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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hughes, Dr. Herbert H., House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 1229 West Powell Boulevard  not for publication

city or town Gresham  vicinity

state Oregon code OR county Multnomah code 051 zip code 97030

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

James Hamrick July 6, 2001  
Signature of certifying official/Title /Deputy SHPO Date

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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9/5/01

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Name of Property

Multnomah, OR  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
(3) Three		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
(3) Three		Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

None

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial/Vernacular

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls wood shingle

roof composition asphalt shingles

other chimneys - brick

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**SUMMARY**

The Dr. Herbert H. Hughes House is located at 1229 W. Powell Boulevard on Lot 4, Block 3 of Wallula Heights in Gresham, Oregon, Section 9, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, Willamette Meridian. Constructed in 1922 by local builder Frank Gibbs for Herbert H. Hughes, the house displays characteristics of the Colonial Style in its symmetry, side facing gable roof, large brick chimney, fanlight eyebrow dormers, central arched entrance porch, massive Doric porch posts, multi-pane windows, the decorative broken pediment over the wide multi-pane entrance door, and wood shingle siding. Located on a corner lot, the house is surrounded by mature plantings and shrubs that date from Dr. Hughes' residency. The house is in good condition and retains a high degree of integrity with only minor modifications.

**SETTING AND LANDSCAPE FEATURES**

Located west of downtown Gresham, the Dr. Hughes House is in a residential neighborhood on a 89 ft. by 188 ft. lot at the corner of NW Wallula Street and W. Powell Boulevard. Set back from W. Powell Boulevard approximately 60 ft., the house has an expansive, open lawn in the front that is surrounded by a picket fence (constructed 1997) on the south and west sides. A newer curvilinear brick pathway leads up to the front entry. Mature rhododendrons, dating from the historic period, line the perimeter of the house on the south and east elevations. A large hydrangea is planted directly in front of the window on the east elevation and a massive magnolia tree is on the west elevation outside the dining room and breakfast nook windows. A grape arbor with mature vines, connects the west side entrance and the garage. A chain link dog pen is located on the east side of the garage (built 1998).

The east side yard has a mature maple and rhododendron that are directly south of the greenhouse. A large maple tree is between the greenhouse and the garage. Filbert bushes are directly north of the greenhouse. Arborvitae, Indian ash, mature camellia, fir, and rhododendrons line the back (north) property line. Roses and arborvitae line the street along NW Wallula Street north of the driveway; a mature Indian ash is east of this line of arborvitae. A rose garden, dating from the historic period, is intact directly east of the house. A concrete bird bath is south of the rose garden. Much of the landscape features date from the historic period.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Exterior

The Herbert H. Hughes House is square in plan and measures approximately 36 ft. by 38 ft. Although a more vernacular example, the house has characteristics of the Colonial style in its form and design details. Built in 1922, the house is one and one-half stories high with a moderately pitched side facing gable covered with asphalt composition shingles (re-roofed in 1999). Two brick chimneys cap the roof: the front elevation chimney is wide and constructed of brick with a raked finish and the rear chimney is a smaller brick chimney. The front slope of the roof is broken by two eyebrow dormer windows decorated with fanlight wooden windows. The house has a wide bargeboard and slightly overhanging eaves supported by exposed rafter tails and curved brackets.

Wood shingles applied in a ribbon coursing (alternating rows of wide and narrow reveals) cover the house. The majority of the windows are multi-pane wood casement windows grouped together forming banks of multi-pane windows; a few of the windows are one over one double-hung wood sash windows. The front windows were altered at an unknown date to a single pane of glass (this alteration most likely occurred in the 1940s or 1950s). The windows, however, retain the original window opening size and have the original trim boards intact. French doors have been added to the west gable end on the upper story.

The decorative front entrance has an arched porch roof supported by large, wooden Doric columns. The columns terminate at an elevated semi-circular concrete porch that has brick edging. The wide, multi-pane front door has decorative Federal Style surrounds that include a broken pediment above the entry with a center torch-like carving. The center of the pediment is decorated with a carved garland and lion's head. Metal lantern-type lights flank the door and pediment.

The west side entrance is sheltered by a grape arbor. The grape arbor is constructed of 4 in. by 4 in. posts braced with horizontal members. The grapes form a roof over the arbor that connects the house to the garage. French doors on the main floor on the east elevation open to a concrete patio that is trimmed with brick. The house rests on a concrete foundation.

