

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: Situs Address: 930 West Point Road				*City Lake Oswego	
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego				GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 122°40'31.50"W Latitude: 45°24'46.93"N	
Township: 2S	Range: 1E	Section: 10BD	Block/Lot: Part of 264, and 265, 266	Tax Lot #: 2700	
Historic Name: Paul R. and Susan W. Harris House				Grouping or Cluster Name:	
*Date of Construction: 1935		Other Name: Paul Harris House			
Historic Use or Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		*Current Use: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Architectural Classification(s): French Colonial Revival		Plan Type/Shape: Asymmetrical		Number of stories: 1 1/2	
Foundation Material: Unknown		Structural Framing: Stud		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material: Hip and multiple gables; wood shingles			Window Type/Material: Multi-light casement and double-hung /Wood		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Brick and wood siding		Secondary:		Decorative: Segmentally arched dormers; lattice glass	
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: None listed in 1989 and none noted in the City of Lake Oswego's permit files.					
Number and Type of Associated Resources: Boathouse and garage					
Integrity: Excellent		Condition: Excellent		Local Eligibility: On LDL	
				National Register Listed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Preliminary National Register Findings:					
Potentially Eligible: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input 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 Paul R. and Susan W. Harris House is a two story, hip-and gable-roofed house is located on a .22-acre parcel, just over half a mile southwest of downtown Lake Oswego. The house is constructed on the Lake Oswego waterfront, near the tip of a peninsula jutting into the lake. The parcel contains the house and a boathouse located on the water. Landscaping on the parcel consists of ornamental trees and shrubs and a lawn stretching down to the water, as well as a rear patio and stone steps and path with an ornamental metal railing that leads down to the boathouse and shore. A brick wall capped with a timber fence separate the property from the road.

The house is oriented with a main ridge extending on an east-west axis, roughly following the shoreline. The main roof is hipped with two gables extending to the east and west. A lower hipped roof extends further west from the west gable to form the two-bay, west-facing garage. The second story is lit with leaded lattice-pattern casement windows set in small hip-roofed dormers. A central brick chimney rises from the ridge at the junction of the central hipped roof and the west gable. The roof is clad with coursed wood shakes that imitate the appearance of a thatched roof. The walls are clad with a bricks that have a worn, whitewashed appearance and set in a standard bond veneer with a pale mortar. Windows on the lower wall are flanked with decorative wood shutters. The gable ends and sides of the dormers are clad with wide clapboard. The main entrance is set back slightly from the main façade and is sheltered by a standing seam metal hood constructed to appear like an awning. A three-part segmental arch, leaded glass window lights the second floor directly above the entrance.

The boathouse is a gable-roofed building with the same clapboard siding and shake roof as the main house. Two hipped dormers face east over the lawn and a second-story entrance flanked by single-light windows is located under the gable peak on the north side of the building. The boathouse has been extensively remodeled prior to 2005.

Based on a visual inspection from the public right-of-way, the house itself appears to have undergone few, if any, exterior alterations aside from maintenance and standard upkeep since the 1989 survey.

Character defining features of the French Colonial Revival style on this property include the asymmetrical building plan, primary brick siding, a steeply pitched cedar shake hip and gable roof and multiple hipped dormers

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Statement of Significance

The Paul R. and Susan W. Harris House, located at 930 West Point Road, was part of the Lakewood Plat and is currently in the Lakewood neighborhood of Lake Oswego. The home is historically significant as an excellent and distinct example of the French Colonial Revival style and to a lesser extent, for its association with its original owners, Paul and Susan Harris, who purchased the property from the Ladd Estate Company in 1934 (Koler and Morrison 1989).

The Sunday Oregonian featured the architect's rendering of the house and an article about its construction on December 9, 1934 (*The Sunday Oregonian* 1934). The house was described as a nine-room, \$15,000 residence with a brick veneer exterior and heavy shakes on the roof. It featured a party room, a shower and dressing room in the basement, a maid's room and bathroom on the first floor and bedrooms and bathrooms on the second floor. The house also used electric air conditioning and heat. According to the same article, the house was 90 feet long and included 145 feet of lake frontage and a boathouse. *The Sunday Oregonian* listed Casey & Graves as the contractors and Charles T. Diamond as the architect. In December of 1934, it was reported that the construction was "well underway," suggesting the home was finished in 1935(*The Sunday Oregonian* 1934).

