

**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: 295 Durham Street Situs Address:			*City Lake Oswego		
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego			GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 122°39'43.31"W Latitude: 45°24'49.36"N		
Township: 2S	Range: 1E	Section: 10AD	Block/Lot: Oswego, Block 5, (No lot number)	Tax Lot #: 1200	
Historic Name: Oswego Odd Fellows Hall			Grouping or Cluster Name:		
*Date of Construction: 1890		Other Name: Odd Fellows Hall			
Historic Use or Function: Meeting hall		*Current Use: DOMESTIC: Multiple Dwelling		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Architectural Classification(s): Italianate (Social Government)		Plan Type/Shape: Rectangular		Number of stories: 2	
Foundation Material: Cement and Stone Piers		Structural Framing: Wood / Stud		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material: Gable Composition Shingles			Window Type/Material: Double Hung Sash with Heavy Architrave Molding		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Shiplap with Corner Boards		Secondary: Stepped Parapet, Segmentally-arched central element		Decorative: Paired vertical paneled doors w/transom, multi-light display windows exterior chimney with corbelled cap	
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: Storefront covered over (c. 1984); Building was remodeled an apartment building. A new wing was constructed. All work complied with the Secretary of the Interiors Standards (1990).					
Number and Type of Associated Resources: No					
Integrity: Good		Condition: Excellent		Local Eligibility: On Landmark Designation List and National Register	
National Register Listed? <input checked="" 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 Lake Oswego Odd Fellows Hall, built in 1890, is a rectangular, two-story Italianate building situated on a corner lot facing west onto Durham Street at its intersection with Church Street. An ell-shaped addition on the north and east, designed in a compatible style, was constructed in ca. 1990. The original 30-foot by 60-foot section of the building is the earliest public structure still remaining in the Old Town section of Lake Oswego. It was designed in the Italianate style with a front-gabled, medium-pitched roof, overhanging eaves, and tall, bracketed, rectangular double-hung sash windows with simple "eyebrow" cornices. A round, bull's-eye window is located just below the apex on the east or rear gable end. Other notable features are the symmetrical, stepped false parapet on the west gable with its arched central element and the three-ring Odd Fellows insignia, which is mounted between the two second-floor windows. Two single-stack, side-slope brick chimneys with corbelled caps are located on the north and south sides of the roof. Multilight display windows flank two inset wood-paneled doors with angled sidelights and a transom at the main entrance.

The original section of the stud-frame building has shiplap siding and cornerboards as well as frieze boards and architraves marking the top of the first and second stories on the west façade. The sills of the building are supported by cement and stone piers, but most of the current visible foundation is composed of un-coursed stone rubble. Three cement steps lead up to the front entry. An entrance on the south side of the east end is reached by a series of wooden steps that lead to a plank porch. A simple shingled shed roof supported by squared posts protects this back entry and stoop.

The building initially covered much of its 100-square-foot lot, and early photographs seem to indicate there was little space for landscaping along the street-facing sides of the building. Trees planted along the sidewalk have grown to shade the building, and a simple wood-frame trellis has been added, extending on a 45-degree angle from the north side of the building. The trellis is within a yard that is formed by a relatively new wooden fence faced with shiplap siding that reaches from the northwest corner of the original Odd Fellows Hall to the north and then turns to the east to intersect with the north addition.

The original Odd Fellows Hall has been restored according to the Secretary of the Interior's standards for historic preservation and retains integrity of materials, feeling, and association. The ell-shaped addition replicates the feeling of the historic structure with similar scale, building materials, fenestration, and other features. The north-south wing of the addition is set at a right angle from the northeast corner of the historic building with a north-south front gable and similarly sized two-sash double-hung framed windows. Four garage doors are symmetrically arranged across the ground floor of this section. The second wing of the ell extends east to west at a 45-degree angle and is also of two-story frame construction with a front gable facing west on Durham Street. A bull's-eye window near the front (west apex) mirrors the rear window on the original hall. The structure now holds a number of residential apartments.

The Oswego Odd Fellows Hall has many of the character-defining features of a Vernacular fraternal hall from the late 1800s. These features include the building's horizontal board siding, long, two-story form, double-hung sash windows crowned by molding, and original exterior corbelled chimney.

