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United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Latourette, (Charles David), House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 503 High Street ___ not for publication

city, town Oregon City ___ vicinity of congressional district 2

state Oregon code 41 county Clackamas code 005

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	X museum
___ building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	X work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
X site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Erlyn & Lesley Krueger, Edward Latourette, Jerry & Linda Evans

street & number c/o Lesley Krueger -- 631 Charman Street

city, town Oregon City ___ vicinity of state Oregon 97045

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clackamas County Courthouse

street & number 8th and Main Street

city, town Oregon City state Oregon 97045

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined elegible? ___ yes XX no

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Charles David Latourette House is a Queen Anne styled Victorian residence prominently sited overlooking the downtown business district of Oregon City. The Latourette House is historically associated with the political and social development of Oregon City and the State of Oregon. Erected circa 1882, the house occupies lot 3 and 4 of block 33, located on McLoughlin Promenade at the intersection of High and Fifth Streets.

The building is two stories tall with a full basement, fifty-six feet in length by thirty-eight and one half feet in width. No architect is known for the house, which was constructed on a six and one half foot high rock foundation, 20 inches thick. The walls are faced with shiplap siding and are detailed with Stick-style and Queen-Anne details. The majority of the window construction is one over one sliding sash. The main volume of the house is convered by a mansard roof, from which gable roofs project on each elevation. Originally, there were pent-roof porches of varying sizes on each elevation. The roof on the south (front) elevation porch is now hipped and supported by iron supports and railing. This iron railing also appears on the west elevation porch which was extended slightly after 1932. Additionally, there was a wooden railing on top of the original slant bay window on the west elevation which is no longer extant. Surviving original porch supports are of turned wood. An open, jig-sawn frieze pattern is supported by scroll brackets. This pattern is repeated in the porch railings. Of particular interest are the shingled (spandrel) panels of the south and west elevations. Beginning at the sill level of the upper storey windows, the panel flare as they approach the lintels of the lower storey windows, forming a hood which rests on a bracketed cornice above each set of lower storey windows. Other exterior details include bracketed, Stick-style gable detailing, egg and dart moldings on the east elevation bay and heavily articulated window framings, especially in the projecting bays.

The projecting chimney in the center of the house was once connected to a fireplace in the dining room, which was removed when the dining room and west porch were extended in 1932. Also at this time, a slant-bayed breakfast room, in sympathy with the structure of the home, was added to the northwest corner of the house. The basement and fruit cellar are separate rooms and can only be entered from the exterior of the home.

The original interior plan is basically unaltered. Rooms are disposed off a centrally located hall on each floor. Walls are lath and plaster and divided from the 10 foot high ceiling by wooden cornice moldings, (coved in the living room/parlor). Seven inch base-boards separate the walls from the original wood flooring, which is in good condition. There are two stairways. The front stairway, located in the entry hall, has turned banisters and carved newel posts at the two landings. Double sliding wooden doors lead into the major rooms. The living room/parlor to the left of the hall is fourteen feet in width by thirty and one half feet in length, encompassing the west bay window. A wood and marble fireplace on the west wall was an addition circa 1914. Sliding wooden double doors lead north into the dining room. After the removal of the original fireplace in 1932, a mural was added to th wall. To the right of the hall are the library and kitchen. A rear stair leads to the second floor, a portion of which was altered to provide private living quarters for Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court Earl C. Latourette.

Additions to the second floor include two bath and minimal kitchen facilities. The main bedroom has been enlarged by incorporating a second bedroom. This space has a painted brick fireplace and french doors leading to an outside porch, added when the dining room and west portch were extended. The house is occupied and in good condition. Also on the property, are a two-car garage and a large pond, constructed out of rock.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	X law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	X social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	
X 1800–1899	X commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1882 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Charles David Latourette House built ca. 1882 is significant for its historic associatic in early law, banking, politics and social development of Oregon City and the State of Oregc The house is an excellent example of the Vernacular Queen-Anne Style and is significant for the excellence of its craftsmanship and detailing.

