

**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: 885 McVey Avenue				*City Lake Oswego		
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego				GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 45.40905 -122.67039		
Township: 2 South	Range: 1 East	Section: 10		Block/Lot: Block 1/Lots 5,6,&7	Tax Lot #: 4000	
Historic Name: Mathieson-Worthington House				Grouping or Cluster Name: N/A		
*Date of Construction: 1884		Other Name: N/A				
Historic Use or Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		*Current Use: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown		
Architectural Classification(s): Victorian Era		Plan Type/Shape: Compound Plan/T-shaped		Number of stories: 2		
Foundation Material: Brick with Cement Plaster		Structural Framing: Wood		Moved? No		
Roof Type/Material: Intersecting Gable/Asphalt Shingles			Window Type/Material: One-Over-One Single-Hung/Wood			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Wood Cove-Style Drop Siding		Secondary: N/A		Decorative: Turned Spindles with Brackets and Balustrade		
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: One-story porch or overhang on the south faced removed after 1927; Two-story hipped roof bay added after 1927; Shed-roof bay on east façade and staircase likely added after 1884; Wood Balustrade altered after 1989; Asphalt shingles added by 1990.						
Number and Type of Associated Resources: One garage and cellar						
Integrity: Good		Condition: Good		Local Eligibility: Eligible/Significant		National Register Listed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Preliminary National Register Findings:						
Potentially Eligible: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input checked="" 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 Mathieson-Worthington House is located at the southwest corner of McVey Avenue and Bickner Street on a .03-acre, triangle-shaped parcel in the Hallinan neighborhood of Lake Oswego. The site, which slopes downward from south to north, includes landscape features, such as two large mature pine trees to the east of the house, and series of different hedges and bushes along McVey Ave. Other smaller deciduous trees, bushes, and vegetation are found throughout the site, predominately to the west and south of the house. A short basalt stone retaining wall wraps the north and east portions of the parcel, and outlines a gravel driveway off of Bickner Street and concrete patio along the north façade. The side also includes a concrete retaining wall to the south of the house. This wall runs the width of the house and helps provide a level topography on which the house is located.

The Mathieson-Worthington House faces north toward McVey Avenue. It is a two-story, T-shaped form with an intersecting-gabled roof. Two, two-story bays with shed roofs are located to the south of the house on the west and east façades. A two-story, hipped-roof bay is located to the southeast of the house off of the south façade. Collectively, the house sits atop a brick foundation finished with cement plaster. The north, east, south, and west façades are faced with wood cove-style drop siding and corner boards, and feature one-over-one, single-hung and fixed, four-light and multi-light, wood windows with casing. The main entrance is located on the north façade and consists of a recessed single-door opening with a single-light wood door with three lower panels. It is located on the north façade under the two-story, covered veranda. The veranda wraps the west, north, and east façades of the house and features a shed roof, which is supported by wood turned spindles at each level. At the first level the wood spindles rest on concrete plinths atop the concrete patio. At the second level the wood spindles feature curved brackets, a wood balustrade, and sit on a wood deck. A wood staircase with railing accesses the second-level veranda deck along the east façade. The north- and south-facing gables protrude slightly from the house and feature a wood frieze. The bay roofs have minimal boxed eave overhangs. The roof is finished with asphalt shingles and aluminum gutters. Two corbel-capped chimneys are located at the ridge of the primary front-facing gable and at the slope of the west bay.

A one-story, front-gabled single-bay garage is located to the northwest of the house off of McVey Avenue. Like the house it is faced with drop siding and one-over-one windows. It sits atop a poured-in-place concrete foundation and has an overhanging roof finished with asphalt shingles and aluminum gutters. The site also includes a small shed-roof cellar with drop siding and brick foundation to the south of the house. The roof is finished with asphalt shingles and aluminum gutters. To the east of the cellar is an octagon-shaped, poured-in-placed concrete well.

Based on the 1927 Sanborn fire insurance map, the Mathieson-Worthington House site included the primary T-shaped dwelling with two-story covered veranda, the one-story garage, and the cellar. At that time, the house also included a one-story porch or overhang on the south façade over the well. By 1989, this overhang was removed and replaced with the existing two-story hipped-roof bay. It is likely that the bay on the east façade and staircase were added to the primary unit after its original construction. The dates of these alterations and additions are unknown. Since the last survey was recorded in 1989, the segments of the veranda's wood balustrade were added, the house has been painted, and the site has been manicured. Asphalt shingles were added by 1990.

The Mathieson-Worthington House has many of the features used to define Victorian Era houses that were common from 1860-1900. These features include porches with spindlework detailing, including brackets, front-gabled forms with relatively steep pitches, and horizontal board siding. The Mathieson-Worthington House also features details such as a frieze and reserved window cases. These details are common to Vernacular style homes.

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Statement of Significance: [Required only for Intensive Level Surveys] (Use additional sheets if necessary)

The Mathieson-Worthington House is located at 885 McVey Avenue in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Originally built c1880 in the South Oswego neighborhood, this house has retained good historic integrity and has become a prime example of Victorian Era dwellings that were common during Lake Oswego's early development.