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Statement of Significance

Oswego Odd Fellows Hall, located at 295 Durham Street in the Old Town neighborhood of Lake Oswego, is a culturally and historically significant landmark of Lake Oswego. It is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. With a construction date of 1890, the simple two-story building is one of the few extant buildings from that time period in Old Town, a former commercial and residential area in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, which is now home to a mixture of early-twentieth-century and post-World War II housing. The building has some elements of the Italianate style, with its parapet and double-hung sash windows.

From 1890 until 1975, the Oswego Odd Fellows Hall was the meeting place for the Odd Fellows Lodge 93, formed on August 24, 1888, in Oswego (*The Oregonian* 1888). The land on which the Odd Fellows Hall stands was bought by Lodge 93 for \$500 from Ernest "E.W." Crichton and L.B. Seeley of the Oswego Iron Company, which had purchased the Oswego townsite at the company's founding in 1877 (Kuo 2009; *The Morning Oregonian* 1889). An 1888 excursion on the steamboat *Joseph Kellogg* from Portland to Oswego helped raise funds to pay for the new hall, and the building was apparently constructed in 1890 by Schmalz and Birkemier Contractors at a cost of \$2,325 (Koler and Morrison 1989).

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a fraternal organization, dates back to seventeenth-century England, when members of various "odd" professions could join. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was founded on the North American continent in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 26, 1819. The organization adopted the motto: *Visit the sick, relieve the distress, bury the dead and educate the orphans*. In 1851, the organization became the first national fraternity to include women with the Rebekah Degree (The Independent Order of Odd Fellows 2014). The Odd Fellows are also known as the "Three Link Fraternity." Three intertwined rings, the organization's symbol, stand for friendship, love, and truth; the three links adorn the building's front façade (Colver 2012:38).

On November 26, 1890, the new hall was dedicated by its members (Horn and Elwyn 1979). The Oswego Odd Fellows Hall served the Oswego community of Odd Fellows for 85 years as their center for events and meetings. Many of these men were linked with the town's early history, such as Henry Gans, Adam Shipley, and George W. Prosser. George Prosser was a general merchandiser with a store in Oswego and, later, a postmaster, a director for the town's school district, and a local representative to the state assembly.

According to Herman Blanken, a long-time resident and one-time member of the Lake Oswego Odd Fellows chapter, who garnered his information from Carl Vose, its long-term secretary, the first floor of the hall was once occupied by Palmer's Drug Store, as well as a doctor's office (Blanken 1973). The Odd Fellows Hall was also a voting place for several years. As Blanken recalled:

"All the farmers south of here, and so forth, they all had to come to Oswego to vote. And I can remember real well that there was [sic] the Democrats down one side of the front door and Republicans on the other side of the door. And they questioned everybody then to find out if they really had a vote coming. (Blanken 1973)

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The building has been used by other groups as well. The Freemasons' Waluga Lodge No. 181, A.F.& A.M., held its first meetings at the Oswego Odd Fellows Hall after they were established in 1922 (Lake Oswego Freemasons 2012). The Order of the Eastern Star, the world's largest fraternal organization, met there in the early 1920s, as did the American Legion in the 1950s (Koler and Morrison 1989). The Lake Oswego Community Theater made their home in the Odd Fellows Hall in the 1950s, putting on several productions including "Beloved Rake" by local playwright Jane Erickson (*The Oregonian* 1955).

The few remaining members of the Odd Fellows sold the Odd Fellows Hall in 1975 after years of dwindling membership and joined other area lodges (*The Oregonian* 1975). In 1990, vacant and in poor condition, the hall was restored by local Portland architectural firm DiLoreto Architecture, LLC, who complied with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for historic preservation and inserted four apartments within the original shell, as well as adding a stylistically and materially compatible wing with four additional apartments (DiLoreto Architecture 2014). The Oswego Odd Fellows Hall retains its characteristically long, two-story form, shiplap siding, double-hung sash doors crowned by molding, and original exterior corbelled chimney. It is a high-integrity example of a late-nineteenth-century fraternal hall and an important cultural landmark in Lake Oswego.

