

CITY OF OREGON CITY LANDMARKS INVENTORY

COMMON/HISTORICAL NAME: MARY RANDALL RENTAL

ADDRESS: 805 Taylor Street

LOT, BLOCK, TAX LOT: Lot 3, Block 43,
Clackamas County Addition (2-2E-32BC, Tax Lot 12400)

ORIGINAL OWNER: Mary A. Randall ORIGINAL USE: Single-Family

PRESENT OWNER/ADDRESS: Thomas & Laura Rosenberry, 805 Taylor Street

DATE BUILT: c. 1905 CONDITION: Fair PRESENT USE: Single-Family

STYLE: Queen Anne Vernacular

FEATURES: Gable roof with cross gable. Gable ends finished with fish-scale pattern shingles. Shed-roofed dormer. Polygonal bay window, with pendants over angled sashes. Architrave trim around windows. Concrete block chimney is not original. This cross-gable roofed house has fishscale shingles in its gable ends, and a return gable finish on the front elevation, which cantilevers beyond a slanted bay window below and includes a pendant at the corner - the usual brackets at the corner may have been removed. The recessed porch appears to have been altered, with a vestibule now enclosing part of it, and with new posts. The original double-hung windows have architrave trim. A shed roof dormer may be a later addition. A concrete block chimney is a later addition.

BIOGRAPHY:

This was one of a number of rental houses built by Mary and George Randall--two duplicates of this house are at 508 Jefferson and 805 - 5th Street. The Randalls came to Oregon City from Connecticut in 1868, by way of the Isthmus of Panama. In 1869 they purchased 200 acres in the Central Point area, raising hops and potatoes which were shipped to San Francisco. In 1905, they retired from the farm and moved to Oregon City, when most of their rental homes were built.

SIGNIFICANCE:

There are several houses in Oregon City built with this return gable ell over a slanted bay. This house is one of the better kept examples with such architectural detailing.

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COMMON/HISTORICAL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: 805 Taylor Street

LOT, BLOCK: Lot 3, Block 43 (2-2E-32BC)

TAX LOT: Tax Lot 12400

ORIGINAL OWNER: _____ USE: Residential

PRESENT OWNER: Laura Rosenberry USE: Residential

DATE BUILT: 1900-10 CONDITION: Fair

STYLE: Oregon City Vernacular - slight Victorian detail

FEATURES: Chimney added - concrete block.

