

**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: 768 North Shore Road			*City: Lake Oswego		
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego			GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 122°40'20.18"W Latitude: 45°24'54.57"N		
Township: 2S	Range: 1E	Section: 10BA	Block/Lot: Lot 319	Tax Lot #: 7900	
Historic Name: Kenneth W. and Veola M. Parelius House			Grouping or Cluster Name:		
*Date of Construction: ca. 1938		Other Name: Kenneth Parelius House			
Historic Use or Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		*Current Use: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Architectural Classification(s): Tudor Revival		Plan Type/Shape: L- Plan		Number of stories: 2	
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Wood / Stud		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material: Gable with cross gable and dormers, cedar shingles			Window Type/Material: Multi-Light Casement		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Stucco, Cedar beveled siding		Secondary: Plank Entry Door, curved roof over rear porch		Decorative: Large acorn drops at living room wing	
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: Minor extension of garage (n.d.).					
Number and Type of Associated Resources: None					
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 Kenneth W. and Veola M. Parelius House sits on the south side of North Shore Road on an irregularly shaped lot. The lake is directly to the home's south and west, and a bridge across Lakewood Bay is just to the east of the home. The lot is well landscaped with mature trees and a variety of evergreen and flowering shrubs and plantings. A large deck is off the south (lakeside) façade of the house, and a path with stairs leads down to the grassy lawn by the lake. A gravel parking area is on the northeast edge of the lot by North Shore Road. The garage is connected to the house and has a front gable that faces north toward North Shore Road. A short drive leads to the single roll-over garage door.

The house has an L-shaped plan, with a number of projections, giving the house an irregular footprint. The north-facing projection has two stacked gables. There are multiple gabled dormers on the roofline—two larger dormers face south toward the lake, and two smaller gabled dormers are centered between them. On the east façade of the north mass is another small gabled dormer, with a diamond-paned leaded-glass window. The roof is clad in cedar shake. A massive stucco-covered chimney is on the north façade. The north façade of the garage has a small shed roof covering the garage door, and a bank of three multilight windows is centered above the door. There are decorative wood shutters on many of the visible windows, but these appear to be a newer addition, as they are not present on the photo used during the 1989 cultural resources inventory. The front façade has a recessed door at the interior corner of the L. The door is set into the façade. The wood door has a single lighted pane and vertical decorative indents.

Much of the lower portion of the house is clad in stucco, and the second story appears to be entirely clad in horizontal wood siding. Window types vary—most appear to be multilight casements set in pairs or sets of three. Large, fixed single-pane windows wrap around the southeast corner of the house under the enclosed porch. The central portion of the home has a bank of three large multilight windows that appear to be fixed. The foundation of the home is not visible, but given the nature of the stucco cladding on much of the lower story, it is likely the foundation is concrete. In the last 10 years, an upstairs bathroom was added which necessitated a new diamond panel window and bump-out on the north elevation to the upper right of the garage.

The house is in excellent condition and appears to have retained a high level of integrity. The 1989 cultural resource inventory suggests that the second gable on the garage was a minor extension. A date is not known for that alteration. There are no recent land use records on file with the City of Lake Oswego, suggesting that the home has had very few alterations in recent history. The home has many of the character-defining features of the Tudor Revival style. The 1989 cultural resource inventory classified the home as an Art and Crafts-style home, but it appears to have more Tudor or medieval English elements. Some of the character-defining features of the Tudor Revival style exhibited by the home are its asymmetrical form, multiple dormers, cross-gabled cedar shake roof, and lattice leaded casement windows, and its overhang with pendants.

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Statement of Significance

The ca. 1938 Kenneth W. and Veola M. Parelius House, located at 768 North Shore Road on Oswego Lake in Lake Oswego, is architecturally significant as an excellent example of the Tudor Revival style. It is also significant for its association with its architect, Richard W. Sundeleaf, who began its design in August 1936 and drew what would become the house in its final form on January 5, 1938 (Richard Sundeleaf Architectural Papers 1938).

