

**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: 737 Ash Street			*City Lake Oswego		
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego			GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 45.40908 -122.66790		
Township: 2 South	Range: 1 East	Section: 10	Block/Lot: Block 4/Lots 7&8	Tax Lot #: 5500	
Historic Name: Smith House			Grouping or Cluster Name: N/A		
*Date of Construction: c1868		Other Name: N/A			
Historic Use or Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		*Current Use: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Architectural Classification(s): Victorian-Era/Vernacular		Plan Type/Shape: Simple Plan/Rectangular		Number of stories: 1.5	
Foundation Material: Poured-In-Place Concrete		Structural Framing: Wood		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material: Cross Gable with Gabled Dormer/Asphalt Shingles			Window Type/Material: Four-Over-Four Double-Hung/Wood		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Wood Cove-Style Drop Siding		Secondary: N/A		Decorative: N/A	
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: Garage demolished after 1927; Full-width one-story shed roof porch on the west façade removed after 1927; Gothic-style wood fence removed before 1989; One-story covered porch added to the south façade after 1927; Six-over-six double-hung wood windows added after 1927 and removed after 1989; Wood shingles replaced after 1989; Bay window installed after 1989; Accessory dwelling unit and asphalt driveway added after 1989.					
Number and Type of Associated Resources: One accessory dwelling unit					
Integrity: Good		Condition: Good		Local Eligibility: Eligible/Contributing	
National Register Listed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown					
<b>Preliminary National Register Findings:</b>					
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 William and Emma Smith House is located on Ash Street three lots east of the northeast corner of Ash and Erickson Streets on a .23-acre, square-shaped parcel in the Hallinan neighborhood of Lake Oswego. The site, which slopes downward from south to north, includes landscape features, such as large mature deciduous trees and a string of short bushes along Ash Street. Other bushes and small trees are found in the backyard and along the west, east, and south façades. A ravine with creek and large mature trees is located to the east and south of the parcel. The site also includes a concrete path from Ash Street to the west and south façades. Stone-coursed planter and retaining walls are found in the backyard and along the asphalt driveway located to southwest of the site off of Ash Street.

The Smith House faces west toward Erickson Street. It is a one and one-half story, rectangular-shaped form with a side side-gabled roof with gabled dormer. A one-story, side-gable wing is located to the southeast of the house off of the east façade. Collectively, the house sits atop a poured-in-place concrete foundation with fixed four-light wood windows where topography allows. The north, east, south, and west façades are faced with wood cove-style drop siding and corner boards, and feature four-over-four double-hung wood and vinyl windows with wood casing. A one-story bay window with hipped roof is centrally located on the north façade. The main entrance is located on the south façade and consists of a single-door opening with a multi-panel wood door and multi-light transom under a one-story gabled awning, which is supported by to wood posts with cornices. The awning posts sit on wood base with three centrally located steps. A one-story porch with shed roof and square wood posts is located along the south façade of the house and wing addition. The porch posts sit on brick bases atop a slab-on-grade patio. The secondary entrance is located under the porch awning and consists of a multi-light wood door with lower panel. This entrance is flanked by a trio of four-over-four wood windows to the west and a single four-over-four wood window to the east. A second enclosed porch with multi-light window walls and hipped roof is located on the east façade of the house. Its foundation is constructed out of poured-in-place concrete with multi-light ribbon windows. The north- and south-facing gables protrude slightly from the house and feature a wood frieze. The roof is finished with asphalt shingles and aluminum gutters. A tall brick chimney is centrally located on the east façade between the primary unit and the enclosed porch.

A one and one-half story, front-gabled accessory dwelling unit is located to the west of the house. Like the house, this unit has a concrete foundation, bay window, shed-roof porch with wood posts, and a protruding roof with asphalt shingles. It is faced with vinyl siding and fixed and double-hung multi-light vinyl windows.

Based on the 1927 Sanborn fire insurance map, the Smith House site included the primary dwelling, wing addition, and the one-story enclosed porch in their original locations. At that time the site also included a one-story outbuilding to the southeast of the house along Ash Street. The outbuilding, likely a garage, has since been demolished. The date of this demolition is unknown. According to the 1927 Sanborn fire insurance map, the house also included a full-width one-story shed-roof porch that extended the length of the west façade. As of 1910, this porch featured wood spindlework posts with flat jigsaw lace-like brackets and a short wood balustrade with cross pattern. Other changes to the house and site over time include the demolition of the Gothic-style wood fence, the one-story porch on the west façade, and removal of landscape features, such as mature tree. Additions to the house include the one-story covered porch on the south façade, and the front-facing gable awning and six-over-six double-hung wood windows on the west façade. The dates of these alterations and additions are unknown.

