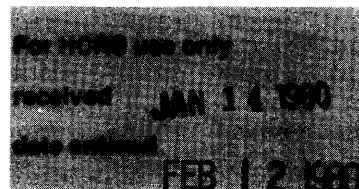


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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Harlow, (Elmer), House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2991 Harlow Road _____ not for publication

city, town Eugene _____ vicinity of 4th congressional district

state Oregon code 41 county Lane code 039

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 Philip and Rose Grant

street & number 2991 Harlow Road

city, town Eugene _____ vicinity of _____ state Oregon 97401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lane County Courthouse

street & number 125 E. 8th

city, town Eugene _____ state Oregon 97401

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Eugene Historical Landmark has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 24 July 1978 _____ federal _____ state _____ county local

depository for survey records Dept. of Housing and Community Conservation, City Hall

city, town Eugene _____ state Oregon 97401

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Erected in 1922, the Elmer Harlow house is situated on 1/2 acre of land at the northwest corner of Ascot Drive and Harlow Road, overlooking the remains of an orchard associated with the Harlow family. The two-story Bungalow-style frame house is faced with contrasting-colored patterned brick (Flemish bond) which is pointed with dark mortar. Constructed on a concrete foundation, the house is basically rectangular, forty-four feet in width by sixty-three feet in length. The low-pitched shingled roof, demonstrating a combination of hipped and gabled construction, has deep projecting eaves characteristic of the Bungalow style. The original cedar shingles have been replaced by asphalt shingles.

The south, or front elevation, is dominated by a porch which extends the width of the facade and continues past and around the east elevation to form a porte cochere. A set of steps provides secondary access to the porch from the porte cochere. The lines of the hipped roof of the porch are interrupted on the second story by a windowed gable, in axial alignment with the asymmetrically-placed lower porch entrance. Access to the second story sun porch, bordered by the original wooden railing, is through the windows in the gable.

The lower porch supports consist of brick pedestals surmounted by concrete plinths, which, in turn, support truncated square wooden columns. The prevailing masonry treatment in the pedestals is interrupted by vertical decorative motifs (similarly contrasted) in brick on each face. These supports are connected by a similar solid brick railing which is capped by a concrete slab.

Window treatment is varied. On the porch, large windows on either side of the beveled-glass paneled door are comprised of large panes of glass in conjunction with panels of leaded glass. The majority of the lower level windows are one over one sash. This type is also found in the upper story in addition to six over one, six over six, and two over two sash. (These simply framed windows with medium-depth reveals are being progressively covered with storm windows.) Of particular interest are the windows in the northwest corner of the house. These originally slid into the wall cavity below each frame. The cavities have been filled subsequently with insulation and are no longer used. All window sills and lintels, with the exception of the bay window on the west elevation, are concrete slabs, as is the water course which delineates the main levels from the full basement. A single stack, slightly projecting chimney is situated below the ridge line on the east elevation.

On the interior, contrary to the typical Bungalow plan, the entrance hall runs the length of the house. It is flanked on the east by a large living room, entered through an arched, columned portal in Douglas fir. The fireplace, constructed in the same contrasting colored brick as the exterior, is placed between built-in Douglas fir bookcases. A double sliding, glass paneled door leads north into the dining room, which contains a built-in Douglas fir buffet and corner cabinets with leaded glass and full mirrors. Beyond the dining room is the modern kitchen. The original back porch has been enclosed to form a laundry room. A study is found on the west side of the hall, finished in Douglas fir and separated from the hall by a double sliding, glass paneled door. Beyond this room is the master bedroom, bath, additional study, and staircase

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leading to the upper floor. The upper floor was originally a ballroom which extended the width of the house. The space has been altered twice. There are now four bedrooms and a bath. All original walls in the house are plastered, with the exception of the dining area, which is wallpapered. All floors are now carpeted.

A Bungalow-style carriage house with identical brick facing is situated to the north of the house. The hipped roof has its original cedar shingle cover but is in need of replacement. A concrete patio has also been added to the back of the house. The original paint color has been determined and is being applied to the exterior wooden parts of the house.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1922 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Bungalow-style house built in Eugene for Elmer Harlow in 1922 is significant as an example of the type popularized by The Craftsman magazine with an exterior surface of brick, which originally is not associated with the style. The unusual comprehensive application of Flemish bond to this building is emphasized by the bichromatic color scheme. The importance of the house, originally sited to overlook the family's established orchard, is further enhanced by sensitive interior and exterior detailing. The generous use of patterned, leaded glass and elegant interior woodworking indicates the prominence of the Harlow family during its third generation in Lane County.

