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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 Stratton, C. C., House

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 1599 State Street N/A not for publication

city, town Salem N/A vicinity of Fifth Congressional District

state Oregon code 41 county Marion code 047

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 checked="" 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 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"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A 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 Eric W. Olsen

street & number 320 Hansen South

city, town Salem N/A vicinity of state Oregon 97302

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Marion County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Salem state Oregon 97301

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title State of Oregon Inventory of Historic Properties has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date February 8, 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office, 525 Trade Street SE

city, town Salem state Oregon 97310

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The C. C. Stratton House is a two-story balloon-frame construction residence erected c. 1890 in the Queen Anne style. Substantially restored between 1981 and 1982, the house exhibits a high degree of interior and exterior integrity.

Oriented to the south, the property falls within Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian, Marion County, Oregon. The home is located in a high traffic, commercial area on State Street. It is bordered by a Travelodge Motel on the west and a 1920 style colonial style residence on the east. Properties on the opposite side of State Street are all commercial. There is a very large birch tree in the front yard approximately 90 years old and rosebushes over 60 years in age. The birch tree has been declared a heritage tree by the City of Salem.

Essentially rectangular in plan, the elevation's are enlivened by projecting bays on the south and east elevations, all of which extend a full two stories and are topped with medium-pitched hiproofs which are tied into the main truncated pyramidal hip roof. Of particular interest in the southwest corner bay, which is set at a 45 degree angle. This feature is adjacent to the modest entrance porch, which is composed of a plain balustrade, chamfered posts, modest brackets and pediment over the entry. The house sits on a high basement which is covered with narrow vertical boards. Windows are generally paired one-over-one, double-hung sash, and are set into frames with some Eastlake references such as sawn brackets, inset panels, and arched cornice moldings. Channel siding covers the exterior walls and plain corner boards and upper cornice are present. A single story kitchen wing appears to the north. Access to this feature is gained through a rear porch with pent roof which is not original.

The interior of the home is completely restored. The front entry door is oak with a large rectangular glass centerpiece. The front door opens to a twenty-foot entry hall leading to the parlor, library, staircase, dining room and kitchen. There is a library on the front west side with brick and oak mantel and window bay. Large sliding doors open to this library from the hall. The existence of these recessed doors was discovered in restoration work. They had earlier been covered up in an apartment conversion in the 1940s. On the east side there is a large 13 x 19 foot parlor. This, like all rooms, has its original moldings. Many of the moldings throughout the house have been carefully removed, stripped, restored and painted or stained. The dining rooms has an Eastlake-style built-in cabinet. This room had a fireplace which was walled up in approximately 1910 when a sawdust wood stove and later an oil stove was installed in the basement. In restoration work, this fireplace was discovered. It was restored and an appropriate mantel piece installed matching the Eastlake style cabinet. There is a fir wainscoting in this room, plate rail and picture molding. A key arch leads to the back porch. Except for two rooms which have been carpeted, the fir floors throughout the house have been sanded and refinished.

The oak staircase and railing leading from the front hall is in excellent condition. At the stair turn landing there is a double-hung stained glass window with both windows consisting of frosted centerpiece, blue squares at the corner, maroon at the sides and gold at the top and bottom.

Upstairs there is a large central hall 10 x 10 feet leading to four bedrooms and a bathroom. The doors leading to these rooms have glass transoms above each door. The master bedroom has a fireplace and an arched inglenook cove with a double-hung window

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looking out over the front porch and yard. This master bedroom has a window bay projection at the southwest corner. Again, this arched inglenook was discovered in restoration. It had earlier been walled over. The rooms upstairs and down have been decorated with period wallpaper and creative painting. All the wallpaper is either authentic Victorian reproductions or Victorian style paper. There is stenciling in the front hall stairway, dining room and master bedroom.

The home has many details which add to its architectural integrity. First, the home has beautiful hardware brass door knobs, strike plates, covers, locks and hinges. Virtually all are in top condition. The upstairs bathroom has high wainscoting, pedestal sink, clawfoot tub, black and white linoleum floor and oak toilet. The light fixtures throughout the house are either genuine antiques or accurate reproductions. Many of the light fixtures on the bottom floor are gas type reflecting the original gas lights when the home was built. When the home was restored, many of these old gas pipes were discovered.

A recent alteration to the home is the addition and replacement of the rear porch staircase entrance which was boarded up and eliminated in 1948. This rear porch has been built to match the front - only on a smaller scale with decorative brackets and railings identical to the front. The rear entrance door has a stained glass window and stained glass transom. The exterior of the home is distinctively painted in earth tones, green and brown and landscaped.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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<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 c. 1890 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Located at 1599 State Street in Salem, Marion County, Oregon, the C. C. Stratton House was constructed in the Queen Anne style c. 1890 for early Oregon pioneer Charles C. Stratton. The house is locally significant under Criterion "b" for its associations with Stratton, a minister and educator; his wife Eleanor Waller Stratton, daughter of Methodist missionary Alvin F. Waller, and for its probable, later associations with Oregon Governors William P. Lord and T. T. Geer, and with Congressman Willis C. Hawley. The property can be secondarily evaluated under Criterion "c" as a well-preserved example of the Queen Anne style house in Salem.

