

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	14928 SE Oatfield Rd Milwaukie, Clackamas County (97267)	historic name:	Oatfield, John R, House
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	
location descr:	Oak Grove	block/lot/tax lot:	N/A / N/A / 07700
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	2S 1E 12 AA
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	1.5
elig evaluation:	eligible/contributing	total elig resources:	5
prim constr date:	1903	second date:	1973
		total inelig resources:	
primary orig use:	Single Dwelling	orig use comments:	
second orig use:		prim style comments:	
primary style:	Colonial Revival	sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	Narrow shiplap.
primary siding:	Horizontal Board	architect:	
secondary siding:		builder:	
plan type:	Central Passage		
comments/notes:			
"The Giant Sequoias of Oatfield Ridge" Heritage Tree Plaque, May 2008.			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:	Type of Grouping	Date Listed	Date Compiled
Clackamas County Historic Landmarks	Survey & Inventory Project		2008
Clackamas County Trolley Line ILS 2008	Survey & Inventory Project		2008
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	N/A	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:	09/30/2007	Special Assess Project(s):	None
RLS survey date:	06/01/1986	Federal Tax Project(s):	None
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Truncated hip roof PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Long, double-hung sash. Hip dormers. DECORATIVE FEATURES: Pilasters with modest capitals. Dentils and brackets. OTHER: Encircling front porch with Doric columns. ALTERATIONS: Cresting removed from roof, n.d. Facade windows altered, n.d. Addition to rear of house, 1975. ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: Garage, utility barn, pump house, chicken house, sheds. Utility barn has brick foundation. The outbuildings have been moved and are not in their original location. LANDSCAPE: Monkey puzzle tree. Four Giant Sequoia Trees planted by John F. Broetje. Grape vines (as of 6-86, 60 - 70 yrs. Old) - could be associated with Broetje vineyard at the John F. Broetje House @ 14005 SE Oatfield Road (National Register Property). On large lot with many agricultural outbuildings. On moderate-to-heavily traveled road. In neighborhood of early and mid-20th century residential buildings. The setting for this house, despite its contemporary suburban residential surroundings, is remarkable. Several barns, sheds, and chicken coops are extant. The largest outbuilding was moved closer to the house when surrounding property was sold.</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>SUBJECT PROPERTY The John R. Oatfield House is a very good example of Colonial Revival style architecture. The rectangular plan, dentils, Doric columns, and pilasters with caps are typical Colonial Revival elements. The use of narrow shiplap seems to indicate a sensitivity on the part of the designer to the scale of the house. The carved eave brackets on this 1903 house display an influence lingering from the earlier Italianate style, which was popular in Oregon from 1855 until 1890. John Royal Oatfield was the son of pioneer, Michael Oatfield, who arrived in the Milwaukie vicinity in 1861. Here he purchased land from Orrin Kellogg, upon whose donation land claim the subject house is located. Michael assembled 600 acres for orchards and farming. His sons, John R. and Phillip T., expanded the Kellogg orchards, principally apples, which were shipped to California and the East. The first shipments used Risley's Willamette landing, although later the produce was shipped via the electric interurban railroad. The brothers were instrumental in establishing the Oak Lodge Water District and rural telephone service. John sat on the local school board for 25 years. He was also an active promoter of good roads, obtaining the 10-mil special road tax to improve Old River Road and "pestering County Commissioners until they put in Oatfield Road." John and Phillip were early stockholders in First State Bank, the predecessor of PacWest Bank. They both later served as directors. It is possible that the subject house could have been built by Michael Oatfield and his wife Minerva Thessing, who in 1936, was named the Queen Mother of the Pioneers of Oregon. Oatfield Road in the Oak Grove area was named for this family.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title Records Sanborn Maps Obituaries City Directories	Census Records Biographical Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers Building Permits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records SHPO Files State Archives State Library	Local Histories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interviews Historic Photographs
Local Library:		University Library:	
Historical Society:		Other Respository:	
Bibliography:			
Rothschild, Mrs. James, unrecorded interview with Pam Hayden, October 1983. "Oregon Journal", 30 October 1935, p.11. "Oregon Journal", 28 March 1950, p.8. First State Bank of Milwaukie, "As We Remember It," 1959. Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory, 1984. Clackamas County Tax Assessor records, Oregon City, OR. TICOR Title Company, Oregon City, OR. "Trees of Greater Portland". By Phyllis C. Reynolds & Elizabeth F. Dimon, Timber Press, Portland OR, 1993. pg. 186.			