

**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: 141 Leonard Street				*City Lake Oswego		
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego				GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 45.41476 -122.66139		
Township: 2 South	Range: 1 East	Section: 10		Block/Lot: Block 8/Lots 1,2,3,&4	Tax Lot #: 4600	
Historic Name: Peg Tree				Grouping or Cluster Name: N/A		
*Date of Construction: N/A		Other Name: N/A				
Historic Use or Function: DOMESTIC: N/A		*Current Use: DOMESTIC: N/A		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown		
Architectural Classification(s): N/A		Plan Type/Shape: N/A		Number of stories: N/A		
Foundation Material: N/A		Structural Framing: N/A		Moved? No		
Roof Type/Material: N/A			Window Type/Material: N/A			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: N/A		Secondary: N/A		Decorative: N/A		
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: Historic marker added in 1967; Trimmed in 1967; Oregon Heritage Tree Program marker added after 1989.						
Number and Type of Associated Resources: One historic marker						
Integrity: Good		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 Peg Tree is located along Leonard Street to the west of the northwest corner of Leonard and Furnace Streets on a .46-acre, rectangle-shaped parcel in the Old Town neighborhood of Lake Oswego. The site is flat and features two multi-unit dwelling to the east and northwest of the parcel. Landscape features include mature trees, small bushes, and ornate grasses along Leonard Street and to the east and north of the site. Paths include a concrete pedestrian sidewalk along Leonard Street and concrete paths to the two dwelling from the sidewalk. A large asphalt parking lot is located in between the two dwelling with access to Leonard Street. The Peg Tree is located to the north of the sidewalk and to the east of the parking lot entrance. It is identified by a large bolder with bronze historic marker that reads: "Old Peg Tree' - A lantern was hung on the peg of this tree to provide light for early meeting in old town." This marker was designated by the Lake Oswego Junior Historical Society in 1967. A second marker identifies Peg Tree and states: "This tree was a meeting place for the early town people and Grange members of Oswego. A peg was driven into the tree for hanging a lantern to light these meetings. In 1852, before a proper building could be erected, Sunday School classes were held under the tree. The Peg Tree is the lone survivor of what was once a grove of Douglas fir that lined the road to the furnace of the nearby Iron smelter." This marker was added to the site after 1989 and was designated by the Oregon Heritage Tree Program.

The Peg Tree is a large Douglas fir with an approximate height of 90 feet, circumference of 20 feet and age of 200 years. Based on the 1927 Sanborn fire insurance map, the Grange Hall was located east of the tree. This Hall was a two-story, rectangle-shaped form with an intersecting-gabled roof. It consisted of two units: A two-story, front-gabled unit to the south and a one-story, front-gabled unit to the north. A tall rectangular-shaped cupola with wood slat vents and intersecting gabled roof was located on the north façade of the primary unit. The exterior façades were faced with wood clapboard siding and corner boards, and featured four-over-four, single-hung wood windows with casings. This Hall was demolished and two multi-unit dwellings now occupy the site.

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

The Peg Tree is located at 141 Leonard Street in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Originally planted c1852 in the Old Town neighborhood, this resource has retained good historic integrity and has continued to express the early development of Oswego.

The Peg Tree is rooted on originally owned by Albert Alonzo Durham as part of his 640-acre Donation Land Claim. After having arriving in Oregon in 1847, Albert and Miranda Durham platted a town site and named it Oswego three years later in 1850 (McArthur 273). Early development of Oswego revolved around the Old Town neighborhood, where the Durhams built their home. In 1855, the Durhams started to sell their 640-acre Donation Land Claim for the sum of \$20,900 (Lake Oswego Preservation Society "1850 Oswego"). Those who purchased this land were the Missionary Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church and John Corse Trullinger who filed the official plat of Oswego and named the streets to honor the iron industry investors in 1867" (Lake Oswego Preservation Society "1850 Oswego"). Around this time and after the construction of the Oregon Iron Company furnace in 1866, this neighborhood began to resemble a company town, complete with hotels, boarding houses, and homes. Years later, "the Oswego Iron Company incorporated to produce pig iron in 1878. The Oswego Iron Company underwent further reorganization and changed ownership in 1882 and became known as the Oregon Iron & Steel Company. By 1894, production of pig iron ceased and the company began to change its business from iron production to development of the 24,000 acres it owned in and around Oswego Lake, known at that time Sucker Lake" (Passchier 4). By 1888, the population of this neighborhood shifted to others such as Oswego's third neighborhood, First addition. As the dynamics of this neighborhood had changed so did the landscape. In the 1890s the felling of Old Town began (Foster 18). The Peg Tree was one of few to survive as it still stands in its original location today. According to the last survey conducted on this resource in 1989, most of these trees were cut down in the 1800s. The cuttings constituted a loss for furnace workers and nearby boarding house occupants who liked to sit in the pleasant shade of the trees and watch the riverboats on the Willamette during summer months.

