

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
COUNTY: MULTNOMAH COUNTY

HIST. NAME:
COMMON NAME:
ADDRESS: 2373 Northwest Johnson Street
CITY: Portland
OWNER: Nesewich, Nancy L.
ADDRESS: 2373 NW Johnson, Portland, OR
97210

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1888
ORIGINAL USE: Domestic: single dwelling
PRESENT USE: Domestic: single dwelling
ARCHITECT:
BUILDER:
THEME: Culture: 19th Century Architecture
STYLE: Queen Anne/Vernacular

T/R/S: T1N R1E S33
MAP NO.: 2927 TAX LOT: NA
ADDITION: King's 2nd Addition
BLOCK: 3 LOT: E 25.4' of W. 99.2' of Lots
17 & 18
ZONE: R1 QUAD.: Portland
ASSESSOR NO.: R452300700

RESOURCE TYPE: Residence: single dwelling
CONDITION: Excellent
MOVED (DATE):

Old Address: 789 Johnson
RANK:

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Gable
w/intersecting gables/composition shingles
WALL/FRAME: Wood frame
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 1/1 double-hung wood sash
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: V-groove, wood; wood shingles

NO. OF STORIES: 2
BASEMENT: Yes, raised

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Pedimented gable with knob and spindle gable ornament; gable covered with patterned wood shingles; paneled frieze above porch with jigsaw brackets; flared siding course with patterned shingles; six-panel front entrance door with sidelights; triangular window on side gable extension; cut-away bay window with decorative brackets and pendants; turned posts and stick balusters; lattice work; paneled beltcourse; knob and spindle porch frieze; band of patterned shingles under second story windows.

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): Storm windows, date unknown..

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Foundation plantings, young trees, in open front yard with pathways.

ASSOCIATED FEATURES: None.

SETTING: The house is located on the north side of N.W. Johnson Street, a quiet two-lane street. The parcel is large, front-facing, one of four matching houses. The area is characterized as mixed use.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: The residence, constructed in 1888, was designed in the Queen Anne Style. Although a more vernacular adaptation, the building displays many characteristics of the style in its patterned wood shingle gable end, cut-away bays, gable ornament and porch ornamentation. Virtually intact, the residence is an good example of the type. The residence is identical in design to 2367 NW Johnson.

Historical: The property is associated with the following Portland families: John Bay, King Estate, N.A. King, Ivan King, Anna Melinda Humphrey, and C.T. Haas.

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP HISTORY

1881-1898 John Bay purchased lots 13, 17, & 18 from Amos King between 1881 and 1890. John Bays deeded a portion of the property to E. Bays on April 18, 1896. In 1898 the Sheriff deeded the Bays property to A.N. King.

1919-1931 The King Estate deeded the property to N.A. King on October 12, 1919. Richard Ray King and Ella King, husband and wife, deeded the property to Ivan King and Anna Melinda Humphrey. King deeded the property to C.T. Haas.

1936 The Sheriff officially deeded the property to C.T. Haas in 1936. Haas sold the property to Ivan King on October 24, 1938.

1940 On January 17, 1940, a legal dispute over the property required a lawyer, Walter McMonies, to deeded the property to Anna Humphrey.

The property was also partitioned at this time. Anna and Herbert Humphrey, husband and wife, deeded their property to John and Zoe S. Thompson on October 28, 1943.

OWNERS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

John Bay (d. 1909) came to Portland in 1879. He died in Los Angeles, California, on August 6, 1909. According to 1888 Portland City Directory, John Bays worked for Bays and Jeffery, general contractors. (John Bays & Edward J Jeffery) Their office was located at 9 Stark Street. Bays home was located on the corner between 22nd and 23rd Johnson Street.

Eula Marie Bays (d. 1893) may have been the daughter of John Bays. Other biographical information is unknown. (in 1897 a Miss Maggie Bays lived at 186 N. 24th Street. Relationship is unknown).

The King Estate, was valued at \$236,000 in 1930 after the death of Amos Nathan King, son of Nathan Amos King who bought squatters rights to what is now known as King's Heights.

Edward A. King, son of Amos Nathan King, was treasurer of the King Real Estate Association and later became president of that firm. Edward King managed the family's property interests

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while Amos enjoyed some leisure. Edwards brother, N.A. King, was a wealthy rancher in Lake County, Oregon.

Mrs. N.A. King(1858-1930) was the mother of Ray King and Mrs. Anna Melinda Humphrey and Ivan King. She was the sister of Mrs. Mary Parker, Mrs. R.L. Sherlock, Mrs. Lillian Williams, and Will Tucker. Mrs. King was born in a house located near Broadway and Ankeny street. She died at 72 years of age on February 16, 1930. King lived at 202 Northwest 21st Street.