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**Interior**

The interior of the Dr. Hughes House is divided into ten rooms on the lower floor and two rooms on the upper floor. The first floor includes a central hall, a living room and dining room along the south elevation, bedrooms along the east elevation, and service rooms along the north and west elevations. The upper floor is only half the size of the main floor and is composed of a large open room and a smaller room used as a bedroom. The basement is two-thirds the size of the main floor and is partially finished.

*Living Room and Dining Room*

The living and dining rooms are located along the entire south elevation of the house; the living room is on the east side and the dining room is on the west. Both rooms have large picture windows on the south side, plaster walls, picture rails, high baseboards, cove ceilings, projecting window and door cornices, and oak floors. Multi-pane casement windows line the west wall of the dining room. A doorway on the north wall leads to the kitchen and an opening on the east side leads to the living room.

The living room has French doors on the east elevation that lead to the side porch. A colonial detailed fireplace is on the north wall. The fireplace mantel has recessed panels on the sides and a swag design (applied later) on the frontispiece. The firebox surround is made of brick and the outer hearth is newer tile. A door on the north wall leads to the hallway that has multiple doors leading to the hall closets, bedrooms, a bathroom, and the stairway to the upper story. The hallway also a built-in linen closet with drawers below and glass doors above; the hardware is intact on the linen closet.

*Kitchen/Utility Room*

The kitchen is divided into two areas: the main kitchen areas, and a pantry and small breakfast nook. Both areas have vinyl floor covering. The kitchen has most of the original cabinets intact; new glass doors have been installed on the upper cabinet doors (1998). The sink is along the west wall and overlooks the magnolia tree. Plaster, scored like rectangular tiles, composes the 4 ft. 2 in. wainscoting that is capped with a wide trim board. An opening on the south wall leads into the pantry/breakfast nook area. The breakfast nook has an original craftsman style breakfast table, built-in seats on the north and south walls, and a casement window on the west side that overlooks the magnolia tree. An original pendant-type light fixture with a globe shade decorated with roses hangs from the center of the nook's ceiling. Opposite the nook is a bank of cabinets;

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the original recessed panel doors are intact on the lower portion and newer glass doors are on the upper portion.

The utility room, on the northwest corner of the kitchen, is used as a side entry. The room has a California cooler with built-in screens on the north wall and storage cabinets on the east wall (lower doors removed to accommodate washing machine). The original latch hardware on the cabinets is intact.

*Main Floor Bedrooms*

The two bedrooms along the east side of the house have banked casement windows that overlook the exterior landscape features. The rooms have plaster walls, high baseboards, and a perimeter picture rail. A built-in closet with a drawer below is on the west wall of the northeast bedroom; the bedroom to the south has a standard closet. The original pendant light fixtures are in each room. Another smaller bedroom is adjacent the kitchen on the north wall. The bedroom has a window-lit closet on the west wall and a bank of casement windows on the north elevation. The room also has an original phone jack, which is approximately 2.5 inches in diameter with a small opening in the center fastened to the baseboard. The flooring in the bedrooms and adjoining hall consists of a softwood which utilizes wider boards than the oak flooring in the living and dining rooms.

*Bathroom*

The bathroom is a small room with the original bathtub and pedestal sink intact. The bathtub also has the original porcelain faucet handles intact. The room has plaster wainscoting (5 ft. high) that is scored to look like rectangular tile. A trim board finishes the top of the wainscoting. An original built in medicine cabinet is on the east wall above the sink and a multi-pane window is on the north elevation above the bathtub. The floor is covered with vinyl flooring.

*Upper Story*

The upper story is divided into two main bedrooms; a large open area and a smaller room to the west. The ceilings of both rooms are slanted because of the slope of the roof. The dormer windows on the south elevation create a long, narrow hallway-like area; the fanlight windows are at the end of this area. The larger bedroom is carpeted and has French doors on the east wall (installed after the period of significance). The smaller room has fir floor and a closet on the north wall. A closet and the stairway to the lower floor divide the two rooms. The stairway has simple square balusters, and painted wooden treads and risers. At the top of the stairs, is a

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remaining piece of linoleum flooring in a blue and beige geometric pattern dating from the historic period.