Charles Latourette came to Oregon City in 1879, as a young lawyer, and soon afterward was licensed to practice in the State of Oregon. In 1886, he established the first bank in Oregon city named the Commerical Bank of Commerce later renamed the First National Bank of Oregon City when it received its charter in 1907. In 1889 and 1900 Charles was Mayor of Oregon City. He was a director of the McLoughlin Memorial Association in 1909 which sponsored restoration of the Dr. John McLoughlin House.** He brought the map of Oregon City from California for the McLoughlin Home, which is signed by John McLoughlin and hangs in the home He was one of the organizers and first President of the Clackamas County Bar Association. Also a Councilman of Oregon City and a Police Judge and he donated twelve public drinking fountains to Oregon City, the first of its kind.

Charles Latourette built this house for his family to live in. He and his wife Sedonia Shaw had four sons who grew up in the house and they were all prominent attorneys, practicin law in the State of Oregon. The first son, Mortimer D., was a lawyer, banker, farmer, and furthered many projects for the advancement and betterment of the community. He was President of the first National Bank; Treasurer of Oregon City from 1907 thru 1914; served on the original South Fork Water Board; was Secretary of the Commerical Club of Oregon City; President of the McLoughlin Memorial Association in 1939. He and his wife, Edna Daulton, moved into the house in 1932 and occupied the house until the early 1970's. The second son, Howard Fenton, also a lawyer, was quire active in Oregon politics and was speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives in 1935; acting Governor for the State of Oregon; Democratic National Committeman for Oregon 1936 and 1940. The third son, John Randolph, practiced law in the City of Portland and was a member of the House of Representatives and w instrumental in the passage of teh Oregon Workmen's Compensation Bill in 1913. The fourth son, Earl C. practiced law in Oregon City from 1915 until 1931 when he was appointed Judge o the Circuit Court. In 1950 he became a member of the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon and in 1953 he became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon and served until his death. Earl and his first wife Ruth Steiwer lived in the house when they were first married. Living quarters were provided on the second floor.

Sedonia Shaw, wife of Charles, was the daughter of Jefferson and Martha Jane Shaw who came across the plains by covered wagon in 1852. They were prominent Oregon Pioneers.

The Latourette's have lived in this house over ninety years. We,the present owners,are the great grand children of Charles and Sedonia Latourette.

**The McLoughlin House was declared a National Historic Site in 1941. John McLoughlin was Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Company Columbia District from 1824 to his retirement to Oregon City in 1846. McLoughlin occupied his Oregon City home from the date of its completion in 1846 until his death in 1857. The rescue and relocation of the McLoughlin House in 1909 by the association specially organized for that purpose was the first historic house restoration project in Oregon.

9. Major Bibliographical References

History of the Bench & Bar of Oregon, 1910
Lockley, History of the Columbia River Valley from The Dalles to the Sea
Who Was Who in America Volume III 1951-1960 page 502
Oregon Historical Society Quarterly Volume 10, 1909 page 386

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10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than one (100x105')
Quadrangle name Oregon City Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A	10	530780	5022370	B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 3 and 4, Block 33, Oregon City, Oregon
Excepting therefrom beginning at the most easterly corner of Lot 3, Block 33 of Oregon City thence running southwesterly along the westerly side line of High Street 30 feet; thence (cont

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Erlyn and Lesley Krueger

organization Clackamas County Historical Society date 8/27/79

street & number 631 Charman Street telephone 656-4916

city or town Oregon City state Oregon 97045

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state X local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title State Historic Preservation Office Designee date 12-17-79

For HCRS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

W. Ray Luce for date 2/27/80
Keeper of the National Register KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Attest: Kristin J. O'Connell date 1/29/80
Chief of Registration

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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Oregon Historical Society Quarterly Volume 30, 1929 page 293

Latourette, Edward D., Letter to the Editor of the Oregon Bar Bulletin November 1976

Clackamas County Historical Society

Latourette, Lyman E. Latourette Annals in America Published 1954 The Oregon City public library has a copy

at right angles northwesterly 105 feet to the westerly side line of said block; thence northeasterly 30 feet to the most northerly corner of said lot; thence southeasterly 105 feet to the point of beginning.

