

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

HIST. NAME: Hofer, Lawrence F., House
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1930
COMMON NAME:
ORIGINAL USE: Residence
ADDRESS: 919 West Point Road
OWNER: Richard Akerman
PRESENT USE: Residence
ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown
T/R/S: 2S 1E 10BD
TAX LOT: 2000

STYLE: Arts and
Crafts
RESOURCE TYPE: Bldg.
THEME: Architecture
ADDITION: Lakewood
72
BLOCK:
LOT: Part of 269;
270, 271
QUAD: Lake Oswego
LOT SIZE:
ZONE: R-7.5

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Asymmetrical
NO. OF STORIES: 2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Steeply pitched multi-gable; wood shake

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Masonry
STRUCTURAL FRAME: ,Unknown
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Multi-light casement
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Brick
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Scalloped, open bargeboard; projecting gabled dormer supported by large beams

OTHER: Gabled dormers; massive brick interior chimney; balcony with gabled hood and turned balustrade; recessed entry fitted with vertical board door; french doors

CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: Kitchen converted from small pantry, (n.d.); windows appear to be replaced w. and n. elevation

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Brick and aggregate deck w/ wrought-iron balustrade and brick piers; espailard trees, hedges, mature ornamental plantings

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: One story garage w/ gable roof, dormer and paned, overhead door and gabled wing, small out building on s.e. corner of lot

SETTING: Located on the north side of West Point Road, on the northern side of the West Point, a peninsula on the eastern end of the lake; area characterized by early twentieth century residences

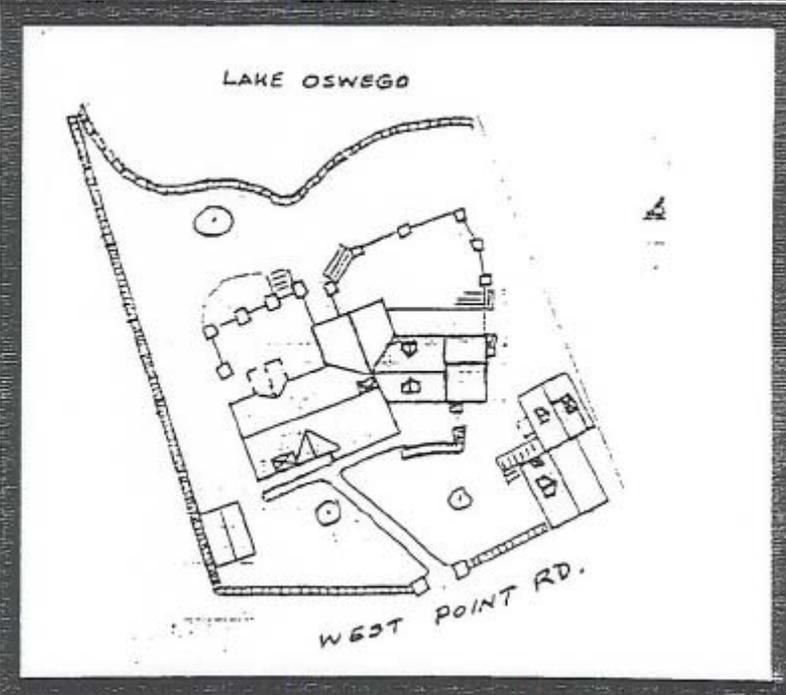
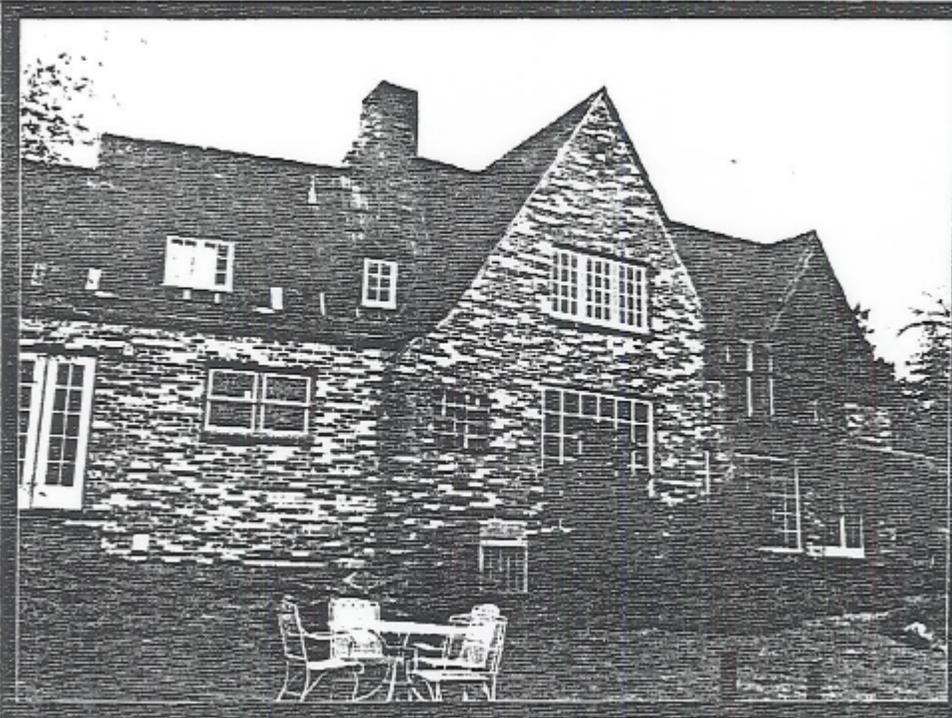
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RECORDER(S): Koler/Morrison
SHPO #:

DATE: January 1989
FIELD #: 159

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SHPO# _____ ROLL/FRAME# _____



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Address: 919 West Point Road

Historic Name: Hofer, Laurence, House

This brick Arts and Crafts style house was built in 1929 or '30. The hand wrought iron railing on the inside stairs bear the inscription "H. Jaegler, 1929," although deed records indicate that Laurence and Edna Hofer purchased the property from the Oregon Iron and Steel Company in 1930.

According to the current owner, the Hofers built this house after honeymooning in the British Isles. They loved the architecture there so they brought back plans and had the house built. The couple also commissioned H. Jaegler, iron craftsman from Germany, to create hardware for the interior of the house. Larry Hofer was a commodities broker. The 1947-48 Clackamas County Directory lists Hofer's business as E. Hofer & Sons in Portland. He also had a reputation as an inventor. The present owner assumes he created the unique doorbell made from a cowbell. Mrs. Hofer was well known for her gardening. The Hofers stayed in the house until 1981 when she died.

West Point Road sits on the tip of the Lakewood peninsula which juts west of State Street into Oswego Lake. Prior to 1922 this area was not attractive since it was bordered by Duck Pond (now Lakewood Bay), a sunken marsh. In that same year a widened channel transformed Duck Pond into an attractive bay and the Lakewood Addition opened up; residential development accelerated.

The Hofer residence is a very good example of the Arts and Crafts style. Like a number of other residences of this type in the community, it has the characteristic asymmetrical plan, steeply pitched gable roof and masonry exterior walls; however, it differs from the others through the brick selected--a variety of contrasting colors--and the projecting, gabled balcony on the front (lake side) elevation both of which are quite distinctive. The bargeboard treatment on the balcony is also noteworthy.

The house has had some major alterations, including changes to the fenestration--the sashes of some casement windows have been replaced with large multi-light panes. In recent years the backside of the house has been pushed out to create a kitchen. The house contributes to the historic character of the Lakewood neighborhood.

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