*Basement/Mechanical Systems*

The door to the basement is near the northeast corner of the kitchen. Steep wooden steps lead to the two-thirds basement which has a concrete floor and hollow clay tile half walls that step up to the dirt crawlspace under the north one-third of the house. A clothesline and canning room (in the northwest corner of the basement) date from the historic period. The house was originally heated by a hot water system that circulated hot water through radiators in various rooms. A furnace of an unknown age is located in the basement.

**GARAGE (Historic Contributing Feature)**

The garage was built in the same style as the house and dates from the historic period. The two car structure, measuring 18 ft. by 20 ft., has a side facing gable roof, an eyebrow dormer with fanlight window, overhanging eaves with curved brackets and exposed rafter tails, ribbon coursed wood shingle siding, and a concrete foundation. A large garage door (not original) is on the west elevation and pedestrian door is on the south side. The south side five-panel door was installed in 1998; the door was in storage in the garage. Four wood casement windows are on the east elevation. A shed storage addition enclosed with lattice was added to the north elevation.

**GREENHOUSE (Historic Contributing Feature)**

The greenhouse, northeast of the house, is divided into two sections: the glass greenhouse and the attached potting shed. The potting shed, on the north side, has a gable roof, dirt floor, plywood walls, and a concrete block wall. The windows are single pane casements with the original hardware intact. Tables line the east and west walls of the shed. A door on the south side leads to the glass portion of the greenhouse. The roof is composed of slanted panes of glass that terminates at the concrete block foundation walls. An interior pulley system for venting the building is still intact at the peak (interior) of the greenhouse. The greenhouse was once heated by steam heat piped from the basement of the house.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Health/Medicine

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Politics/Government

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**Period of Significance**

1922-1950

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**Significant Dates**

1922, 1940

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**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Hughes, Dr. Herbert H.

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

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**Architect/Builder**

Frank Gibbs

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**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

**Name of repository:**

City of Gresham



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dr. Hughes house, erected in 1922, meets National Register of Historic Places Criteria B for its association with Dr. Herbert Hughes and Criteria C for its contribution as a landmark to the City of Gresham. The home is located on Powell Valley Road, which was the first road constructed into the central Gresham area. The first town site constructed within the area that later became the City of Gresham, consisted of four buildings at the intersection of Main and Powell in the late 1800's. Powell Valley Road was a key corridor during the town's development as many residences and prominent buildings were constructed, such as a grade school, post office, church. The Dr. Hughes house is characteristic of the size and scale of many of the bungalows constructed during the era; yet the massive Doric columns, and arched entry porch give it a distinctive façade.

Dr. Hughes was a prominent physician and long-time mayor of Gresham, Oregon. Dr. Hughes began his practice in 1912 and continued his work into the late 1950s. He had innovative approaches to medicine and had a natural enjoyment of people that endeared him to everyone. His tireless travels throughout the Gresham region during his long career made him a legend in the community.

Dr. Hughes had a special concern for children, and was the first one to help with emergencies at local schools. He counseled children in need and found ways to support those in trouble. For many years he served as the official city doctor. Hughes' interest and concern in people, combined with his administrative abilities made him an ideal mayor for the City of Gresham. His tenure spanned the period between 1940 and 1956; pre- and post World War II. After the World War II ended, Dr. Hughes quickly rallied to the swelling number new families moving into the Gresham area. He knew that Gresham could not remain a slumbering, agricultural community, for he understood that Gresham was becoming a place for families who commuted to industrial and service jobs in the nearby metropolitan City of Portland.

With his people and administrative skills, he led the City of Gresham to a position where the community responded to its new role in an orderly and measured way. The City Council and the voters supported a long string of changes and bond measures that laid foundations for future growth while providing a convenient and safe environment for all the new post war families moving in. Few leaders could have accomplished what Dr. Hughes did in such a smooth fashion. Dr. Hughes lived in the family house that he erected from 1922 until the time of his death in 1964 at the age of 81 (he only moved from the house for a couple of years during his brief marriage).

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**THE CITY OF GRESHAM**

The City of Gresham, eight miles east of Portland, became a major farming center in Multnomah County. Settlers to the Gresham area came in the 1840's as the first wagon trains passed over the Oregon Trail. The federal government's Donation Land Claim Act, effective from 1850 to 1855, brought more settlers into the area who began constructing roads and homes. The settlers were farmers who raised wheat, fruits, potatoes, and other vegetables. The surplus produce was taken to Portland along early connecting roadways. In 1884, the first post office was established and named Gresham after the U.S. Postmaster of the time, Walter Quinton Gresham.

