

**CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO
CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY
FIELD FORM 1988-1989**

HIST. NAME: Larson, Edna, House
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1920
COMMON NAME:
ORIGINAL USE: Residence
ADDRESS: 904 SW oak Street
OWNER: Jackson, Rhoda
PRESENT USE: Residence
ARCH./BLDR.: Waldorf, Alonzo
T/R/S: 2S IE 10DB
TAX LOT: 2900

STYLE: Craftsman
RESOURCE TYPE:
Building
THEME: Architecture
ADDITION: South
Oswego
BLOCK: 12
LOT: 3, 4
QUAD: Lake Oswego
LOT SIZE:
ZONE: R-7.5

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
NO. OF STORIES: 1 i/2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Gable with deep eaves and purlins; composition shingle

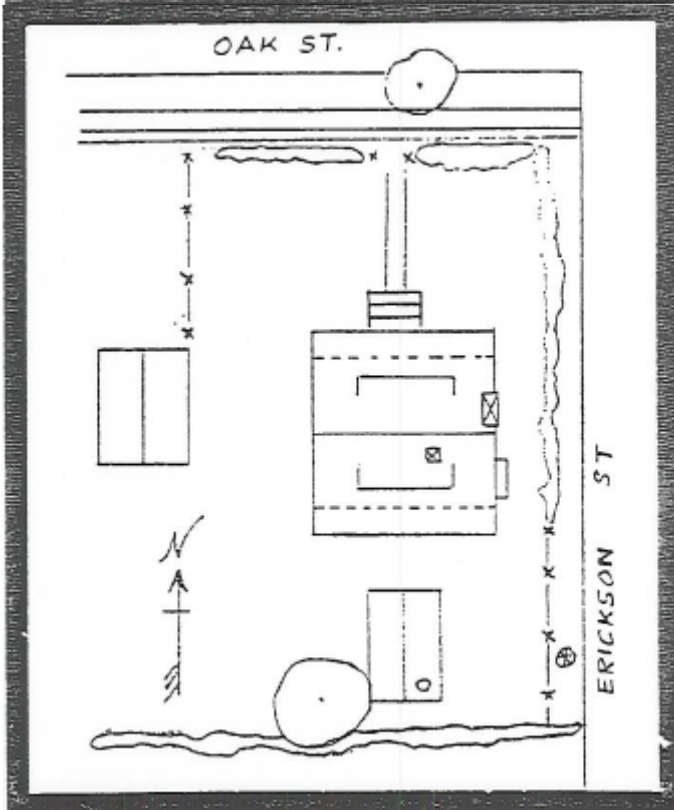
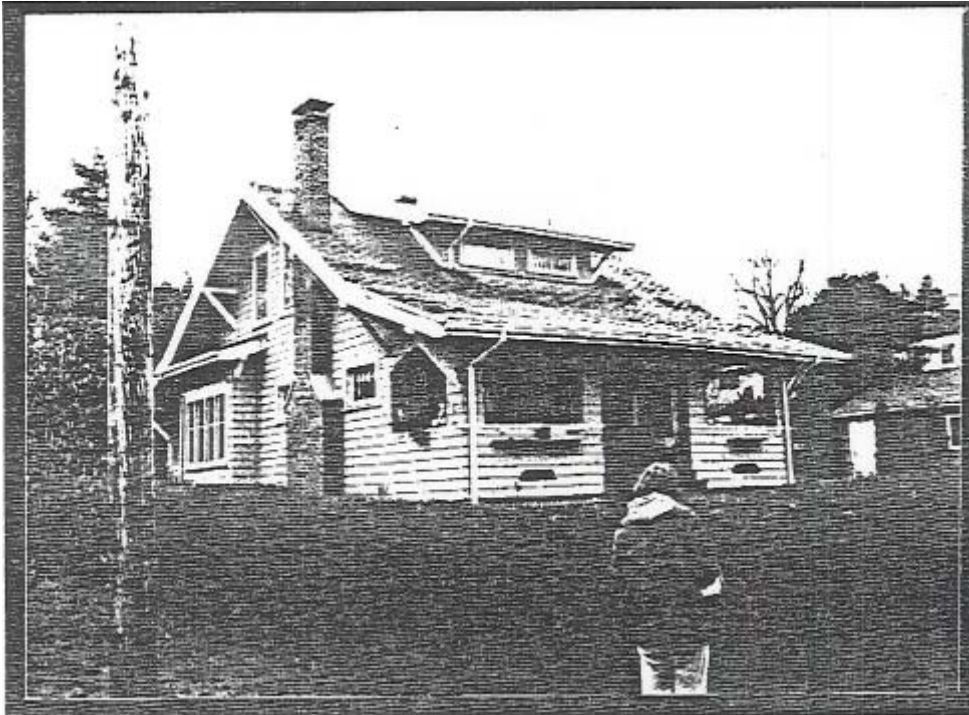
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood
STRUCTURAL FRAME: stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Double-hung sash with architrave molding
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: shingles
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Segmentally arched porch openings; variety of window types include multi-light fixed sash
OTHER: Shed roof dormer; endwall brick chimney; rectangular window bay; full-width recessed porch with stout posts set on enclosed balustrade; scuppers
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: Back porch enclosed
NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Perimeter hedge
ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: None
SETTING: Located on southwest corner of Oak and Erickson streets centrally located in historic South Town neighborhood characterized by turn-of-the-century to mid-20th century residences
NOTES:

RECORDER(S): Koler/Morrison DATE:
SHPO #: 359

FIELD #: 139

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ADDRESS 904 OAK STREET
TAXMAP/LOT 2S 1E 10DB/9900
SHPO# _____ ROLL/FRAME# _____



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Address: 904 Oak Street

Historic Name: Larson, Edna Waldorf, House

In 1904, Alonzo Waldorf, an Oswego builder, purchased four lots in "South Town" from Robert Jackson. "South Town" was platted by Matthew Patton in 1883, although building did not really begin in this area, south of Oswego Creek until the early 1890s.

In 1904 Waldorf purchased a block with four lots. On lots one and two (938 Oak) he raised his family. Lots three and four (904 Oak) remained vacant until about 1920 when Waldorf gave the property to his daughter, Mrs. Edna Waldorf Larson, and then built the subject house with the help of Tom Clinefelter, Charley Terry and Otto Larson, his son-in-law. The Larsons lived in the dwelling until 1969.

Otto Larson was a commercial fisherman on the Columbia. Edna Waldorf Larson gained a reputation for helping Oswego families with new babies.

The Larson House is Significant as the best example of the Bungalow style in the South Town neighborhood. This one-and-one-half story dwelling has many of the architectural details associated with the style, including the typical form and massing. The low-pitched gable roof with its deep eaves, purlins and braces, extends over the full-width front porch, which is supported by stout posts and an enclosed balustrade. All exterior surfaces are covered by rustic shingles.

Dormers, such as the shed roof version on this house, are common characteristics of the Bungalow style. Dormers were designed to emit natural light into the interior spaces of the building. Bay windows, similar to that on the north wall of the house, had a similar purpose and often enclosed built-in furniture such as window seats.

This type of Bungalow, sometimes referred to as a "Builder Bungalow", is one of the most common 20th century house types in Western Oregon. There seem to be relatively few of this type in Lake Oswego compared with other communities of similar age and population.

The Larson House is also important as a contributing element of the South Town area.

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