Since the last survey was recorded in 1989, the six-over-six double-hung wood windows have been replaced with four-over-four vinyl windows, the wood shingles were replaced with asphalt shingles, and the bay window on the south façade was added. Other changes include the addition of the accessory dwelling unit and asphalt driveway to the west and alterations to the landscape features, such as the installation of the stone retaining walls. According to the 1989 survey, windows on the south façade have been altered, and the large gable-wall chimney was added as well as the gabled dormer. The dates of these alterations are unknown.

The Smith House has many of the features used to define Victorian-Era Vernacular style houses that were common during its time of construction. These features include horizontal board siding, multi-light double-hung wood windows, basic forms, and reserved window cases.

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Statement of Significance: [Required only for Intensive Level Surveys] (Use additional sheets if necessary)

The William and Emma Smith House is located at 737 Ash Street in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Originally built c1868 in the South Oswego neighborhood, this house has retained good historic integrity and has become a prime example of Victorian-Era Vernacular style dwellings that were common during Lake Oswego's early development.

The Smith House sits on land originally owned by Felix and Damaris Collard as part of the F.A. Collard Donation Land Claim. Around 1860, a segment of this land claim was purchased by Matthew and Catherine Patton, using \$10,000 that Patton acquired from his advantageous participation in the California gold rush. Years later, Patton and his wife platted this land and titled it South Oswego in 1883 making it Oswego's second neighborhood. At this time, South Oswego only consisted of a few streets; however, in 1891 "Patton's son and his partners" (Lake Oswego Preservation Society "1883 South Oswego") created the "South Oswego Addition," which expanded the neighborhood and changed the names of the streets from numbers to tree species. In 1889, W.S. Smith purchased lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 on block 4 from J.D. and E.A. Lee, Robert and Martha Patton, and L.M. and S.J. Parrish for \$200 (Clackamas County Deeds of Title v35 261). The 1900 census shows the Smiths residing in the house with their three children. W.S. Smith was a constable and at one point oversaw a gang of laborers on the cable road (Oregon City Enterprise, 1895). Six years later in 1906, the Smiths sold the same four lots to Mrs. Agnes E. Cox for \$800 (Clackamas County Deeds of Title v97 102). The Cox Family continued to live in the house through 1910 (Foster 56). According to the last survey conducted on this property in 1989, William S. and Gertrude Ewing purchased the property in 1922. William Ewing served as 13th Mayor of Lake Oswego between 1931 and 1939. He worked for Meier and Frank Company in Portland. Ewing died in 1939 and his wife remarried and, as Gertrude Schrock, sold the property in 1944.

Today, the house continues to reflect many of the character-defining features associated with Victorian-Era Vernacular style dwellings used in the early development of Lake Oswego. These features include wood cove-style drop siding, one-over-one single-hung wood windows, wood entablature, reserved window cases, as well as its basic form. The size of the site also reflects the development of Lake Oswego and the South Oswego neighborhood as it consists of two full lots. Currently, the Smith House retains good historic integrity and continues to embody many of the Vernacular style characteristics used during its time of construction, making it a prime example of its style and type.

Overall, based on the information gathered for this survey and further research, it is more than likely that the Smith House can be found significant in the areas of architecture and community planning and development. Given its retention of its historic integrity in the areas of Location, Setting, Materials, Workmanship, Feeling, and Association, and its contributions to Oswego's early neighborhood development, the Smith House could also be a contributing resource in a potential historic district.

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South Façade (Viewing Northeast)