The late 1880's saw growth in Gresham's downtown area, and by 1900, the city boasted of commercial buildings, churches, a hotel, and livery stables. The first fifteen years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century brought growth to Gresham as the public utilities were incorporated, a newspaper started, the electric railroads connected the town to outlying communities, the automobile era began, and residents erected houses in newly platted areas surrounding the city. By 1911, Gresham's population had reached 1000.

Agriculture continued to sustain the City's economy. Commercial berry farms and canneries began to dot the agricultural lands around the town, along with dairy farms. Other businesses that fueled the local economy were fur farms, a brick making factory, filbert orchards, and a potato starch and milling company. Agriculture continued to dominate the economy until World War II, which brought more diversity to the area and to the employment of its citizens. Most of the jobs were in the Portland area during the War. However, as the electronics industry develops in Gresham, even now, more skilled jobs are available in the city. In the 1970s, Gresham experienced phenomenal growth, tripling its population in a decade. Gresham became the eastern hub of the Portland region, becoming a service oriented community. Gresham is currently the fourth largest city in Oregon.

**DR. HERBERT HUGHES**

Dr. Herbert H. Hughes was born on December 19, 1882 in Macon, Missouri. He was raised in Montana where the family engaged in farming. This early childhood experience may have been the root of his later interest in raising prize winning roses.

Hughes graduated from the University of Montana and Rush Medical College. He moved to Oregon and completed his internship in Portland, serving at Good Samaritan Hospital. While at Good Samaritan, he met Dr. J.M. Short who had a medical practice in Gresham. Dr. Short and Hughes struck up a friendship; the older doctor appreciated the qualities that he saw in the young

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intern. Dr. Short, who wanted to retire, invited Dr. Hughes to take over his practice in Gresham. Hughes agreed, and after finishing his internship, moved to Gresham in June 1912, to begin his long career.

When the United States entered the Great War, Dr. Hughes enlisted in the medical corps where he served for nine months. For half this time, Hughes was placed in charge of an ambulance train in France. In this capacity, he traveled over much of that nation. After returning from World War I, Hughes determined that Gresham was where he wanted to remain to practice medicine. He was attracted by the region's abundant farmland.

In 1922, Dr. Hughes built the house (the subject of this nomination) on the corner of Wallula Ave. and Powell Boulevard. The August 25, 1922 *Gresham Outlook* states that "Dr. H. H. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes (the doctor's mother) moved into their new home on Wallula Heights last Thursday." Dr. Hughes' mother and his sister, Della Hughes, lived with him. Della assisted her brother in his medical office. Some time later another sister, Mrs. William Crowe, came to live with the family.

Dr. Hughes eloped with Miss Katherine Meade Honey in Seattle, Washington where they were married on June 18, 1927 in the city's University District. At age 44, Dr. Hughes surprised community members as they thought he was a confirmed bachelor. Katherine was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Honey, a retired banker from North Dakota. George Honey, and his brother Fred, moved to Gresham at the turn of the century. The two brothers eventually built new homes side by side on N.W. Wallula Avenue which was around the time that Dr. Hughes was setting up his practice. Katherine graduated from Gresham High School and from the University of Washington. Before her marriage, she taught at Gresham Grade School, and for a while, was the director of music for Portland Public Schools.

The newlyweds lived temporarily on the George Towle property in Gresham while the couple erected a new home on Wallulla Avenue next door to Dr. Hughes' 1922 house on the corner of Wallula Avenue and Powell Valley Boulevard. By February 1928, the couple was living in their new home.

The marriage was short lived, and after an amicable divorce, Dr. Hughes moved back to his original home and remained there until his death. Rumors around town were that his mother interfered with the marriage. After the divorce, Dr. Hughes' mother and sisters continued living with him. Except for one sister, the family members lived out their lives in the home. Dr. Hughes retained ownership of house he built for his wife and himself until 1955.

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It wasn't until after his divorce that Dr. Hughes became interested in raising flowers. His sister, Della, shared this interest with him. Each had their specialty. A green house heated with steam from the main house was constructed. Here she tended to her prize winning chrysanthemums and Dr. Hughes tended to his roses.

