

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: John & Bertha Searle Residence

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1895

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

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ADDRESS: 416 Fourth Avenue

PRESENT USE: Residence

OWNER: Ellis Bidwell, Bette Carey, 416 Fourth Av.

ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown

T/R/S: 3-1E-1AA TAX LOT: 2000

STYLE: Vernacular

ADDITION: Plat of Canemah

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

THEME: Architecture, 19th Century

LOT: 4 BLOCK: 16 QUAD: Oregon City

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular

NO. OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete

BASEMENT (Y/N): No

ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Gable. Pent-roof porch. North gable.

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Four-over-one double-hung windows.

SURFACING MATERIALS: Shiplap siding on east facade. Shingle siding on rest of house.

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Exposed rafters. Diagonally-braced purlins in gable ends.

OTHER: Centralized brick chimney. Front and rear porches.

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

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated): Shingle siding, front and rear porches, north gable, exposed rafters and purlins, all c. 1910. Deck built, 1983.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Foliage surrounding house appears to anchor house to site.

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: Shed.

KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None.

GEOGRAPHIC SETTING: Occupies a corner lot at the intersection of Miller Street and Fourth Avenue. This is a double-frontage lot made up of two original platted lots, and has frontage on Fourth and Fifth Avenues. Adjacent to two vacant lots.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts): John T. Searle was an employee in the Oregon City Manufacturing Company. Bertha was his second wife: his first, Ellen, died in 1904. Searle worked in the dye section of the Oregon City Woolen Mills; he eventually died of dye poisoning. Searle was related by married to the William Freeman family. His sister was Mary Harvey (see 906 Fifth Avenue). The house has some significance because of its age, and its successful alteration to a bungalow style after the turn of the century.

SOURCES: Canemah Cemetery Records. Oregon City City Directory, 1916. Sanborn Insurance Map, 1900, 1911, 1925. Clackamas County Tax Rolls, 1901, 1905, 1910, 1915, 1920. Pioneer National Title Company Records. Interview with Crystal Linn, by Pat Erigero, 1983.

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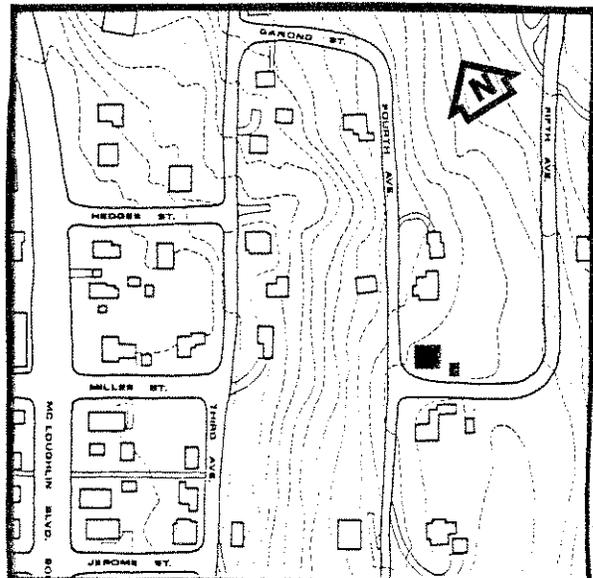
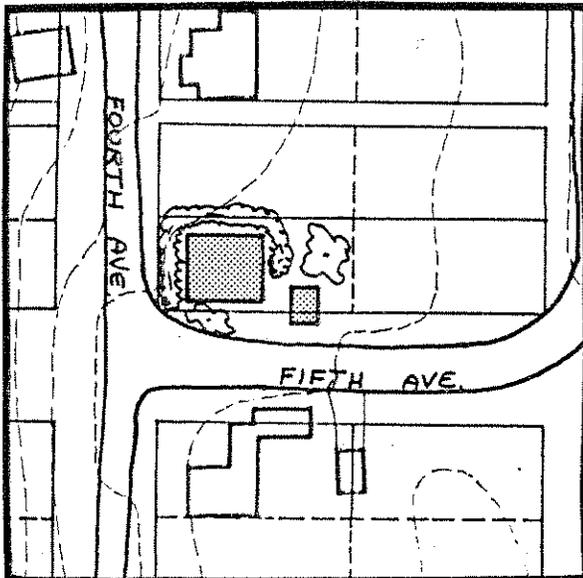


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