

**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: 20 Iron Mountain Blvd			*City Lake Oswego		
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego			GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Lat: 45.417677 Longitude: 122.685015		
Township: 2S	Range: 1E	Section: 04	Block/Lot: N/A	Tax Lot #: 100 and 160	
Historic Name: Oswego Lake Country Club			Grouping or Cluster Name:		
*Date of Construction: 1926		Other Name: None			
Historic Use or Function: Social Club: Country Club / Golf Course		*Current Use: Social Club: Country Club / Golf Course		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Architectural Classification(s): Arts and Crafts		Plan Type/Shape: Asymmetrical		Number of stories: 2	
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Stud		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material: Truncated multiple hip roof/Architectural grade composition shingles			Window Type/Material: Small multi-light casements with simple surrounds/wood		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Un-coursed Stone and shingles		Secondary:		Decorative: Wrought iron lanterns	
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: Major addition added to south elevation (ca. 1985)					
Number and Type of Associated Resources: Accessory buildings associated with golf course					
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 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 Oswego Lake Country Club clubhouse is located on a 13.79-acre parcel at the south end of the country club golf course and approximately one mile west-southwest of downtown Lake Oswego. Landscaping in the immediate vicinity of the building primarily consists of ornamental trees and shrubs, along with a few mature trees.

This house has an asymmetrical plan and rests on a concrete foundation. It is characterized by a low-pitched jerkinhead and multiple-hip roof, with a main ridge that follows the curve of the driveway. A large addition extends to the south from the back of the building. The building has two north-facing, protruding entrance areas with jerkinhead roofs. The main entrance is one and one-half stories in height and is clad with quarry-face ashlar stone arranged in irregular courses, with a segmental arch recessed entrance that is sheltered by a modern awning. The west extension of the building is one story in height and contains a secondary, single-story, arched entrance with a jerkinhead roof. This entrance is also defined by construction with ashlar stone.

The main roof is covered with composition shingles and extends to within a few feet of the ground, and the walls below are clad with wood shingle siding. Several small hipped and shed dormers face north toward the driveway.

Based on visual inspection from the public right-of-way, alterations to this building primarily consist of a large addition to the rear (south) side. The front of the building appears to have undergone few, if any exterior alterations aside from maintenance and standard upkeep since the 1989 survey.

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Statement of Significance

The Oswego Lake clubhouse, located at 20 Iron Mountain Boulevard, was founded in 1924 by Paul C. Murphy, of the Ladd Estate Company, who hoped to attract residents, particularly those from Portland, to the Lake Oswego area. The golf course was completed in 1925, and the clubhouse was under construction for the remainder of that year and much of the following year (Hedlund 2012; *The Sunday Oregonian* 1925a). The country club clubhouse is historically significant for its association with the well-known Ladd Estate Company and architecturally as an excellent example of the Arts and Crafts style. The clubhouse was designed by prominent architect Morris H. Whitehouse and built by Robertson, Hay and Wallace, General Contractors of Portland. The golf course was designed by H. Chandler Egan.

According to the 1989 City of Lake Oswego cultural resources inventory, “Several of the fairways were at one time part of Iron Mountain farm and the Ladd Dairy farm managed by a Mr. Hogan” (Koler and Morrison 1989). The golf course was designed by Henry Chandler Egan, a renowned golf course architect and golfer originally from Chicago, Illinois (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1925a). Egan had moved west in 1911 and became a part-year resident of Medford, Oregon. By 1924, he was regularly referred to as a local golfer or northwest golfer (personal communication, Erin O’Rourke-Meadors 2014). Construction of the course was supervised by William Tucker and Sons of New York at the reported cost of \$250,000, covering approximately 165 acres of pastoral land and views of Oswego Lake and the surrounding wooded hills (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1925b). The golf course opened in July 1925 (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1925a).