Born on January 4, 1833 in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, Charles Carroll Stratton was the son of Curtis P. and Lavinia Fitch Stratton. Educated in Indiana, Stratton came to Oregon in 1854 at age 19 with his mother, two younger brothers and seven sisters. His father had arrived the previous year and was one of the original settlers of the Umpqua Valley.

Stratton enrolled at Willamette University and entered the Methodist ministry in 1858. He served as pastor in many pioneer towns in Oregon in the next few years, including Dallas, Roseburg, Jacksonville, Oregon City, Portland, and Olympia, Washington.

He returned to Salem in the late 1860s and served as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church between 1868 and 1870. Having received his A. B. from Willamette at the age of 36 (1869), Stratton laid the groundwork for construction of the present First United Methodist Church. After his Salem pastorate, Stratton was appointed financial agent of Willamette University.

In the latter 1870s, he served as pastor in Salt Lake City and San Jose, California, where he became president of the University of the Pacific (1877–87). Returning to Oregon, he built the nominated property and was appointed chancellor of Willamette University (1890–91). Later, he was named president of the nascent Portland University, (1892–1900). Dr. Stratton was approached at one time by the founder of Stanford University regarding the presidency of that institution which he turned down on account of poor health. A eulogy printed in the minutes of the Oregon Annual Conference 1910 states: "He was a diligent student of the best books, high class magazines and of men. He was adept at building sermons and addresses, which he uniformly delivered with energy and grace. . . characterized always by smoothness of diction and lofty reflection."

Stratton was married to Julia Eleanor Waller, who was daughter of Alvin F. Waller, pioneer Methodist missionary who was instrumental in founding Willamette University (1853). The nominated property is located on the old Waller Donation Land Claim.

The house was sold to William P. Lord in 1894. Lord was Salem city attorney and state senator (1878–80), then served on the Oregon Supreme Court from 1880–1894: six years as Chief Justice. He was Governor from 1895–1899 and United States Minister to Argentina from 1899–1902. He allegedly never occupied the house, which repeatedly was used as the residence of the Lord's successor as governor, Theodore T. Geer (1899–1903)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Salem, West, Oregon

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

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

state None code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Eric W. Olsen

organization date

street & number 320 Hansen S. telephone (503) 362-9393 (work)
(503) 588-1034 (home)

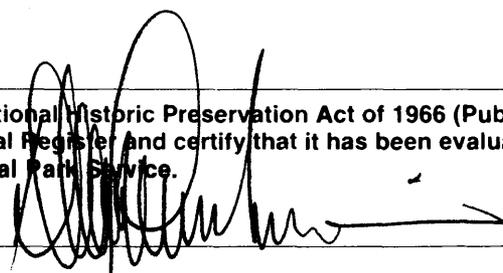
city or town Salem state Oregon

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

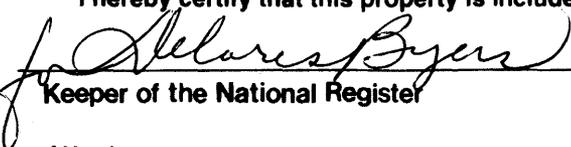
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date September 27, 1984

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


Keeper of the National Register

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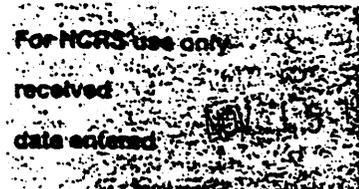
date 11-15-84

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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who served as editor of the Oregon Statesman (1903-1905) and later owned the Pendleton Tribune (1905-1908).

The house was also occupied by Congressman Willis C. Hawley, author of the Hawley-Smoot tariff law. Hawley served as president of the Oregon State Normal School at Drain (1888-1891) and of Willamette University (1893-1902) where he taught history, economics and public law. He was a Republican congressman from 1907 to 1933.

After 1933, the occupants of the Stratton House are unknown, although the property was subdivided into multiple living units and possibly was utilized as a boarding house.

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The nominated area is described as follows:

Beginning at a point 92.0 feet Easterly from the intersection of the North line of State Street, within the corporate limits of the City of Salem, with the intersection of the West line of the A. F. Waller and wife Donation Land Claim No. 46, in Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian; thence Easterly along the North line of State Street, extended, 63.0 feet and 9 inches; thence Northerly at right angles to the said North line of State Street, 331.32 feet to the South line of Court Street; thence Westerly on said South line 63.0 feet and 9 inches; thence Southerly parallel to the said West line of said Donation Land Claim 331.32 feet to the place of beginning. Excepting therefrom the tract conveyed by F. L. Waters and Lizzie A. Waters, his wife, to John D. Sutherland by deed recorded in Book 121, Page 631, of Deed Records for Marion County, Oregon.