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Attach Appropriate Map(s)

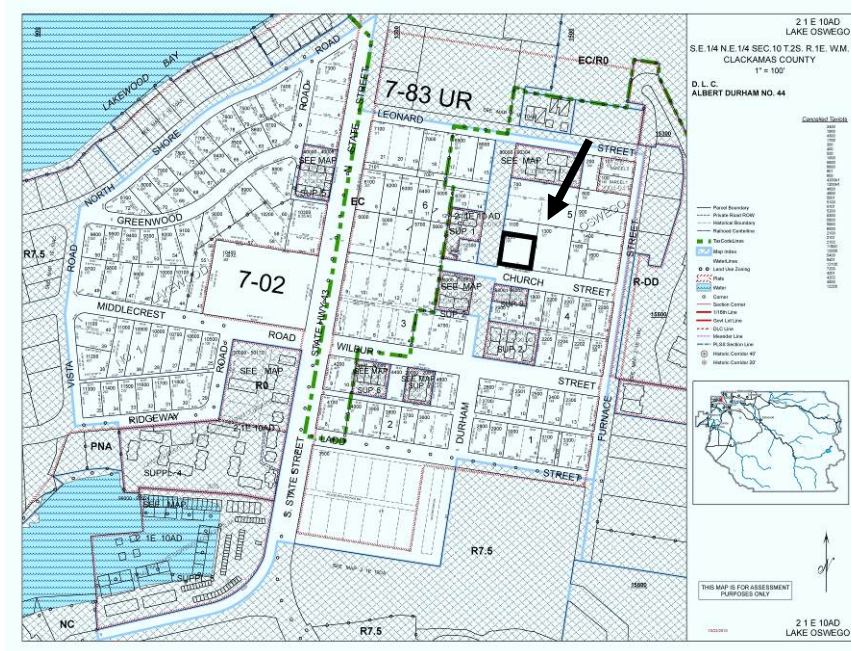


Figure 1: Tax map with property outlined.

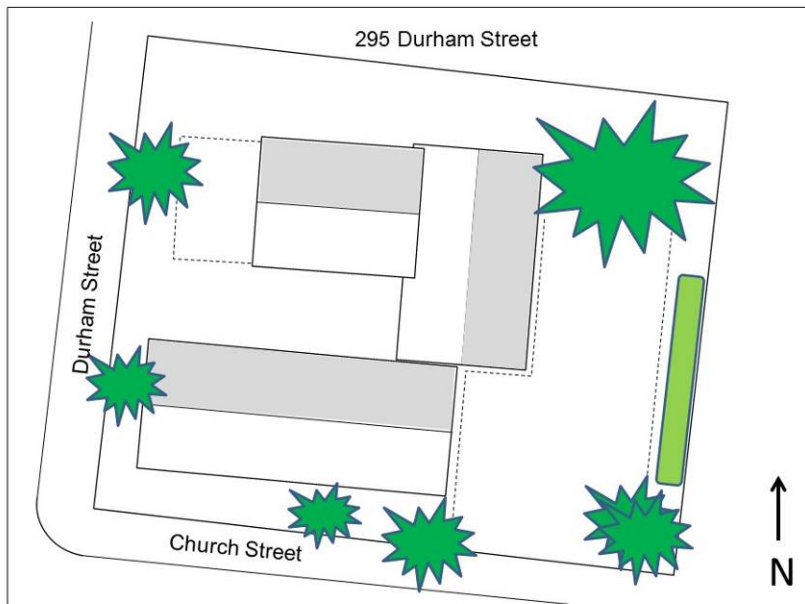


Figure 2: Site plan. Provided by the City of Lake Oswego.

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**Figure 3: Looking north at the south facade. Date unknown.
Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library. Photo ID: 3476**



**Figure 4: Looking southeast at the west and north façades. 1959.
Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library. Photo ID:5662**

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Figure 5: Looking northeast at the south and west façades. Date unknown, but likely 1989. Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library. Photo ID: HRAB97



Figure 6: Looking northeast at the south and west façades. 2008. Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library. Photo ID: IMG_1619_20080722

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Figure 7: Looking northeast at the south and west façades. 2008.



Figure 8: Looking southeast at the west and north façades. March 2014.

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Figure 9: compatible windows on addition. Looking east at the west façade. March 2014.



Figure 10: Looking southeast at the north façade. March 2014.

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Note: This page of the survey form is required only for Intensive Level Survey

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Architect and / or Builder(s): Schmali and Birkemier	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): Juliana Wood Snowden	
Addition or Subdivision Name: Oswego	Address: 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input 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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