

Historic
Resource
Inventory
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

2-456-02068

2068 N.W. Johnson Street

Couch's, Block 283, Lot 14
QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 2927
Northwest District Association

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Residence

DATE BUILT: ca. 1890

STYLE: Queen Anne Vernacular, Italianate

TAX ASSESSOR'S ACCOUNT #: R-18022-8050
ZONING: RH

Rank III

HISTORIC DISTRICT: Nob Hill (potential)

SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:

Truncated hip roof. Flat-roofed dormer with pediments over windows. Roof and dormer are finished with patterned shingles. Bracketed cornice with frieze of decorative wooden panels. Polygonal bay window with decorative frieze and sawn wood ornaments. Square porch posts with sawn wood ornaments, and decorative brackets and pendants. Multi-light transom and sidelights.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture



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BIBLIOGRAPHY:

City of Portland Buildings Bureau microform and card files.

Multnomah County Tax Assessor records, microform, automated data files, and card files (Portland, 1980).

Sanborn Insurance Map, 1895.

OLD ADDRESS: 666 Johnson Street

Present owners, as of May 1980: Melvin and Vera Katz

MAILING ADDRESS: 2068 N.W. Johnson Street, Portland 97209

No Preservation Funding

Negative: 566-19

Score - Design/Construction: 11

Score - Historical: 0

Score - Rarity: 0

Score - Environment: 6

Score - Integrity: 10

Score - Intrinsic: 11

Score - Contextual: 16

Score - Total: 54.5

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**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
COUNTY: MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

HIST. NAME: E. Lowell Residence
COMMON NAME:
ADDRESS: 2068 Northwest Johnson Street
CITY: Portland
OWNER: Katz, Melvin & Vera
ADDRESS: 2068 NW Johnson St., Portland, OR
97209

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1890
ORIGINAL USE: Domestic: single dwelling
PRESENT USE: Domestic: single dwelling
ARCHITECT:
BUILDER:
THEME: Culture: 19th Century Architecture
STYLE: Second Empire/Queen Anne

T/R/S: T1N R1E S33
MAP NO.: 2927 TAX LOT: NA
ADDITION: Couch's Addition
BLOCK: 283 LOT: 14
ZONE: RH QUAD.: Portland
ASSESSOR NO.: R180228050

RESOURCE TYPE: Residence: single dwelling
CONDITION: Excellent
MOVED (DATE):

Old Address: 666 Johnson
RANK:

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Mansard/wood
shingles
WALL/FRAME: Wood frame

NO. OF STORIES: 1 1/2
BASEMENT: Yes, raised

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 1/1 double-hung wood sash
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Shiplap, wood; wood shingles

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Flat roof with pedimented gable dormers with sunburst design; roof and dormer are finished with patterned shingles, bracketed cornice with frieze of decorated wooden panels; polygonal bay window with decorative frieze and sawn wood ornaments; square porch post with projecting capitals; decorative brackets and pendants on porch; multi-light transom and sidelights around entrance door; lattice skirting.

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): Wood deck added to rear, date unknown.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Foundation plantings; mature deciduous trees; garden; fences; manicured hedge around front and sides of house; street trees.

ASSOCIATED FEATURES: None

SETTING: The house is located on the south side of N.W. Johnson Street, a quiet two-lane street. The parcel is front-facing with high buses at front. The area is characterized as mixed use.

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SHPO INVENTORY NO.: P-287
DATE: August 1991

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architectual: The Lowell Residence, constructed in 1890, was designed in the Second Empire/Queen Anne styles. The residence is distinctive in its mansard roof with pedimented dormers; heavily bracketed and paneled frieze and truncated tower. The residence is virtually intact and is an excellent example of its type. This is an unusual style in the study area.

Historical: The property is associated with the following Portland families and businesses: Rogge, Edgar Lowell, Security Savings and Trust Company, James Murphy, and Robin and Constance Nelson.

