

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTY
ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING INVENTORY
COUNTY: Multnomah

HISTORIC NAME: ALEXANDRA COURT HOTEL

COMMON NAME: Alexandra Court Apartments
OTHER NAMES:

RESOURCE TYPE: Building
STATUS: built & survives
LAWRENCE

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CITY: Portland Oregon
STREET: 125 N.W. 20th Place
OWNER: Nancy Tanner
125 N.W. 20th Place #308

FIRST DATE: Dec. 1906

DESIGN BEG:

DESIGN END:

CONSTR BEG: March 1907

CONSTR END: Oct. 1907

LOSS DATE:

ORIGINAL USE: residence/hotel

PRESENT USE: Residence/Apartment

SITE: 0.3 acres, approx.

TOWNSHIP: 1N RANGE: 1E SECTION: 33
MAP#: 3028 TAX LOT: 1N-1E-33-
ADDITION: King's Second ORIGINAL USE:
BLOCK: 030 LOT: QUAD: Portland PRESENT USE:
ASSESSOR #: R-45230-4830
THEMES: 20C Architecture

DATA BELOW IS ON LAWRENCE FIRM'S DESIGN AS-BUILT:

ARCHITECT: MacNaughton, Raymond and Lawrence CHIEF DESIGNER: probably EFL
ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS:

CONTRACTORS:

Standard Construction Company (General), Palmer and Ellison (Brick),
Dave Muir

ARTISTS & CRAFTSMEN:

STYLE: American Renaissance

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: "L"-shaped

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: concrete

STORIES: 6.0 BASEMENT: yes

ROOF/MATERIAL: essentially flat /Bitum. builtup

WALL CONSTR: brick (bearing)

STRUC.FRAME: heavy timber

PRIME WINDOW TYPE: wood 1/1 double-hung

EXTERIOR SURFACE MATERIAL: brick,

DECORATIVE FEATURES/MATERIALS:

decorative brick patterns on facade and at cornice; four brick piers support
wooden porch; wood balustrade on porch has cut-out quatrafoil pattern

OTHER:

CONDITION: good

MOVED: no

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated):

dinning Rm. 1942; converted from hotel to apts. 1949; entrance 1954; elevator &
incinerator added 1960; interior 1st fl. 1961; new elevator 1963; driveway 1963.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

small garden and walkway at entrance

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ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:

garage building

SETTING:

urban residential/commercial: located in the Nob Hill area of N.W. Pl'd.
adjacent to major St. Burnside

SIGNIFICANCE OF LAWRENCE FIRM'S DESIGN:

EXTER.DETAILS/CRAFTSMANSHIP: Better than average workmanship and materials.

INTER.DETAILS/CRAFTSMANSHIP: unknown

EXTERIOR INTEGRITY: Essentially intact as originally built.

INTERIOR INTEGRITY: Major changes; original character lost.

SITE INTEGRITY: Minor changes, but original character intact.

SETTING INTEGR: Major changes to character and relationship of surroundings.

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT:

At the time of it's construction, the Alexandra Court Hotel would have been the tallest structure in the Nob Hill neighborhood; and possibly the tallest in the North end of Portland. It preceded by several years the development of the Nob Hill area's first class apt. bldgs. constructed for the affluent city dwellers. Originally it had 160 rooms including 8 suites with baths. It also contained a formal dining rm. and "artistic lobbies and Parlor." The original owners of the bldg. were Dr. J.R. Wetherbee and J. McClung. Dr. Wetherbee was thought to have been the first pre-med student to complete the program at the University of Oregon. The Alexandra Court remained a Hotel until 1949 when it was converted to apartments.

SOURCES/DOCUMENTS: Description (Location)

Exhibit quality photos, E. Lawrence Collection/U of O Special Coll.;
Multnomah County Tax Assessor Records;

Portland Building Permits;
Oregon Historic Photo Collection (OHS);

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps;
Exhibit quality photos, Angelus Collection/U of O

PUBLICATIONs:

PORTLAND DAILY JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 12/8/1906, 1/15/1926.
OREGONIAN. 5/5/1907.

