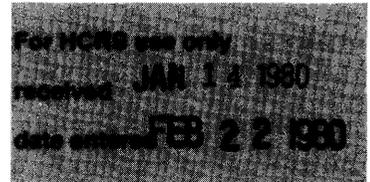


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Chamberlain (George Earle) House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 208 SE Seventh _____ not for publication

city, town Albany _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 2nd

state Oregon code 41 county Linn code 043

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Richard and Theresa Larson

street & number 208 SE Seventh

city, town Albany _____ vicinity of _____ state 6 97321

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Linn County Court House

street & number Fourth and Broadalbin

city, town Albany _____ state Oregon 97321

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and
title Buildings, Linn County has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1976 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office, 525 Trade St. S.E.

city, town Salem _____ state Oregon 97301

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Queen Anne Style building with Stick Style and Eastlake detail is located at 208 SE Seventh, at the corner of Seventh and Baker Streets in Albany. The two and one-half story building has a basement, and is wood frame, with brick chimneys, brick foundation with stone facing, and hipped and gable roofs. It is approximately 56 feet in length, 37 feet wide and nearly 60 feet high making it one of the tallest residences in town. At the front (north) is a two story paneled slant bay, the lower portion of which is defined by a cornice and central decorated pediment topped by an eagle. Atop the second story the bay is terminated by a plain frieze, cornice and flat roof. Centered above the bay is a large wall dormer with Stick Style paneling and a scroll decoration at the apex of the raking cornice. East of the front bay is a "wrap-around" porch with turned posts and other Eastlake elements, such as spindle railings. The ornate double leaf entry doors have central glass panels with round arch heads and stained glass borders. Above is a stained glass transom. The west wall has a two story paneled rectangular bay with a cornice on the second floor and a bracketed gable roof. A slant bay with similar details is located on the east wall. Under the bracketed eave is a continuous frieze with imbricated shingles. Windows are double-hung, one light over one, with plain casing integrated into the paneling system. Walls are covered with horizontal cedar drop siding and plain corner boards. Roofs are hipped with gable projections.

One of the interesting features of the interior is the forced air heating system designed into the dining room and upper bedroom fireplaces.

There have been certain alterations to the property. A garage has been built in the basement on the west sides of the house without compromising the wall fabric. In addition, flagstone now faces the foundation—a somewhat misguided improvement carried out by prior occupants and one which will be redressed. The house had been used during the 1960's as an apartment building. At that time, several bathrooms were added to the upper floor. The house was completely renovated in 1973, winning the Albany Civic Improvement Award sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

New plumbing and wiring were installed, as well as a new roof, intercom and central vacuum systems. The heating system was renovated and plaster was reapplied to many of the interior walls. A modern kitchen was created in the original dining room. The pantry and hallway leading to the former kitchen was closed off to make a pantry for the new kitchen, and a bathroom for a bedroom which replaced the former kitchen. Other than these alterations, the interiors are substantially unaltered. Original gas lighting fixtures remain, as does the original interior woodwork and hardware. Some of the wood is now painted. The original flooring is partially covered in some but not all rooms by wall to wall carpeting. All of the doors on the upper level are transomed most with original glass. Of particular interest is a system of "floating" wall construction above the ground floor. The second and third floors are not rigidly attached to the first floor, allowing for the release of differential stress tension.

The house is in generally good condition. The front porch has settled slightly and the house needs painting. It is surrounded and enhanced by mature trees and vegetation.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Ca. 1880 **Builder/Architect** Turrell, Builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The house at 208 SE Seventh Street is significant to Albany and the state of Oregon as a well-preserved example of Queen Anne architecture associated with former governor and U. S. Senator, George Earle Chamberlain. Chamberlain was Governor of Oregon 1903-1909. During the decade in which Chamberlain, a Democrat, occupied this house in Albany (1882-1892) he was a state legislator and in 1891, he was appointed to the newly-created office of State Attorney General.

George Earle Chamberlain (1854-1928), was a native of Mississippi and an 1876 graduate of Washington and Lee University in Virginia. He moved to Albany, Oregon the year he was graduated and began his political career in 1877, when he became Deputy Linn County Clerk.

Chamberlain moved into the house which is the subject of this nomination approximately five years after arriving in Albany. In 1880 he had been elected to the Lower House in the State Legislature, and was also in a law practice with Judge L. Flinn in Albany.

In 1884 George Chamberlain became District Attorney for the Third Judicial District, and in 1891 he was appointed First State Attorney General at the creation of that office by Governor Sylvester Pennoyer. He was formally elected to that position in the 1892 general election. He had also gone into another law practice with J. K. Weatherford, a senator from Linn County.

George Earle Chamberlain was involved in Oregon and national politics over a period of 43 years. He was Governor of Oregon in 1903-1909, and was a U. S. Senator for twelve years after his election to Congress in 1909. While serving as Senator he was instrumental in formulating selective service draft and food control measures during the First World War and also figured in War effort finance. He was a member of the U. S. Shipping Board from 1920 to the time of his death in 1928.

Some of the contributions that Chamberlain made while in public service in Oregon are: the Employers Liability Act, Banks Deposit Guarantee Law, Indeterminate Sentence Law, two additional justices were added to the Supreme Court, installation of locks at Willamette Falls in Oregon City, major reform in the handling of State school lands. Chamberlain was also extremely active in the civic affairs of Albany, Salem, and Portland.

Chamberlain was a member of the Oregon Historical Society, and Commercial Club of Portland. He was a member of the Elks in Portland, the Albany Independent Order of Oddfellows, Knights of Pythias, Chancellor of Laurel Lodge No. 7 at Albany, a Mason at St. Johns Lodge No. 62 A. F. and A. M. at Albany, past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, member of I. O. O. F. and encampment. He was a 32 Degree Mason Scottish Rite, and was in Al Kader Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

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10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property less than one (76' x 110')

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Albany, Oregon

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the northwest corner of Block 9, Eastern Addition to the City of Albany, Linn County, Oregon; thence easterly 76 feet. Along the northerly boundary of said block, thence southerly 110 feet parallel with the westerly boundary of the said con'd

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Theresa Larson

organization

date August 29-30, 1979

street & number 208 S.E. Seventh

telephone 503/926-0917

city or town Albany,

state Oregon 97321

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title State Historic Preservation Officer's Designee

date December 1979

For HCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

date 2/22/80

Attest:
Chief of Registration

date 1-28-80

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Block 9; thence westerly 76 feet parallel with the north line of said block 9 to the southwest corner of lot one in said block 9; thence northerly 110 feet along the westerly boundary of said block to the place of beginning.