Because the construction of the Elmer Harlow House antedates the recording of city building permit records, there is no documentary evidence that an architect was employed. It is most likely that a pattern book--perhaps The Craftsman itself--was used. The quality of detail suggests the attention of a sensitive builder, at the same time certain structural defects suggest the lack of a professional architect.

M. H. Harlow, Elmer's grandfather, started across the plains from Lexington, Missouri to Oregon on May 16, 1850, heading what has become know as the Harlow-Tandy wagon train. They wintered over near what is now Ogden, Utah, where they encountered some trouble with the Mormons. In the spring they continued on to Oregon and took up initial residence in Yamhill County. By October, however, they had moved on and settled down in Lane County, taking up a Donation Land Claim of 322.19 acres north of the Willamette River. The DLC is bordered by what is now Harlow Road on the north, Garden Way on the east, Bardell Avenue on the south and a line west of an parallel to Sunshine Acres Drive on the west. The southern boundary would have been the northern course of the Willamette River. It was reported in the Eugene City Guard of February 1, 1896, that "In the spring of 1852 he (M. H. Harlow) commenced working at the carpenter trade, and on April 3, 1855, with A. W. Hammitt, contracted for \$8500 to build the present courthouse of this county." M. H. Harlow was also the first Clerk of Lane County and in 1864 was appointed County Assessor. He also founded the First Baptist Church of Eugene, then known as the Willamette Forks Baptist Church of Jesus Christ and on July 1, 1852, he was elected the first deacon.

Mahlon Harlow Jr., Elmer's father and the tenth and last child of M. H. Harlow, was born December 12, 1858. As reported in the Eugene Register Guard of March 23, 1971, Mahlon Harlow "developed the homestead (and other adjacent property) into an orchard and was instrumental near the beginning of the century in forming the Eugene Fruit Growers Association." (Frank B. Harlow, grandson of M. H. Harlow, son of Anderson Jackson Harlow, and cousin to Elmer Harlow, is also associated with the Eugene Fruit Growers Association, having been a farmer and nut grower, and at one time, head of the Association. The Anderson Jackson Harlow House in which Frank was raised is located on County Farm Road and is presently know as the Country Inn Restaurant.) Mahlon Jr. died on January 25, 1946.

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10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 0.5
 Quadrangle name Eugene East, Oregon Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the Initial point for the fourth addition to Westward Ho., according to the plat thereof recorded in vol. 18 pg. 19 Lane County Oregon Plat records, according to the said plat the initial point bears south 89°23' west 1099.81 feet and north 0°16' East 304.26 feet from the Northwest corner of M.H. Harlow Donation Land

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 Philip Grant
 organization _____ date April 16, 1979
 street & number 2991 Harlow Road telephone (503) 686-0470
 city or town Eugene state Oregon 97401

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

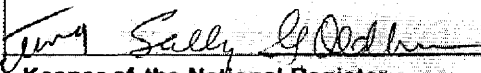
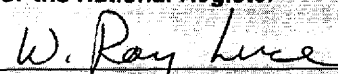
The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

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 26, 1979

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
	date <u>2/12/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: 	date <u>1-29-80</u>
for Chief of Registration	

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Elmer Harlow, son of Mahlon Jr. was born on January 13, 1890 in Eugene. Elmer took over the orchard business from his father. However, the orchard was eventually phased out and in the 1960's Elmer developed the "Westward Ho" subdivision on property adjacent to the family donation claim. The claim itself has also been partially developed with housing; Chase Gardens is located on the southern half of the DLC. Elmer Harlow died on March 22, 1971 and was believed to be the last surviving male Harlow. The Harlow name has been used for a street, "Harlow Road", as well as one of the smaller craters on the North Sister, "Harlow Crater".

On January 26, 1978, the Historic Review Board of Eugene recommended that the Elmer Harlow House be established as an Historic Landmark based on Section 9.489(c) of the City Code because "of its representative character of a period and style of architecture, and its extraordinary architectural merit by reason of its detailing and use of materials". On July 24, 1978, the Eugene City Council approved Ordinance No. 18204, approving a Historic Landmark designation for the Elmer Harlow House (H 76-8).

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Claim No. 57, Township 17, South Range 3 West of the Willamette meridian, thence North $89^{\circ}23'$ East 286.44 feet along the south line of the fourth addition to Westward Ho., to the west line of Ascot Drive (60 feet wide) according to said plat; thence South $0^{\circ}16'$ West 142.00 feet along the west line of Ascot Drive to an iron pin, said point being the true point of beginning, thence South $0^{\circ}16'$ West 162.26 feet along the west line of Ascot Drive to the North line of Harlow Road to a point; thence North $0^{\circ}16'$ East 162.26 feet to an iron pin; thence North $89^{\circ}23'$ East 125 feet to the true point of beginning, all in Section 21 Township 17 South Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian, Lane County, Oregon.