

OREGON CITY HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Street Address: 503 MADISON ST				City: OREGON CITY	
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City			GPS Latitude: 45 21 14 N		Longitude: 122 36 15 W
Township: 02S	Range: 02E	Section: 31	Block: 110	Lot: 4x	Map #: 22E31AD Tax Lot #: 12700
Date of Construction: c. 1923		Historic Name: Farr, Arthur and Daisy, House		Historic Use or Function: Domestic - single dwelling	
Grouping or Cluster Name: NA		*Current Name or Use: Domestic - single dwelling		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Architectural Classification(s): Bungalow / Unknown			Plan Type/Shape: Complex		Number of Stories: 2.0
Foundation Material: Concrete			Structural Framing: Unknown		Moved? No
Roof Type/Material: Gable / Composition shingle			Window Type/Material: 3/1 wood double-hung		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Lap Secondary: Decorative:					
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: Square porch post addition					
Number and Type of Associated Resources: None					
Integrity: Excellent Condition: Good			Local Ranking: Designated Historic Site		National Register Listed? No
Potentially Eligible: ☐ Individually or ☒ As a contributing resource in a district Not Eligible: ☐ Intact but lacks distinction ☐ Altered (choose one): ☐ Reversible/Potentially eligible individually or in district ☐ Reversible/Ineligible as it lacks distinction ☐ Irretrievable loss of integrity ☐ Not 50 years old					
Description of Physical and Landscape Features:					
This two-story bungalow has a low-pitched gable roof covered in composition shingles. It sits on a poured concrete foundation with basement and has an asymmetrical plan. It has a wide eave and extended purlins with notched ends. It also has wide bargeboards and exposed rafter tails. The chimney is made of brick and has a corbelled top. The house is clad in original narrow lap siding. It exhibits a variety of windows, some with multi/1. There are single windows and groups of three. Some have arched transoms and all have apron moldings and decorative surrounds. The entrance door has glazed sidelights with muntins dividing long, tall glazed panes. The gabled wrap-around porch has short battered piers and decorative, multi-colored brickwork. Square posts have been added. At the back of the house is a small original porch. The small garage below grade on 6th Street also appears to be original.					
Statement of Significance:					
In 1923, Arthur Louis and Daisy Farr purchased this property and proceeded to construct their residence. Arthur was the son of pioneer Isaac Farr and the brother of Clarence Farr, with whom he operated Farr Brothers, a grocery and meat store at the northwest corner of 7th and Monroe. In 1942, a portion of this property was sold to J.E. and Blanche Squier, who two years later transferred it to Arvid Simonson. Simonson was a mill worker at Crown Zellerbach, who occupied the house with wife Jessie. In 1958, Mrs. Simonson, as a widow, deeded the property to Pete Schwann, an employee of the County Road Department, and his wife Helen. The couple lived on site until the late 1950s, when they moved to Davis Road. From at least 1962 to 1965, the house was again occupied by Mrs. Jessie Simonson.					

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