Paul Harris was born in Oregon on September 25, 1901 and died on August 15, 1967 (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1930a; U.S. Social Security Death Index 1967). He married Susan W. Davis on November 21, 1927. They were married in a small ceremony and a breakfast was held at the Congress Hotel. At the time of the wedding the announcement described Paul Harris as a "prominent young attorney" (*The Morning Oregonian* 1927). Susan W. Harris was born in Wisconsin in ca. 1904. In 1930, Paul and Susan Harris were listed as living together in Portland on Hoyt Street (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1930a). They were routinely found in the social pages of *The Oregonian* as the hosts of dinner parties and as they returned from travel (*The Morning Oregonian* 1930; *The Sunday Oregonian* 1928). Paul Harris attended law school at the Northwestern School of Law (*The Oregonian* 1962). He became a prominent trial lawyer. In 1940, 5 years after the construction of this home, Paul Harris was enumerated as living in northwest Portland and was listed as being divorced. He was listed as being a lawyer with a private practice (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1940a). During his long career, Harris was the president of the Multnomah Bar Association (in 1951) and for a time was a member of the Governors of the Oregon State Bar. In 1956, he was listed as being a member of the American Bar Association, Aero Club, Temple Beth Israel, the East Side Breakfast Club, the Eagles, the City Club of Portland, the Tualatin Club and the Progressive Businessman's Club (*The Oregonian* 1962).

In 1937 Sevilla M. Brittan purchased the property. The 1940 census indicated that Brittan was born in ca. 1889 in Oklahoma. She was listed as being a widowed mother who resided in the house with her adult daughter, Shirley B. Brittan. The census showed they were both living in Spokane, Washington, in 1935 (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1940b). Sevilla Brittan died on June 18, 1947 (Oregon Death Index 1947).

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Mrs. Brittan sold the house in 1944 to Stanley G. and Gladys Terry, who owned the property up to the 1970s according to the Ticor Title Company (Koler and Morrison 1989). Stanley G. Terry was born in Nevada on September 10, 1911 and died on February 14, 1990 (Oregon Death Index 1990). A young Stanley Terry was enumerated in the 1920 census as living with his parents and brother in Sacramento, California (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1920). In February of 1951, Stanley G. Terry married Gladys R. Thomen in Skamania County, Washington (Washington Marriage Records 1941). Gladys R. Terry was born on March 16, 1908, and died on December 9, 1986 (Oregon Death Index 1986). Stanley G. Terry was known as an “operator of amusement devices,” which in the 1950s appeared to mostly be pinball machines (*The Oregonian* 1951a). He was pivotal in having the Portland pinball ban of 1951 lifted (it was lifted in December of 1951), as it was in conflict with state laws (*The Oregonian* 1951b). Terry later appeared to be involved with the gambling industry. An article in *The Oregonian* showed Terry living on Southwest Water Street in 1974, suggesting the Terrys had sold their Lake Oswego property by this time (*The Oregonian* 1974).

The house has previously been attributed as the work of the well-known architect Richard Sundeleaf. It was, in fact, the work of Charles Temple Diamond. It is the only known work of Diamond’s in Lake Oswego (Lake Oswego Preservation Society 2014). Diamond was responsible for the design of numerous buildings in Astoria, Oregon, from the early 1920s (Ritz 2003). He designed the National Register of Historic Places–listed Astoria Elks Building, the Astoria Odd Fellows Temple and the Associated Building (Berney 1984; *The Oregonian* 1923). Diamond was born in Belleville, Canada, on January 1, 1878 and immigrated to the United States in 1905 (U.S. Naturalization Records 1905). Diamond lived and worked for many years in Astoria, before moving to Portland in 1926 (Berney 1984). The 1930 U.S. census showed that Diamond was living in the Forest Hills area of Clackamas County with his wife, Evelyn M. Diamond (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1930b).

The Paul R. and Susan W. Harris House is asymmetrical in plan, with primary brick siding, a steeply pitched cedar shake hip and gable roof with a distinctive shingle pattern - a nod to the French Colonial Revival style - as well as multiple hipped dormers. This style was not particularly popular at the time of the house’s construction, making it a particularly unique contribution to Lake Oswego’s early-twentieth-century architectural history. It retains its historic integrity from the right-of-way and contributes to the historic character of the Lakewood neighborhood.

