

**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: 16906 Cherry Crest Drive Situs Address				*City Lake Oswego		
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego				GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 122.682494 Latitude: 45.403219		
Township: 2S	Range: 1E	Section: 16AA	Block/Lot: NA	Tax Lot #: 100		
Historic Name: The Laidlaw-Ryan House				Grouping or Cluster Name:		
*Date of Construction: ca. 1928		Other Name: William R. Laidlaw House				
Historic Use or Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		*Current Use: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown		
Architectural Classification(s): Colonial Revival		Plan Type/Shape: Rectangular		Number of stories: Two		
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Wooden Stud		Moved? No		
Roof Type/Material: Gable/Tile			Window Type/Material: Eight over eight double-hung sash windows			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Wide Horizontal Lap		Secondary: Gabled dormers; porte-cochere; one-story sunroom with deck above		Decorative: Half round windows; French door w/ fanlight flanked by Doric columns		
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: None apparent						
Number and Type of Associated Resources:						
Integrity: Excellent	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input 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 Laidlaw-Ryan House, located at 16906 Cherry Crest Drive, is situated on the south side of Cherry Crest Drive and roughly centered on a large, irregularly shaped lot. It appears that the house faces east and its rear (west) façade is what is visible from the right-of-way. The 1989 cultural resources inventory suggests that the home originally was surrounded by 31 acres, but the large property was subdivided and developed in the 1970s (Koler and Morrison 1989).

The two-story home has a side-gable roof clad in terracotta tiles. The 1989 cultural resources inventory suggests the roof at the time was clad in composition shingles, but a careful review of the photo used during that survey shows the house had a tile roof at that time, indicating that it may be original. The primary, east façade was not visible from the public right-of-way. A photo from the 1989 inventory shows two gable dormers on the roof's east slope, both with multilight windows. The majority of the home's windows are eight-over-eight, double-hung, wood sash windows. The windows on the primary façade are not evenly spaced. There are two windows on the lower floor to the south of the door, two larger windows on either end of the second floor, and two smaller second-floor windows centered on the façade. On the rear façade there is a bank of three six-light fixed or casement windows. The home is clad in horizontal, wood lap siding.

The front entrance is on the north end of the east façade. The entrance door appears to be a multilight French door with a fanlight. The small projecting porch cover is supported by Doric columns. On the north façade is a porte-cochere with a deck above, and on the south side is a single-story, five-sided, sun room, with eight-over-eight windows on each of the sides, and a porch above. A single-story projection on the west end of the north façade contains the back door.

There were no apparent alterations noted during the 1989 cultural resources inventory (Koler and Morrison 1989). Based on visual inspection from the public right-of-way from the northwest side of the home, the home appears to have undergone very few, if any, exterior alterations. There are no land use files available at the City of Lake Oswego indicating that there have been any substantial remodels since the previous survey.

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Statement of Significance

The Laidlaw-Ryan House (built ca. 1928), located at 16906 Cherry Crest Drive, is an excellent high-integrity example of a Colonial Revival–style house. It is also of local historical significance for its association with the well-known writer Elizabeth S. Ryan, who, while not the original owner, resided in the house (initially with her three children) from 1938 until at least 1985 and was a local figure of significance (*The Oregonian* 1985). The Ticor Title Company indicates that William and Estella Laidlaw purchased the property in 1928, though it is likely they did not reside in it after its completion due to William Laidlaw’s sudden death the same year (Koler and Morrison 1989). Their address in 1928 was reported at “665 East Sixty-first Street North,” in North Portland (*The Morning Oregonian* 1928). As such, the house has been renamed the Laidlaw-Ryan House.