Kenneth W. and Veola M. Parelius had the house designed and it appears constructed in ca. 1938. Born in Portland on January 4, 1903, to Norwegian immigrants Martin and Jennie Parelius, Kenneth Parelius graduated from Jefferson High School and attended the University of Oregon (*The Oregonian* 1982; U.S. Bureau of the Census 1920). As a youth, he was “a figure in high school tennis circles”; he later worked at the Francis Ford car dealership in Lake Oswego (*The Oregonian* 1921). He also worked as a real estate broker in Lake Oswego in the 1970s (*The Oregonian* 1971). A member of the Lake Oswego Garden Club and a fellow University of Oregon graduate, his wife, Veola Parelius (Lee Johnson), was born in Tromse, Sweden; the couple had resided in Lake Oswego since 1927, according to her obituary (*The Oregonian* 1984). They married on June 25, 1927 (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1927). They lived in the home for approximately 10 years before they sold the house to Arthur and Helen Boesch in 1949 (Koler and Morrison 1989).

Arthur and Helen Boesch purchased the home in 1949. Arthur Julius Boesch was born on June 4, 1899, and died in March of 1975 (U.S. Selective Service System 1917; U.S. Social Security Death Index 1875). The 1900 U.S. census showed Arthur Boesch living in Lodi, New Jersey, with his mother and father (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1900). His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows he was a college student in New Jersey at that time (U.S. Selective Service System 1917). In 1940, Arthur was enumerated as being married to Helen and having a 6-year-old daughter, Gale Boesch. Helen A. Boesch was born in ca. 1900. In 1940, Arthur and Helen lived in New Jersey and Arthur Boesch’s occupation was listed as an engineer (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1940). Arthur Boesch was quoted in *The Oregonian* in 1951. At the time he was described as the Oregon manager of Western Electric Company, a subsidiary of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (*The Oregonian* 1951). It is unclear how long the Boesch family remained in the home, but their tenure appears to have been quite short. They were enumerated in the 1958 Polk City Directory as living in Denver, Colorado, and Arthur was listed as the district manager for the Western Electric Company (The Gazetteer Company 1958). In 1973, Howard Losli wrote a letter to *The Oregonian* and used 768 North Shore Road as his home address (*The Oregonian* 1973), indicating he was living at the home at that point. G.F. Johnson was the owner in 1989 (Koler and Morrison 1989).

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The character-defining features of this charming Tudor Revival–style house can be attributed to Richard Sundeleaf. Richard Wilhelm Sundeleaf (1900-1987) was one of Oregon’s most significant and prolific architects with projects in Oregon, Washington, England and Australia. He was born and raised in Portland, graduated from Washington High School, and, in 1923, the University of Oregon’s School of Architecture. Following graduation, he began his career working as a draftsman for prominent architect, Wade H. Pipes, and for the Portland firms of A. E. Doyle and of Sutton and Whitney. He established his own architectural office, in the Public Service Building, on August 1, 1928. Although his initial work focused on commercial projects for clients such as the Jantzen Knitting Mills, and Oregon Portland Cement, he was soon considered “...among Portland’s most versatile architects”. His body of work included vast and diverse commercial, educational, industrial, office, religious and residential designs. It is estimated that during his more than sixty year career as an architect, he had “completed more than 3,000 projects”. A number of his designs are found on the National Register of Historic Places, and include the: Dr. Walter Black House; Chi Psi Fraternity House; Clarence E. Francis House; Carl C. Jantzen Estate Jantzen Knitting Mill Building; Paul F. Murphy House; E. J. O’Donnell House; and Oregon Portland Cement Building. With its asymmetrical form, multiple dormers, cross-gabled cedar shake roof, and lattice casement windows, the Kenneth W. and Veola M. Parelus House is one of a few historic shoreline houses from the 1920s-1930s building period that retains a high degree of historic integrity and is an important and striking landmark on Oswego Lake.

