

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

HIST. NAME: Rogers, Bros. Building II
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1929
COM940N NAME:
ORIGINAL USE: Store
ADDRESS: 456 N. State Street
OWNER: Casey, Frances, 5047 SW Rosewood,
Lake Oswego
PRESENT USE: Restaurant
ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown
T/R/S: 2S 1E 3DD
TAX LOT: 6200

STYLE: Mediterranean
RESOURCE TYPE:
Building
THEME: Commerce;
architecture
ADDITION: First
BLOCK: 49
LOT: 4
QUAD: Lake Oswego
LOT SIZE:
ZONE: EC

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
NO. OF STORIES: 2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Flat with tile-covered pent roof; composition material

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Masonry
STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Multi-light metal casement; round-headed
display
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Stucco
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Scroll-cut rafters

OTHER: None
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: Shed roof attachment across rear elevation, (n.d.)
NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: None
ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: None

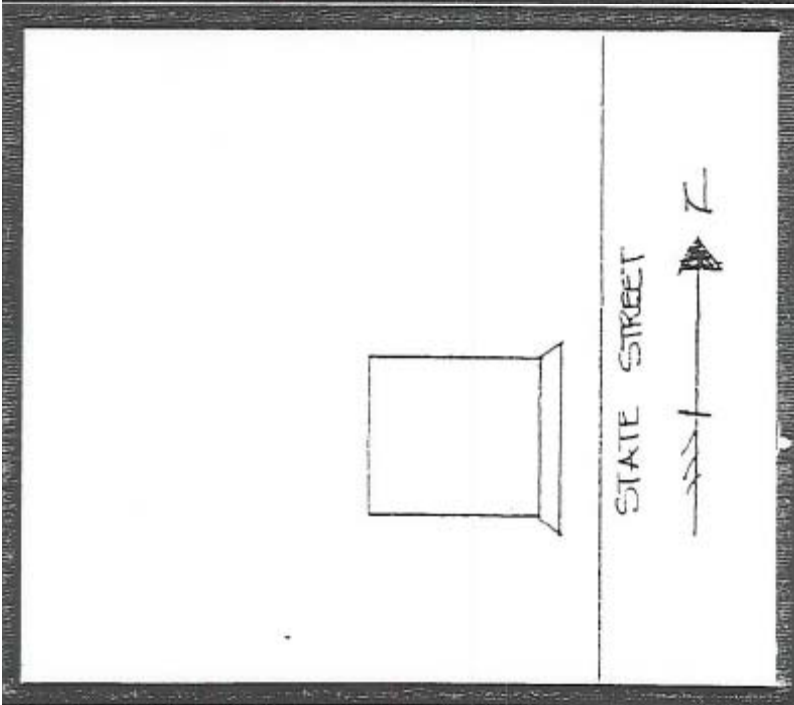
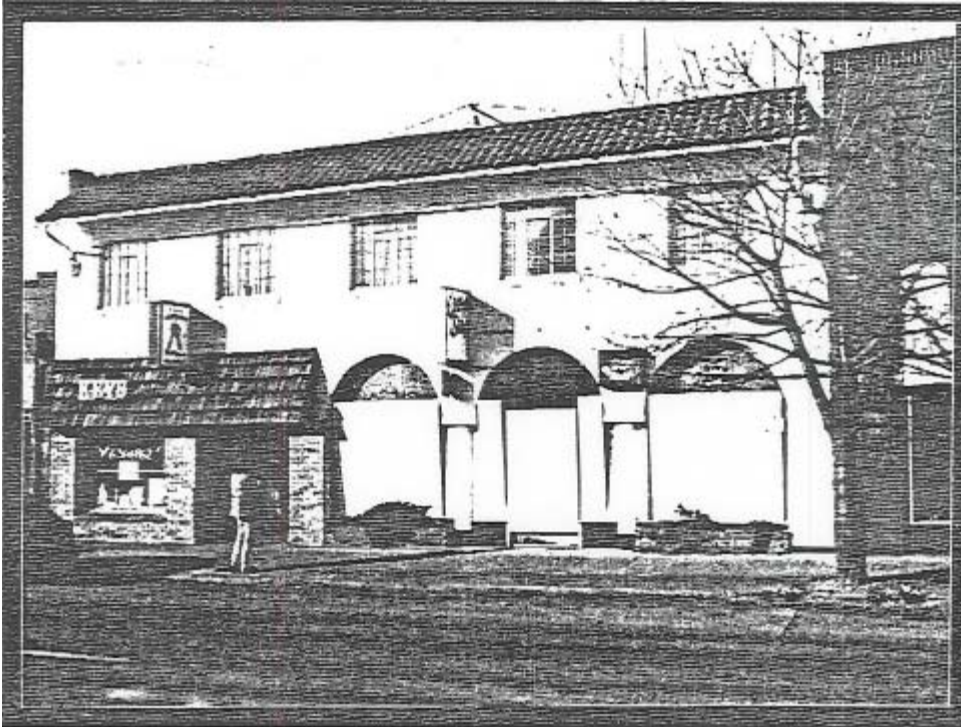
SETTING: Located on west side of heavily trafficked State Street; in heart of City's commercial core
NOTES:

RECORDER(S): Koler/Morrison
SHPO #: 310

DATE: January 1989
FIELD #: 37

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ADDRESS 456 N. STATE STREET
TAX MAP/LOT. 2S 1E 3DD/6200
SHPO# _____ ROLL/FRAME# _____



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Address: 456 North State Street

Historic Name: Rogers Building II

A building was constructed on this site in 1927 for Herman Bethke. The building burned down in 1928 and this Mediterranean style structure was rebuilt by the Rogers Brothers in 1929. Bethke was also known to have a smokehouse in back of this store where he cured his ham and bacon.

In 1929 Herman and Bertha Bethke deeded the property to Lusitania Investment Corporation, a company which had been formed by longtime Oswego residents and store owners, the Rogers brothers, probably to lease out various property holdings. George and August Rogers opened a bakery and "cash and carry" grocery here for a period, although it was just three doors down from their large store. (See 402 State Street). Lusitania mortgaged the property to Matthew and Lizzie Didzun that same year, satisfying the mortgage in 1936. Charlie Didzun had the first garage, car dealership and gas pump in Oswego. His car business, started in 1919, sold Model T Fords.

The building is a good example of the Mediterranean style of architecture. The red tile roof, stucco exterior walls and round headed window openings are typical features of the Mediterranean style. This style achieved great popularity in the late 1920s and early 1930s. It was a revival style introduced at the Pan-American Exhibition held at San Diego in 1918. With the increasing use of metal lath, stucco as a surfacing material became more common. The use of metal sash windows was also a fairly novel concept in 1929. It is believed that this building was designed by prominent local architect Van Evera Bailey. Bailey's records indicate that he was designing a commercial building for the Rogers brothers in 1929.

The building has had numerous alterations; particularly noticeable are the changes to the storefront. The main entrance and most of the display windows have been covered; brick and a shake pent roof have been applied to the facade. These changes appear to be reversible.

Rogers' Building II is significant for its association with the Rogers family, as the earliest example of a commercial building designed by noted architect Van Evera Bailey, and for its contribution to the historic character of Oswego's downtown.

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