

**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: 357 E Avenue				*City Lake Oswego	
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego				GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 122°39'59.82"W Latitude: 45°25'29.89"N	
Township: 2S	Range: 1E	Section: 3DA	Block/Lot: 10/ 4 and 5	Tax Lot #: 5900	
Historic Name: The John T. and Anna M. Conway House				Grouping or Cluster Name:	
*Date of Construction: ca. 1891		Other Name: John F. Conway House			
Historic Use or Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		*Current Use: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Architectural Classification(s): Vernacular		Plan Type/Shape: Asymmetrical		Number of stories: 1 1/2	
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Stud		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material: Intersecting gables/ Composition shingles			Window Type/Material: Double-hung sash w/ architrave molding; Multi-light windows on west façade/Wood.		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Dropped horizontal lap siding w/corner boards.		Secondary: Rake boards on rear elevation		Decorative: None	
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: Addition of a 1-1/2 story projection with a gable dormer and dropped horizontal lap siding and single light casement windows (1981); kitchen was remodeled and expanded in 1996; front door and columns replaced (1985); palladium window was added to the front elevation (ca 1980s) rear porch enclosed, (no date); window replaced on south elevation (c. 1920).					
Number and Type of Associated Resources: None					
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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Description of Physical and or Landscape Features

The John T. and Anna M. Conway House is a small, one and one-half story, cross gable house that stands on a small .14-acre corner parcel a few blocks north of downtown Lake Oswego at the northeast corner of 4th Street and E Avenue. Landscape features are minimal, but include a lawn and concrete walkway with large aggregate that extend from 4th Street to the west edge of the front porch. A few larger trees and shrubs grow in the backyard, to the north of the house.

The house rests on a concrete foundation and has a gable-front orientation with a north-south-oriented ridge that follows the orientation of the plat and the layout of the surrounding streets. A one and one-half story cross gable addition with a south-facing gable dormer extends the footprint of the house to the east and a smaller cross-gable with a lower ridge extends the central portion of the house approximately four feet to the west. A nearly full-width, hip-roofed porch shelters the entrance on the main façade, with tile decking. The porch roof is supported by three Tuscan columns. A single-story hip-roofed addition extends the house to the north by one bay. The house is lit by one-over-one double-hung wood sash with several replacement windows that include a Palladian window in the front gable that replaced a simpler window.

The house is clad with drop siding with corner boards and the roof is covered with composition shingles. A narrow brick chimney with a clay flue rises from the roof's main ridge

Based on a visual inspection from the public right-of-way, alterations to this property include the addition or replacement of several windows, including the Palladian window on the main façade, as well as the addition of the east ell the north (rear) addition and the addition of Tuscan columns and tile decking to the front porch.

The house has many of the customary features of a vernacular building with its simple form and materials, small size and lack of stylistic details that would cause the house to fall into one stylistic category or another (Tuscan columns and Palladian window are Classical forms that were added at a later date).

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Statement of Significance

The John T. and Anna M. Conway House, located at 357 E Avenue, is one of the oldest surviving examples of a Vernacular house in Lake Oswego and an architecturally significant contribution to its historic First Addition neighborhood. Although its exact year of construction has not been confirmed, title records show that John Conway purchased the property in 1891 from the Oregon Iron and Steel Company. An excerpt from an 1893 edition of the *Evening Telegram* was discovered during the building's rehabilitation by the current owners, Joseph and Katherine Laws (Koler and Morrison 1989). Given these pieces of evidence, it is likely that the house was completed sometime between 1891 and 1893.

John Conway was born in England in January of 1861 and immigrated with his family to the United States the following year (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1900a). In 1890, Conway married a German-born immigrant, Anna Mary Conway (nee Schneller) (also shown as Anne and Annie in some sources). Anna Conway was born in March of 1872. By 1900, the couple had two children, Helen and John, who were 8 and 6, respectively. At this time the family was enumerated as living in Multnomah County, Portland. John Conway's occupation was listed as being iron related (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1900a). According to a 1909 article in *The Oregonian*, Conway was an alderman candidate when the town of Oswego was incorporated that same year (*The Oregonian* 1909). In 1910 the family was enumerated as living in Oswego, with the addition of a son, Harold Conway. John Conway's occupation was listed as being a "pipe moulder" [sic] (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1910). The 1920 census indicates that he was working at the foundry and was residing in Oswego with Anna and their two sons, John and Harold. In 1920, John was listed as being employed as carpenter for the railroad and Harold was listed as a bookkeeper for the electric company (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1920). John T. Conway died on July 21, 1927 in Clackamas County (Oregon Death Index 1927). Anna Conway was shown in the 1930 census as living in Oswego with her son Harold and his wife, Opal Conway (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1930). Anna M. Conway died on March 3, 1936 (Oregon Death Index 1936). In 1940, Harold A. and Opal L. Conway were shown as living in Oswego, in the same home they resided in in 1935 on First Street (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1940). It is unclear who resided in the subject home in the later 1930s.

The 1989 cultural resource inventory suggested that Everett Vose purchased the Conway House in 1941 (Koler and Morrison 1989). Everett Vose was born in Michigan in December of 1896, and Captolia Vose was born in ca. 1901 in Missouri (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1900b and 1940). In 1940, Everett Vose was listed as being employed in the timber industry (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1940).

