

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: O.A. Pace/Rilance Residence

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1930

COMMON NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ADDRESS: 538 Holmes Lane

PRESENT USE: Residence

OWNER: Mark Saxe, 538 Holmes Lane, Oregon City

ARCH./BLDR.: F & D Heater (bldrs.)

STYLE: Vernacular

T/R/S: 3-2E6AD TAX LOT: 202

BLDG. STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE)

ADDITION: Rilance Estates

THEME: Architecture, 20th Century

LOT: 1 BLOCK: \_\_\_\_\_ QUAD: Oregon City

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PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular

NO. OF STORIES: 1

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete

BASEMENT (Y/N): No

ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Low-pitched truncated hip roof with overhanging boxed eaves. Comp.

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood

STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Paired tall multi-light casement windows on front.

SURFACING MATERIALS: Horizontal board siding. Fluted cornerboards with small capitals.

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Four eyebrow dormers on house. Porch has wide, horizontal board-

OTHER: sided cornice with decorative brackets. One-story hip-roof garage.

CONDITION: EXCELLENT \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD X FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ DETERIORATED \_\_\_\_\_ MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated): Wrought iron porch posts not original, n.d.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Large oaks and hemlocks in front yard. Perimeter hedges.

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: One-story hip-roof garage. Concrete block wall in rear yard.

KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None.

GEOGRAPHIC SETTING: This has house a prominent location at the intersection of Rilance Lane and Holmes Lane. The house faces heavily-traveled, mostly residential Holmes Lane. Across Rilance Lane is the historic Holmes House (Rose Farm), built in 1848. Across the street is the Stafford House, built in 1898.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts): O.A. Pace purchased most of what was formerly Lot 11 of the Holmes Donation Land Claim in 1929, including the historic Holmes House. Pace and his wife, Bertha Heater, came to Oregon City from Iowa. Pace had a part-interest in the Holman-Pace Funeral Parlor (now Holman, Hankins and Waud) which he later sold. He served as Clackamas County coroner, Clackamas County Commissioner, and was mayor of Oregon City from 1927 to 1935. In 1930, Pace had his brothers-in-law, Farrell and Drexel Heater, build this house for he and his wife. Farrell was a cabinet maker and Drexel a finish carpenter. Daughter Pauline married A.J. Rilance in the late 1920's; (continued)

SOURCES: TICOR Title Company, Oregon City. Rilance, Lee, interview with Patricia Erigero, 1985.

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RECORDED BY: Patricia Erigero

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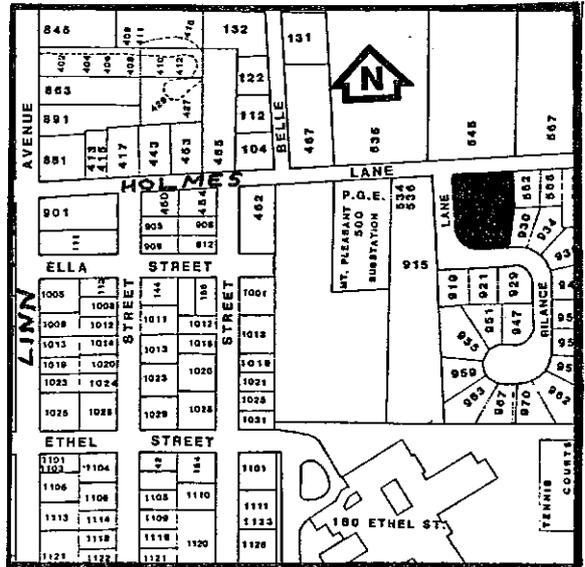
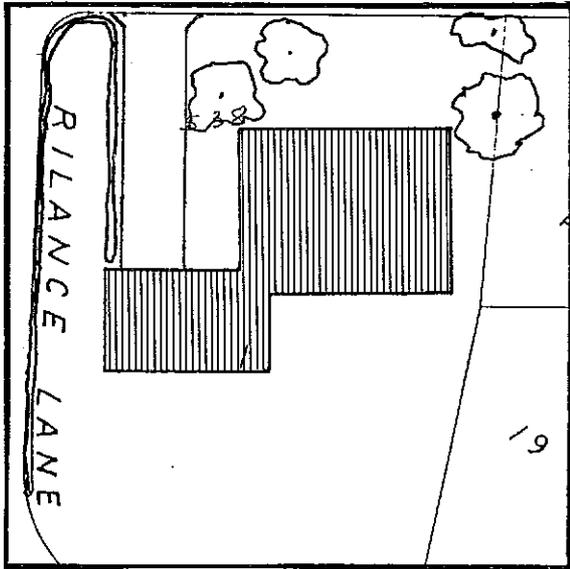


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Oregon City Planning Department Photograph, 1987.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Rilance and five of his brothers came to the Portland area from Canada and formed a band in which they played to supplement their incomes. Apparently, Rilance met Pauline at a grange dance at which the band played, and they married. Pace encouraged Rilance to purchase a part-interest in his former business in the early 1930's, which became Holman, Hankins and Rilance Funeral Parlor, a business interest Rilance maintained until the early 1970's. Around 1936-37, the Paces deeded this house to A.J. and Pauline Rilance, and they moved to a small apartment unit they had built in back of this house (it is now located on the east side of the house), where the Paces lived until their deaths. The Rilance family owned the Holmes House (Rose Farm) for a number of years, and it was during their ownership that the house was subdivided into rental units. The Pace House later passed to Pace's grandson, Lee Rilance. (See also 718 John Quincy Adams and 819 Washington Street, McLoughlin District Inventory.)

The house is significant for its association with O.A. Pace and connection with the Rose Farm.