

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Ervin Carothers/Martha Plummer House DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1875
COMMON NAME: _____ ORIGINAL USE: Residence
ADDRESS: 302 Third Avenue PRESENT USE: Residence
OWNER: Debbie Coffman, 302 Third Avenue ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown
STYLE: Vernacular
T/R/S: 2-2E-31CC TAX LOT: 1700 BLDG. STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE)
ADDITION: Plat of Canemah THEME: Architecture, 19th Century
LOT: 1 BLOCK: 18 QUAD: Oregon City

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular with extension NO. OF STORIES: 1 1/2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete BASEMENT (Y/N): No
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Gable roof. Shingles. Boxed eaves.
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Four-over-four double-hung.
SURFACING MATERIALS: Horizontal board siding.
DECORATIVE FEATURES: None.
OTHER: Hip roof porch. Central brick chimney with corbel cap.

CONDITION: EXCELLENT _____ GOOD X FAIR _____ DETERIORATED _____ MOVED _____ (date)
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated): Some windows replaced to match originals. New porch. Restoration project completed c. 1985-85.
NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Creek runs under house. Rock retaining wall in front yard.
ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: None.
KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None.

GEOGRAPHIC SETTING: Occupies a corner lot at the intersection of Third Avenue and Ganong Street. A hillside lot over a bedrock creelbed. Residential area of Canemah.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts): The history of this house is obscure. The lot was owned by Ervin and Hilah Ann Carothers, who lived next door at 310 Third Avenue. Carothers was a laborer in Canemah. Title to this lot passed to Martha and William Plummer in 1912, but the house clearly pre-dates 1912. Martha Plummer was the eldest surviving Carothers child. The Carothers family came west in 1853, and had a homestead in the New Era area. One plausible account of the house is that it was built by Ervin, or on land donated by Ervin, for his daughter's marriage in the early 1870's. The house is significant for its age and has been remarkably restored from an extremely dilapidated condition.

SOURCES: Chaney, John and Galbraith, Catherine, "Ervin Carothers House", Term Project, Historic Buildings Resotration HST 410S, n.d. Erigero, Patricia, "Historic Canemah Pioneer Cemetery -- An Inventory", Clackamas Co. Community Development Division, 1984.

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HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM - TWO

NAME: Ervin Carothers/Martha Plummer House

T/R/S: 2-2E-31CC TAX LOT 1700

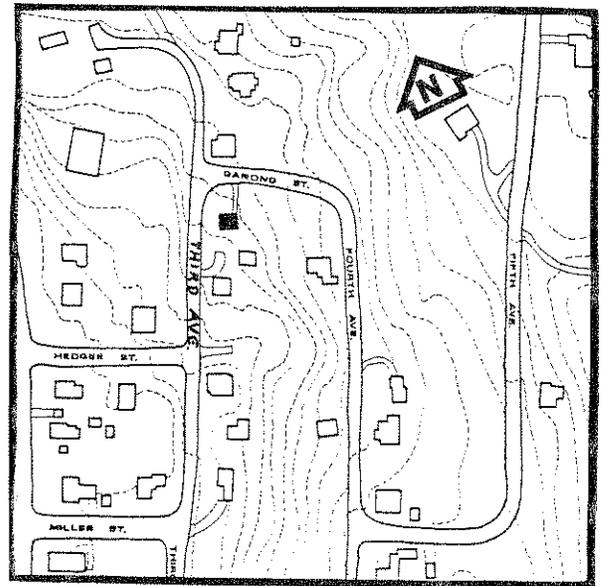
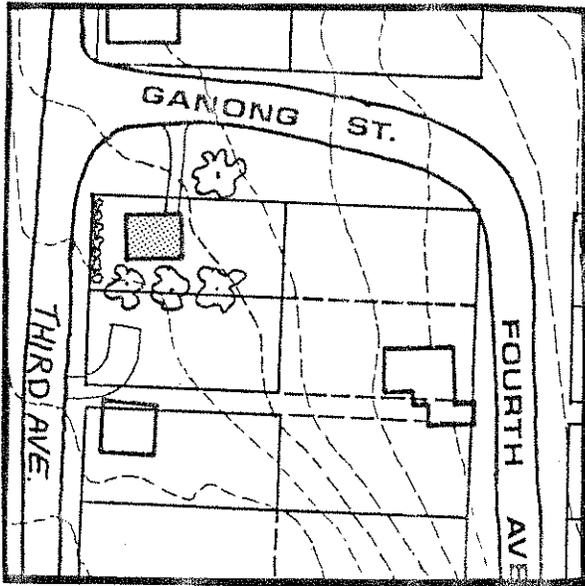
ADDRESS: 302 Third Avenue

QUADRANGLE: Oregon City



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GRAPHIC AND PHOTO SOURCES: Base Map of Canemah. Oregon City Planning Department Photograph, 1988.

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