

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: George and Bertha Story House DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1900
COMMON NAME: ORIGINAL USE: Residence
ADDRESS: 910 Pierce Street PRESENT USE: Residence
OWNER: Gordon and Emily Goertzen, 910 Pierce ARCH./BLDR.: White (arch.?)

T/R/S: 2-2E-32BD TAX LOT: 5900 STYLE: Queen Anne
ADDITION: Central Addition BLDG. STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE)
LOT: 8 BLOCK: 50 QUAD: Oregon City THEME: Architecture, 19th/20 Century

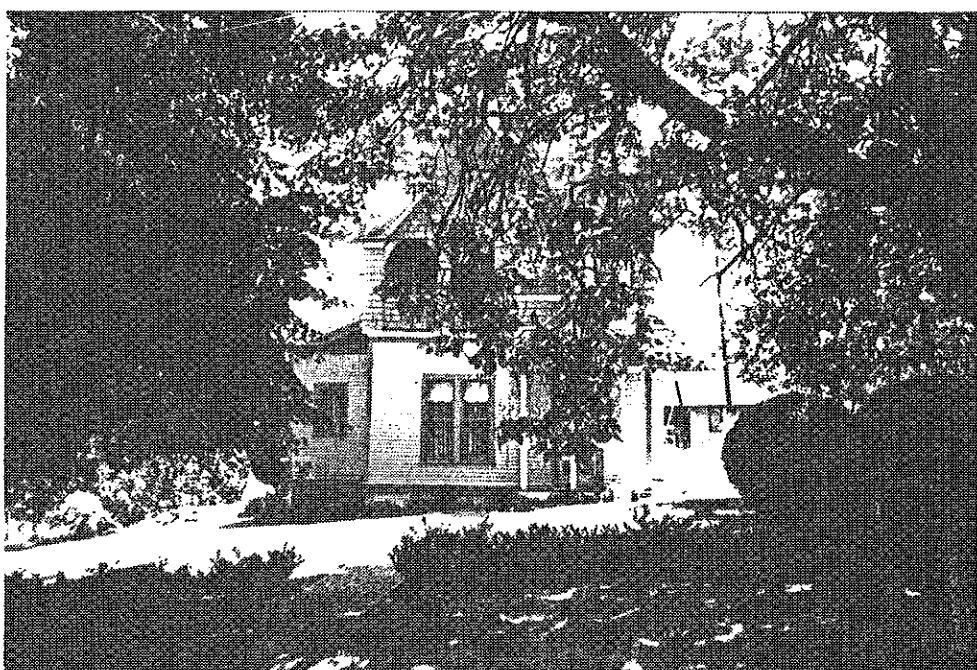
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular NO. OF STORIES: 2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Partial brick BASEMENT (Y/N): No
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Hip and gable roofs. Composition.
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Mostly one-over-one double-hung.
SURFACING MATERIALS: First story: narrow wood lap siding. Second story: cedar shingles.
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Second story: gables curved in lower portions in somewhat oriental
OTHER: way. Small wooden dentils. Balcony openings.
CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED MOVED (date)
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated): Single-bay, pedimented porch, later additions
in the rear, n.d.
NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: None.
ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: None.
KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None.
GEOGRAPHIC SETTING: Occupies an interior lot on Pierce Street, northeast of its
intersection with 9th Street. The rear of the lot abuts an unimproved alley, and behind
the house is a vacant half-block. A quiet residential area. Other landmarks in the area
are 904 Pierce (White House, c. 1890), and 1619 - 9th Street (Gibson House, c. 1895).
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events,
persons, contexts): George Lincoln Story was born August 18, 1860 in Salem and moved to
Oregon City in 1889. Active in Republican party activities, he served as Secretary to the
Clackamas County Central Committee from 1894-96. An interest in politics led him to serve
in the State House of Representatives from 1885-1901; he then served several terms as City
Attorney after developing a prominent local legal practice. During the years 1901-1905,
he pursued the courtship of Bertha Gibson, his neighbor across Pierce Street. George
Story married Bertha Gibson sometime between 1904-1907, and she sold her house in 1908.
The Storys pursued a life in Oregon City which revolved around George's legal (continued)
SOURCES: National Register Nomination Form, "Story, George, House". Pioneer National Title
Company Records, Oregon City. Sanborn Insurance Map, 1911, 1925. Water Bureau Records,
1914. Oregon City Directory, 1916. The Oregonian, 19 November 1924, page 22.
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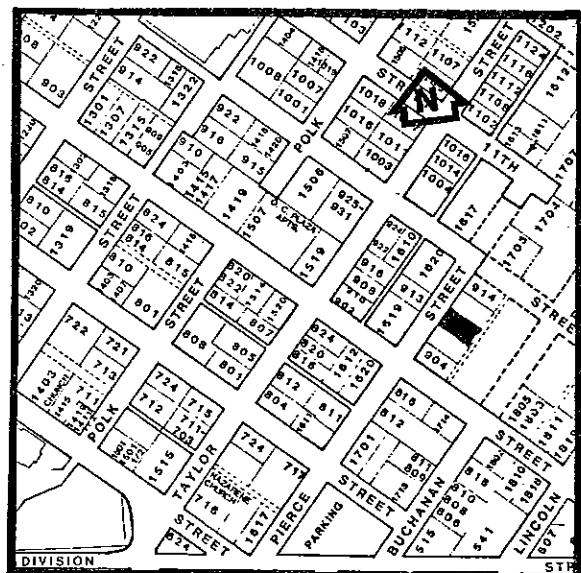
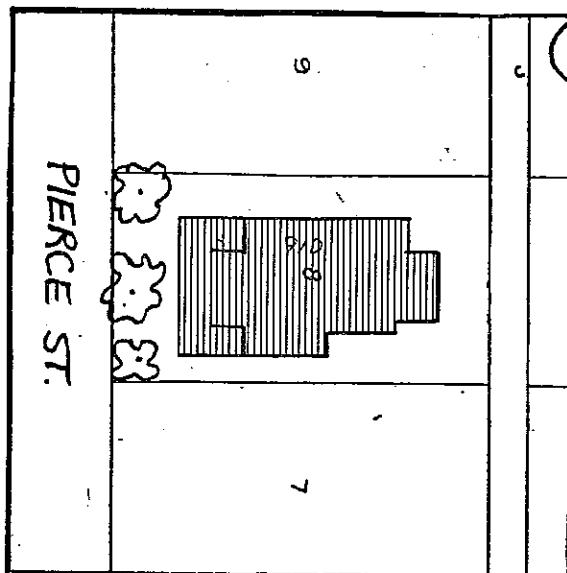
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GRAPHIC AND PHOTO SOURCES: Base Map of Oregon City, 1987.
Oregon City Planning Department Photograph, 1987.

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910 PIERCE STREET

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

practice and his involvement in local politics and civic affairs. Following his tenure as City Attorney, he became chief deputy in the office of Clackamas County Sheriff Wilson. In 1923 his health began to fail and he died in Portland's Sellwood Hospital on November 18, 1924. He was buried in the Story family plot in Forrester Cemetery in Eagle Creek. Bertha Gibson retained the house until her death in the early 1930's.

From recent survey information of Oregon City, William A. White, with his brother Frederick, have been identified as having designed and constructed many residential and commercial structures in Oregon City between 1880-1910.

The structure is significant for its unusual architectural character -- the only one of its style with shingle siding -- and for its association with Story, a prominent Oregon City resident.