The Portland Rose Society recognized Dr. Hughes as a "formidable exhibitor." He received an award for the best three full blooms and in another year won a trophy for the best display of twelve blooms. The doctor's favorite color was red, and he won a trophy in a presentation of several varieties. For a pink variety, called "The Doctor," he won another.

While his sister Della was the expert chrysanthemum gardener with many trophies, the doctor grew these too. At a Portland Chrysanthemum Society show, he received the trophy for the best flower with a bloom called "Atomic." Dr. Hughes acknowledged, however, that when it came to chrysanthemums, his sister was way ahead of him.

Dr. Hughes maintained a large garden behind the garage. He enjoyed gardening in the early morning hours before seeing his patients. A neighbor, who still lives across the street with his wife, remembers Dr. Hughes powered his composter at 6:00 AM to grind up garden and flower remains for compost.

#### CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Dr. Hughes was a multi-faceted man. He found time from his busy practice to be a founder of the Gresham State Bank and to serve as its president for many years. Gresham residents recall that his sisters were avid investors. They would come to the bank to watch the stock market quotes while sitting on chairs that were always reserved for them. Hughes was also on the board of directors for the city's first radio station.

Aside from commerce and business, Dr. Hughes held a compassion for children through his involvement in the Kiwanis' children program. Until his death, Hughes was deeply committed to a camp attended by children who needed an extra boost in life. Dr. Hughes enjoyed recalling the story of being called several times in the evening by a mother to examine her young boy. With each visit, the Doctor reassured her that all was well, and suggested that the next time she wait until morning before calling. "But doctor," she said, "You are the only one who can get him to go to sleep at night."

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Dr. Hughes exhibited his belief in serving the community by running and being elected Mayor of Gresham in 1940. While mayor, he continued to show his penchant for high achievement. Gresham was feeling the effects of the post World War II migration to the west. During the war, many shipyard workers came to the Portland-Gresham area for the first time where they lived in tight quarters. When peace was restored, many of these individuals decided to stay in the area and build their homes. Under Dr. Hughes' leadership, Gresham evolved from a sleepy farm community to a desirable suburb. His personality, his love of people, and his unselfish commitment to his community helped with this transition period.

Dr. Hughes not only modernized services, but he also improved city operations. A new city sewage treatment plant and water reservoir was constructed during his tenure. Streets were paved and lighting installed. Both the police and fire departments were improved and the city shops were enlarged. A new city charter was adopted, as well as city planning and zoning. To accommodate all these new activities, a new city hall was built.

After serving sixteen years in this post, Dr. Hughes stepped down in 1956. In December, the city declared a "Dr. Hughes Day." That evening a banquet was held in his honor. True to his nature, it was a people's banquet. Tickets were sold on a first come first served basis. Then *Gresham Outlook* ran a special section about his life and service. Not only did it carry a number of articles and antidotes, but merchants wrote letters of appreciation which were printed in the paper.

Included was an editorial about Dr. Hughes' accomplishments where he was referred to as an "institution." He was lauded as having "patience, understanding, kindness, and great humility in the face of his manifold accomplishments, (which) certainly rates an 'extra'" (reference to the newspaper's special edition in his honor). Another writer observed that "It has been a decade of progress implemented in the final analysis by the will of the voters. But it has required planning and study, and this the voters have had from their city fathers, noteworthy among which has been Dr. Hughes." Up to that time Gresham experienced its greatest growth during Dr. Hughes' administration, more than doubling in size.

**DR. HUGHES' MEDICAL PRACTICE**

Dr. Hughes was admired for his civic work, but he was loved as a doctor. He was a down to earth person and had a genuine interest in his patients. People felt comfortable in approaching him under all circumstances. Sometimes neighbors and acquaintances would drop by his home for medical advice. Other times he would drop by a home to give medical treatment as he would for a friend. His office hours were unique from the other doctors in town which facilitated his

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home visits and hospital calls while giving patients more options. Instead of following the usual business hours, Dr. Hughes opened his clinic from 10:00 AM to noon and from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Then his office opened for one hour in the evening from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. For a span of over fifty years, he cared for three generations of families in the greater Gresham area.

Most likely, the small room adjacent the kitchen in his family home was his bedroom. It is a small room with space for a bed next to a phone jack. On the opposite wall is an area for a small desk, dresser, or organizer. The room also has a typically small clothes closet. There are two doors, one into the home's only bathroom, and the second one opens into the kitchen. It is perfect arrangement for not disturbing the household when leaving for night or early morning calls.