On August 30, 1925, *The Sunday Oregonian* reported that the “first unit” of the \$50,000 clubhouse was completed and the “locker rooms for men were thrown open for use.” The locker rooms had the latest equipment and were steam heated. It was reported that there were “385 all-steel, lockers of extra large size with a special compartment for golf sticks, a rack for golf balls,” and each had a mirror and a set of “toilet articles” (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1925c). In December of 1925, *The Sunday Oregonian* reported that the golf course and clubhouse at Oswego were both going to be made larger. Plans for tennis courts, a swimming pool, playground apparatus, and a birdie path were announced (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1925d). The March 28, 1926, edition of *The Sunday Oregonian*, reported that the “\$85,000 clubhouse” would soon be enlarged with an additional wing (*The Oregonian* 1926).

A 1927 article in *The Northwest Golfer Illustrated* written by Clara Shepard—the original owner, along with her husband, Henry, of the Lake Oswego landmark the Henry L. and Clara S. Shepard House—described the clubhouse:

...the center of social life in the District. On the lakeshore, directly below the Club House is the Club bathing beach, where a swimming pool has just been completed. Here will be held many gala water events this summer. Stone fireplaces have been built in the hillside above the lakeshore ... for club members’ use and will no doubt be very popular supper scenes following summer afternoons of golf and swimming.” (Koler and Morrison 1989)

The country club almost went bankrupt during World War II, according to Orman Bean Jr., a long-time member of the club. The 1989 City of Lake Oswego cultural resources inventory describes P. Kohlen as stating: “Bean credited Murphy with keeping the club afloat during these hard times by not selling the land for home sites, but instead contributing his labor, along with others, to grounds-keeping” (Koler and Morrison 1989).

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Morris H. Whitehouse was born on March 21, 1878, in Portland and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1908, he established the firm Whitehouse and Fouilhoux in Portland, which later became Whitehouse and Church. Among the Portland buildings he designed were the Temple Beth Israel, the Sixth Church of Christ, Lincoln and Jefferson High Schools, the University Club, and the Multnomah Athletic Club. He was also, according to his obituary, associate architect for the construction of the Oregon state capitol and state library in Salem (*The Oregonian* 1944). The clubhouse was one of only a few known buildings Whitehouse designed in Lake Oswego. Whitehouse also designed the C.W. Anderson House (now demolished) and the William H. McVey House on North Shore Road, which is extant (personal communication, Erin O'Rourke-Meadors 2014).

With its asymmetrical plan, massive stone chimney, lattice glass casement windows, wood shingle roof, and other architectural features reminiscent of a late-medieval English manor, the Oswego Lake Country Club clubhouse is an outstanding example of the Arts and Crafts architectural style for its combination of late-medieval English influences with characteristics attributed to the Arts and Crafts architectural style popular at the time of the building's construction. Combined with its historic setting on a golf course designed by Egan, it is one of the chief defining landscapes of historic Lake Oswego.

The Oswego Lake Country Club makes an important contribution not only in its Arts and Crafts aesthetic and carefully designed landscape, but also for its association with Paul C. Murphy, who was responsible for so much of the early-twentieth-century residential development of the area. Its role in attracting new residents to Lake Oswego was significant. Although a major addition to the building's exterior was made during the 1980s, altering the form, the character-defining features of the clubhouse and its surrounding environment remain intact.

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Attach Appropriate Map(s)