Dating back to the founding of Oswego in 1850 the Peg Tree has been a significant feature of the community. It gets its name from the "fact that early townfolk hung a lantern from a wooden peg and held meetings under the tree's shelter" (Colver 17). Community meetings were held under Peg Tree, which included the Grange Hall once located on the northwest corner of Leonard and Furnace Streets (Lake Oswego Preservation Society "1850 Oswego"). Sunday School was also held under the tree before a "proper building could be erected" (Foster 18). Based on the 1989 survey, the first Sunday School class in Oswego was held under this tree in 1852 with Adam Randolph Shipley, a prominent Oswego pioneer, as teacher. Benches were said to have been split out of trees on the site and light furnished by a lantern hung from a peg driven into the tree.

In 1967 members of the Lake Oswego Junior Historical Society marked the site with a brass plate set in a mass of basaltic rock next to it. Before the dedication Portland General Electric and the Evergreen-Pacific Tree Service thinned the tree and Evergreen Pacific Tree Service trimmed branches and deep-fed the undernourished tree with electric drills. A second marker added after 1989 also identifies the Peg Tree. This marker was designated by the Oregon Heritage Tree Program. The location of the original peg is claimed to be located at the Oswego Heritage House. Further research would need to be conducted to verify its origins and current location.

Overall, based on the information gathered for this survey and further research, it is more than likely that the Peg Tree can be found significant the area of Community Planning and Development. Given its retention of its historic integrity in the areas of Location, Feeling, and Association, the Peg Tree could also be a contributing resource in a potential historic district.

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Peg Tree (Viewing Northeast)

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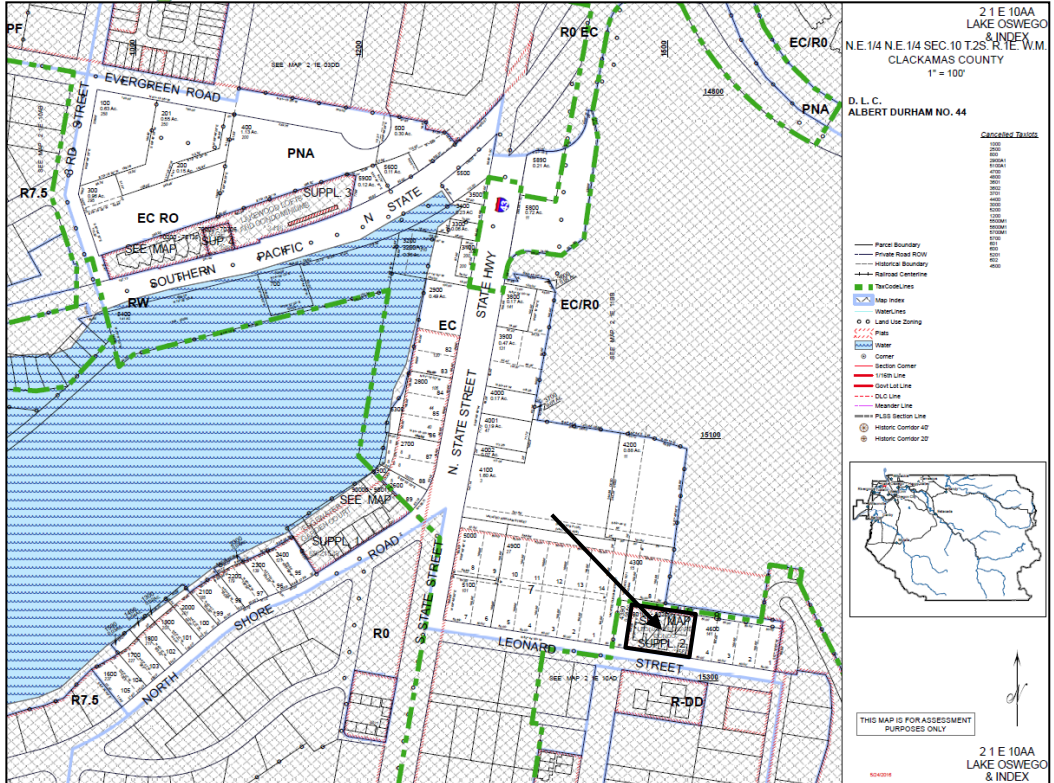
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Peg Tree Site Plan



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Architect and / or Builder(s): N/A	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: Oswego	Address:	
	City, State, Zip:	
	Phone Number(s):	
Area(s) of Significance: Community Planning and Development		
Property Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input 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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