The Mathieson-Worthington House sits on land originally owned by Felix and Damaris Collard as part of the F.A. Collard Donation Land Claim. Around 1860, a segment of this land claim was purchased by Matthew and Catherine Patton, using \$10,000 that Patton acquired from his advantageous participation in the California gold rush. Years later, Patton and his wife platted this land and titled it South Oswego in 1883 making it Oswego's second neighborhood. At this time, South Oswego only consisted of a few streets; however, in 1891 "Patton's son and his partners" (Lake Oswego Preservation Society "1883 South Oswego") created the "South Oswego Addition," which expanded the neighborhood and changed the names of the streets from numbers to tree species.

According to the National Register nomination written in 1989, the house may have been constructed for an earlier owner of the property, Edward Mathieson. In fact, the house is listed as of 1990 on the National Register of Historic Places as the Mathieson-Worthington House. "The house is believed to have been built about 1884. The builder is unknown" (Morrison 3). 1890 U. S. census records were lost in a fire, and it appears that neither Mathieson nor Worthington lived in the house at the time of the 1900 census. J.K. Polk and Ella B. Worthington were listed in the 1900 census in Oswego Precinct, living with sons Rolla, Gaylord, and Millard, but they are not in proximity to known South Oswego residents. In the 1880 census, however, an "Edward Madison" with wife "Annie" are listed in the Oswego precinct. It is probable that the name Mathieson was misspelled by the census-taker in 1880. The couple had two living sons at that time, Oscar and Edward, and a baby, Ernest, who had just died. Edward was originally from Norway while his wife is listed as from Sweden. A brief real estate notice in an 1894 newspaper notes that Ella B. Worthington sold the front part of lot 2 blocks 1 and 10 to Anna C. Mathieson for \$1 (Oregon City Enterprise). The Worthingtons may have owned the property before the house was constructed, but it is not clear what "the front part" of the property refers to- possibly the undeveloped segment of Ash Street between block 1 and block 10. By the 1910 census, J.K. Polk Worthington and his wife Ella, ages 63 and 62, were living in the house. Worthington's occupation was listed as "house carpenter." Presumably a son of the Worthingtons, Millard Worthington (age 27) and his wife Nellie, were renting a dwelling in immediate proximity at the time of that 1910 census.

James K. Polk Worthington was one of several brothers who came to Oswego from Ohio in the early 1880s. Theodore Worthington was employed by the Oswego Iron Works as a collier (charcoal burner) as early as 1876, according to an 1883 newspaper article (Ancestry). He returned to Ohio to find laborers for Oswego, and included a number of his brothers, including William, Alexander, and J.K. Polk. The 1880 census lists Fredrick Worthington, age 28, a collier from Ohio, in Oswego precinct.

James K. Polk Worthington, who worked as a collier with his brother Theodore (Stuart 39), later became a local hotel operator. He was responsible for some interior modification to the house in about 1910, but interior spatial configuration is essentially as designed in 1884.

The Mathieson-Worthington House is "locally significant under Criterion C as a rare representative of Lake Oswego's oldest building stock and the city's singular example of vernacular architecture having an encircling double veranda. The title of the nominated property is derived in part from Edward Mathieson, who acquired the property from the platter of Patton's Addition in 1883. Mathieson occupied the house at the time he was employed as an ore car operator at the Oregon Iron Company mine nearby. On the basis of a local inventory, the house is considered one of the four oldest houses in the south Oswego neighborhood, and, as such, it is representative of the period when Oswego was active as a company town. The population and demand for workers' housing rose and fell in Oswego with productivity of the iron plant" (Morrison 5).

"Little is known about Mathieson or his wife Anna, except that he was employed by the Oregon Iron Company in the mining operation. Mathieson worked in the ore cars that carried iron ore from Patton's mine in South Town north to the foundry, which was located in Old Town. In his diary, E. W. Creighton, the superintendent of the mines during the latter part of the 19th century, recounts an accidental death of an ore-car worker and subsequent litigation. Mathieson and three other men were witnesses to the accident and called for questioning" (Morrison 8).

Today, the house continues to reflect many of the character-defining features associated with Victorian Era style dwellings used in the early development of Lake Oswego. These features include porches with spindlework detailing, including brackets, front-gabled forms with relatively steep pitches, and horizontal board siding. Currently, the Mathieson-Worthington House retains good historic integrity and continues to embody many of the Victorian Era style characteristics used during its time of construction, making it a prime example of its style and type.

Overall, the Mathieson-Worthington House is significant in the areas of architecture and community planning and development. Based upon its retention of its historic integrity it has been listed to the National Register of Historic Places in 1990 making it eligible as a contributing resource in a historic district.