A ca. 1940s photograph provided by the Lawses, who have resided in the Conway House since 1974, indicates that the house was most likely originally sited on a substantial lot that was later subdivided as the western portion of the neighborhood grew, particularly in the post-World War II period (personal communication, Joseph and Katherine Laws 2014).

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The John T. and Anna M. Conway House has undergone changes to its exterior, the most significant of which is the addition of a family room, master bedroom and bathroom in 1981 to the east elevation, creating a wing and altering the house's original form, all of which was conveyed through personal correspondence with the Lawses. The kitchen was also remodeled and expanded in 1996—its simple turned columns, supporting the porch, were replaced with Tuscan-style columns and a palladium window was also added to the front elevation during the 1980s.

Despite these alterations, the John T. and Anna M. Conway House retains good historic integrity for its age. All of its original double-hung wood frame windows are intact and the property, while reduced from its original size, is expansive enough to suggest the house's more rural origins. It is one of the oldest houses in the First Addition neighborhood and an important contribution to its architectural history.

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Attach Appropriate Map(s)

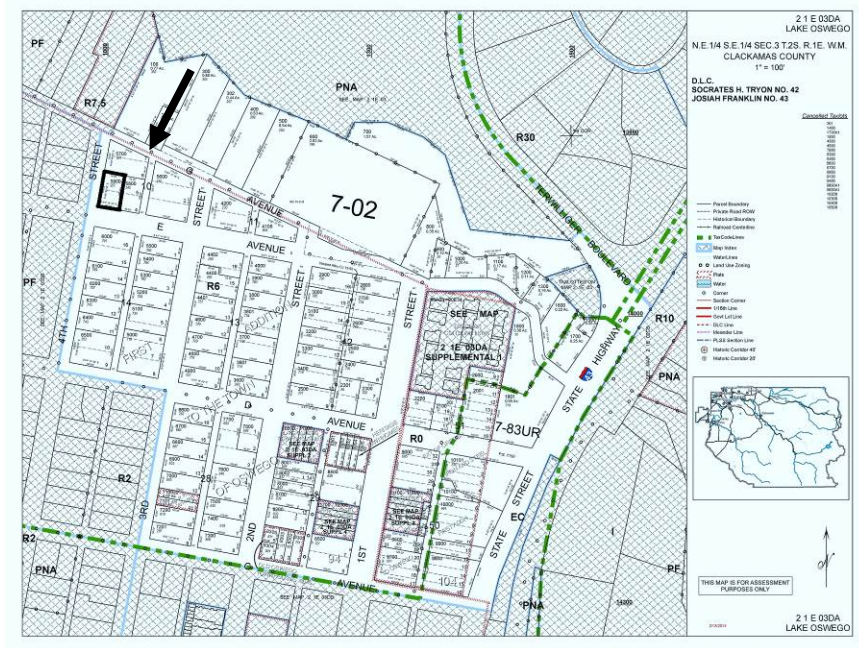


Figure 1. Tax map with property outlined

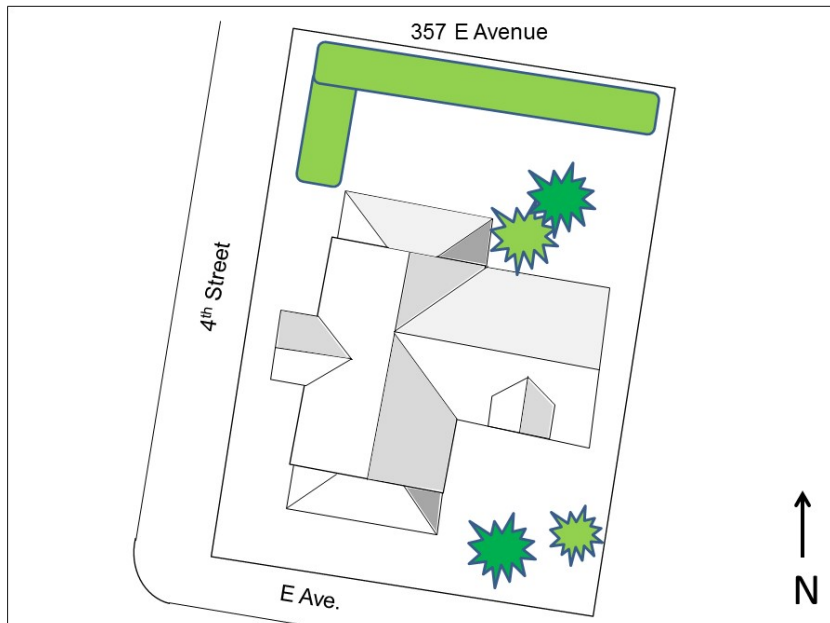


Figure 2. Site plan, provided by the City of Lake Oswego

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**Figure 3. Looking northeast at the west and south façades. Date unknown.
Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library. Photo ID: HRAB21**



**Figure 4. Looking north at the south façade. Date unknown.
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Figure 5. Looking northeast at the west and south façades. March 2014.



Figure 6. Looking north at the south façade. March 2014.

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Figure 7. Looking southeast at the west and north façades. March 2014.

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Figure 8. Detail of the west gable projection looking east. March 2014.

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Architect and / or Builder(s): Unknown	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): Joseph F. and Kathi Laws	
	Address:	
Addition or Subdivision Name: First Addition	City, State, Zip:	
	Phone Number(s):	
Area(s) of Significance: Architecture		
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 checked="" 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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