Nahan Amos King(1855-) was a member of a pioneer Portland family. His father, Amos King, took up the original homestead in Portland on which the Civic Auditorium now stands. King left an estate valued at about \$236,000 which was administered by a court appointed guardian, A.C. Callan, a real estate broker, when Mr. King was judged to be incompetent. The administration of his estate led to considerable friction, and his son, Richard, was arrested on a charge of kidnapping his father. The son was arrested and subsequently acquitted; the son brought a civil suit on the estate's guardian, causing him to resign.

Nathan Amos King was born on the corner of Yamhill and Stark streets in 1855. He and his wife, Martha Tucker, moved to Lake County, Oregon, in 1876 to raise cattle, but eventually returned to Portland. His father, Amos Nathan King, arrived in Oregon from Ohio. At the time of his death he was survived by Mrs. Anna M. Humphrey, a daughter and two sons, Richard Ray and Ivan H. King.

Charles T. Haas (1888-) was the son of Anthony and Mary (Trissel) Haas, the former prominent manufacturer. Charles was born July 4, 1888 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He completed a course at the St. Thomas Military Academy in 1907 and the following year was appointed to West Point. He later received a B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota as well as an LL.B degree in 1910. He worked his way through college, becoming a reporter for the St. Paul Dispatch, the Pioneer Press and the Minneapolis Tribune. He also wrote special articles on sports for the Associated Press. He practiced law for six months in St. Paul and then moved to Portland in 1911. Haas specialized in international law and through intensive study was a recognized authority in the subject matter. He was the only attorney in the United States to represent fourteen foreign governments and successfully handled many opinions on alien property suits.

On July 27, 1912, Haas married Miss Freda Rees, a member of the prominent families of Portland and a daughter of Dr. P.A. Rees, whose father William Rees, came to Oregon with the pioneers of 1842 and built the first log house in St. Paul, Oregon. Charles and Freda were the parents of a daughter, Jane. In 1913 Haas was appointed assistant city attorney. Along fraternal lines Haas was affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Chamber of Commerce, Press Club, Portland Gold Club, Delta Chi, and the local and state bar associations. According to the 1939 Portland City Directory, Haas was a partner in the legal firm of Haas and Schwabe. He lived at 1191 Hoyt Street.(old address).

Sources: Ticor Title Company Records
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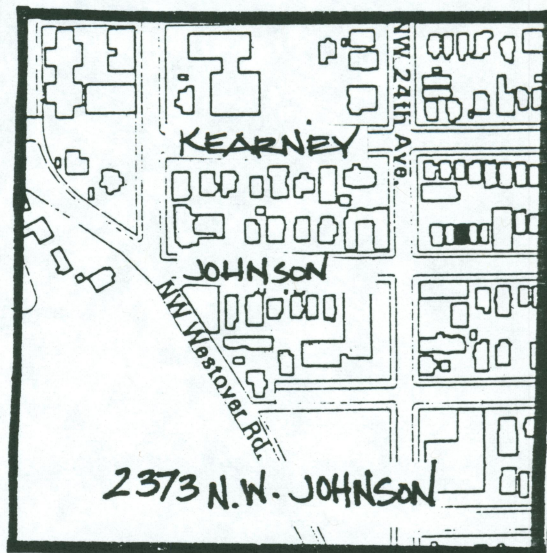
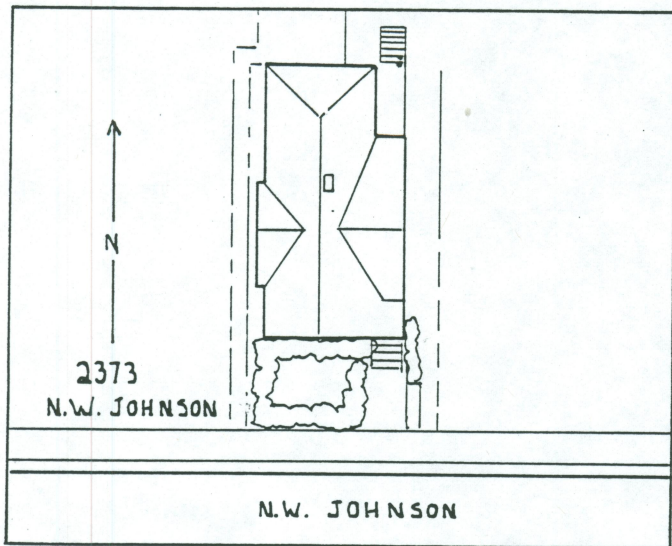
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