South Side of House

Pictur

Latourette (Charles David) House
503 High Street
Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Oregon

Photographer Unknown, c. 1900
c/o Lesley Krueger
631 Charman Street
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Historic View

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503 High Street
Charles David Latourette House
House is facing High Street

Latourette (Charles David) House
503 High Street
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View of South and East Elevations

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Charles David Latourette House
Front porch

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View of Entrance
(Southeast Elevation)

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Charles David Latourette House

East Side of House

Bay window is Library Room

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Detail of East Elevation

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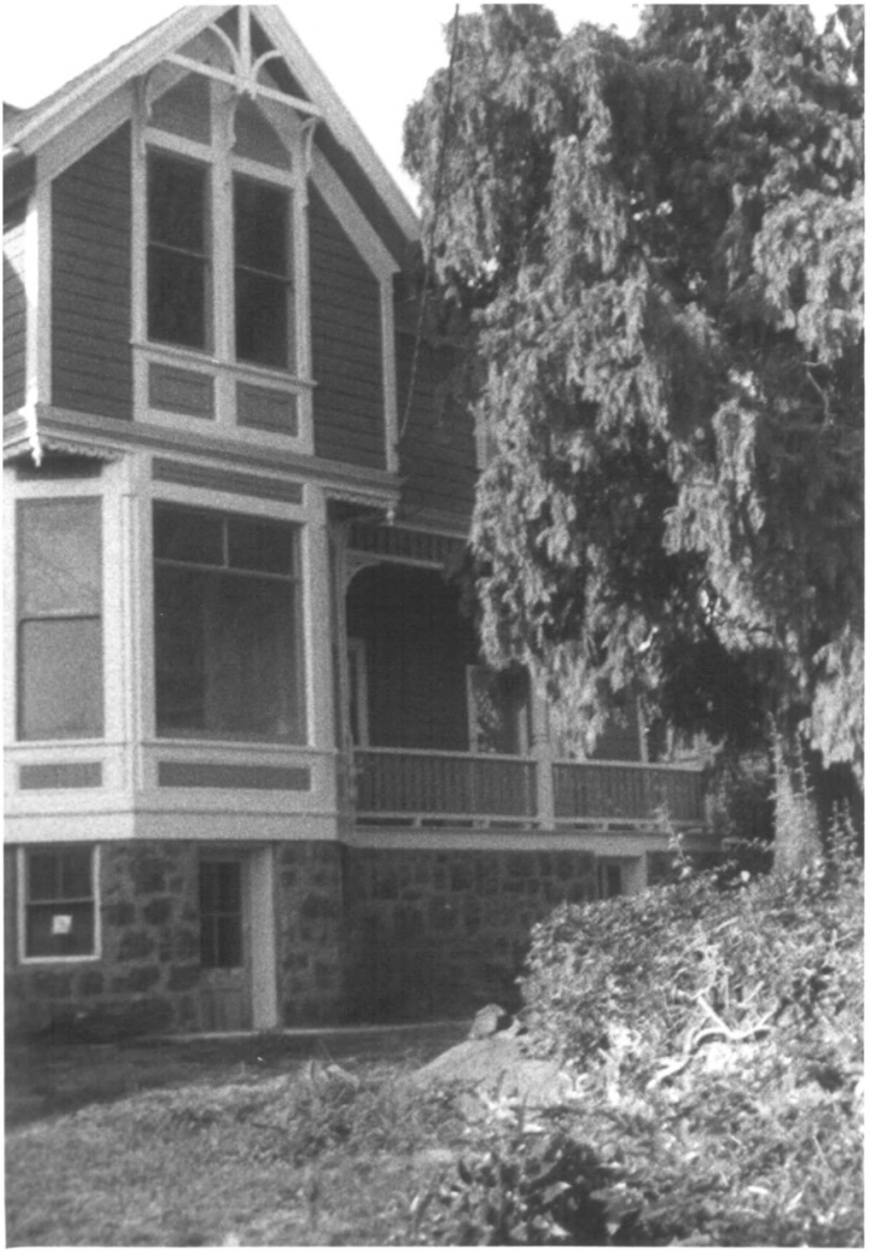