Dr. William R. Laidlaw was a prominent Canadian-born Portland physician. He was born on May 15, 1853, in Ontario and died on March 16, 1928, in his Portland home (*The Morning Oregonian* 1928; Ontario, Canada Births 1853). Laidlaw married his second wife, Maude Estella Laidlaw (nee Dougherty), who is also listed as Estella Frances Laidlaw, in 1921 (*The Morning Oregonian* 1928; Oregon Marriage Index 1921). It is likely that he and his wife intended to reside in the Lake Oswego house before his unexpected death. Laidlaw had been working the night before his death, and died suddenly the following day at the age of 74 (*The Morning Oregonian* 1928). According to the Ticor Title Company, Fred R. Salway, a local attorney who handled the Laidlaws’ estate, purchased the property himself. However, there are no subsequent records indicating that he actually resided in the home (Koler and Morrison 1989). The 1931 and 1933 R.L. Polk and Company Portland City Directories indicated that Salway worked at the courthouse and lived in Portland, not Oswego, during both those years (Koler and Morrison 1989; R.L. Polk and Company 1931, 1933).

Salway transferred the property to his daughter, Elizabeth Ryan, a journalist, in 1938, according to the Ticor Title Company (Koler and Morrison 1989). Fred Salway also co-owned the Sunnyside Farm (one of the oldest farms in the area) in Oswego with Elizabeth Ryan (*The Oregonian* 1947).

Elizabeth Ryan, who was born on March 14, 1910, and died on September 29, 1995, in Lake Oswego, arrived in Oswego during the Great Depression. A 1931 University of Oregon graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism, she became news editor of the *Lake Oswego Review* in 1946, and later, her articles appeared in *The New York Times* and the *Christian Science Monitor*. She was extremely active in Oswego. According to an interview with Pat Snider, a Lake Oswego library volunteer who assisted in preparing an archive about Ryan in 2010:

When a new business opened in Lake Oswego, Ryan was there. She attended every parade. When Rose queens visited, she was there to interview them. In fact, Ryan seemed to be everywhere in those days—meetings of civic organizations, auto accidents, and as the old Lake Oswego Review photos show, many, many pancake breakfasts. “She ate a lot of pancakes,” Snider noted. (*Portland Tribune* 2010)

In addition to its historic significance for its association with Elizabeth Ryan, the house is architecturally a very fine example of the Colonial Revival style, a genre popular in the 1920s and early 1930s in the United States. The side-gabled roof, symmetrical form with a one-story side-enclosed wing, and off-center entrance covered by a portico with a curved underside are all classic character-defining features of the Colonial Revival style. The Laidlaw-Ryan House is a valuable contribution to the historic landscape of Lake Oswego.

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Attach Appropriate Map(s)

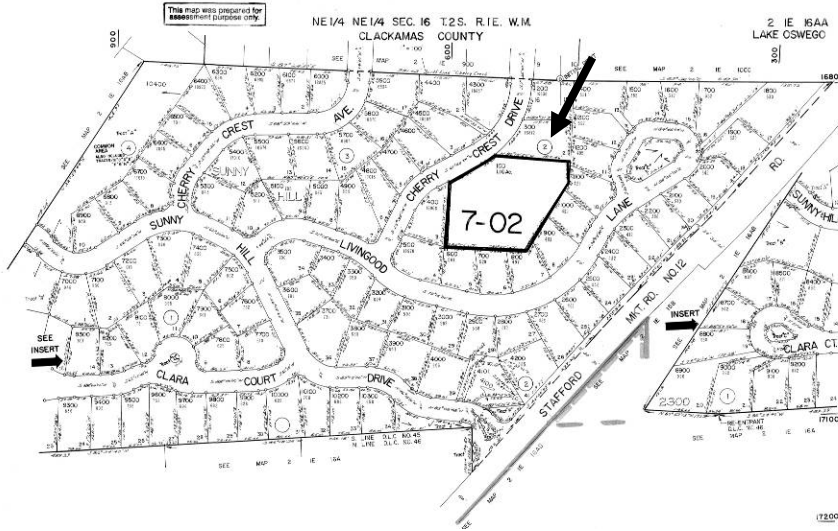


Figure 1. Tax map with property outlined.



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, but likely taken for the 1989 Cultural Resource Inventory.
Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library. Photo ID: HRAB93**



Figure 4: Looking southeast at the north and west façades. March 2014

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Figure 5: Looking east at the west façade. March 2014



Figure 6: Looking south at the north façade. 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): Martin and Lois Moll
Addition or Subdivision Name: N/A	Address: City, State, Zip: Phone Number(s):
Area(s) of Significance: Architecture Association with Elizabeth Ryan	
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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