

OREGON HERITAGE TREE PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF TREE(S)

Common and scientific name of tree: Quercus garryana

Commonly used or cultural name: Oregon White Oak

Explain the commonly used name for the tree according to one or more of the following rationales: 1) original owner or current owner, 2) significant person or events associated with the tree, 3) unusual, distinctive, or significant aspect of the tree, or 4) association with the heritage of the community.

LOCATION OF THE TREE(S)

List the county, town, and street or rural route address and directions to the tree. Attach a site map, indicating the tree's precise location. Describe how accessible the tree is to the general public. If on private land, are there any restrictions to entering the property?

Lane County, Cottage Grove Oregon, 625 S. River Rd. The trees are in the front yard and viewable from the sidewalk. Yes there are restrictions as there is no need to enter the property to view the trees. Site map is attached.

The tree is located on:

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Public land

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Public highway right-of-way

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Public rest area

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Public waterway or trail

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Private land (describe: The trees are on a lot with a historic house)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Age: 150+

Date planted (if known): _____

Circumference: 9 feet north tree; 12 ft. south

Height: 100+ ft

Crown spread: 100 ft. comt

Health and condition: Excellent

Physical descriptions

White oaks

- Age/ Date planted: Four mature oaks were growing naturally on the property and predate construction of the house. When one was lost in a recent snow storm, the crew that removed it counted approximately 150 growth rings.
- Circumference: 9 feet (north tree), 12 feet (south tree)
- Height: 100 feet (per recent evaluation by arborist)
- Crown spread: combined crowns 100'
- Health and condition: Excellent. We invest in maintenance by a professional arborist, who has pruned dead limbs, removed ivy, and installed support cables in the trees included in this application.

Incense cedar

- Age/Date planted: Since incense cedars are common and grow quickly, the early history is not known. It was a large, mature tree in 1949.
- Circumference: 13 feet
- Height: 120 feet
- Crown spread: 20 feet
- Health and condition: Excellent

Tree protection status

There is currently no legal easement or restriction on the trees themselves. The property is included in the Cottage Grove historical footprint, which requires committee review before any demolition or major changes to the structures. Since the trees frame the front of the house and are not located where any logical construction would occur, they would normally only be removed if dead, fallen, or storm damaged to the point of becoming a hazard.

When Ray and Gen Nelson bought the property from the Veatch sisters in 1949, the sale was contingent on a verbal agreement to not cut down the large trees. It was the nature of the relationship between buyers and sellers to honor that agreement, even after the deaths of the Veatches. When Larsana and Nola Nelson assumed ownership in 1974, we continued to honor the heritage of preserving and protecting the tree canopy. Over the years, trees have been lost to storms and natural deaths, and a few hazardous younger trees have had to be removed.



April 2nd, 2022
625 RIVER ROAD
Nashville, TN

From: susan sejohnson227@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Final heritage tree authorization
Date: April 16, 2022 at 3:51 PM
To:

Begin forwarded message:

From: debra bartlett <weplantheworld@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Final heritage tree submission.
Date: April 16, 2022 at 10:53:03 AM PDT
To: Nola Nelson <nolagnelson@yahoo.com>
Cc: Susan Johnson <sejohnson227@gmail.com>

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 16, 2022, at 10:28 AM, Nola Nelson <nolagnelson@yahoo.com> wrote:
(authorization)

April 16, 2022

As co-owner of the Stone House property at 625 South River Road, Cottage Grove, Oregon, I approve the nomination of the trees described in this application to the Oregon Heritage Tree program.

Nola Nelson

TREE OWNERSHIP & PROTECTION STATUS

Present owner of the property where the tree is located:

Name: Nola Nelson

Address: 625 S. River Rd.

City, State, Zip: Cottage Grove, OR. 97424

Telephone number(s): 541-942-5326

Email address: nolagnelson@yahoo.com

Does the present owner support the nomination of this tree? If so, please submit a letter of support from the owner. If not, please explain.

Please check the current protection measures in place at time of nomination. Please submit documentation if applicable.

For trees on <i>public</i> property:		For trees on <i>private</i> property:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local ordinances or state laws	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation easement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Land Rules & Regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deed restriction
<input type="checkbox"/>	ODOT highway or rest area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dedication easement
<input type="checkbox"/>	None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe)
			See Attached - Tree Protection Status

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Using 70 words or less, tell us the story of this tree and why it is important.

The Stone House was built in 1897-98 by Glen and Carry Stone. Carry was the architect and designer. The white oaks predated the building of the home. Carry cared for and love trees and all kinds of wood. The home was built for gracious living in this pioneer community. Carry imported woods from her native Tennessee and redwood from California for siding. The windows are framed in yew.

HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF TREE(S)

Provide a factual account of the history of the tree or group of trees (no word limit.) Include all important dates, people, events, legends, and/or activities associated with the tree(s). Please list who planted the tree and when (if known), followed by all owners in chronologically descending order with dates listed (if known). Explain the historical significance of the tree(s) to the state or nation. List other entities (organizations or agencies) that have recognized this tree as historic. Describe any local recognition status given to the tree(s). Attach additional pages if needed.

