

**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**

Note: For properties 35 years old and newer, starred (*) sections are the only required fields.

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| | | | | | *County: Clackamas | |
| *Street Address: 469 Seventh Street Situs Address: | | | | *City Lake Oswego | | |
| USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego | | | | GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Latitude: 45°25'15.73"N Longitude: 122°40'16.04"W | | |
| Township: 2S | Range: 1E | Section: 003 DC | Block/Lot: Oswego Addition: Block 43 | Tax Lot #: 5500 | | |
| Historic Name: C. Gustave and Augusta A. Rosentreter House | | | | Grouping or Cluster Name: | | |
| *Date of Construction: c. 1925 | | Other Name: Gustav Rosentreter House | | | | |
| Historic Use or Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling | | *Current Use: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling | | Associated Archaeological Site: | | |
| Architectural Classification(s): Craftsman Bungalow | | Plan Type/Shape: Rectangular | | Number of stories: 1 1/2 | | |
| Foundation Material: Concrete | | Structural Framing: Stud | | Moved? Yes, ca. 1965 | | |
| Roof Type/Material: Intersecting, low-pitched gable w/composition shingles | | | Window Type/Material: Wide, double-hung sash w/ architrave molding | | | |
| Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Narrow, horizontal lap siding; water table | | Secondary: None | | Decorative: None | | |
| Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: Front door replaced (2010); porch deck replaced (2010); Garage altered (additional windows added) 2010 and entrance reoriented (date unknown); | | | | | | |
| Number and Type of Associated Resources: none | | | | | | |
| Integrity: Good | | 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 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 C. Gustave and Augusta A. Rosentreter House is on a small, 0.14-acre parcel located a few blocks west of downtown Lake Oswego. The house is aligned with the plat grid, facing west-northwest onto Seventh Avenue. A gable-roofed garage with a north-facing gable dormer stands directly east of the house and is accessed from an alley behind the property that parallels Seventh Avenue.

This house is a one-and-a-half-story bungalow with a rectangular footprint. The building rests on a concrete foundation, is clad with clapboard siding and is capped with a cross-gable roof with composition shingles. The building has a traditional bungalow form, with a broad, low-pitched roof and broad eaves and it also has an inset corner porch, but it displays a number of Colonial Revival elements on the main façade such as a front gable with an enclosed pediment, a Palladian window with a keystone and a plain frieze and dentil molding under the front eaves and pediment. Other decorative elements include lozenge-and lattice-shaped panes on fixed or hopper windows on the north side of the house.

The 1989 cultural resources inventory suggests that the original front door and front porch deck were replaced as well as the entrance being reoriented. There were no known dates for these alterations (Koler and Morrison 1989). More recently the City of Lake Oswego permit files show the garage was replaced and a shed removed from the rear façade to create room for a rear deck. These changes do not greatly reduce the integrity of the home and the primary façade has retained its historic materials and integrity.

The home has many of the character defining features of the Craftsman bungalow style with its low-pitched front-gable roof, wide eaves and partial-width porch supported by tapered columns. The home also has a minor Colonial Revival feature, the Palladian window prominently displayed on the front elevation.

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Statement of Significance

The C. Gustave and Augusta A. Rosentreter House, located at 469 Seventh Street in the First Addition neighborhood of Lake Oswego, was constructed ca. 1925 on the southeast corner of C Avenue and First Street; its original owners were Carl Gustave and Augusta A. Rosentreter according to the Ticor Title Company (Koler and Morrison 1989). The 1989 City of Lake Oswego cultural resources inventory states that the house was moved to its present location in or around 1965; however, the inventory does not provide a source for this information (Koler and Morrison 1989).

C. Gustave Rosentreter was born in Prussia (now Germany) on March 4, 1858 (*Lake Oswego Review* 1935). He immigrated to the United States in 1881 with his wife Augusta (Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York 1881). The couple moved first to Ironwood, Michigan, where they apparently resided in a sod house with their children, Rudolph and Louisa (also referred to as Lizzie in some sources) (Marvin 2014). They went on to have three more children, Charles, Frederick and Albert Otto. By 1900, the family was living in Lake Oswego (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1900). Augusta unexpectedly died on August 24, 1912 (Oregon Death Index 1912). After her death, Gustave continued to work as a fisherman and carpenter and at a various assortment of other jobs according to his 1935 obituary in the *Lake Oswego Review* (*Lake Oswego Review* 1935).

The Ticor Title Company reported that Arch R. and Lora Lewis, who were retirees, owned the house from approximately 1935 until 1948; Arch Lewis became a widower after his wife's passing in 1943 (Koler and Morrison 1989; *The Oregonian* 1943). The 1940 federal census lists them as residing in Oswego and shows that they were living in the same house in 1935 (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1940). Arch Lewis died in March of 1954 (Oregon Death Index 1954).

Charles D. and Kay Needham, owners of Needham's Sporting Goods in downtown Lake Oswego, purchased the property from Arch Lewis in the late 1940s (Koler and Morrison 1989). The 1989 City of Lake Oswego cultural resources inventory states that they purchased the property in 1948, but the 1947–1948 Clackamas County Directory lists the Needhams as residing at "First and C" at that time, suggesting that they purchased or rented the property the previous year (Koler and Morrison 1989; Pacific Directory Service 1947–1948). In a 1949 article in *The Oregonian*, Charles Needham was listed as mayor of Lake Oswego; he had also served on Lake Oswego's City Council for several years (*The Oregonian* 1949, 1964). Charles Needham died on December 6, 1980 (Oregon Death Index 1980).