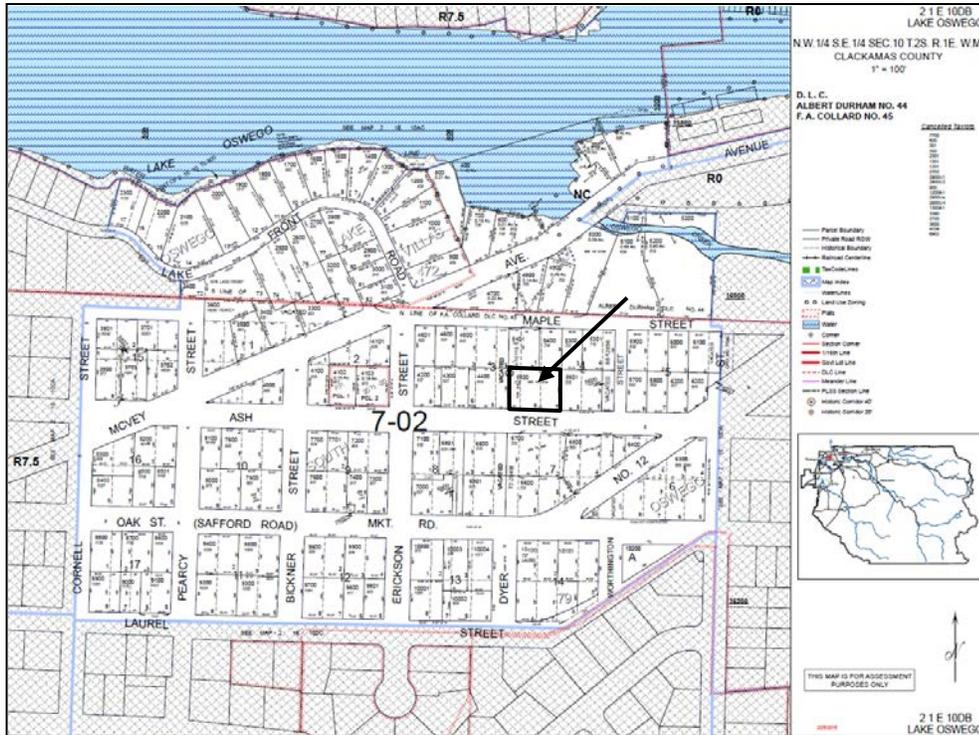
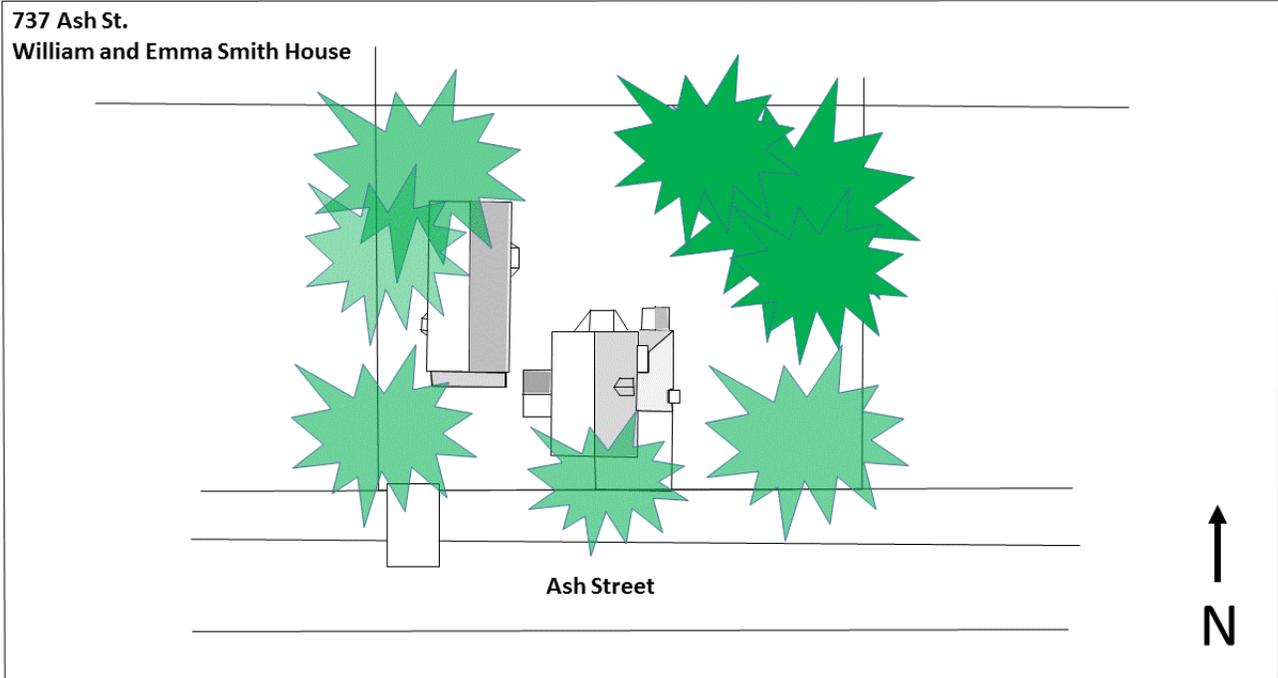


South Façade (Viewing Northwest)

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Note: This page of the survey form is required only for Intensive Level Survey

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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	
Addition or Subdivision Name: South Oswego	Owner Name(s):	
Area(s) of Significance: Architecture and Community Planning and Development	Address:	
Property Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District	City, State, Zip:	
	Phone Number(s):	

**Documentation**

<b>Research Sources:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title/ Deed Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input checked="" 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 Multnomah County Library  University Library (specify):   Historical Society (specify):   Other (specify):
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