

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

**HISTORIC NAME: DOERNBECKER CHILDRENS HOSPITAL,U of O Medical School**

**COMMON NAME:** Oregon Health Sciences University  
**OTHER NAMES:** Clinic-Lab

**RESOURCE TYPE:** Building  
**STATUS:** built & survives

**CITY:** Portland Oregon  
**STREET:** 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd.  
**OWNER:** State of Oregon, Med. Dep  
Marquam Hill, 97201

LAWRENCE  
**(JOB#) YEAR:** ( )  
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**FIRST DATE:** Oct. 1923  
**DESIGN BEG:**  
**DESIGN END:**  
**CONSTR BEG:** May 1925  
**CONSTR END:** July 1926  
**LOSS DATE:**  
**ORIGINAL USE:** univ./hospital  
**PRESENT USE:** univ./hospital  
**SITE:** 3.0 acres, approx.

**TOWNSHIP:** 1S **RANGE:** 1E **SECTION:** 09  
**MAP#:** 3328 **TAX LOT:** 1S-1E-09-  
**ADDITION:** Homestead **ORIGINAL USE:**  
**BLOCK:** **LOT:** 46 **QUAD:** Portland **PRESENT USE:**  
**ASSESSOR #:** R-99106-0460  
**THEMES:** 20C Architecture, Education, Medicine

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

**ARCHITECT:** Lawrence and Holford  
**ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS:**

**CHIEF DESIGNER:** probably EFL

**CONTRACTORS:**

Thomas Muir (General); J.F. Shea (Plumbing); NePage, McKenny & Co.  
(Electrical); Alaska Heating & Plumbing Co. (Heating); Otis Elevator Co.;  
Portland Wire & Iron Works (ornamental iron); E. Thomas (Cast Stone);

**ARTISTS & CRAFTSMEN:**

P. Richardson (masonry); Nicolai-Neppach Co. (Millwork); Schanen Marble Works  
(Marble); artist Margot Helser (wall murals) (1937)

**STYLE:** American Renaissance

**PLAN TYPE/SHAPE:** "L"-shaped

**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** concrete **STORIES:** 4.0 **BASEMENT:** yes

**ROOF/MATERIAL:** essentially flat /Bitum. builtup

**WALL CONSTR:** concrete **STRUC.FRAME:** concrete frame

**PRIME WINDOW TYPE:** steel multi-pane double-hung w/transoms

**EXTERIOR SURFACE MATERIAL:** brick, cast stone

**DECORATIVE FEATURES/MATERIALS:**

dentilated cornice, classically detailed front entrance with pilasters, a  
frieze and cast stone cartouches, swags and angels atop entrance portico

**OTHER:**

square stair tower with top floor articulated by pilasters and cartouches

**CONDITION:** good

**MOVED:** not moved

**ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated):**

repair front entrance (1933); later addition of outpatient clinics

**LANDSCAPE FEATURES:**

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**ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:**

Outpatient Clinics, U of O Medical School Bldg.(MacKenzie Hall, Baird Hall, Lib)

**SETTING:**

campus: located close by other campus bldgs. and connected internally, set into sloping hillside

**SIGNIFICANCE OF LAWRENCE FIRM'S DESIGN:**

**EXTER.DETAILS/CRAFTSMANSHIP:** High-quality skilled work: some fine materials.

**INTER.DETAILS/CRAFTSMANSHIP:** Better than average workmanship and materials.

**EXTERIOR INTEGRITY:** Altered by Lawrence firm; essentially intact.

**INTERIOR INTEGRITY:** Major changes; original character lost.

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

**SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT:**

This building was the result of various private donations beginning with the Doernbecker family. Later the Portland Junior League, American Legion, Portland Rotary Club, Elk's Club, State Federation of Women's Clubs all donated funds and as a result the capacity of the hospital was doubled. The building is significant as an example of a statewide social-humanitarian effort. It is architecturally significant as part of the Medical School campus ensemble. The building project was almost stopped by the then Governor when he vetoed an appropriation. There seems to have been enough public outcry that the work finally proceeded only to have the Portland Building Dept. refuse to issue a permit. This was due to the site being zoned residential even though two other medical buildings were already next to this site. The permit process was held up for a month while zone changes were applied for and received. It is the State's only children's hospital.

**SOURCES/DOCUMENTS: Description (Location)**

Exhibit Quality photos, E. Lawrence Collection/U of O Special Collections;

Exhibit Quality photos Oregon Historic Coll. (OHS);

Multnomah County Tax Assessor Records;

Portland Building Permits;

Oregon State Board of Higher Education Minutes

PACIFIC BUILDER AND ENGINEER. 10/20/23, 10/27/23, 12/20/24, 2/14/25, 2/21/25,

4/11/25, 5/23/25, 5/4/29.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

DAILY RECORD-ABSTRACT. 10/18/23, 2/25/25, 3/5/25, 4/4/25, 4/21/25,

7/28/26, 9/11/26, 5/15/35.