SLIDE NO.:
SHPO INVENTORY NO.:

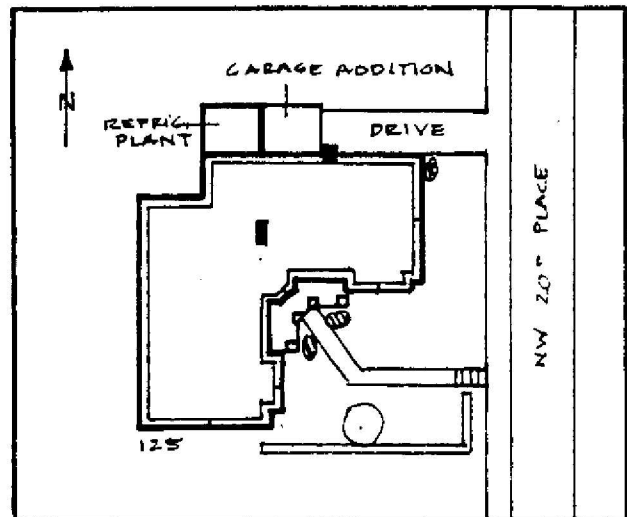
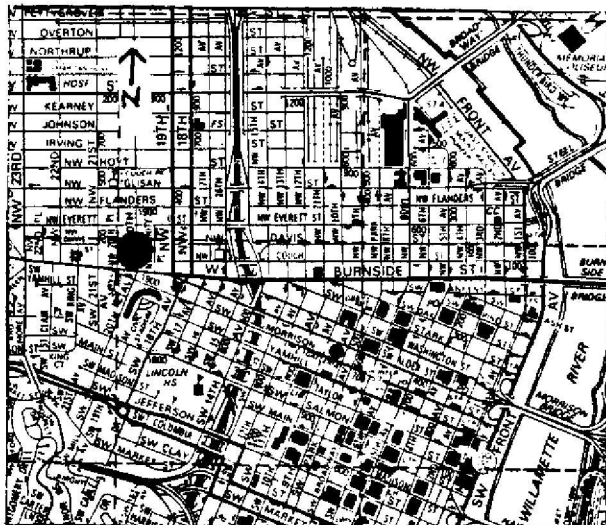
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DATE: 06/05/88
DATE: 09/14/88

ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING SURVEY
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PSR1, #0,1

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HISTORIC PHOTO/OTHER GRAPHIC SOURCE: P. Sackett and S. Donovan

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EVALUATION

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<u>INTEGRITY OF:</u>	<u>NUMERICAL</u>
1. EXTERIOR: Essentially intact as originally built.	9
2. INTERIOR: Major changes; original character lost.	0
3. SITE: Minor changes, but original character intact.	7
4. SETTING: Major changes to character and relationship of surroundings.	0
INTEGRITY TOTAL	16
 <u>DISTINCTION OF:</u>	
1. EXTERIOR DETAILS & CRAFTSMANSHIP: Better than average workmanship and materials.	3
2. INTERIOR DETAILS & CRAFTSMANSHIP: unknown	0
3. STYLE: (Jacobethan) It is a prime example of its identified style. Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this style is one of few (5 or less) in its city/town or rural area.	5 2
4. ORIGINAL USE: (residence/hotel) Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this use is unique in Oregon.	9
5. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this design is average quality and significance. Is it part of an ensemble of surviving buildings by Lawrence? No other Lawrence buildings are nearby. Are structural or technical aspects of the design significant? Of little significance.	2 0 0
6. LAWRENCE'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE DESIGN PROCESS: Lawrence was probably chief designer, though little evidence	6
DISTINCTION TOTAL	18
 <u>EDUCATIVE OR ASSOCIATIVE VALUE:</u>	
1. HISTORIC EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES: No known association with historic events or activities.	0
2. HISTORIC PERSONS: No known association with a significant historic person.	0
3. SYMBOLIC ASSOCIATION WITH AN IDEAL, INSTITUTION, OR POLITICAL ENTITY: No known significant symbolic association.	0
EDUCATIVE OR ASSOCIATIVE TOTAL	0
GRAND TOTAL	34
RANK:	COMPATIBLE

NOTE: Only the built, surviving buildings in Oregon were evaluated.