With its low-pitched front-gable roof, wide eaves and partial-width porch supported by tapered columns, the house bears the distinct character-defining features of a Craftsman-style bungalow. However, Classical Revival features, mostly ornamental, are also present, such as the Palladian window prominently displayed on the front elevation. Despite having been moved from its original location, the C. Gustave and Augusta A. Rosentreter House is an excellent and relatively rare example of an early Craftsman-style house in Lake Oswego. It is also an important contribution to the historic First Addition neighborhood, with its mixture of early twentieth century, mid-twentieth century and more recent houses.

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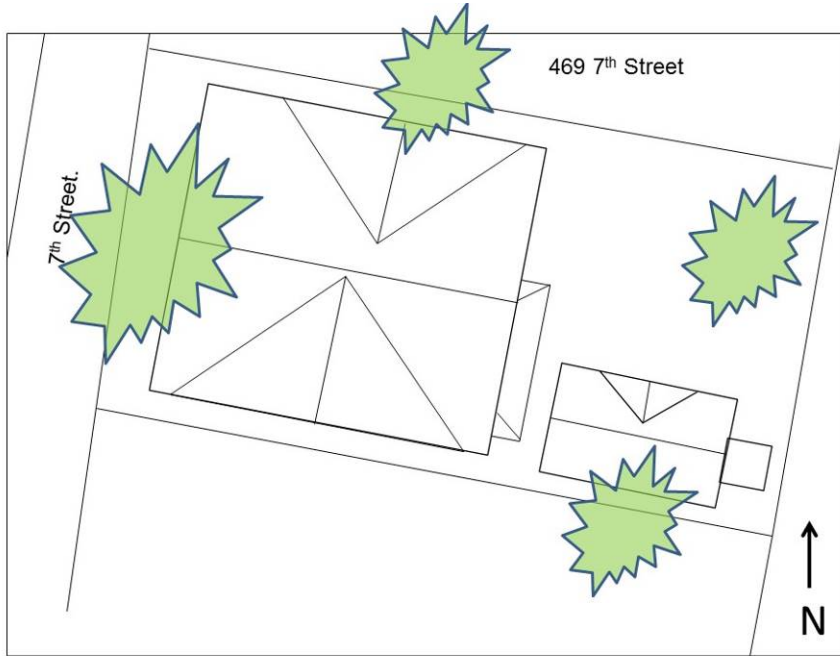


Figure 1. Site plan, provided by the City of Lake Oswego

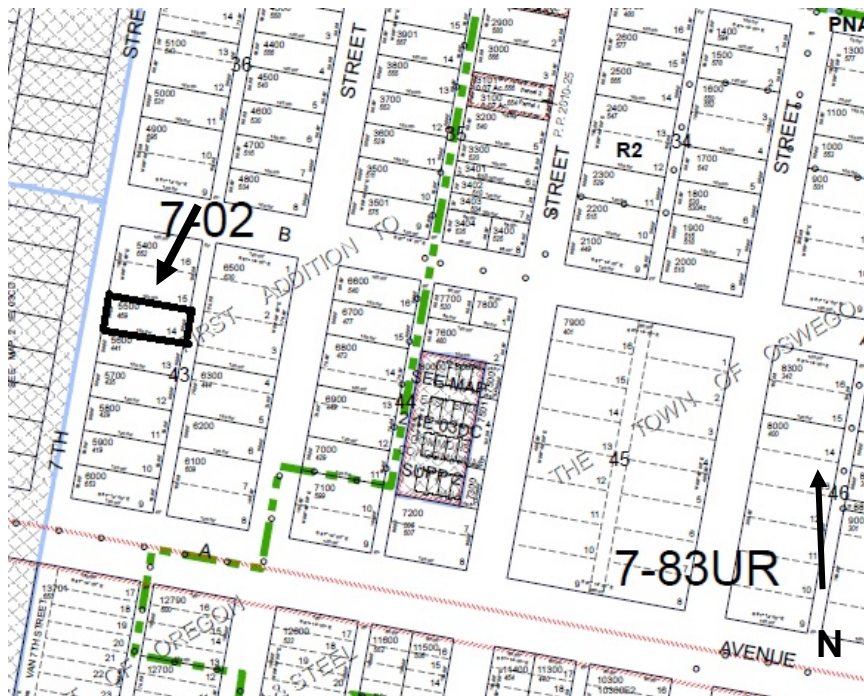


Figure 2. Tax map with property outlined.

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**Figure 3. Looking southeast at the north and west façades. Date unknown.
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Figure 4. Looking southeast at the north and west façades. March 2014.

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**Figure 5. Looking east at the west façade. March 2014
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Figure 6. Detail of chimney and wall gable with lattice window. March 2014.

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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): Michael and Alice Greene Address: City, State, Zip: Phone Number(s): |
| Addition or Subdivision Name: First Addition | |
| Area(s) of Significance: Architecture | |
| Property Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District | |

Documentation

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| Research Sources: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title/ Deed Records <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs | Local Library (specify): Lake Oswego Public Library University Library (specify): Historical Society (specify): Other (specify): |
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