

**OREGON CITY  
PARK PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD  
HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY 1990**

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| <b>HISTORIC NAME:</b>     | Tollefson, Knute, House      |
| <b>COMMON NAME:</b>       |                              |
| <b>PROPERTY ADDRESS:</b>  | 15831 S. Harley              |
| <b>OWNER:</b>             | Gary W. Reddaway             |
| <b>OWNER'S ADDRESS:</b>   | 405 Ogden Drive, Oregon City |
| <b>RESOURCE TYPE:</b>     | Building                     |
| <b>PRESENT USE:</b>       | Residential                  |
| <b>THEME:</b>             | Culture                      |
| <b>ARCHITECT/BUILDER:</b> | Unknown                      |
| <b>COUNTY:</b>            | Clackamas                    |
| <b>QUAD:</b>              | Gladstone                    |
| <b>T/R/S:</b>             | 2-2E-20DD                    |
| <b>TAX LOT:</b>           | 601                          |
| <b>ADDITION</b>           | --                           |
| <b>BLOCK:</b>             | --                           |
| <b>LOT:</b>               | --                           |
| <b>LOT SIZE:</b>          | 1.77 acres                   |
| <b>ZONE:</b>              | RD-4 Two-Family Residential  |

**HOUSE**

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| <b>DATE BUILT:</b>                         | c. 1893  |
| <b>STYLE:</b>                              | Queen Anne   |
| <b>PLAN TYPE/SHAPE:</b>                    | Asymmetrical   |
| <b>NO. OF STORIES:</b>                     | 2½   |
| <b>FOUNDATION MATERIAL:</b>                | Brick  |
| <b>BASEMENT:</b>                           | Yes  |
| <b>ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS:</b>            | Intersecting gable with composition shingles   |
| <b>WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME:</b> | Wood/unknown   |
| <b>PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE:</b>                | Double-hung sash, some in pairs.   |
| <b>EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS:</b>       | Wide shiplap with corner boards, rake boards, watertable   |
| <b>DECORATIVE FEATURES:</b>                | Cut-away window bays with decorative casements and incised spandrels, leaded glass, w. elev.; patterned shingles; gable end ornament incised with floral pattern, n. elev; sunburst motif at second level porch, carved porch posts; cannonball corner blocks. |
| <b>OTHER:</b>                              | Corner double porch, n. elev; paired French doors, w. elev.  |

**CONDITION:**

**EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE):**

Porch balustrades replaced (n. d.)

**NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:**

Mature deciduous trees; mature coniferous trees; ornamental shrubs

**NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES:**

None

**SETTING:** On the corner of Forsythe and Harley, high above the lower portion of Park Place. Interstate 205 and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks are visible and audible. To the west is an industrial building, across Forsythe is an early 20th Century house and across Harley is a large vacant lot. The Abernethy Grange is located several hundred feet to the north. Houses in this area date from late 19th century to mid 20th century. The parcel slopes gently to the west. It is landscaped with huge trees, deciduous and coniferous, and ornamental shrubs.

**RECORDED BY:** Koler/Morrison

**DATE:** August 1990

**SHPO NO. 1062**

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**ADDRESS:** 15831 Harley

**HISTORIC NAME:** Tollefson, Knute, House

Knute Tollefson is believed to be the original owner of the subject property, which he purchased in 1893. The next recorded transaction was between Martin Tollefson and Betsy Tollefson, who were both presumably relatives. In 1918 Betsy Tollefson sold the property to Ed Sobezinski. Two years later he sold to Lulu B. Sheldon. In 1935 Daisy Smith, as the administrator of Lulu Sheldon estate sold the house to Charles A. Smith who held it for two years before selling to E.L. and Catherine Walters.

According to the current owner the subject house was built by an old sea captain. No documentation has substantiated this information. Martin Tollefson was identified as a servant living in Astoria in 1900. Martin was born in Norway in 1873.

Lulu Belle Crandon Sheldon was born in Ohio in 1857. She came to Park Place via Kansas and Salem. At the break of World War I Mrs. Sheldon and husband, Dr. Rufus Sheldon, came to Portland where he worked in the shipyards. Following the war they purchased the subject property. Mrs. Sheldon was a recognized artist who taught art in Salem and Oregon City. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The house is an excellent example of a late 19th eclectic style dwelling. It is composed of several perpendicular volumes covered with wide, dropped siding and finished with corner boards, rake boards and watertable molding. The house is embellished with decorative elements on every face, including a cut-away window bay with decorative casements and inscribed spandrels; turned gable-end ornament inscribed with a sunburst pattern; a sunburst motif at the second level porch; carved porch posts; cannonball corner blocks; and leaded glass. Porch balustrades are missing or replaced, however, pieces of the original members are located under the porch deck on the north elevation.