Charles David Latourette House
East side of house
Porch off. Kitchen and Library

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Detail of East Elevation

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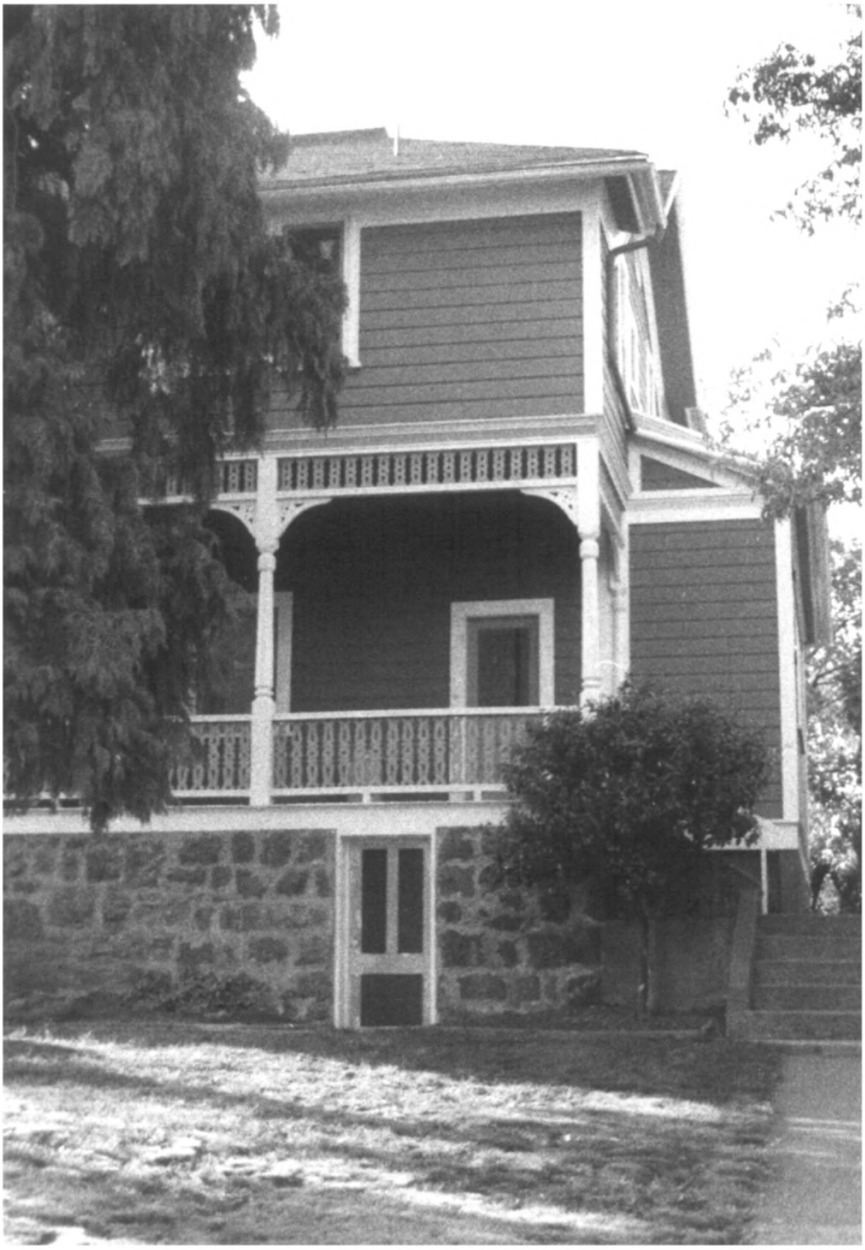

Charles David Latourette House

Porch facing East

Porch entrance to Kitchen

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Northeast Elevation Showing
Addition on North Elevation

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Charles David Latourette House
Side of house facing West towards Promenade
Breakfast Room, Dining Room, Living Room, Porch

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Detail of West Elevation
Showing Breakfast Room (Addition)
West Porch (Extended) and Living Room
Bay.

Charles David Latourette House

Side of house facing West towards Promenade

Breakfast Room, Dining Room & porch

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Northwest Elevation
Showing Breakfast Room Addition

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