

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Historic Name:

Current Name:

Street:

City:

County:

Owner:

Category: Location:

TRS:

Quad:

Map: TLN:

Addition:

Block: Lot:

Original Use:

Current Use:

Secondary Current Use:

Building Date: Moved?

Theme:

Secondary Theme:

Style:

Secondary Style:

Architect:A

Builder:

Condition:

Integrity:

Local Ranking:

Plan Shape: Number of Stories:

Foundation Material: Basement? Porch?

Roof Form: Roofing Material:

Structural Framing:

Window Type:

Exterior Surfacing Materials:

Decorative Surfacing:

Decorative Features:

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features:

Associated Structures:

Known Archaeological Features:

Setting:



Historic Name: Map: TLN:

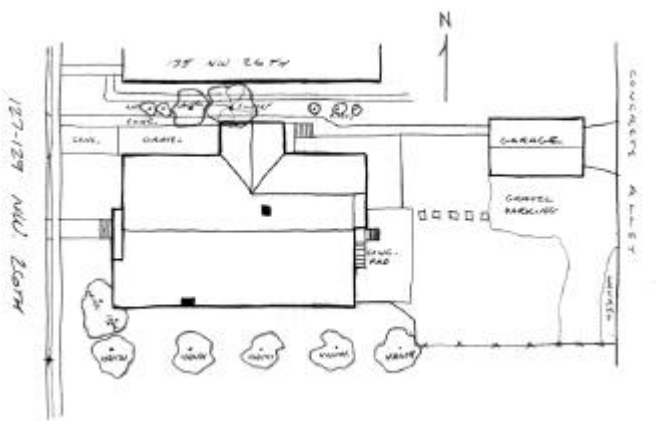
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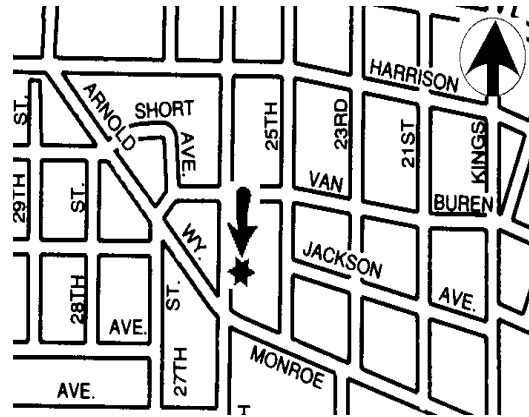
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Site Plan:



Location Map:



Statement of Significance:

The remodeled bungalow at 127-129 NW 26th Street was built in 1915 for Ava Milam, at that time a young professor in OSC's Domestic Science department. She remained in this house for over four decades spanning a remarkable career. A year after her house's construction, she was named Dean of Home Economics, the youngest dean in college history. Under her leadership, the OSC program became nationally known. She introduced the study of home economics to China and worked in numerous Asian nations to improve the quality of household life. Dean Milam retired in 1950 and later married J. C. Clark.

In her autobiography, Ava Milam Clark wrote about her house: "Early in 1915, I decided to build a home of my own in which to live and entertain students, faculty, and other friends. When my parents came for an extended visit that summer, Father helped me choose a lot a few blocks from the campus. Mother helped me develop plans, while Father talked with the carpenter. In a time when large houses were the custom, many people thought I was building a doll's house when I built one just large enough to accommodate myself, a college girl to live with me, and a guest or two from time to time" (p. 105).

The final plans for her bungalow were drawn up by Corvallis architect C. N. Freeman, whose office was in the Foster Building. It included two separate "sleeping porches" and one "dressing room," any of which could be used as bedrooms. The basement included a fruit room, and the kitchen had a separate "work table." The exterior was a typical bungalow, front-gabled with a gabled porch. The bungalow style, most popular in Oregon between approximately 1910-1920, combined a respect for materials, interest in craftsmanship, and the efficient use of freely planned space.

Dean Milam remodeled her house in the 1930s or 1940s. Undated plans at the OSU Archives show particular attention to the kitchen, which is mapped out in plan and in a number of elevations and perspective drawings. At the same time, the front porch was filled in, the rear of the house extended, and Craftsman style details such as the brackets stripped from the building. The exterior of the house retains relatively high integrity, with only a few changes since Dean Milam's remodeling.

Historic Name	Ava Milam House	Map:	11534DB	TLN	5500
Street:	127-129 NW 26TH ST	TRS:	11S 05W 34 DB	Quad:	Corvallis
Recorder:	LMJ/DAP	Local Number:	HPI-96-57	SHPO Number:	935
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