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Attach Appropriate Map(s)

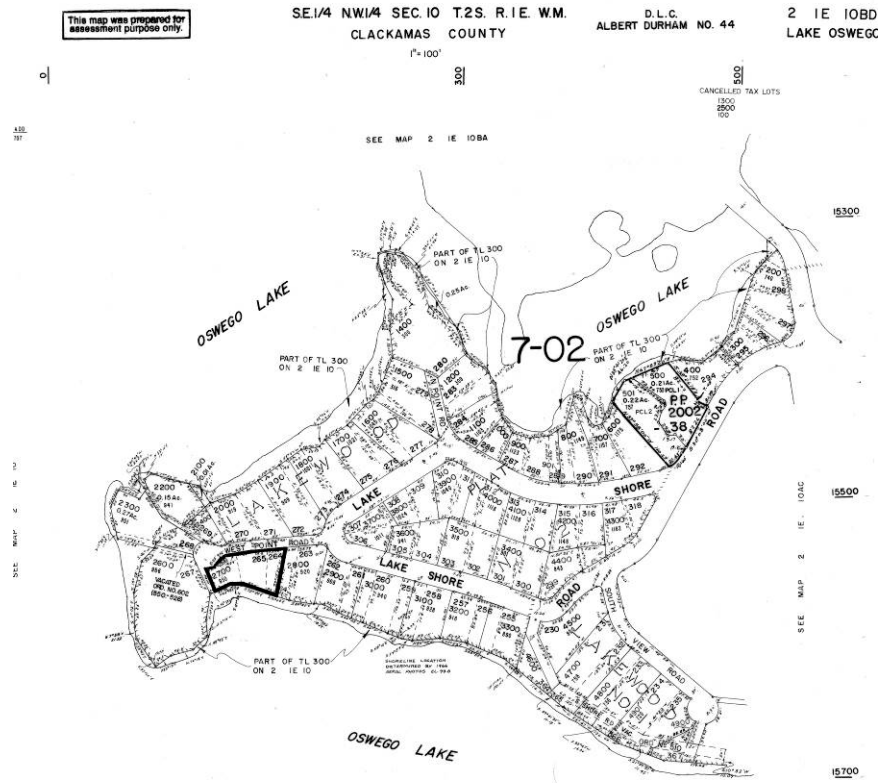


Figure 1. Tax map with property outlined

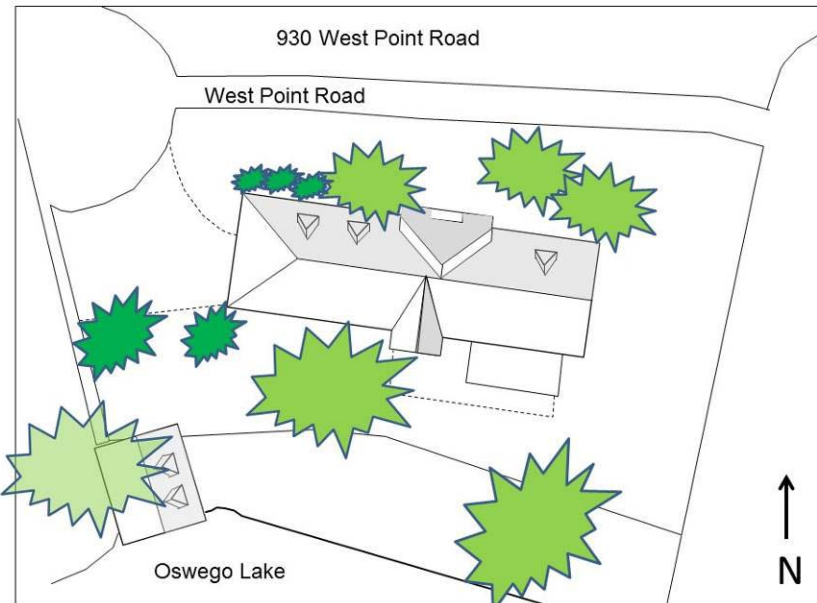


Figure 2. Site plan, provided by the City of Lake Oswego

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Figure 3. Looking southwest at the north façade..

**Date stated as unknown, but it is the same photo used during the 1989 cultural resource inventory
Photo courtesy of the Lake Oswego Public Library. Photo ID: HRAB305**



Figure 4. Looking southwest at the north façade. March 2014.

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Figure 5. Looking southeast at the north façade. March 2014.



Figure 6. Looking east at the west façade of garage. March 2014.

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Figure 7. Looking south, east side of boat house visible. March 2014.

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Architect and / or Builder(s): Charles T. Diamond	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): John and Nancy Tongue Address: City, State, Zip: Phone Number(s):		
Addition or Subdivision Name: Lakewood No. 2			
Area(s) of Significance: Architecture Association with Paul Harris			
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 type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs	Local Library (specify): Lake Oswego Public Library University Library (specify): Historical Society (specify): Other (specify):	
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