

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Frederick Rakel Residence

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1885

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

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ADDRESS: 917 Fourth Avenue

PRESENT USE: Residence

OWNER: Ray Turner, 917 Fourth Avenue

ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown

STYLE: Vernacular

T/R/S: 3-1E-1 TAX LOT: 1000

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

ADDITION: Absolom Hedges DLC

THEME: Architecture, 19th Century

LOT: N/A BLOCK: N/A QUAD: Oregon City

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: L-Plan with extensions

NO. OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete

BASEMENT (Y/N): No

ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Gable roof. Metal roofing. Two corbelled brick chimneys.

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood

STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud

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

SURFACING MATERIALS: Original shiplap siding.

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Pent-roofed porch to the west with battered columns and capitals.

OTHER: One-story gabled addition to the east.

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

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated): Pent-roof porch either added later or altered, n.d. One-story gabled addition to east, n.d.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Large yard.

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: Large metal building, small wood shed.

KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None.

GEOGRAPHIC SETTING: Situated in an open space near the site of the Old Canemah School. A large lot (almost 30 acres) outside the City limits, but within the Canemah National Register Historic District. The house is on the most southern boundary of the Canemah District, but the majorit of the acreage is outside the district.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts): Frederick Rakel was an employee of the Oregon City Woolen Mills. He was a native of Hanover, Germany, and arrived in the United States in 1876 at the age of 32. His wife, Dora, was born in Brunswick in 1854 and married Rakel just prior to their emigration to this country. They had six children. Fred Rakel also owned 104 Apperson Street and 609 S. McLoughlin Blvd. This house was the Rakel family home for many years, purchased from William Reinhardt in the mid-1880's. The Rakel family donated the land. The house is significant for its age and its association with the Rakel family.

SOURCES: Pioneer National Title Company Records, Oregon City. Federal Census, 1880. Interviews with Verna Furre, Ray Turner and Florence Turner, by Pat Erigero, 1983.

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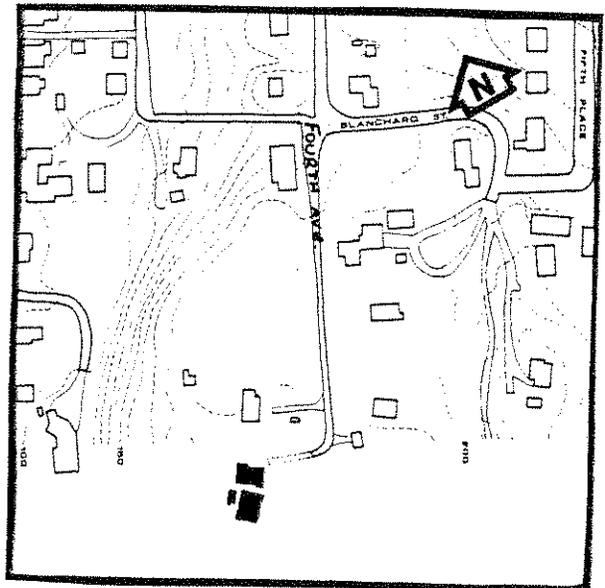
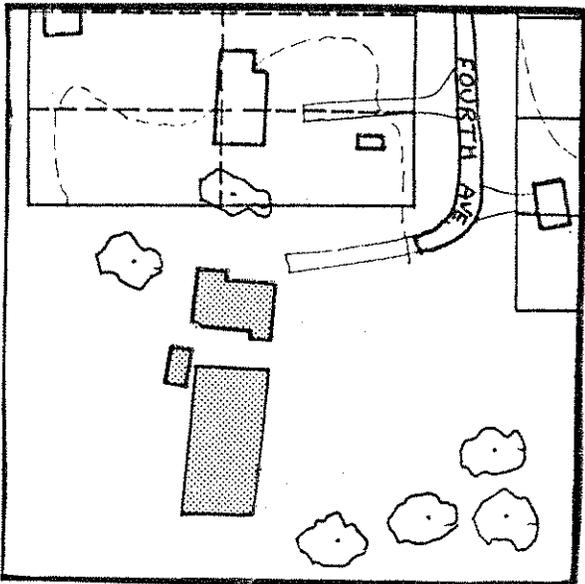
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Photograph, 1988.

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