

# Oregon Historic Site Form

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

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 602 1st Ave ☐ apprx. addr

Oregon City ☐ vcnty Clackamas County

historic name: Spencer, Charles & Maud, House

current/  
other names: Southern Pacific Railroad House 3; Smith, Ryan A, House

### Optional Information

assoc addresses:  
(former addresses, intersections, etc.)

location descr:  
(remote sites)

block nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ tax lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_

township: 2 S range: 1 E section: 36 1/4: \_\_\_\_\_

zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Building height (# stories): 1

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

primary constr date: 1910 (c.) ☒ secondary date: \_\_\_\_\_ (c.) ☐  
(optional--use for major adds)

primary orig use: Single Dwelling

secondary orig use: \_\_\_\_\_

primary style: Bungalow (Type)

secondary style: Craftsman

primary siding: Horizontal Board

secondary siding: \_\_\_\_\_

plan type: Bungalow

comments/notes: Large, low single story Bungalow

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources: 1

NR status: Listed in Historic District

NR date listed: \_\_\_\_\_ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)

orig use comments: \_\_\_\_\_

prim style comments: \_\_\_\_\_

sec style comments: \_\_\_\_\_

siding comments: \_\_\_\_\_

architect: \_\_\_\_\_

builder: \_\_\_\_\_

## GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name: Canemah Historic District, Listed on 10/11/1978  
Canemah Historic District RLS Survey Update, 2007

Listed Historic District

Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: \_\_\_\_\_ NHD

ILS survey date: 4/3/2008

RLS survey date: 6/1/2007

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)

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| <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: Erigero, Patricia C., Historic Canemah Pioneer Cemetery, An Inventory; Oregon City City Directory, 1916-17.