# OREGON CITY HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

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| Street Address: **322 S HIGH ST** | | | | City: **OREGON CITY** | | |
| USGS Quad Name: **Oregon City** | | | GPS Latitude: **45 21 02 N** | | Longitude: **122 36 48 W** | |
| Township: **02S** | Range: **02E** | Section: **31** | Block: **79** | Lot: **5** | Map #: **22E31CA** | Tax Lot #: **7700** |

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| Date of Construction: **c. 1917** | Historic Name: **Baker, D.C., House** | Historic Use or Function: **Domestic - single dwelling** |
| Grouping or Cluster Name: **NA** | *Current Name or Use: **Domestic - single dwelling** | Associated Archaeological Site: **Unknown** |

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| Architectural Classification(s): **Bungalow** | Plan Type/Shape: **Square** | Number of Stories: **1.5** |
| Foundation Material: **Concrete** | Structural Framing: **Unknown** | Moved? **No** |
| Roof Type/Material: **Gable / Composition shingle** | Window Type/Material: **1/1 wood double-hung** | |

Exterior Surface Materials Primary: **Asbestos shingle** Secondary: Decorative:

Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: **Asbestos shingles cover original siding; Rear porch enclosed**

Number and Type of Associated Resources: **None**

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| Integrity: **Good** 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 1-1/2 story house sits under a front gable roof with shed dormers on the north and south sides of the house. A small gable projects out to the west from the southwest corner of the house, covering the front porch. The house also features a cantilevered rectangular bay at the west end of the north façade, covered by a shed roof. The gable and shed roofs all feature open eaves with knee brackets that penetrate the wide flared barge boards. The porch gable is supported by paired rectangular columns on wood piers and a solid balustrade on the north and south sides of the porch. This balustrade, like the rest of the house, is clad with asbestos ceramic shingles that have a wavy bottom edge. The windows are typically 1/1 double-hung wood sash, but 7/1 windows are also present on the south, west, and north sides in limited places. The windows typically appear in pairs or in groups of three, and feature plain board trim on three sides. A brick chimney at the east end of the main ridge is wrapped in plastic above the roof line.

Statement of Significance:

David C. Baker is the earliest occupant of this house, along with his wife Jennie. Baker was a carpenter who likely built this distinctive bungalow. Baker sold the house in 1924 to Dorris and Edythe Medley, who owned the house for nearly 25 years, eventually selling to George Niemela and his wife Vera. Niemela was a member of the U.S. Engineers, and was a 2nd Mate on a motor launch. Niemela used the house as a rental in the later years of his ownership, and sold the property to Harold Cawley in 1959. Cawley worked for Crown Zellerbach as a machine operator, and sold the house in 1962. Later owner occupants included Fred and Clara Weaver and Henry Ashford.