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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC *
AND/OR COMMON *

Stratton-Cornelius House (preferred)

Cornelius House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2182 S.W. Yamhill Street

___NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Portland

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Oregon

CODE

41

COUNTY

Multnomah

CODE

051 ✓

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Christopher Prescott, et al

STREET & NUMBER

2367 NW Johnson

See Corbett under sheet

CITY, TOWN

Portland

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Oregon 97210

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Multnomah County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Portland

STATE

Oregon 97204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Portland Historical Landmark

DATE

May 20, 1977

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Portland Bureau of Planning / 424 S.W. Main

CITY, TOWN

Portland

STATE

Oregon 97204

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Stratton-Cornelius house is a three-story Queen Anne Style, gable -roofed structure with a full brick basement. The basic shape is cruciform in plan with overall dimensions of 62'-4" by 40'-3". A one-story hip-roofed kitchen wing appears at the rear. A one-story porch runs the width of the facade; an elliptical balcony appears on the second floor. Three brick chimneys vent the five fireplaces. Projecting window bays, a recessed bay window, an eyebrow window and a dormer window appear on the exterior.

The original cedar siding is intact and takes the form of shingles, clapboard and Tudor cross hatch. The original cedar roof has been replaced with asphalt shingles.

The two connecting parlors are separated by Doric columns; the back parlor has an Adamesque fireplace. The Victorian style dining room retains its wainscoting, china rail, breakfront and mantle.

All of the fireplaces retain the original brick or glazed tile surround and hearth. Four of the original cast-iron ember guards remain. Much of the original hardware, chandeliers, wall sconces, cupboards, stained and leaded glass windows, and plumbing fixtures are extant.

An unusual feature of this house appears in the third floor southwest bedroom. There is a floor level cantilevered bed alcove with a full length roll top to the exterior. The original occupant, Mr. Howard Stratton, has a tubercular child. This appears to indicate that the house was designed especially for Mr. Stratton's family.

With the exception of the kitchen and pantry cupboards, the house is in pristine condition. There have been no exterior alterations, with the exception of the roofing. Current plans call for adapting the house as a duplex and include replacing the rotted superstructure on the front and service porches.

In its prime, the neighborhood was composed of homes built by the leading commercial and professional families. Many of the original neighboring structures survive, and their adaption as professional offices in recent years is typical. Since 1950 some of the neighboring houses have been replaced by high-rise apartments. The original houses on each side of this building remain.

1 Interview with Mr. Eugene Miller, August 22, 1977. Mr. Miller purchased the house from the Cornelius family.

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Robert Phillips, Jr. ✓
1710 NW Hoyt
Portland, OR 97209

John R. Morrison ✓
2609 Central
Eugene, OR 97401

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1891

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stratton-Cornelius House is an outstanding and pristine example of the fully-developed Queen Anne Style in Portland. Its hyphenated name is proposed to prevent possible confusion in the future. The original owners were the Stratton s, a fact which has not been generally known heretofore. Subsequent owners (from 1905 to 1963) were members of the Cornelius family, which was a large one, and other Cornelius homes in Portland may ultimately deserve historic designation.

The whole of Lot 8, Block 5, in Johnson's Addition of the Plat of Portland, was purchased in 1889 by a party who sold the two half lots in 1890. The subject property was sold to Cora A. Stratton in April of that year, but neither she, nor any previous owner, was listed as living at the address. In 1892 the City Directory listed Howard C. (or S.) Stratton as a resident at this property, and it is therefore assumed that the house was built between 1890 and 1892.

Howard C. (or S.) Stratton was the head cashier of the Portland Savings Bank from 1886 until 1896.¹ After a brief tenure as auditor for the Fruit Growers Union, he became a "mining operator" until 1905. A man of social prominence, he was a member of the Commercial Club and was listed in the Portland Blue Book from 1890 until 1904.

Dr. Charles W. Cornelius was a grandson of Benjamin Cornelius, who came to Oregon in 1845 by wagon train.² The large Cornelius family settled their donation land claims on what became known as Cornelius Plains, now called Tualatin Plains, in nearby Washington County. The town of Cornelius in that area is named for the doctor's uncle, Colonel T.R. Cornelius who served in the Cayuse War of 1847-1848 and the Yakima War of 1855-1856.³

Dr. Cornelius, born in 1856, was educated at Pacific University and studied medicine in Hillsboro, at Willamette University, and was graduated from Oregon State University in medicine in 1889. Brief forays into pharmacy, theatre management and mining interrupted his studies.

Cornelius formed a partnership with Dr. H.R. Littlefield soon after graduating and was elected Multnomah County coroner in 1894. Gold fever drew him to Skagway, Alaska, in 1898. The epidemic of spinal meningitis there taxed his own health from overwork. Upon his return to Portland, he gave up medicine and turned to real estate investments. In 1906 he began construction of the Cornelius Hotel in Portland, which still stands.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gaston, Joseph, Portland Oregon: Its History and Builders, Vol. 2, (Portland; S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1911)

Multnomah County Deed Records

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA *less than one*

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .1148 acres (50 x 100')

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,0	5,2,3 ^{8 20} 8,1,8	5,0,4,0,8,2,5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

East 50' of west 100' of Lot 8, Block 5, Johnson's Addition, City of Portland

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

Sheila Finch, A.I.A.

ORGANIZATION

DATE
October, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

1209 S.W. Sixth #405

TELEPHONE
(503) 227-0786

CITY OR TOWN

Portland,

STATE
Oregon 97204

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

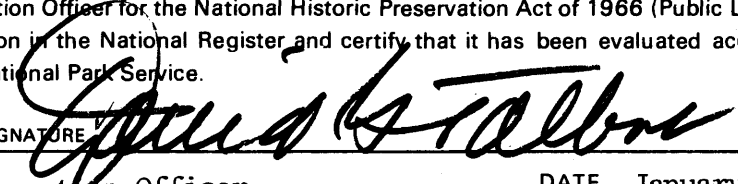
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

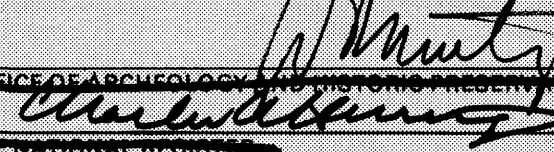


TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE January 20, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

~~DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION~~
 ATTEST: 
~~KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER~~

DATE 3.8.78
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 3.7.78

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The house which Dr. Cornelius purchased in 1905 was willed to his sisters up-
on his death in 1924.⁴ They, in turn, willed it to his niece, who bequeathed it to
Dr. Cornelius' adopted son, Harry. Harry and Mary Cornelius sold the house in 1963.

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1 The biographical information about Mr. Stratton was obtained from : The Portland
Blue Book and Pacific Elite Directory, the Bancroft Co., San Francisco, 1890, 1891,
1892, etc. through 1904. Also: R.L. Polk's Portland Directory, 1890 through 1904.
- 2 Gaston, Joseph, Portland Oregon: Its History and Builders, Vol. II, S.J. Clarke
Publishing Co., Portland, 1911.
- 3 McArthur, Lewis, Oregon Geographic Names, Oregon Historical Society, Portland 1974.
- 4 Multnomah County Deed Records.