

**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**

Note: For properties 35 years old and newer, starred (*) sections are the only required fields.

				*County: Clackamas	
*Street Address: Situs Address: 4144 South Shore Blvd.			*City Lake Oswego		
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego			GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 122°43'8.73"W Latitude: 45°24'17.25"N		
Township: 2S	Range: 1E	Section: 08CC	Block/Lot: Lake View Villas Plat 5 Lot 527	Tax Lot #: 8400	
Historic Name: Mary McCall House			Grouping or Cluster Name:		
*Date of Construction: ca. 1928		Other Name:			
Historic Use or Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		*Current Use: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Architectural Classification(s): English Cottage		Plan Type/Shape: Asymmetrical		Number of stories: 1 1/2	
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Stud		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material: Intersecting gable/Architectural Grade Composition			Window Type/Material: Multi-Light Casement and Fixed Sash/Wood		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Wood and shingle		Secondary: Polygonal bay window on facade		Decorative: Recessed entry and large exterior brick chimney	
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: East façade bay window may have been replaced (date unknown).					
Number and Type of Associated Resources:					
Integrity: Good		Condition: Excellent		Local Eligibility: On LDL	
National Register Listed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown					
Preliminary National Register Findings:					
Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a District					
Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction or <input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old or <input type="checkbox"/> Altered - Choose one:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/ potentially eligible individually or in a District					
<input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/ ineligible, lacks distinction					
<input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable lack of integrity					
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Landscape and or Architectural Features

The Mary McCall House, one and one-half story house stands on a .13-acre parcel located approximately two and three-quarter miles from downtown Lake Oswego. Landscape features on the parcel include a small concrete patio at the southeast corner of the house. A gable-roofed garage stands to the west of the house.

The house has a gable form with an offset parallel gable and no eaves. The ridge is oriented on an east-west axis, with the gabled front of the house facing east toward South Shore Boulevard. The main entrance of the house is located on the south side of the main block, near the southeast corner, and is sheltered by a shed extension of the main roof. A single-story polygonal bay is centered on the primary gable of the main façade, and is capped with a standing seam metal-covered hipped roof. The west half of the north roof slope contains a wide shed dormer. The house is lit with multiple-light casement and fixed windows.

The building rests on a concrete foundation and is clad with coursed wood shingles, as is the roof. The house faces east toward South Shore Boulevard. It has a front gable with an offset parallel gable and has no eaves. The roof extends into a small shed hood over the main entrance. The multi-light door in the main entrance has an ornate thumb-latch handle and deadbolt lock.

Based on a visual inspection, some alterations occurred to the interior of the house in the 1950s but it has undergone few, if any exterior alteration aside from maintenance and standard upkeep since the 1989 survey. It is possible, based on comparison of a current and undated historic photo, that the center window in the east bay window was replaced at some time.

The Mary McCall House has many of the character defining features of the English Cottage with its steeply pitched, front-gable cedar shake roof—replaced in-kind in 2005—casement windows with original wood frames, side brick chimney, and wrought-iron decorative detailing. The home also retains many interior character-defining structural features, including original hemlock flooring and wood ceiling beams (personal correspondence, Mary Schilling 2014).

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Statement of Significance

The Mary McCall House, located at 4144 South Shore Boulevard in Lake Oswego and constructed ca. 1928 for Mary McCall, is an excellent example of an English cottage style house with a high degree of historic integrity. The house is located in the Bryant neighborhood.

Although its official address is on South Shore Boulevard, the property sits between South Shore Boulevard and a narrow road, Graef Circle, a short distance away from Oswego Lake. According to an article in *The Sunday Oregonian*, the Ladd Estate Company was instrumental in the macadamizing of both of these roads in 1924 (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1924). While the Ladd Estate Company was developing other lots around Graef Circle and South Shore Boulevard as early as 1925, the Ticor Title Company records show this property was purchased by Henry R. and Lucy Meckley in 1924 from the Oregon Iron and Steel Company. It appears that Lucy Meckley was Henry Meckley's mother (Koler and Morrison 1989; *The Sunday Oregonian* 1925).

