

**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: 904 Oak Street				*City Lake Oswego		
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego				GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 45.40792 -122.66939		
Township: 2 South	Range: 1 East	Section: 10	Block/Lot: Block 12/Lots 3&4	Tax Lot #: 9900		
Historic Name: Otto and Edna Larson House				Grouping or Cluster Name: N/A		
*Date of Construction: 1919		Other Name: Larson House				
Historic Use or Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		*Current Use: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown		
Architectural Classification(s): Craftsman Style		Plan Type/Shape: Compound Plan/L-Shape		Number of stories: 1.5		
Foundation Material: Poured-In-Place Concrete		Structural Framing: Wood		Moved? No		
Roof Type/Material: Cross Gable/Asphalt Shingles			Window Type/Material: Four-Over-Four, Four-Over-One, Three-Over-One, & Five-Over-One Double-Hung/Wood			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Wood Shingles		Secondary: N/A		Decorative: Triangular Knee Braces		
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: One-half story, front-gable unit added after 1989; Garage added after 1927; Back porch enclosed after 1927; Wood railing with posts added to front porch after 1989.						
Number and Type of Associated Resources: One garage, one shed, and one cellar						
Integrity: Fair		Condition: Good		Local Eligibility: Eligible/Contributing		National Register Listed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Preliminary National Register Findings:						
Potentially Eligible: <input 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 Otto and Edna Larson House is located at the southwest corner of Oak and Erickson Streets on a .23- acre, square-shaped parcel in the Hallinan neighborhood of Lake Oswego. The site, which slopes slightly from west to east, includes landscape features, such as two Japanese maple trees in the front yard and a tall Laurel hedge that lines the north, east, and west sides of the parcel. Other mature trees and large shrubs are found in the backyard to the south. Small bushes within a stone-coursed planter are located along the west façades. The site also includes two gardens and a gravel circulation path between the dwelling and outbuildings to the west.

The Larson House faces north toward Oak Street. It is a one and one-half story, L-shaped form with a cross-gabled roof. The house consists of two units: the primary one and one-half story, low-pitched side-gabled unit with shed dormers to the east and a one and one-half story front-gabled unit to the southeast. Collectively, the house sits atop a poured-in-place concrete foundation. The primary unit's foundation features small, fixed, rectangular wood windows. The north, east, south, and west façades are faced with painted wood shingle siding and feature a variety of wood and vinyl windows with wood casing. The window styles include four-over-four, four-over-one, three-over-one, and five-over-one double-hung windows, and fixed multi-light windows. Two large five-over-one double-hung wood windows with wood casing flank the main entrance under a covered one-story porch on the north façade. The one-story porch is supported by four columns and extends the width of the house. A capped half-wall encloses the porch and features a centralized opening with wood steps flanked by wood railings with posts. Wood lattice covers the porch posts. Wide eaves protrude from the house along the east and west façades with triangular knee braces. The roof also extends to create the covered porch on the north façade. The roof is finished with asphalt shingles. One gable wall brick chimney is located on the east façade and another centralized brick chimney protrudes from shed dormer on the south side of the roof.

A detached one-story two-bay garage with front-facing gable is located to the west of the house. The garage has a slab-on-grade concrete foundation, is faced with wood shingle, and has overhanging eaves on its west and east facades. The roof is finished with asphalt shingles. The site also includes a one-story, front-gabled shed with wood shingles, corner boards, and corrugated metal roof to the southwest of the site. Directly south of the house is a one-story, front-gabled cellar. The cellar is finished with painted stucco and an asphalt-shingled roof.

Based on the 1927 Sanborn fire insurance map, the Larson House site included the primary dwelling unit with covered porches, and the one-story shed and cellar in their original locations. Changes to the house over time include the enclosing of the back porch, the construction of the secondary front-gabled addition to the house after 1989 and two-bay garage after 1927, and the replacement of some original wood windows. The dates of these alterations and additions are unknown.

Since the last survey was recorded in 1989, the house's footprint has changed with the addition of the one and one-half story, front-gabled unit to the southwest. This addition resulted in the alteration of the south façade, roof, and shed dormer as they now intersect with the additional unit. Other changes that have occurred since the last survey are the addition of the wood railing with posts to the front porch and the planting of new vegetation in the front yard. The dates of these additions are unknown.

