

Oregon Historic Site Form

Spencer, Charles & Maud, House
602 1st Ave
Oregon City, Clackamas County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: <u>602 1st Ave</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> apprx. addrs	historic name: <u>Spencer, Charles & Maud, House</u>
<u>Oregon City</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> vcnty	current/ other names: <u>Southern Pacific Railroad House 3; Smith, Ryan A, House</u>
Optional Information		block nbr: _____ lot nbr: _____ tax lot nbr: _____
assoc addresses: (former addresses, intersections, etc.)		township: <u>2 S</u> range: <u>1E</u> section: <u>36</u> 1/4: _____
location descr: (remote sites)		zip: _____

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Building	height (# stories): <u>1</u>	total # eligible resources: <u>1</u> total # ineligible resources: <u>1</u>
elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing	NR status: Listed in Historic District	
primary constr date: <u>1910</u> (c.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> secondary date: _____ (c.) <input type="checkbox"/>	NR date listed: _____ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)	
primary orig use: Single Dwelling	orig use comments: _____	
secondary orig use: _____	prim style comments: _____	
primary style: Bungalow (Type)	sec style comments: _____	
secondary style: Craftsman	siding comments: _____	
primary siding: Horizontal Board	architect: _____	
secondary siding: _____	builder: _____	
plan type: Bungalow	comments/notes: Large, low single story Bungalow	

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name	<u>Canemah Historic District , Listed on 10/11/1978</u>	<u>Listed Historic District</u>
	<u>Canemah Historic District RLS Survey Update, 2007</u>	<u>Survey & Inventory Project</u>

farmstead/cluster name:

external site #: _____
(ID# used in city/agency database)

SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed:	<u>NHD</u>
ILS survey date:	<u>4/3/2008</u>
RLS survey date:	<u>6/1/2007</u>
Gen File date:	_____

106 Project(s)



Northwest facade, looking southeast

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ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Include expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings, and alterations)

The house is located on the first bench directly above and facing the river and railroad. The structure is a single story with large squarish footprint and low sloped roof that, although principally on a east-west side to side) axis, has a major gable running south and a minor gable extending north; there are shed roofs at the front porch and east side bay; there is a large 1 1/2 story detached garage with living space above located at the south side of the lot

Exterior Materials: the low sloping roof has composition shingles and an exposed (painted) brick chimney with corbel detail on the east; there is a small false dormer facing north; the overhangs are soffited with tongue and groove bead board and supported on knee braces; wood siding is shiplap Western Wood Pattern #117 (double mold) over the entire house and it is miter cut at outside corners; simple moldings and casings and water table are used; porch is partially enclosed with siding and the roof is supported by massive battered wood columns on painted brick piers; Windows: main room windows have small fixed (some stained) light transoms over lower units that have been replaced with vinyl sliders; wood basement 2/2 windows; concrete foundation

Alterations: The house is relatively intact, but windows have been changed; concrete porch and steps; new detached garage-studio building, although it is 1 1/2 stories high and steeper roof pitch, the ridge is approximately the height of the main house with its higher floor level and wider dimensions.

Landscape: The site is open with small ornamental plantings; newer stained cedar enclosure fence with brick posts and entry arbor.

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period [preferably to the present])

Charles Spencer was a foreman for the Crown-Willamette Paper Company in 1916. He may have moved after this time, as he is not listed in the Oregon City Directory for 1916-1917. His mother was Belle Spencer-Rutter (902, 910 South McLoughlin Blvd) who was born in California in 1851. She married Ross Spencer, who purchased plot #56 in the Canemah Cemetery. They had one child, Charles. In 1903 she married John Rutter, a Canemah farmer. She died in 1927.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

<input type="checkbox"/> Title Records	<input type="checkbox"/> Census Records	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps	<input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources	<input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files	<input type="checkbox"/> Interviews
<input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> State Archives	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits	<input type="checkbox"/> State Library	

Local Library: _____

University Library: _____

Historical Society: _____

Other Repository: Canemah Cemetery records

Bibliography: Eriger, Patricia C., Historic Canemah Pioneer Cemetery, An Inventory; Oregon City City Directory, 1916-17.