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	NAME	Mrs. Albert H. Powers					
	STREET & NUMBER	554 Warner Parrot Road					
	CITY, TOWN	Oregon City	VICINITY OF	C	regon STATE	97045	
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#### CONDITION

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\_\_EXCELLENT

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\_\_DETERIORATED
\_\_RUINS
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\_\_UNALTERED
X\_ALTERED

X\_ORIGINAL SITE
\_\_MOVED DATE\_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hall

The Odd Fellows/is one of the oldest buildings remaining in Lake Oswego, a community south of Portland which grew up around the sawmill operation established by Albert A. Durham in 1850. Bult in 1890, the hall was the meeting place of Odd Fellows Lodge 93, formed in 1888. The building is in good repair, though minor repairs are needed to arrest what deterioration has begun.

The hall sits on a 100-foot-square lot with the front of the hall facing west onto Durham Street. The site is in the early center of Lake Oswego known as "Old Town" Oswego, and the building is about the sole remnant of the old business district, now superseded by homes and apartments.

The Odd Fellows Hall is a two-story, rectangular wood frame structure which measures 31 by 60 feet. The foundation consists of cement and stone piers placed under the sill at various points around the perimeter. The walls are covered with shiplap siding, and the building has a gable roof of medium pitch covered, now, with asphalt shingles. Located on either side of the roof are flared, side slope, single stack, brick chimneys. Fenestration is regular, with one over one, double hung wood sash windows with molded caps or entablatures. A bull's-eye window lights the rear, or east gable end.

The main entrance is centered in the west elevation recessed between fixed-pane shop windows and wood paneling. Several cement steps lead to the small plank porch and four-panel double-leaf door with transom. Above the entrance, on the second floor level, are two formally-placed windows separated by the Odd Fellows insignia of three chain links. The upper facade of the building is a symmetrical, three-step false parapet or "boomtown" front in which the central element is segmental-arched, Corner boards, frieze boards and cornice moldings finish first and second story levels of the facade.

Two more entrances to the hall are located at the rear of the building. On the north side of the east end wooden steps lead to the kitchen through a four-panel door with transom and entablature matching the window caps. The other door on the south side of the rear end wall, opens into the stairhall. Three wooden steps lead to a simple plank stoop with railing of recent vintage where the two-panel double door is located. The southerly door and stoop are covered by a small shingled overhang.

Rooms on the first floor include a reception hall, kitchen, stairhall and storage room. Except for the kitchen, all the rooms have fir strip floors and vertical tongue-in-groove walls. The kitchen is irregularly shaped and has a tiled floor and horizontal tongue-in-groove walls. Adjacent to the kitchen is a storage room which now houses the heating unit. Heating ducts for the heater, which replaced the wood-burning stove, are attached to the ceiling of the reception hall and warm air is conducted upstairs through vents in the flooring. The enclosed stairhall runs across the back of the building with the foot of the stairs on the south side.

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Upstairs are waiting and coat rooms, a bath room, and the main meeting hall. The walls of these rooms have been surfaced with plaster board. Wood strip floors are uncovered. The door at the top of the stairway, leading into the waiting room, is equipped with a sliding peek panel and doorbell. The main meeting hall has a slightly vaulted ceiling and is encircled by an ornamental molding strip at mid-height along the walls. Around the perimeter of the room is a raised seating platform. An elevated speaker's platform is found at the east end of the room. On either side of the speaker's platform are center-hinged doors with transoms and brass hardware which separate the meeting room from the split waiting room. Small sliding peek panels and speaking tubes are unusual features of the doors. Some of the original furnishings, including several antique chairs, a piano, and a safe patented in 1871, were left in the meeting room. Originally, the room may have had white walls and a yellow ceiling. The bathroom, located above the stairs at the back of the building, has outside plumbing and was built in sometime after initial construction.

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		INVENTION						

**SPECIFIC DATES** 

1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Schmali and Birkemier, Contractors

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lake Oswego Odd Fellows Hall is significant in Lake Oswego history as a place of social gathering and important public happenings. It stands as one of the last buildings of "Old Town" as the present residential section was known.

On August 24, 1888, Oswego Lodge Number 93, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was instituted. Original members were E. A. Knotts, A. J. Monk, Michael Long, James W. O'Connell, Henry Gans, James Altman, Joseph Zimmerman, William Dyer and John E. Cronk. Applications for initiation into the lodge were received at the first meeting from George W. Prosser, Jacob S. Risley, his son John F. Risley and A. W. Shipley. All of these men were either farmers or businessmen in and around Oswego. Many, like George Prosser, added greatly in the town's prosperity and growth. Also, at the first meeting, the Samaritan, Hassalo and Minverva Lodges presented the new lodge with an organ.

The first meetings were held in a hall owned by George Prosser. Prosser Hall was located one block south of the eventual site of the Odd Fellows Hall and was later destroyed by fire. In order to raise money for a hall of their own, excursions from Portland to Oswego were held two times a month. Up to 150 people from all of the Portland Odd Fellows Lodges took part. One such excursion took place on Friday evening, August 24, 1888. Odd Fellows members and their families departed for Oswego from the Taylor Street Wharf aboard the Steamer Joseph Kellogg at 7:15 sharp. They were met at the landing on Sucker Creek and escorted into town to a meeting and dinner.

The land on which the Odd Fellows Hall stands was bought for \$500 in November, 1889. Plans for the hall were made and the building was constructed in 1890 by Schmali and Birkemier Contractors at a cost of \$2,325. Quickly added to the contract was the building of a front porch, sidewalk, fence and woodshed. Furnishings were bought from Ira F. Powers for \$365.81.

On November 26, 1890, the new hall was dedicated with a meeting followed by a dinner and ball. Odd Fellows members and their wives in full regalia came to the event from Portland by train.

Meetings were held every Monday night. A group of men, Jacob S. Risley, his sons John, Franklin, and Charles, along with their neighbors John and Philip Oatfield, crossed the Willamette River from the Risley Donation Land Claim, on the east side of the river, by rowboat in order to make the meetings. In the early days, 50 to 100 people would come to each meeting. The room upstairs in the hall was used for both meetings and square dancing.

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A doctor's office with living quarters and a drugstore were housed on the first floor of the building for several years around the turn of the century. Later, these were removed and the hall was used strictly for meetings and social gatherings.

The Odd Fellows Hall was used as a voting place for several years. In fact, the first Lake Oswego city elections were held there.

The building has been used by many other groups for meetings and social events through the years. The Eastern Star met there in the early 1920s, as did the American Legion in the 1950s. The Lake Oswego Community Theater made their home in the Odd Fellows Hall in the 1950s, putting on several productions including "Beloved Rake."

Fraternal organizations, in recent years, have not been very successful in retaining their membership. In 1975, membership in the Lake Oswego Odd Fellows had dropped so low that they sold their meeting hall and joined other nearby lodges. The building is presently being used for antique storage.