The Larson House has many of the features used to define Craftsman style houses that were common from 1905-1930. These features include side-gabled roofs, full-width shallow covered porches with columns, deep eave overhangs, triangular knee braces, and shingle siding. One and one-half story forms were also commonly used in Craftsman style homes.

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

The Otto and Edna Larson House is located at 904 Oak Street in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Originally built in 1919 in the South Oswego neighborhood, this house has retained fair historic integrity and is one of few examples of Craftsman style dwellings in Lake Oswego.

The Larson 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. Years later in 1903, Alonzo Waldorf purchased block 12 in South Oswego from Robert and Minnie Jacobson for \$700 (Clackamas County Deeds of Title v230 188). According to the last survey conducted on this property in 1989, three of the four lots of block 12 remained vacant until Waldorf gave the property to his daughter and son-in-law, Edna and Otto Larson. It is probable that Alonzo Waldorf with the help of Otto, Tom Clinefelter, and Charley Terry built this home. By early 1919, the Larsons were planning for their new home (Oregon City Enterprise, January 24, 1920). By January 7, 1920, the Larsons hosted a party in their new house, attended by local residents such as the Worthingtons, Waldorfs, Davidsons, and Coxes (Oregon City Enterprise, January 9, 1920). Based on the party date, the house must have been substantially complete by the end of 1919. The Larsons lived in the dwelling until 1969.

Based on the 1920 Census Otto Larson was born in 1879 in Sweden and immigrated to the United States with his family in 1880. By the age of 19 Otto was naturalized. Edna Larson, formerly Edna Waldorf was born in 1895 in Oregon to Alonzo and Evelyn Waldorf of Wisconsin. Otto Larson spent years working in other locations as jobs were hard to come by in Oswego during this period. For part of 1919 and 1920 Otto spent time working as a commercial fisherman along the Columbia River in Altoona, Washington (Oregon City Enterprise 1919). Edna Larson gained a reputation for helping Oswego families with new babies.

Today, the Larson House continues to reflect many of the character-defining features associated with Craftsman style dwellings commonly built during its time of construction. These features include, side-gabled roofs, full-width shallow covered porches with columns, deep eave overhangs, triangular knee braces, and shingle siding. One and one-half story forms were also commonly used in Craftsman style homes. The size of the site also reflects the development of Lake Oswego and the South Oswego neighborhood as it consists of two full lots. Currently, the Larson House retains fair historic integrity, but continues to embody many of the early Craftsman style characteristics, making it a prime example of its style and type.

Overall, based on the information gathered for this survey and further research, it is more than likely that the Larson House can be found significant in the areas of architecture and community planning and development. Given its retention of its historic integrity in the areas of Location, Setting, Materials, Workmanship, and Association, and its contributions to Oswego's early neighborhood development, the Larson House could also be a contributing resource in a potential historic district.

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North Façade (Viewing Southwest)



North Façade and Garage (Viewing Southeast)

