

**CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO
CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY
FIELD FORM 1988-1989**

HIST. NAME: Carl, George H., House
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1925
COMMON NAME: Old Postmaster's House
ORIGINAL USE: Residence
ADDRESS: 15110 Boones Ferry Road
OWNER: Spring Creek Campus
PRESENT USE: Offices
ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown
T/R/S: 2S 1E 8BA
TAX LOT: 403

STYLE: Colonial
Revival
RESOURCE TYPE:
Building
THEME: Architecture
ADDITION: N/A
BLOCK:
LOT:
QUAD: Lake Oswego
LOT SIZE: .5
ZONE: O C

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Asymmetrical
NO. OF STORIES: i 1/2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
BASEMENT: Yes
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Multiple gable; wood shakes

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood
STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Multi-light casement
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Horizontal siding
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Shutters

OTHER: Interior brick chimney; gabled porch w/ slender Doric columns; single leaf door w/ segmentally arched, leaded light
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: Basement altered (n.d.); northern volume appears to be addition
NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Foundation plantings
ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: None

SETTING: Located on south side of Boones Ferry Road at intersection of Spring Lane; adjacent property developed w/ commercial building that resembles subject building; recently constructed apartment building east of building; recently constructed multi-family development across Boones Ferry Road; Mercantile Village Shopping Center 1.0 block to south
NOTES:

RECORDER(S): Koler/Morrison
SHPO #: 327

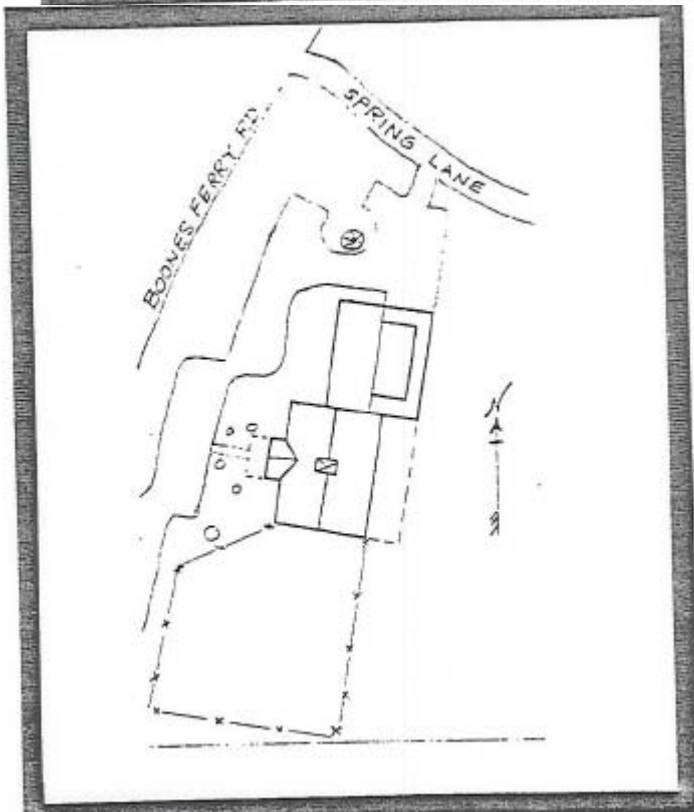
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Constructed in the early 1900s, this may have been one of the earliest homes built in this section of Lake Grove. The Colonial Revival style building is referred to as "The Old Postmasters House." Local informants remember George Carl, an Austrian who served as Postmaster in Lake Grove, residing in the house prior to 1930. Carl, who worked at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, later served as Lake Oswego Postmaster in 1954. He and his wife Edna, were known for growing varieties of Austrian grapes for wine.

According to title search records, this house, on property originally part of the Waters Carman Donation Land Claim, belonged to John Ward between 1899 and 1909. Louis Enrizzi was the next owner holding title until 1933. Either or both of these owners presumably rented the house to Carl. Ruth and Joseph Giesy owned it for most of the remainder of the historic period.

Joseph Giesy worked as a salesman for J. C. Green's Market in-Portland during the late thirties.

The symmetrical facade arrangement, classically inspired columns and shutters are characteristic of the early 20th century variety of the Colonial Revival style.

The development of land at the west end of the lake, now Lake Grove, did not begin in earnest until 1913. The first subdivision was located on Lower Boones Ferry Road which had been forged as one of the earliest roads opened in the valley. In the beginning, more desirable locations were sought away from the lake rather than along the lake shore as the lake was not considered attractive and transportation was more difficult.

The Carl house is important as a good example of an early 20th century Colonial Revival style dwelling.

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