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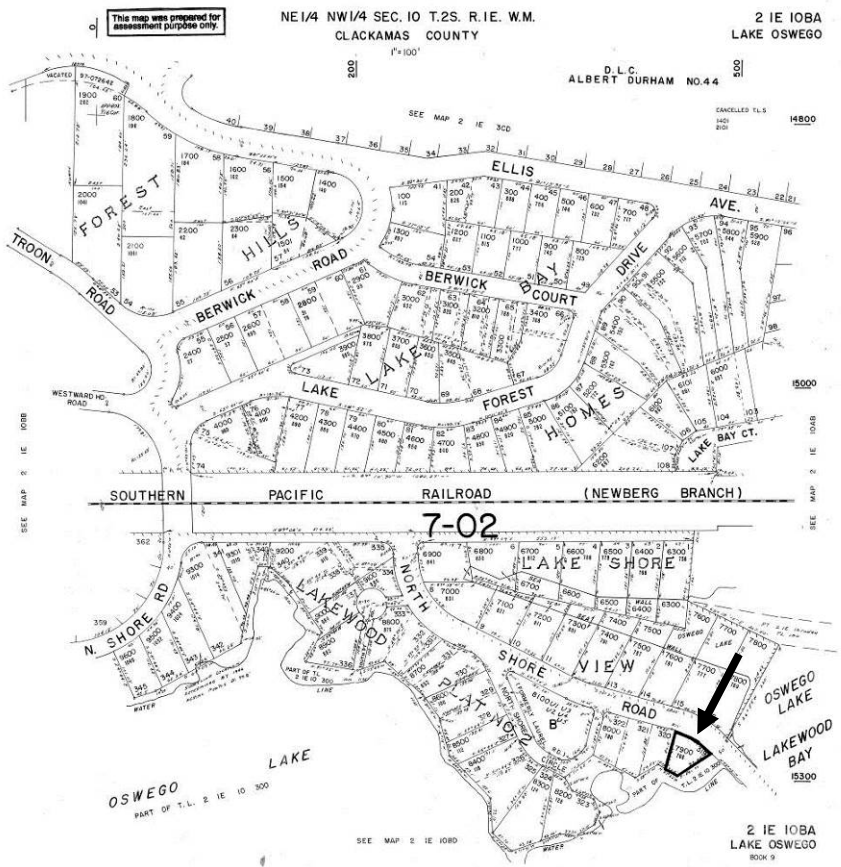


Figure 1: Tax map with property outlined

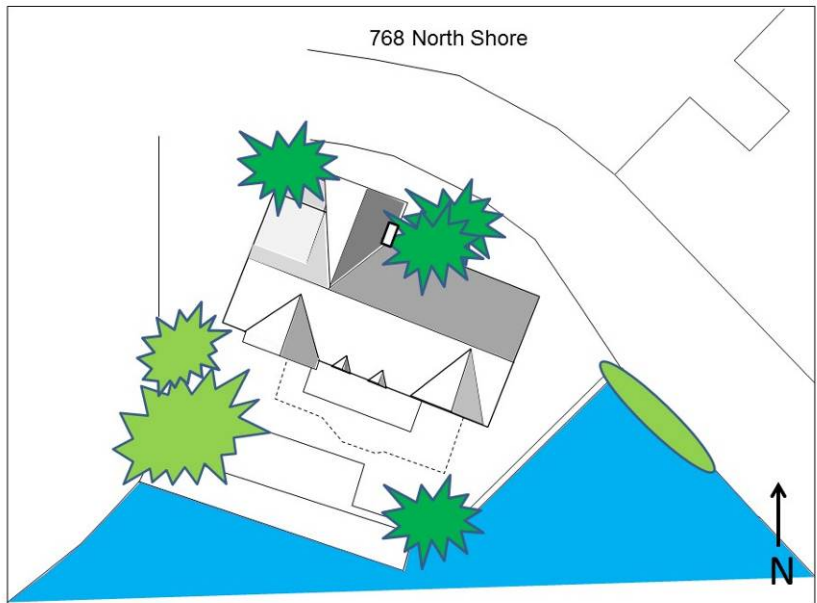


Figure 2: Site plan. Provided by the City of Lake Oswego.

