purchased in 1892 from Hiram A. Straight et.al. According to deeds filed at the county court house, John Straight owned through the historic period, selling it in 1940 to Clara Praeger. She sold it to Roy O. and Vona Faye Park in 1943. The Straight family has made a substantial contribution to the history of Clackamas County and Oregon City.

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 rake boards and corner boards with caps. According to the current owner, the house was over 100 years old in 1952. Insufficient architectural or historical documentation is available at this time to verify this fact. The siding material of the subject building was not generally available until the 1860s, however, many houses in Clackamas County, are known to have been resided. Caps on corner boards is a practice that was popular in the 1860s and 1870s, but it also continued until the turn-of-the-century. The window type is another evidence of a building's age. Here, the windows are a one-over-one variety of the double-hung sash type. Typically, this type was used after 1885, when large pieces of glass were available. The arrangement of windows is often another clue used to date a house. The pairing of windows was extremely common in the 1890s and first decade of the 20th century in the Oregon City vicinity. Analysis of the method of construction and building materials may substantiate a more exact date.

The house has had some alterations. Most are minor, considering the age of the building. The front porch has been enclosed and a door has been covered with siding. A breezeway has been constructed between the house and the milk room.

The milk room is located to the northeast of the house. It is a hip roof building, resting on a brick foundation. The building is the only remaining outbuilding of a farm complex.

Landscape features, including camellias, roses, and mature nut trees, contribute to the historic character of the dwelling.

The Straight family cemetery is also located on this property. It is south of the subject house near Clackamas River Drive.

Sources: Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory, 1984.
Federal Census, 1900.
Oregon City Landmarks Inventory, Urban Growth Boundary, 1982.
Oregon City Telephone Directory, 1916.
TICOR Title Company records, Oregon City, OR

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MILK ROOM

DATE BUILT: Unknown
STYLE: Vernacular
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
NO. OF STORIES: 1
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Hip w/ comp. shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood/unknown
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Fixed multi-light
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Board-and-batten
DECORATIVE FEATURES: None
OTHER: Shed roof attachment, w. elev.

CONDITION: Fair

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Shed roof attachment (n.d.)

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NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES: See house at 16038 S. Depot Lane

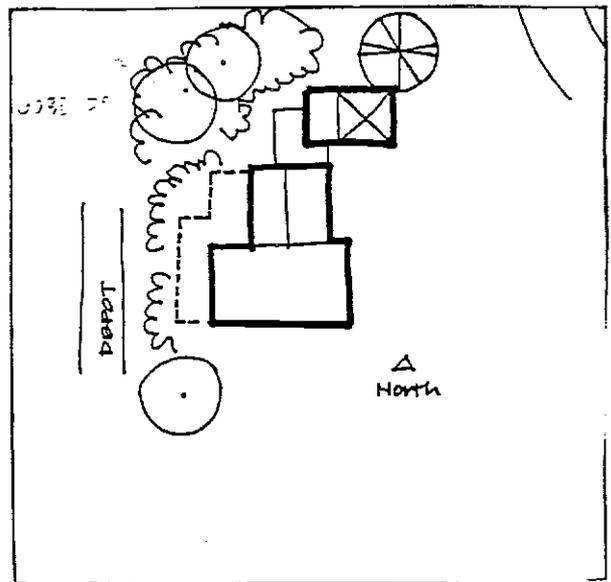
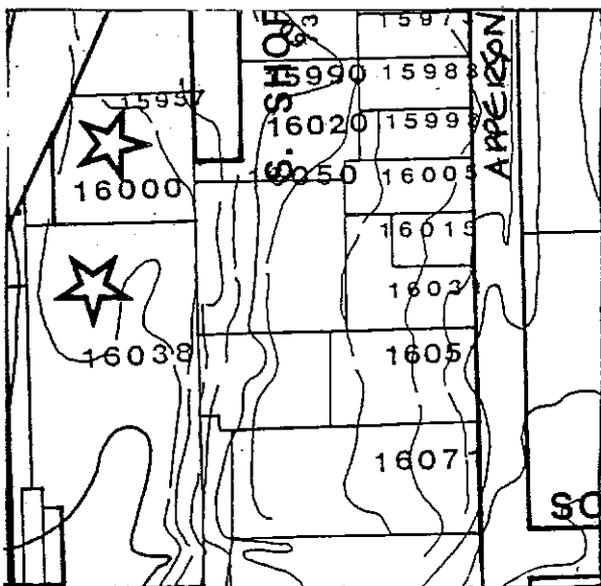
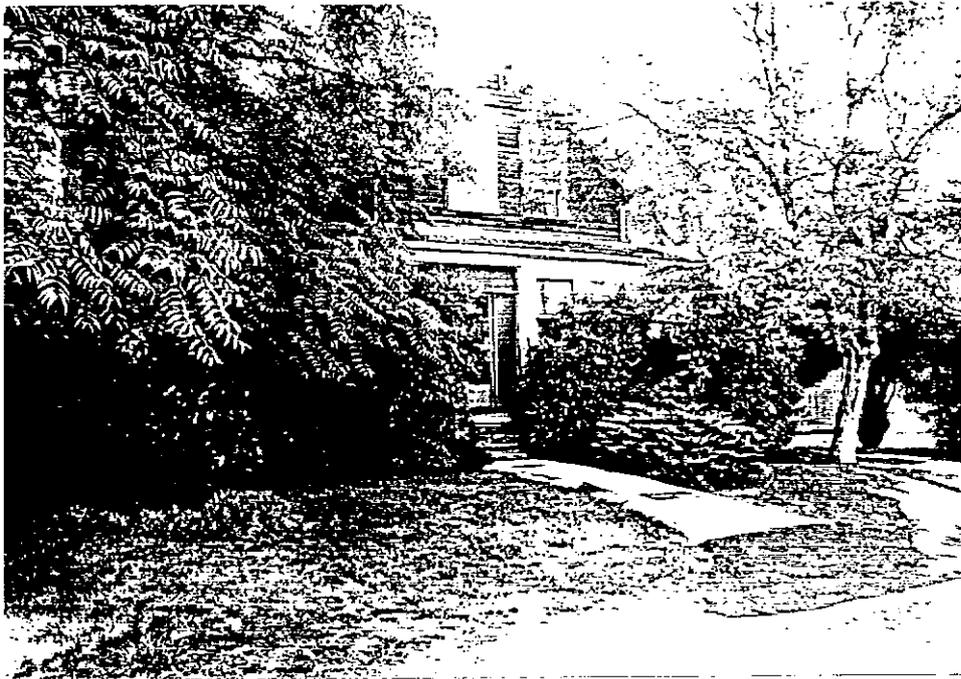
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