In the early days, Dr. Hughes traveled by trolley to see patients in nearby communities or drove his Model T Ford. A neighbor across the street still remembers the sound of the doctor driving his Model T out of the garage in the middle of the night to answer a call. In later years, he drove larger cars with rear fins that were popular in the late 50's and early 60's.

In his early practice, communication with patients was difficult. When visiting patients in rural areas, Dr. Hughes sometimes had to drive back to his Gresham office to see if he had any more calls and then go out again. To help aid in this communication problem, the nearby Springdale-Corbett community came up with a novel idea to notify him if he had additional patients to see when he was in the area. The telephone operators would relay messages to Parsons Garage in Springdale. When a call came in, a lantern would be set up outside the garage. As the doctor drove by and saw the signal, he would stop in for his messages.

Dr. Hughes' view of himself was manifested in other ways. He seems to have charged very little for his services. From what former neighbors and friends remember, his fees could have hardly made him a wealthy doctor, as we imagine them today. During the Depression, he often accepted farm products as payment for his treatments and visits and prescribed simple remedies that were reminiscent of folk medicine. Sometimes his treatments only needed common household items (there are individuals who still remember these remedies, and they are emphatic about how well they worked).

During this long career as a family practitioner, Dr. Hughes delivered thousands of babies in east Multnomah County. In the early days, he often delivered babies under primitive conditions, and in an emergency Hughes knew how to improvise an incubator for premature babies.

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Over the years, Dr. Hughes was also on the staff of several Portland hospitals. In the earlier days of his practice, he was associated with Good Samaritan Hospital in northwest Portland where he completed his internship. Although his first application to become a staff member at the Portland Sanitarium is dated 1945, it is fairly clear that he joined the staff at the Portland Sanitarium, now known as the Adventist Medical Center, years earlier. This was a more favorable location for him as it was much closer to the Gresham area. Here he continued to deliver babies. He remained on the Portland Sanitarium staff until 1958, two years after he retired as mayor of Gresham. When retiring as mayor, he said, "I intend to go on peddling pills for at least a while yet."

Dr. Hughes was remembered as a good listener; individuals from all walks of life sought his advice on a variety of things. The Hughes household shared their home with many friends, and was often the center for large Sunday dinners. Through Dr. Hughes' connections at the Portland Sanitarium, he became good friends with Dr. E. E. Rippey, a well known surgeon in Portland. He and his family were frequent guests.

Dr. Hughes died at the age of 81 years old on Friday, April 17, 1964. A friend walked by and noticed that the doctor was tending to his roses. Shortly afterwards, the friend saw an ambulance arrive at his home. Dr. Hughes had collapsed and died instantly of a heart attack. Up until then he appeared to be in good health. Out of respect, on the day of Dr. Hughes' funeral, the business district closed for a time. The *Gresham Outlook* editorialized Hughes as "A kind, gentle man, with a fine sense of humor and a great gift of the perspective of things to come, Dr. Hughes was withal a man of strong resolution."

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**UTM References**

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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**Photographs**

