

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Lake Oswego Odd Fellows Hall

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Corner of Durham and Church Streets

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Lake Oswego VICINITY OF First CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Oregon CODE 41 COUNTY Clackamas CODE 005

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: storage

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Albert H. Powers

STREET & NUMBER 554 Warner Parrot Road

CITY, TOWN Oregon City VICINITY OF Oregon STATE 97045

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Clackamas County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Oregon City Oregon STATE 97045

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties

DATE 1976
__FEDERAL STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN Salem Oregon STATE 97310

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

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. Built 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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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.