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1701 N.W. Glisan Street

Couch's, Block 163, Lots 1, 4
QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 2928
Northwest District Association
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STYLE: American Basic

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STREET
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1713 (?)
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OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
COUNTY: MULTNOMAH COUNTY

HIST. NAME: Earl Apartments
COMMON NAME:
ADDRESS: 1701-09 Northwest Glisan Street
CITY: Portland
OWNER: Allred, Lee M. & Rebekah
ADDRESS: 525 NW 17th, Portland, OR 97209

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1906
ORIGINAL USE: Domestic: multiple dwelling
PRESENT USE: Domestic: multiple dwelling
ARCHITECT:
BUILDER:
THEME: Culture: 19th Century Architecture
STYLE: Craftsman/Classic Box

T/R/S: TIN RIE S33
MAP NO.: 2928 TAX LOT: NA
ADDITION: Couch's Addition
BLOCK: 163 LOT: 1,4
ZONE: EXd QUAD.: Portland
ASSESSOR NO.: R180214550

RESOURCE TYPE: Apartment
CONDITION: Good
MOVED (DATE):

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Hip, hip
dormers/composition shingles
WALL/FRAME: Wood frame

Old Address: 561 1/2, 561, 563, 563 1/2 Glisan
Street
RANK:

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

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 1/1 double-hung wood sash
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Lap siding, wood

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Medium pitched roof, overhanging eaves; paneled frieze; hip dormer; double balconies with turned balusters and Tuscan porch supports; corbelled chimneys; solid panel door, east face; solid panel door with three lights, west face; oriel window with bracketed supports on east elevation; recessed entry, lead-glass in door.

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): Rear addition connecting units, date unknown.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Mature deciduous tree, a birch tree.

ASSOCIATED FEATURES: None

SETTING: The building is located on the north side of N.W. Glisan Street, a one-way, arterial. The parcel is composed of eight units, from the corner to mid-block. The area is characterized as mixed use.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: The Earl Apartments, constructed in 1906, were designed in the Craftsman/Classic Box Style. The four attached dwellings (eight units) are the only multiple dwelling designed in this style in the inventory. They are an unusual type in the area and depict the largest building boom in northwest Portland which was promoted by the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Historical: The property is associated with the following Portland families: Rosendorf, Hirschberg, Simonton, Read, McKinley, Kline, Winfree, and Howe.

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP HISTORY

- 1893-1905 M. Rosendorf purchased lots 1 & 4 in 1891 and sold them to H. Hirschberg on October 23, 1893. Hirschberg sold the property for \$6100 to Clara M Simonton on January 3, 1905.
- 1905-1909 Clara M & E.M. Simonton and Mary T. & George McGowan sold lot 4 to Charles F. Read. The following year they were assessed for the street improvements to NW 17th Street and NW Glisan street.
- 1909-1912 Charles F. and Minnie T Read gave a quick claim deed to the property to Mitchell and Hattie McKinley on October 9, 1912.
- 1912-1914 Mitchell, McKinley and his wife Hattie McKinley along with Charles F. Read and his wife Minnie T .Read deeded the property to P.A. Kline on November 30, 1914.
- 1914-1923 On March 7, 1917 Nora Kline divorced P.A. Kline. A. Lee Paget and Henry W. Fries acting as referees for Nora Kline and P.A. Kline sold the property on July 13, 1923 for \$29,000 to A.B. Winfree. Five months later A.B. Winfree and his wife Jennie Weller Winfree sold the property to Mary Dee Kline and Mrs. C.M.Kline.
- 1923-1939 Mary Kline held title to the property during this time. On June 10, 1939, she was listed as a widow when she sold the property to Lena P. Howe.
- 1939-1961 Lena Howe died May 18, 1950. Esther B. and George C. Howe sold the property on December 8, 1961 to Dorothy A. Blake.

OWNERS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Dr. Max Rosendorf: Relative of Herman Hirschberg (see below).

Herman "Joe" Hirschberg(1856-1925) was born in Germany, November 26,1856. He came to the United States when he was seventeen. After being an apprentice tinner in New York for two years, he moved to Independence Oregon and then to Salem. He learned the English language by subscribing to the *Oregonian* and then he rigged up a telegraph set and ticked off words to other amateur operators in Independence. The telegraph set is still in the bank at Independence. From running a small tinship he went into general merchandising business with his brother Zed. In

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1919, he organized and became president of the Independence National Bank, the name being changed later to the First National Bank.

When Hirschberg moved to Portland he would register as "H.H." or use an assumed name, because he wanted to avoid the real estate dealers. Hirschberg was a member of many fraternal organizations. Among them were Masons, Elks, Knights of Pythias, and others. He died April 30, 1925. Hirschberg was a bachelor and his only relative in this country was Dr. Marx (Max) Rosendorf of Portland.

Everett and Clara Simonton (1857-1936) was a resident of Portland since 1893. Simonton was a secretary for the Housewives Council for several years. Simonton died at 79 years of age. She was survived by two children, Fred M. Simonton and Mrs. Florence Newson.

George McGowan, Sr. (1845-unknown) was born in Scotland in 1845, and came to America at a young age, originally living in San Francisco. He enlisted in the army in 1864 and served for three years with G Company of the regiment of California volunteers. After his discharge he came to Oregon and taught in Lane County schools for a number of years. George married Mary Martin in 1873. They moved to Harney County and founded the town of Burns, named after the Scottish poet. He engaged in the mercantile business for several years and eventually moved to Portland. At the time of his death, McGowan was survived by daughters, Grace Fleckenstein, of Portland and Jessie Walker, of San Francisco; and sons Archie McGowan, of Burns and James McGowan of Stockton, California.