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North Façade (Viewing Southwest)



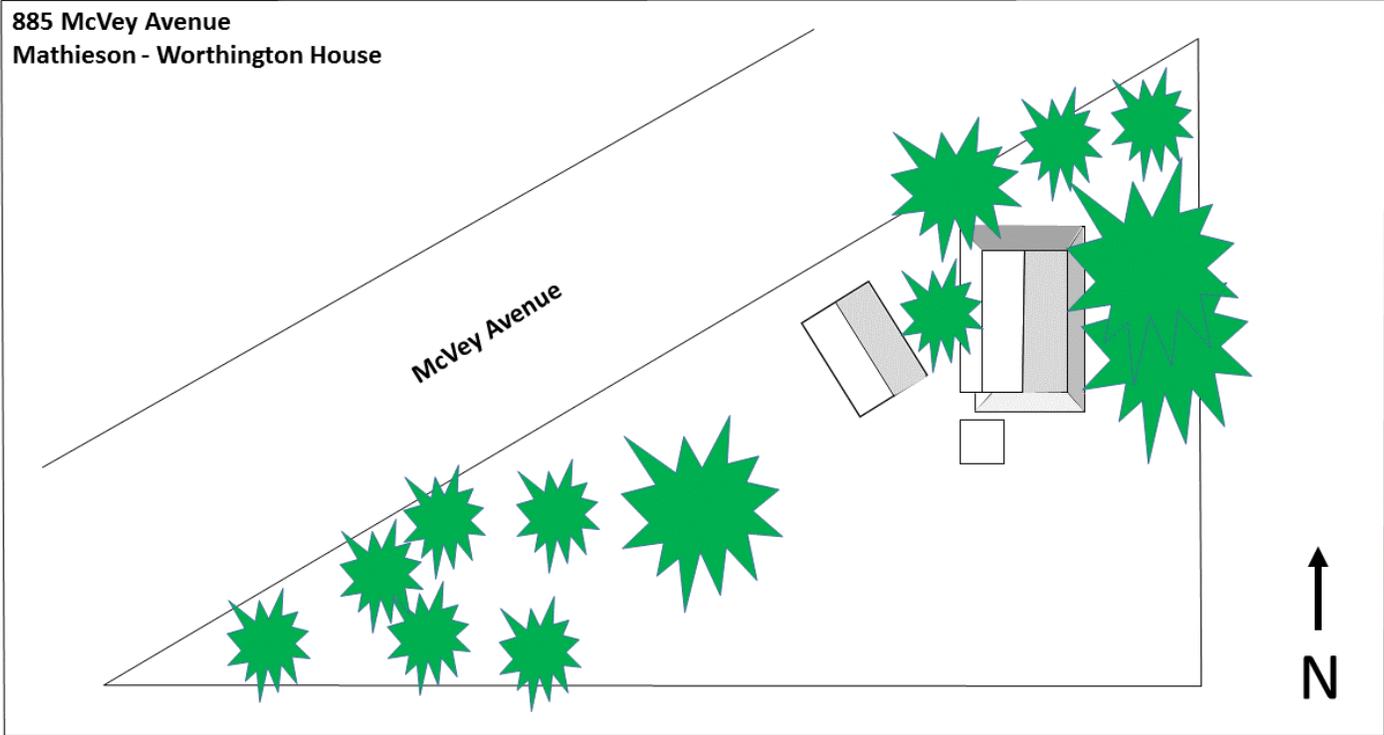
South Façade (Viewing Northwest)

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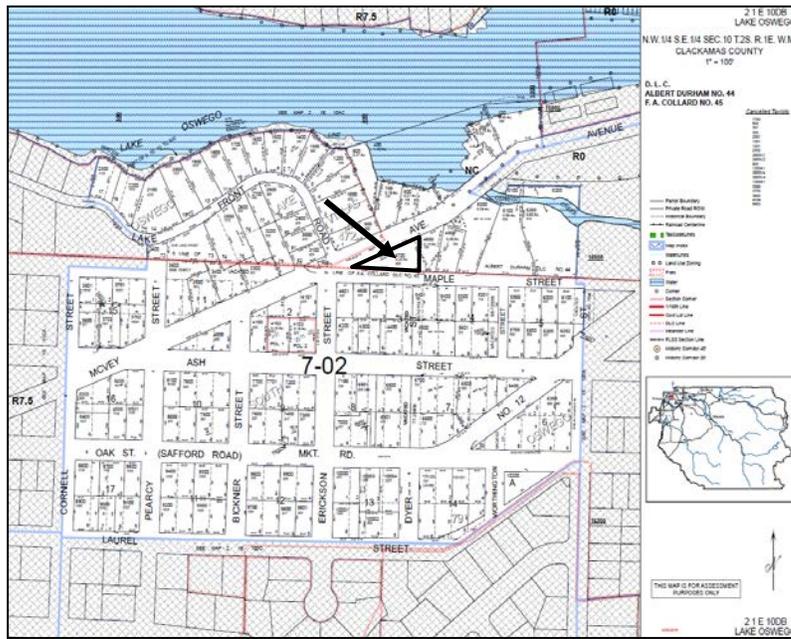
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**885 McVey Avenue
Mathieson - Worthington House**



Mathieson-Worthington House Site Plan



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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): 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):	
Addition or Subdivision Name: South Oswego	Address:	
	City, State, Zip:	
	Phone Number(s):	
Area(s) of Significance: Architecture and Community Planning and 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 type="checkbox"/> Title/ Deed Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input checked="" 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 Multnomah County Library University Library (specify): Historical Society (specify): Other (specify):
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