In addition to the house there is a garage, which appears to date from the historic period. It is in poor condition.

Landscape features, including mature deciduous and coniferous trees, as well ornamental shrubs, contribute to the historic character of the dwelling.

**Sources:** Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory, 1984.  
Federal Census, 1900.  
Oregon City Enterprise. 5 December 1933.  
Oregon City Landmarks Inventory, Urban Growth Boundary, 1982.  
TICOR Title Company records, Oregon City, OR.

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**GARAGE**

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| <b>DATE BUILT:</b>                         | Unknown  |
| <b>STYLE:</b>                              | Vernacular                                       |
| <b>PLAN TYPE/SHAPE:</b>                    | Rectangular                                      |
| <b>NO. OF STORIES:</b>                     | 1  |
| <b>FOUNDATION MATERIAL:</b>                | Concrete   |
| <b>BASEMENT:</b>                           | No   |
| <b>ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS:</b>            | Hip w/composition shingles                       |
| <b>WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME:</b> | Wood/stud  |
| <b>PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE:</b>                | Fixed, multi-light, unglazed                     |
| <b>EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS:</b>       | Horizontal wood siding                           |
| <b>DECORATIVE FEATURES:</b>                | None   |
| <b>OTHER:</b>                              | None   |
| <b>CONDITION:</b>                          | Poor   |
| <b>EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE):</b>        | Dooor removed; (n.d.) glass removed from windows |

**NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:**

**NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES:**

**SETTING:** Located on the west side of Harley at the intersection of Forsythe Road. Houses in the area date from the late 19th Century through the mid-20th Century. Landscaping includes ornamental shrubs such as

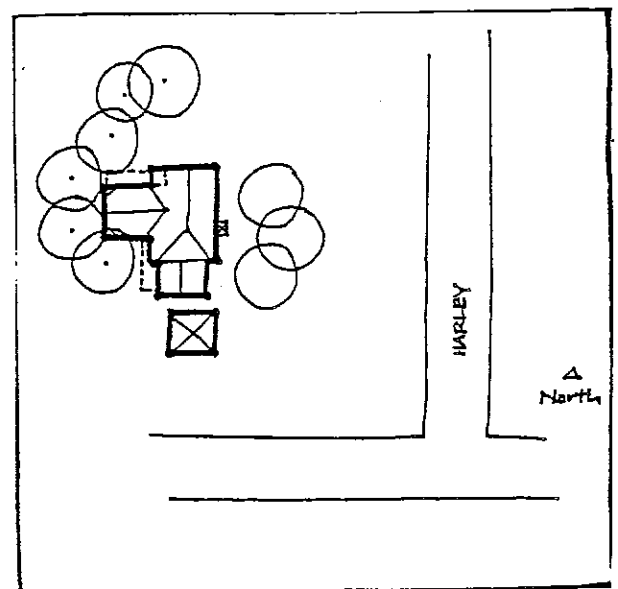
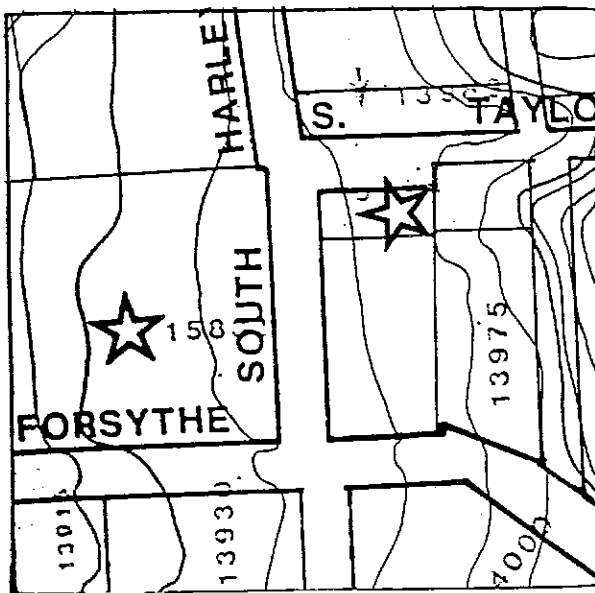
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SITE PLAN AND PHOTOGRAPH: 15831 Harley Street



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