

**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: 257 Iron Mountain Boulevard			*City Lake Oswego		
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego			GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 122°40'47.27"W      Latitude: 45°25'6.25"N		
Township: 2S	Range: 1E	Section: 10BB	Block/Lot: Forest Hills Plat Lot 44	Tax Lot #: 1400	
Historic Name: Joseph A. and Marie C. Davidson House			Grouping or Cluster Name:		
*Date of Construction: ca. 1926		Other Name: The Joseph A. Davidson 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: 2	
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Stud		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material: Gambrel Roof with wood shake shingles			Window Type/Material: Wide six over six double-hung sash		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Horizontal Lap Siding		Secondary: Shutters with cut-out motif, polygonal bay with flat roof		Decorative: Paired columns support elliptically shaped hood, paneled and glazed door with side lights and blind fanlight sunroom, wide shed roof dormer, massive endwall with brick chimney.	
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: Deck added, rear elevation (n.d.); west façade patio converted to a sunroom (no date, but prior to 1989).					
Number and Type of Associated Resources: Garage, constructed after historic period.					
Integrity: Excellent		Condition: Excellent		Local Eligibility: On LDL	
				National Register Listed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
<b>Preliminary National Register Findings:</b>					
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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Joseph A. and Marie C. Davidson house is situated on the corner of Iron Mountain Boulevard and Pine Valley Road. The Davidson home sits on a roughly square lot encompassing 0.32 acre. The home faces north toward Iron Mountain Boulevard and sits back from the street approximately 75 feet. The lot has mature evergreen trees and shrubbery along Iron Mountain Boulevard and in the front yard area. An un-coursed rock path curves out from the front door and wraps around the back of the home to connect to the driveway. The driveway enters the property off of Pine Valley Road, and the garage is located to the south of the home.

The two-story house has a rectangular form with a few projections. Tax records show the home is approximately 2,836 square feet and has five bedrooms and two bathrooms. The home's gambrel roof has wide shed dormers on both the north and south façades. The roof is clad in cedar shingles, and an exterior wall chimney is located on the west façade of the home. The roof has shallow boxed eaves and a wide board trim below. The structure's façade is symmetrically balanced. The wood-paneled front door is centered on the façade and covered by an arched porch roof, supported by paired, classically inspired porch columns. The door is flanked by multilight sidelights. The main massing of the home has six-over-six, double-hung wood-sash windows. All of the windows on the north façade have decorative wood shingles.

A single-story projection is on the west façade. The sunroom has banks of windows on all three exterior façades—the south, west, and north façades. The sunroom projection has a flat roof and a second-story porch. The porch has a simple wood railing. The home is clad in horizontal wood boards and sits on a concrete foundation.

The free-standing garage was constructed after the historic period.

The home has many of the character-defining features of the Dutch Colonial Revival style, including its distinct gambrel side-gable roof, symmetrical form, an arched central entry porch supported by slender columns, windows with multilight double-hung sashes, and a one-story enclosed side wing. The 1989 cultural resources inventory noted that a deck had been added to the rear façade (Koler and Morrison 1989). No land use permits are on file with the City of Lake Oswego, suggesting that the home has undergone very few, if any, major exterior alterations since its construction.

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Statement of Significance

The ca. 1926 Joseph A. and Marie C. Davidson House, located at 257 Iron Mountain Boulevard in the North Shore-Country Club- neighborhood of Lake Oswego, is architecturally significant as an excellent example of the Dutch Colonial Revival style. The property is also historically significant for its association with the Ladd Estate Company and the residential development on the north side of Oswego Lake. The house was and continues to be part of the Forest Hills neighborhood, which was developed in the 1920s. An article in *The Sunday Oregonian* reported that Joseph Davidson purchased the lot from the Ladd Estate Company (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1926). The Forest Hills development helped advance Lake Oswego's transformation into a substantial suburb consisting of a country club as well as neighborhoods dominated by Tudor Revival, Arts and Crafts, and English Cottage-style houses in the first half of the twentieth century.

In April 1926, F.P. Barrett of the Ladd Estate Company sold the undeveloped property to Joseph Davidson; the lot was described as a "large site on Iron Mountain boulevard in the Forest Hills district which adjoins the Lake Oswego Country Club golf course" (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1926). It is likely that the house was constructed shortly after the Davidsons purchased the lot in 1926 (Koler and Morrison 1989). In 1928, the Davidsons were listed as living in Oswego. At this time Joseph Davidson was listed as the promotions manager for *The Oregonian* (R.L. Polk and Company 1928). The 1930 federal census listed the Davidsons' 15-year-old daughter, Margaret, and a servant, Clara Cheska, as also living with them at this location (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1930). At the time the value of the property was estimated at \$12,500 and Joseph Davidson's occupation was described as a journalist (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1930).

Joseph Davidson was born in Missouri in 1879. He married Marie Davidson (nee Confer) in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1913 (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1932). Their daughter, Margaret Davidson, was born in Minnesota in ca. 1915 (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1930). *The Oregonian* indicated that Joseph Davidson moved to Portland in 1920 and joined the newspaper's staff 2 years later (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1932). Shortly after he began at the newspaper, in 1923, Davidson was elected vice president of the advertising division of Portland's Chamber of Commerce (*The Oregonian* 1923).