Charles Read (1913-1959) was born in Hollis, Oklahoma in 1913 and grew up in Hillsboro, Texas. In 1940 he married Dixie Dummit in Austin, Texas and in 1942 served four years in the Navy as a pharmacist's mate, first class. In 1952, Read moved to Portland and took accounting at Behnke Walker Business College. He was an accountant with Mailliard & Schmiedell food brokers until January, 1958. At the time of his death Read was survived by his wife, Dixie, a daughter, Mary Read and a son, Charles Read of Portland.

Mitchell, McKinley (1858-1936) was born in Oregon City, May 6, 1858, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mitchell. Mitchells' business career began when he was 21 as postmaster for Gervais. In conjunction with the post office, he operated a store. Between 1880 and 1900 he served on the council, city treasurer and mayor of Gervais, and in 1896 was elected to the state legislature. He began mercantile work with the purchase of the M. Kaminsky & Son general store. He built the first grain elevator in Gervais and was the first carload shipper of potatoes and onions into Texas from Gervais. Mitchell came to Portland in 1901 and became associated with the produce business. He was a member a Portland Masonic Lodge No. 55, Elks, Odd Fellows, Scottish Rite, the Shrine, and the sons and daughters of Oregon Pioneers. He was married in San Francisco in 1881 to Hattie Scheier. At the time of his death, Mitchell was survived by a son, Hobart Mitchell, and three sisters, Esther Mitchell, Jeanette Mitchell and Sarah Kiter, all of Portland.

Andrew Broadus Winfree (1877-1970) was a prominent attorney in Portland for many years. Winfree was born in Chesterfield County, Virginia and moved to the west in 1899 after graduation from Washington and Lee University. For a short time, he lived at Pasco, Washington before moving to Baker, Oregon where he entered law practice and served as District Attorney for Baker County. He moved to Portland in 1910 to become a partner in law the firm of Teal, Miner and Winfree. He practiced law here until his retirement in 1958. Winfree was a life member of the

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Arlington Club. He died at 93 years of age on June 29, 1970 and was survived by his wife, Jennie and one son, Herbert Winfree of Portland

Lena P. Howe: According to will # 85575, Lena P. Howe died on March 14, 1960, leaving a widower, George C. Howe of Portland.

Esther Bystrom Howe (d. 1979) was active in many social organizations in Portland. Born in Oesterrund, Sweden, Mrs. Howe had been a Portland resident since 1928. She was a founding matron of Oakville Chapter 211 of the Order of Eastern Star. He was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star Mount Hood Chapter 144, Daughter of the Nile Zora Temple 5, Beauceant Assemble 41, White Shrine 1, and the Elma, Washington Oddfellows Lodge. Mrs. Howe was an Air Defense Filter Center Day Director and volunteered as a grey lady at the Veterans Hospital. She died at 86 years of age on February 7, 1979 and was survived by three daughters, Esther Marie Coleman, Patricia Collier, and Carol Midford.

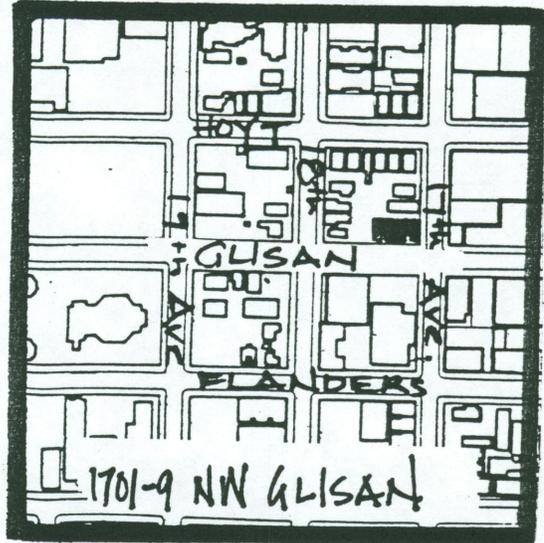
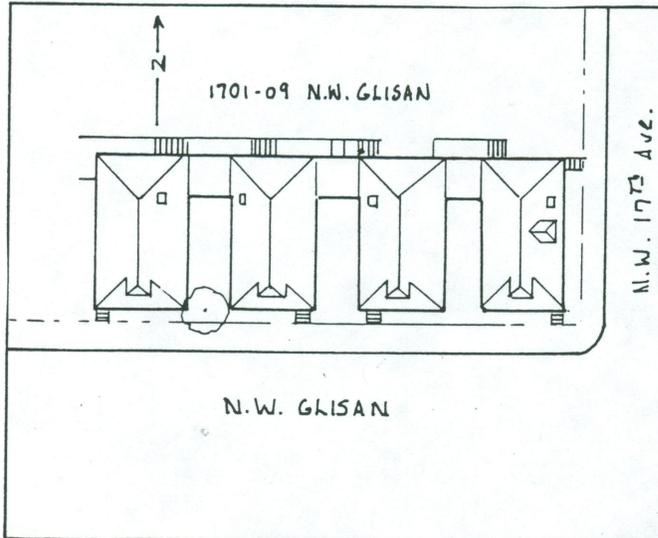
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No Preservation Funding

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