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**Figure 3: Looking southwest at the North façade.
Courtesy of the Lake Oswego Library: Photograph ID HRAB200.
Date unrecorded, but used during the 1989 Cultural Resources Inventory**



**Figure 4: Looking north at the south façade.
Courtesy of the Lake Oswego Library: Photograph ID 6412. 2013.**

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**Figure 5: Looking west at the east façade.
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**Figure 6: Looking west at the east façade.
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Figure 7. Looking west at the east façade. March 2012.



Figure 8. Looking south at the front entrance detail. 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): Richard Sundeleaf	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): Best Oswego Lake Cottage LLC	
Addition or Subdivision Name: Lakewood Plat No 2.	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 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): The Catholic Press, Archive Room 5536 NE Hassalo St. Portland, Oregon Other (specify):
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<p>The Gazetteer Company</p> <p>1958 Denver, Colorado City Directory. The Gazetteer Company, Denver County, Colorado.</p> <p>Koler and Morrison</p> <p>1989 City of Lake Oswego Cultural Resources Inventory. Available at: http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/planning/cultural-resources-inventory-august-1989. Accessed April 2014.</p> <p>Richard Sundeleaf Architectural Papers</p> <p>1926 Parelius & Coyle Service Station. Building type: Gas Station, E Seventh and Russell. Architect: Sundeleaf. First drawing: 301. Last drawing 301-59. April 1926. On file, University of Oregon.</p> <p>1938 Parelius, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Res. #1. Building type: Residence, Lot 319 Lakewood, Lake Oswego, OR. Architect: Sundeleaf. First drawing: 301-01. Last drawing: 301-17 August 1936 and January 5, 1938. On file, University of Oregon.</p> <p>1950 Parelius, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Res. #2. Building type: Residence, Lower Drive, Lake Oswego, OR. Architect: Sundeleaf. First drawing: 301-18. Last drawing: 301-34. March 27, 1950. On file, University of Oregon.</p> <p>1976 Parelius Subdivision. Building type: Site Plan, Palisades Terrace Road & Oak, Lake Oswego, Street, OR. Architect: Sundeleaf. First drawing: 301-38. Last drawing: 301-49. May 28, 1976. On file, University of Oregon.</p> <p><i>The Oregonian</i></p> <p>1921 Westerman Wins Title: Haak Beaten in Finals of School Tennis Tourney. <i>The Oregonian</i> 5 June. Portland, Oregon.</p> <p>1951 Phone Plant Installers Out in Dispute Over Transfers. <i>The Oregonian</i> 13 November:1. Portland, Oregon.</p> <p>1971 Ad. Ken Parelius, Broker. <i>The Oregonian</i>. 24 March:40. Portland, Oregon.</p> <p>1973 Letter to the editor. <i>The Oregonian</i> 29 May:18. Portland, Oregon.</p> <p>1982 K.W. Parelius Obituary. <i>The Oregonian</i> 16 November:115. Portland, Oregon.</p> <p>1984 Veola Parelius Obituary. <i>The Oregonian</i> 21 January:20. Portland, Oregon.</p> <p>1987 Architect Richard Sundeleaf Dies. <i>The Oregonian</i> 11 March:C8. Portland, Oregon.</p> <p><i>The Sunday Oregonian</i></p> <p>1927 Mrs. Kenneth Wesley Parelius (Veola Johnson) Married at Beautiful Ceremony Last Night. <i>The Sunday Oregonian</i> 5 June:12. Portland, Oregon.</p> <p>U.S. Bureau of the Census</p> <p>1920 Fourteenth Census of the United States. Portland District 0101, Multnomah County, Oregon. Available at: www.ancestry.com. Accessed March 2014.</p> <p>1940 Fifteenth Census of the United States. Hackensack, Bergen, New Jersey. Enumeration District: 2-171. Available at: www.ancestry.com. Accessed March 2014.</p> <p>U.S. Selective Service System</p> <p>1917 World War I Selective Service System Draft, Registration Cards, 1917–1918. National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. Available at: www.ancestry.com. Accessed August 2014.</p> <p>U.S. Social Security Death Index</p> <p>1975 Arthur Boesch. Available at: www.ancestry.com. Accessed August 2014.</p>	
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