According to the 1989 cultural resources inventory, John Graef built the Mary McCall House ca. 1930 as he was developing other homes along nearby Graef Circle. However, current research shows that H. Roy Meckley was a building contractor in Portland and was more likely the contractor for this home (personal communication, Erin O'Rourke-Meadors 2014). Meckley was a noted residential developer in Portland and was particularly well known for his residential developments in Terwilliger Heights, Burlingame, Gainsborough, and East Laurelhurst (*The Oregonian* 1947).

Mary McCall purchased the property from the Meckleys in 1928 (Koler and Morrison 1989). While the 1989 cultural resources inventory suggested that the home was constructed after McCall purchased the house, around 1930, an *Oregonian* article from April of 1928 shows a letter from Mary McCall to the editor. In this letter, she describes her home as being "situated at the west end of Lake Oswego," suggesting that the house was already constructed by this time and had likely been constructed during the Meckley ownership (*The Oregonian* 1928).

Current research shows that the Mary McCall who owned this house was a single woman, born ca. 1867 in Texas. She was the daughter of James and Eliza McCall. James McCall was listed as being a lawyer in the 1870 census (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1870). By 1880, the McCall family was enumerated as living in Weatherford, Texas (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1880). By 1920, Mary McCall had moved to Santa Barbara, California, and was living with a widow, Mrs. Ida R. Hall. They were renting their home and neither was listed as having an occupation (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1920). In the 1930 U.S. census, McCall was found living in Portland with Ida Hall on Montgomery Street (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1930). McCall owned the house in Lake Oswego until 1940 (Koler and Morrison 1989).

McCall was briefly mentioned in *The Sunday Oregonian* in 1930 in a social activities item citing her involvement with the local First Presbyterian Church (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1930a). Mary McCall's father was a charter member of the First Presbyterian church of Waco and continued association with that denomination at Weatherford, Texas. Additionally, one of her brothers, John V. McCall, was a Presbyterian minister (personal communication, Erin O'Rourke-Meadors 2014).

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McCall was also noted as a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Two *Sunday Oregonian* articles showed her active in events sponsored by the group, the first as a Multnomah County chapter committee person in 1930 and the second as a member of the Marker Committee (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1930b, 1931).

Of the original houses remaining on nearby Graef Circle from that initial period of development, the Mary McCall House retains the greatest degree of historic integrity. With its steeply pitched, front-gable cedar shake roof—replaced in-kind in 2005—casement windows with original wood frames, side brick chimney and wrought-iron decorative detailing it is a charming example of an early-twentieth-century English Cottage-style residence. Its cozy interior, while partially remodeled in the 1950s, retains many character-defining structural features, including original hemlock flooring and wood ceiling beams (personal correspondence, Mary Schilling 2014).

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Attach Appropriate Map(s)