Joseph Davidson became a prominent figure in the Portland area, as indicated in his obituary in *The Oregonian*. His final position at *The Oregonian* was as the national advertising director (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1932). He was also an active member of the Oswego Lake Country Club and the First Presbyterian Church of Portland. He lived in the Davidson House until his death at home on May 21, 1932 (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1932). In 1934, Marie Davidson was listed in the Eugene Polk City Directory as living in an apartment with her daughter, Margaret, who at that time was a student at the University of Oregon. This suggests that Marie Davidson moved out of the house sometime after Joseph Davidson's death (R.L. Polk and Company 1934). The 1940 U.S. census reported that Marie Davidson was a widow living alone in the Hazelia area (near Oswego) and that she had lived in the same location in 1935 (U. S. Bureau of the Census 1940).

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Ownership of the home after the Davidsons is unclear. The house was on the market in 1952, as shown by a picture and an advertisement in *The Oregonian* on May 11, 1952 (*The Oregonian* 1952). In the 1960s the house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde P. Carroll Jr. (*The Oregonian* 1963). Clyde Carroll used the address in a 1969 advertisement, suggesting that he and his wife were still living in the home at that time (*The Oregonian* 1969). Harold E. Schlenker was listed as the owner in the 1989 cultural resources inventory (Koler and Morrison 1989). His wife Alice Schlenker served as mayor of Lake Oswego for two terms, starting in 1988.

With its distinct gambrel side-gable roof, a defining feature of the Dutch Colonial Revival style, along with secondary Colonial Revival character-defining features, including a symmetrical form, an arched central entry porch supported by slender columns, windows with double-hung sashes, and a one-story enclosed side wing, the house retains a high degree of integrity. For its historic significance as an excellent example of the Dutch Colonial Revival style and its association with the 1920s residential building boom of Oswego, instigated by the Ladd Estate Company, the Joseph A. and Marie C. Davidson House is an important contribution to the architectural history of Lake Oswego.

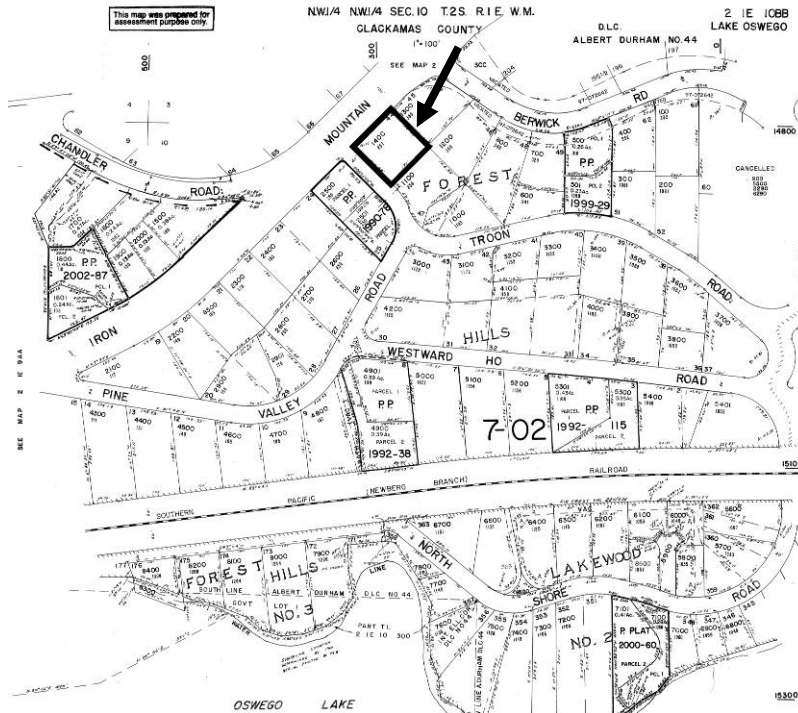
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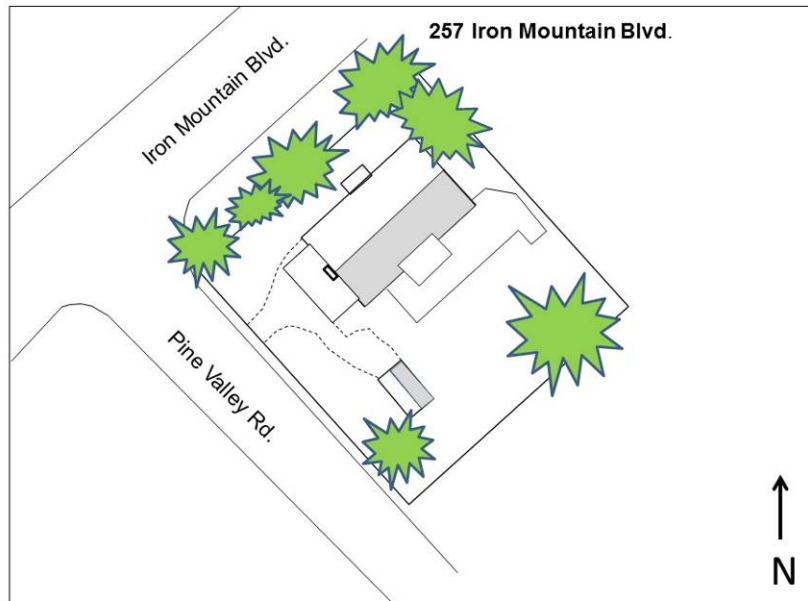
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**Figure 1: Tax map with property outlined.**



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

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

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**Figure 3: Historic photo. Photo taken at property owners home, date unknown  
Photo on file at the City of Lake Oswego**



**Figure 4. Looking northeast at the northeast and southwest façade. Date unknown.  
Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library. Photo ID:HRAB158**

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**Figure 5. Looking southeast at the northwest façade. 2011.  
Photo on file at the City of Lake Oswego.**



**Figure 6. Looking southeast at the northwest 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): Dana Krawczuk
Addition or Subdivision Name: Forest Hills	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 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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