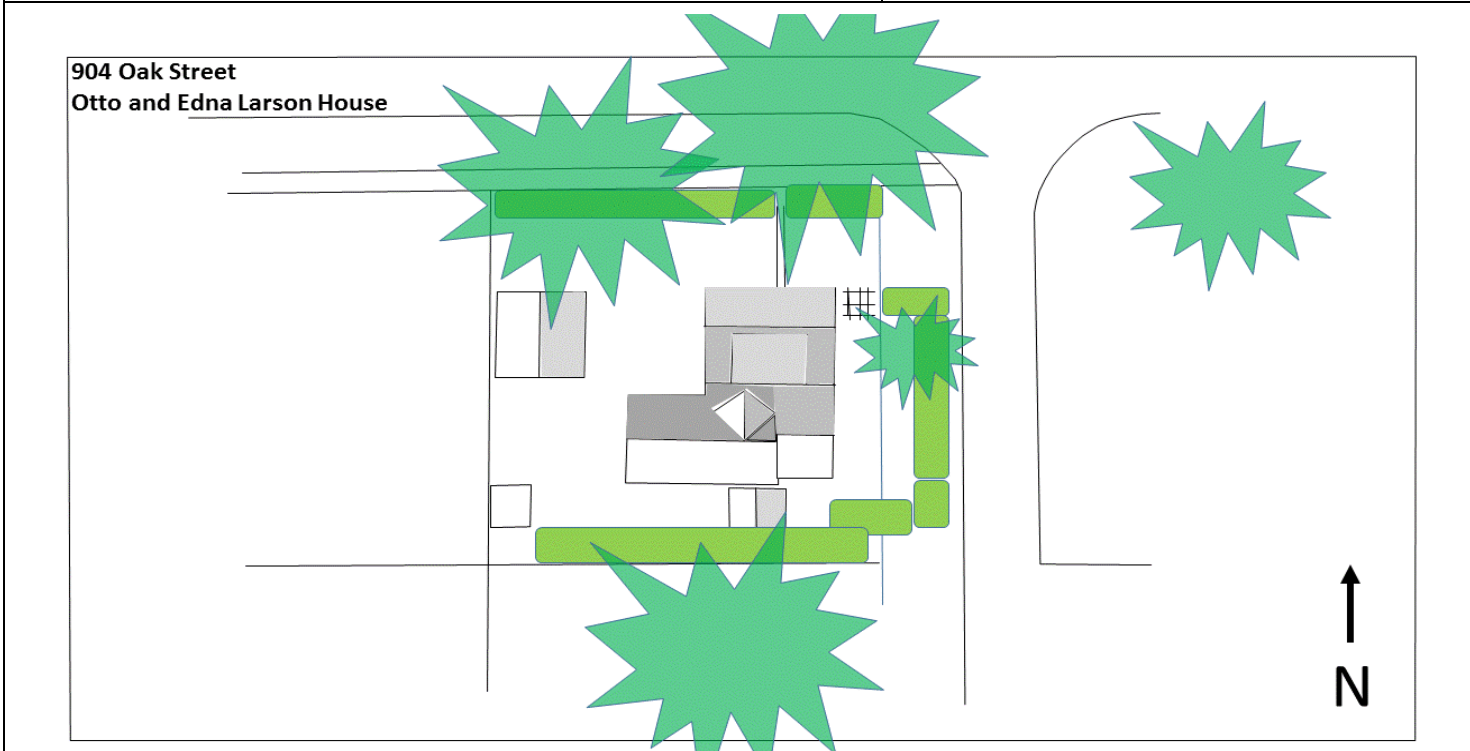
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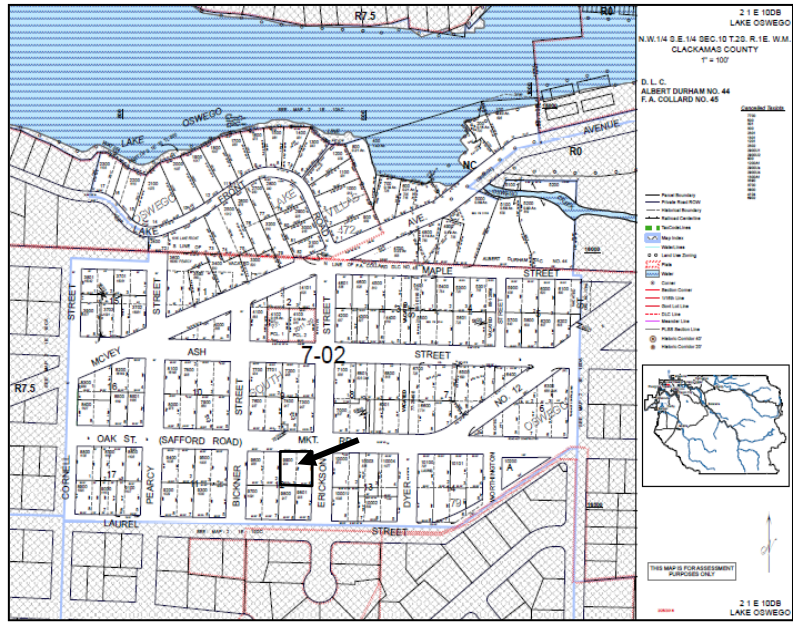
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Otto and Edna Larson House Site Plan



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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 checked="" 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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