

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: George & Francis Welsh Residence DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1891
COMMON NAME: _____ ORIGINAL USE: Residence
ADDRESS: 426 Dimick Street PRESENT USE: Residence
OWNER: Rick Dotson, Kelly Morris, ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown
20890 S. Leland Road, Oregon City, OR 97045 STYLE: Vernacular
T/R/S: 2-2E-32CC TAX LOT: 6000 BLDG. STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE)
ADDITION: Pleasant Place THEME: Architecture, 19th Century
LOT: 7 BLOCK: 5 QUAD: Oregon City

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Square NO. OF STORIES: 1
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete BASEMENT (Y/N): Yes
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Clipped hip-roof. Composition. Central chimney
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Some original 4/4 double-hung windows. Some single-pane casements.
SURFACING MATERIALS: Asphalt shingles.
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Recessed entry porch with two slender chamfered columns with small
OTHER: capitals. One-story wing on west elevation.
CONDITION: EXCELLENT _____ GOOD _____ FAIR X DETERIORATED _____ MOVED _____ (date)
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated): Chimney not original. One-story wing on west
with flat roof, n.d. House now raised on concrete block foundation with aluminum windows.
NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: None.
ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: None.
KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None.

GEOGRAPHIC SETTING: Occupies a corner lot at the northwest intersection of Dimick and
Sommer Streets. A quiet, somewhat secluded residential neighborhood tucked between
heavily-traveled Molalla Avenue and Linn Avenue. Only other landmark in the vicinity is
around the corner at 304 Caufield Street (Chandler Residence, 1911-12).
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events,
persons, contexts): George Welsh (Welch) was born in 1818 in Maryland and arrived in
Oregon in June of 1854; he settled his donation land claim in November of 1855 near
Beavercreek. His wife at the time he settled his claim was "Orphy", born in 1848 in Iowa.
She had died by 1870; on that date, George was farming his claim as a widower with three
children: Caroline, age 14, Charles, age 13, and Francis, age 11, all born in Oregon.
The house was built between 1890 and 1895, but probably just around the time Francis and
his wife, Nettie, had their first child in 1889--a title transaction of some sort involving
George and Francis and John Hindeman occurred in 1890, but tax records (continued)
SOURCES: TICOR Title Company Records, Oregon City. Clackamas Co. Tax Rolls, 1890, 1895,
1903, 1905, 1910. Federal Census, 1870, 1910. City Directory, 1916. Guide to Donation
Land Claims, Vol. 2.

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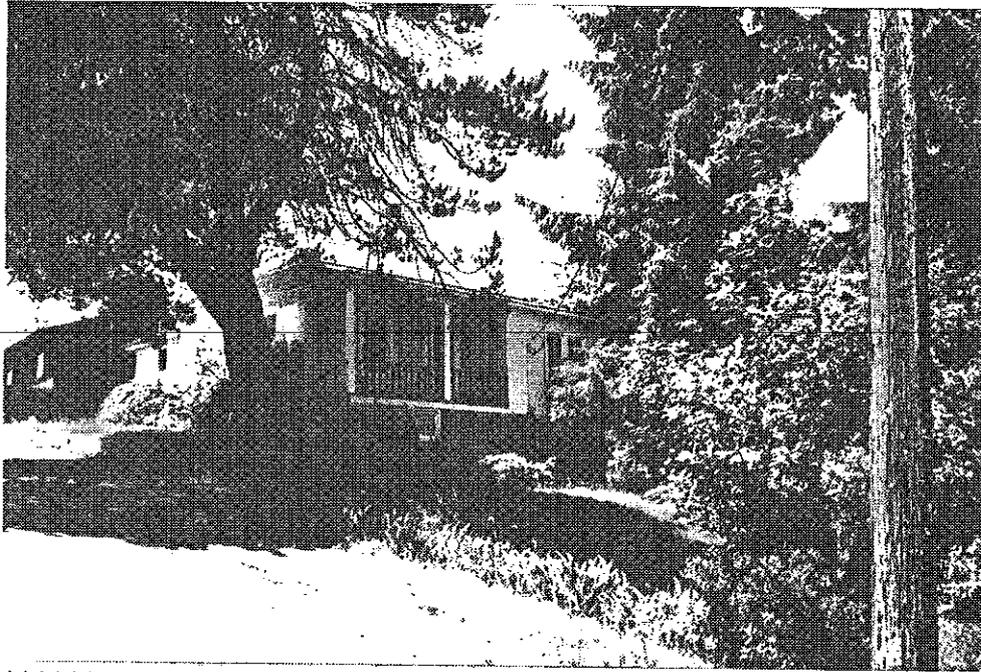
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NAME: George and Francis Welsh (Welch) Residence

T/R/S: 2-2E-32CC TAX LOT 6000

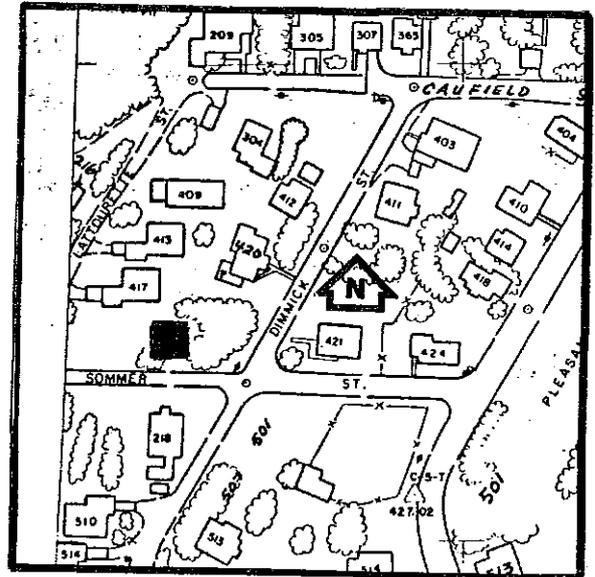
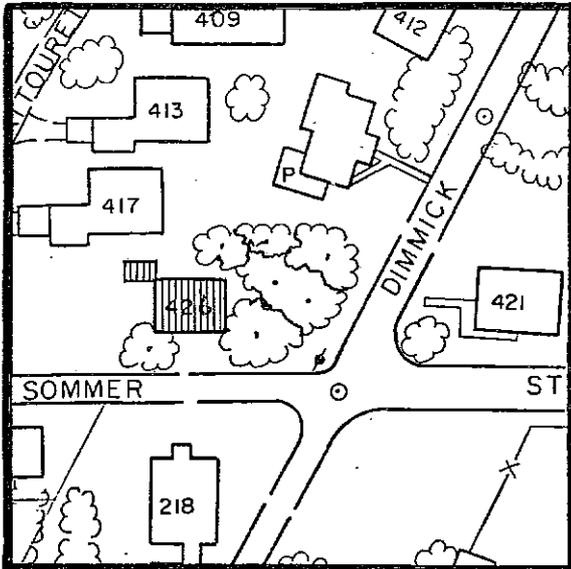
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QUADRANGLE: Oregon City



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Oregon City Planning Department Photograph, 1987.

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426 DIMICK STREET

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

for that date show George only owning the land, 140 acres without improvement, part of the G. Welch DLC. By 1895, the land has an improvement on it, owned by both Francis and George. Nettie was born in Iowa in 1865; her and Francis' two children were Oral, born in 1889, and Roy, born in 1894. In 1910, Francis and Nettie sold this house and built or purchased a new house at 412 Pearl Street, near the lumberyard/planing mill where Francis was the manager, possibly the owner; the mill was located on Molalla Avenue. The building has some significance for its association with pioneer George Welch and for its age.