

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

HISTORIC NAME: Kent, John, House
COMMON NAME:
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 16322 S. Apperson
OWNER: William & Gladys Smith
OWNER'S ADDRESS: 16322 S. Apperson
RESOURCE TYPE: Building
PRESENT USE: Residential
THEME: Culture
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
COUNTY: Clackamas
QUAD: Oregon City
T/R/S: 2-2E-29AA
TAX LOT: 2300
ADDITION J. T. Apperson's Subdivision of Blocks 5, 6, & 7
BLOCK: 10
LOT: 10, 11, 12, part of 13
LOT SIZE: .5 acre
ZONE: R-8 Single-Family

HOUSE

DATE BUILT: c. 1891
STYLE: Vernacular
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Asymmetrical
NO. OF STORIES: 1½
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
BASEMENT: None
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Truncated gable with composition 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. Vertical-board skirt below first floor windows.
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Diamond windows, north and south elev., pedimented window cornices n. elev.
OTHER: Partial hip roof porch with w. elev., paneled and glazed French doors; hip wing, e. elev.; interior chimney.
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Unknown

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Ornamental plantings: laurel hedge, hydrangia
ornamentals, mature cherry.

NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES: None

SETTING: Located on the east side of Apperson on a large level lot. Houses in the area
date from the late 19th Century through the mid-20th Century. Landscaping includes
ornamental shrubs such as laurel hedge, and hydrangeas. A mature cherry tree is near the
right-of-way.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

ADDRESS: 16322 Apperson

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John Kent is believed to be the original owner and builder of the subject property, which he purchased in 1891 and owned until 1909. Kent was employed as a carpenter with the Crown Willamette Company, the predecessor to Crown Zellerbach, now James River Corporation. Kent was an English immigrant, who lived on the East coast prior to coming to Oregon.

Deed records indicate that the property was sold to Mary Bohn in 1909. In 1916 Mary McClure and husband sell it to Agnes S. Scheubel, who, within a few months, sells to Mrs. Clara Murphy et.al. Nine years later Murphy sells the property to Harry Gray, who owns it until 1940. It is not clear whether Bohn and McClure are related, but the lack a deed suggests that the property may have been transferred via an estate. Search of probate records may illuminate this issue.

The house is a good example of the Vernacular style. It is composed of perpendicular volumes covered with wide, dropped siding and finished with corner and rake boards. The house has several interesting features were as commonly associated with the Italianate style, including the truncated roof form of the main volume and the one-story ell on the south elevation. The truncated form of the main roof is uncommon. The decorative belt course as the second-floor level, diamond windows and pedimented window heads are noteworthy and distinctive elements.

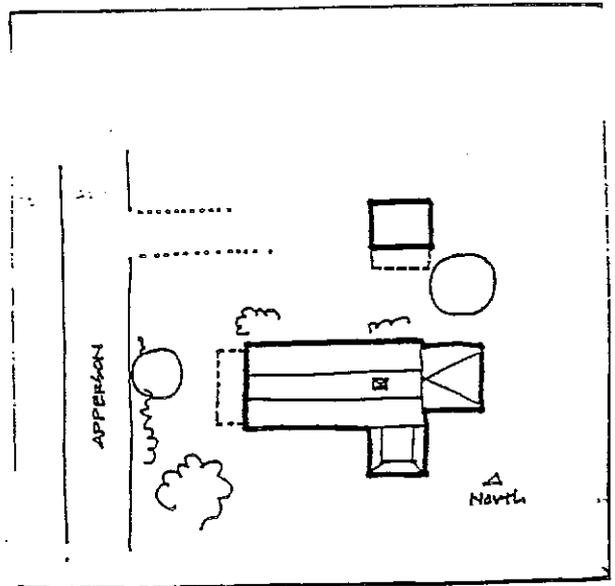
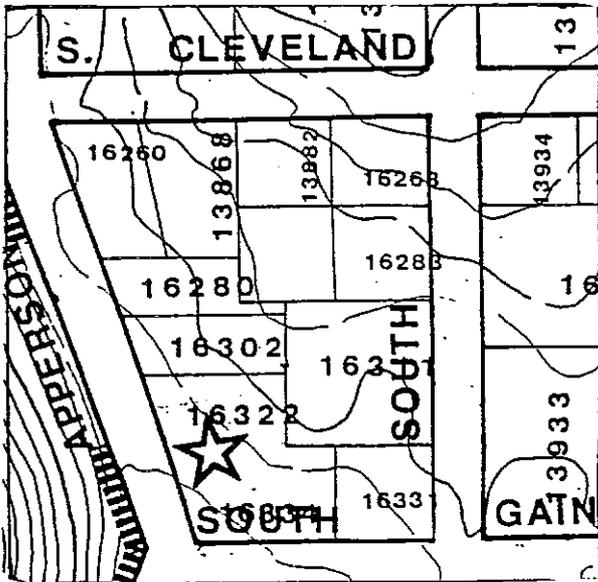
The house has had minor alterations, including the addition of a shed roof attachment to the east elevation. It is not known if the multi-light doors on the west (front) elevation are original.

Landscape features, such as the laurel hedge, hydrangeas, mature cherry tree and other ornamental plantings, contribute to the historic character of the property.

Sources: Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory, 1984.
Clackamas County Directory, 1916.
Kent, Otto. Interview w/ Paulette Merrill, August 1990.
Oregon City Landmarks Inventory, Urban Growth Boundary, 1982.
Smith, Gladys. Interview w/ Mathilda Schwann, July 1990.
TICOR Title Company records, Oregon City, OR

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SITE PLAN AND PHOTOGRAPH: 16322 Apperson Street



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