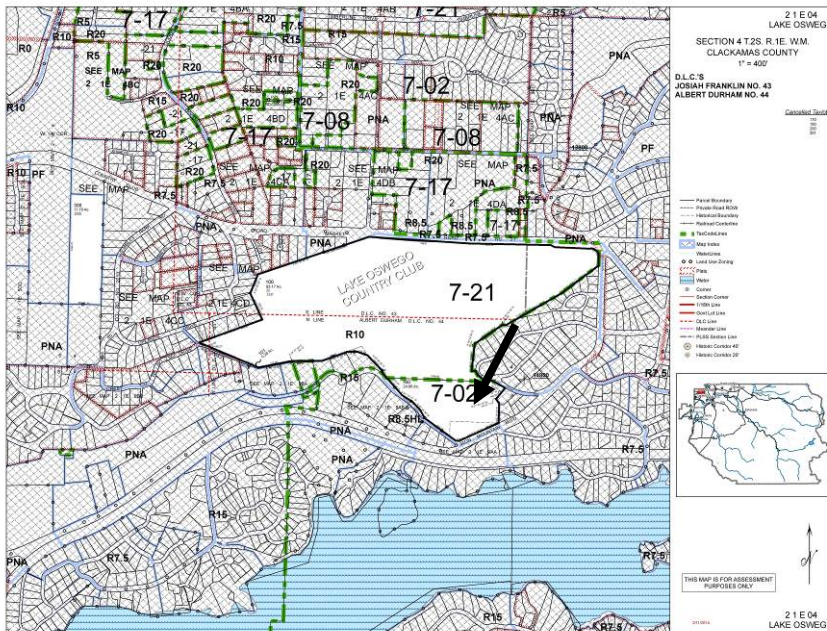


Figure 1. Tax map with property outlined

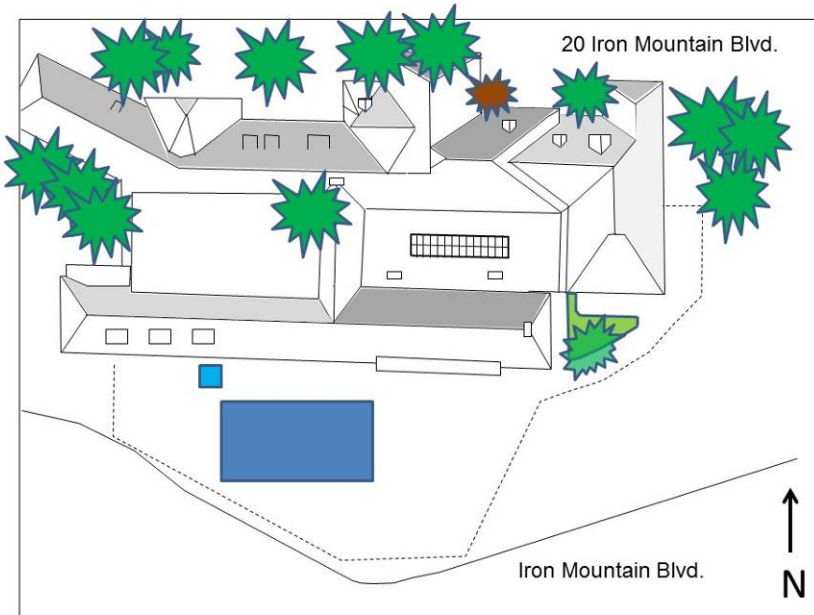


Figure 2. Site plan, provided by the City of Lake Oswego

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**Figure 3. Looking south at the north façade. Unknown date.
Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library. Photo ID: HRAB155**



**Figure 4. Looking south at the north façade. Unknown date.
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Figure 5. Looking southeast at the north façade. March 2014.



Figure 6. Detail of rockwork and front entrance. March 2014

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Figure 7. Looking south at the north façade. March 2014.



**Figure 8. Looking southwest at the north façade. March 2014.
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Architect and / or Builder(s): Architect: Morris H. Whitehouse General Contractors: Robertson, Hay and Wallace Golf Course Architect: H. Chandler Egan Golf Course Construction: William Tucker and Sons of New York	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): Address: City, State, Zip: Phone Number(s):
Addition or Subdivision Name:	
Area(s) of Significance: Architecture Recreation Development	
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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1944 Career Ends for Architect. *The Oregonian* 5 April:5. Portland, Oregon.

The Sunday Oregonian

1925a New Golf Course at Oswego Opened. *The Sunday Oregonian* 26 July:77. Portland, Oregon.

1925b Fore! And Maybe More Being Mostly Matters of the Course. *The Sunday Oregonian* 7 July:80. Portland, Oregon.

1925c Oswego Locker Room Open. First Unit of \$50,000 Clubhouse has Latest Equipment. *The Sunday Oregonian* 30 August:77. Portland, Oregon.

1925d Golf Course to be Larger. *The Sunday Oregonian* 13 December:34. Portland, Oregon.

1926 Scenic Road Planned. *The Sunday Oregonian* 28 March:27. Portland, Oregon.

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