**SLIDE NO.:**

**SHPO INVENTORY NO.:**

**RESEARCH BY:** C.S. & M. S.

**RECORDED BY:** K. Lakin

**DATE:** 09/10/88

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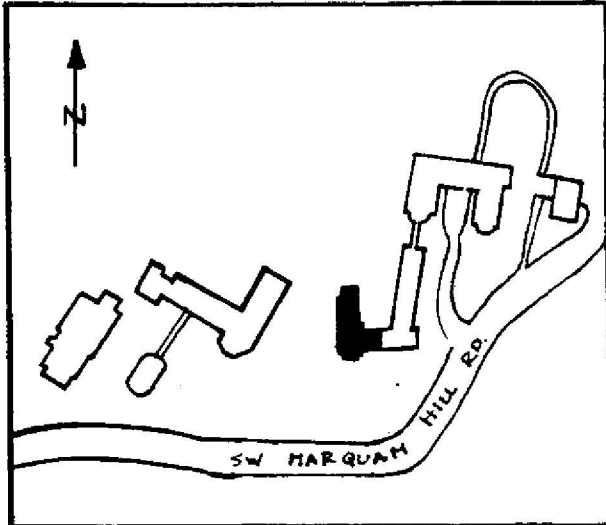
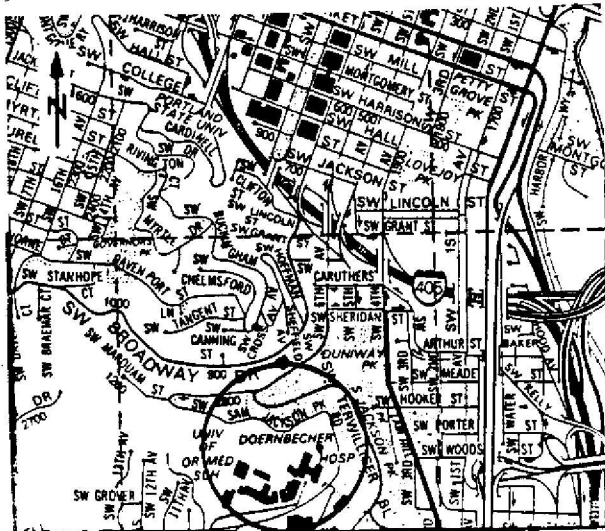
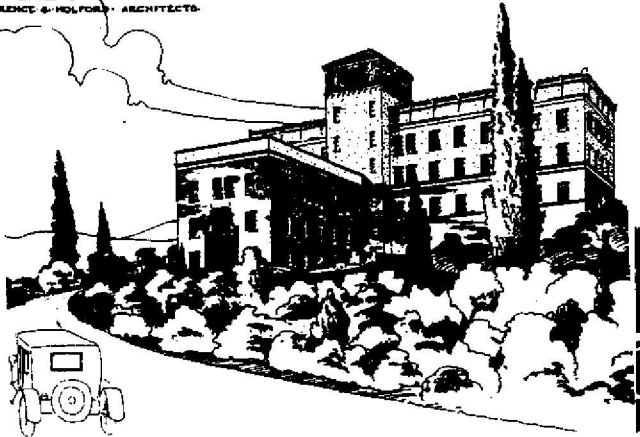
ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING SURVEY  
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RECENT PHOTO  
 NEGATIVE #s:  
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 CHILDRENS HOSPITAL -  
 RENCE & HOLFORD ARCHITECTS



HISTORIC PHOTO/OTHER GRAPHIC SOURCE: K. Lakin and S. Donovan  
 Lawrence Col. photos (UO Library)

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E V A L U A T I O N

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<u>INTEGRITY OF:</u>	<u>NUMERICAL</u>
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3. SITE: Altered by Lawrence firm; essentially intact.	9
4. SETTING: Major changes to character and relationship of surroundings.	0
<b>INTEGRITY TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>

<u>DISTINCTION OF:</u>	
1. EXTERIOR DETAILS & CRAFTSMANSHIP: High-quality skilled work; some fine materials.	7
2. INTERIOR DETAILS & CRAFTSMANSHIP: Better than average workmanship and materials.	3
3. STYLE: (American Renaissance) It has distinctive features of its identified style.	2
Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this style is one of few (5 or less) in its city/town or rural area.	2
4. ORIGINAL USE: (univ./hospital) Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this use is one of few (5 or less) in its city/town or rural area.	2
5. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this design is average quality and significance.	2
Is it part of an ensemble of surviving buildings by Lawrence? It's located in an ordered arrangement of Lawrence buildings	9
Are structural or technical aspects of the design significant? Of moderate significance.	5
6. LAWRENCE'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE DESIGN PROCESS: Lawrence is known to have been the chief designer.	9
<b>DISTINCTION TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>

<u>EDUCATIVE OR ASSOCIATIVE VALUE:</u>	
1. HISTORIC EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES: No known association with historic events or activities.	0
2. HISTORIC PERSONS: Strong assoc. with person(s) of local historic significance.	5
3. SYMBOLIC ASSOCIATION WITH AN IDEAL, INSTITUTION, OR POLITICAL ENTITY: Major symbolic association with state ideal or institution.	7
<b>EDUCATIVE OR ASSOCIATIVE TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>RANK:</b>	<b>PRIMARY</b>

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