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP HISTORY

1889-1905 A. Rogge purchased lot 14 /Block 283 for \$6000 from Edgar C. Lowell on October 28, 1889. Rogge sold the property to Security Savings and Trust Company on May 31, 1905.

1905-1940 Security Savings and Trust deeded the property to James H. Murphy on May 5, 1906. Murphy deeded the property to Robin and Constance Nelson on October 9, 1940. Robin Nelson died c. April 6, 1956.

OWNERS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

A. Rogge: Biographical information is unknown.

Edgar C. Lowell: According the the 1890 Portland city directory, Edgar L. Lowell was a salesperson for Allen and Lewis Company.

James H. Murphy (1911-1968): According to the 1910 Portland city directory, James H. Murphy worked for Murphy & Cawell Real Estate located at 210 Stark. In 1930, James and Anna K. Murphy lived at 667 Irving Street. James Murphy was employed as the vice-president of John Kiernan Corporation.

Constance Nelson was born at Conway, Arkansas and moved to Portland in 1920. She was a graduate of St. Helen's Hall. At the time of her death on November 12, 1965, she was 75 years of age. Nelson was survived by a son, John G. Nelson of Portland and a daughter, Mrs. Robin Nelson Hott of St. Louis Missouri.

Robin Nelson (1887-1955) was the Northwest regional director for Seagrams Distillers. A graduate of the University of Oregon in 1907, Nelson composed a traditional school song, sung on the campus today "As I Sit and Dream at Evening." Nelson died at 68 years of age on October 30, 1955. He was survived by a widow, his son John G. and a daughter, Mrs. S.A. Hott, Jr.

Sources: Ticor Title Company Records
 Multnomah County Tax Assessor Records
 City of Portland Building Bureau
 Portland City Directories
 Portland Block Books

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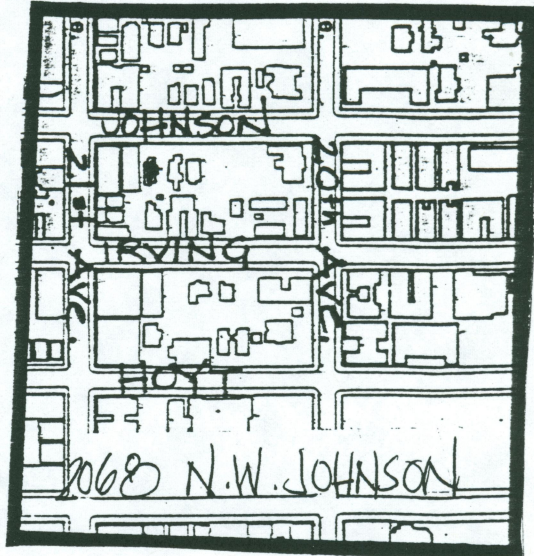
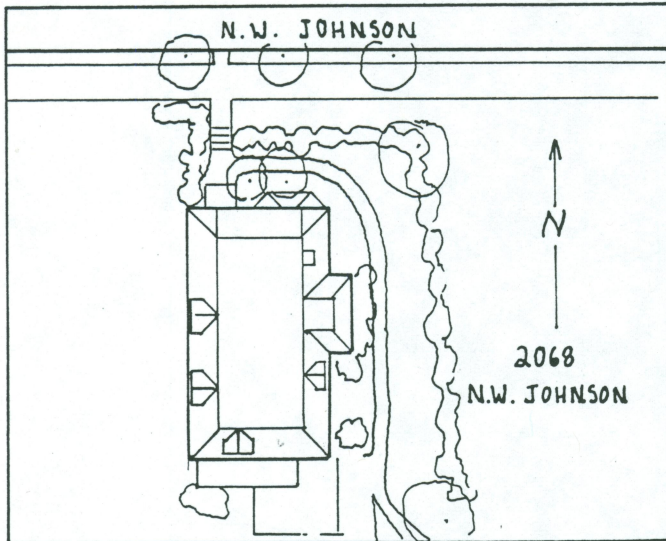
Nelson: *Oregonian*, 16 November 1965, p.7
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