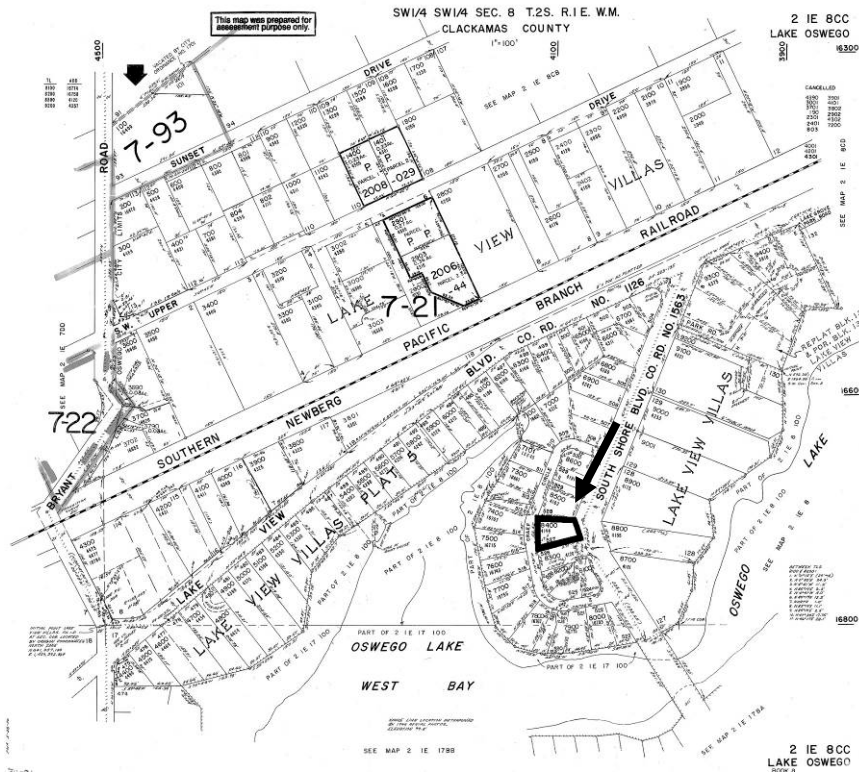


Figure 1. Tax map with property outlined

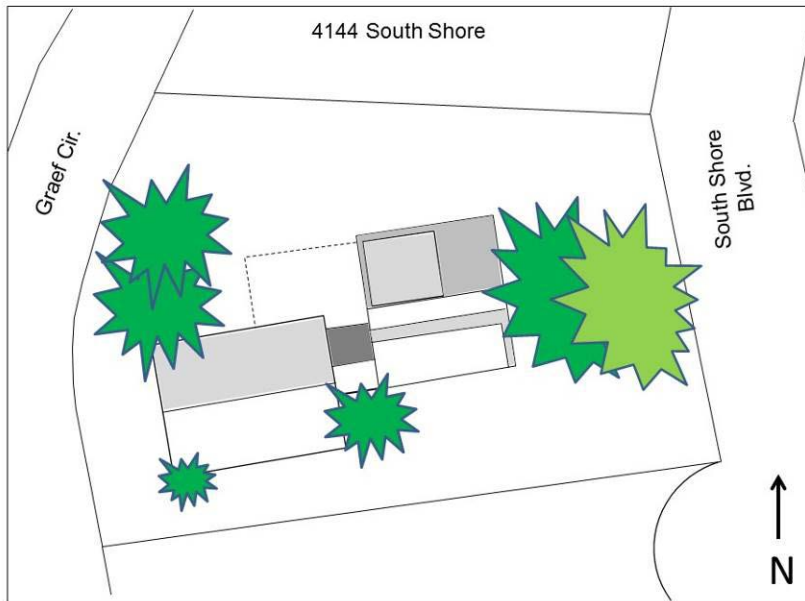


Figure 2. Site plan, provided by the City of Lake Oswego

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**Figure 3. Looking west at the east façade. Date unknown.
Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library. Photo ID: HRAB257**



Figure 4. Looking west at the east façade. Date unknown.

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Figure 5. Looking northwest at the south and east façades. March 2014



Figure 6. Detail of the copper roof on the east façade. March 2014

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Figure 7. Casement, multilight window detail. March 2014

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Figure 8. Decorative door handle. March 2014

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Architect and / or Builder(s): Attributed H. Roy Meckley	Owner Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Owner Name(s): Ron and Mary Schilling
Addition or Subdivision Name: Lakeview Villas No. 5	Address: City, State, Zip: Phone Number(s):
Area(s) of Significance: Architecture Recreation	
Property Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District	

Documentation

Research Sources: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title/ Deed Records <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs	Local Library (specify): Lake Oswego Public Library University Library (specify): Historical Society (specify): Other (specify):
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