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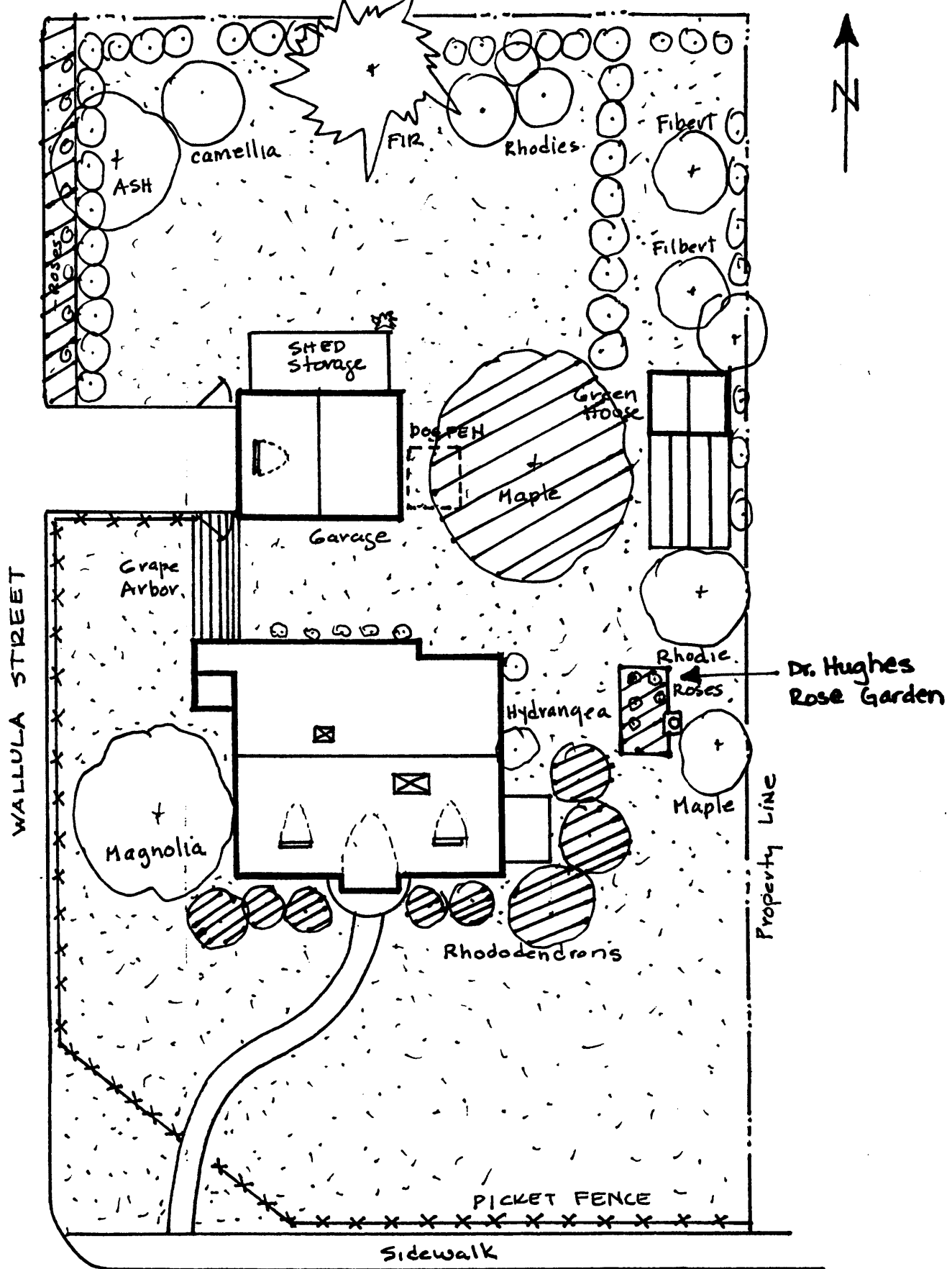
VERBAL DESCRIPTION

Lot 4, Block 3 of Wallula Heights, recorded in Plat Book 563 Page 3 in 1911.


BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries selected reflect the historic city lot as platted in 1911. It was this lot on which Dr. Hughes constructed his residence in 1922 and resided for most of his adult life. All 3 of the contributing buildings, as well as landscape features dating back to the historic period, are located within this boundary.

# SITE PLAN



W. POWELL BLVD.  
H.H HUGHES RESIDENCE

 PLANTS REMAINING FROM HISTORIC PERIOD

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF DR. HERBERT H. HUGHES HOUSE

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| 1 of 17 | Looking northwest from W. Powell Blvd; south elevation. |
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| 3 of 17 | North elevation with grape arbor; looking southwest.    |
| 4 of 17 | West elevation, magnolia tree in foreground.            |
| 5 of 17 | East elevation, second story; looking southeast.        |
| 6 of 17 | East elevation, side patio; looking southerly.          |
| 7 of 17 | Detail of front entrance porch; south elevation.        |

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| 8 of 17  | Living room; looking east.                    |
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| 10 of 17 | Kitchen pantry; looking southerly.            |
| 11 of 17 | Hall built-in linen closet; west wall.        |
| 12 of 17 | Bathroom; looking northeast.                  |
| 13 of 17 | Northeast corner bedroom; looking northeast.  |
| 14 of 17 | Garage; looking east.                         |
| 15 of 17 | South side of garage; looking westerly.       |
| 16 of 17 | North side of garage and yard; looking south. |
| 17 of 17 | Greenhouse; looking easterly.                 |