See Attached

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Please send photographs of the tree(s) and the surrounding area. Two to five photos are requested. Additionally, copies of historic photographs, if available, are encouraged. Please include close-up shots of the tree as well as photos giving an idea of the tree's relation to its surroundings. All photos should be identified and dated. Press releases, newspaper articles or other publicity about the tree may also be submitted.

Heritage Resource Parcels within City Limits
Taxlots
City Limits

100-yr Floodplain — State Road
Water Feature — County Road
Interstate Highway — City Road

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Heritage Resource Inventory
City of Cottage Grove

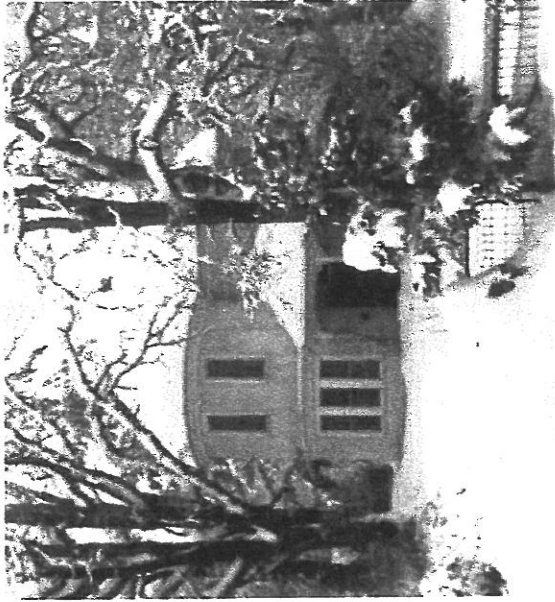
Lane County Oregon
Drawn By: _____
Project: _____

Date: _____
7/16/2016

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Walden Design Expansion (WDE)
WESTERN ONE EXPOSITION INC.

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Oregon Aviation Historical Society
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Oregon Aviation History Center



EPIC SNOW
MARCH, 1969



A earlier winter
JANUARY, 1957

The following is a summary of transactions from deed abstracts beginning with the Henry Small donation land claim no. 57		
9/8/1889	deed	B.F. Harding to R.M. Veatch
many partitions of original land grant		
4/2/1896	warranty deed	Ella and Frank Whipple to Carrie Stone
9/7/03	warranty deed	George and Carrie Stone to H. Veatch
1/2/13	mortgage	H. Veatch to Watt Shipp
12/10/15	mortgage	H. Veatch to Charles Fahrenwald
5/10/17	mortgage	H. Veatch to T.J. Ryan
4/9/26	deed	H. Veatch to Nancy Oglesby
4/17/26	mortgage	Oglesby to Fiester
12/8/38	deed	Oglesby to James and Ann Graham
6/5/40	mortgage	Graham to LaSells Steward
6/19/42	warranty deed	Graham to Sibyl and Sylvia Veatch (
5/14/49	warranty deed	Sibyl and Sylvia Veatch to Genevieve and Ray Nelson
12/12/74	warranty deed	Gen and Ray Nelson to Larsana and Nola Nelson (current owners)
various tenants lived in house after sold by Stone		
Gen and Ray Nelson lived in residence until deaths, as permanent tenants		
Nola Nelson lived in residence from August, 1976 to present		
Stone House is first and only house built on this lot, and the trees of interest predated construction.		
When the Veatch sisters sold the property to Gen and Ray Nelson, there was a verbal agreement that the trees would not be removed.		

home Built

and Ray Nelson
Nola Nelson (current owners)

1900 US Federal Census for the George H. Stone family:

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A random family tree for the George Henry Stone family. We can't guarantee that the information is correct:

Cancer

ancestry



George Henry Stone

BIRTH 10 OCT 1839 • Groveland, Livingston, New York, United States
DEATH 20 JUN 1917 • Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States

Facts

Age 0 – Birth
10 Oct 1839 • Groveland, Livingston, New York, United States

Age 2 – Birth of sister Almena Stone (1842-1

Family

Parents
Abner Harrington Stone Jr.
1899-1963

Sources

Ancestry sources

1960 United States Federal Census

Glenn Stone B. 1899 and Carrie Stone B. 1842 Builder; Architect of 625 River Rd.









B. 1842 - B. 1899








Married Carrie
(Sarah Carson)
B. 1840 - 1937 (d)

1900
In residence in
Cottage Grove

1903 - Home sold to H. Veatch
died in Portland 1914 age 77

- Age 15 - Birth of brother Andrew Jackson Stone (1845-1890) • Warren, Wyoming, New York, United States
- Age 17 - Birth of sister Chloe Stone (1847-1904) • Warren, Wyoming, New York, United States
- Age 18 - Birth of sister Antoinette Nettie C Stone (1851-1904) • Warren, Wyoming, New York, United States
- Age 19 - Death of sister Martha Esther Stone (1843-1859) • May 1859 • Warren, Wyoming, New York, United States
- Age 20 - Marriage • 22 Sep 1863 • Wethers, Co. 12, United States
- Age 21 - Sarah Carrie Carson (1840-1937)
- Age 22 - Birth of daughter Minnie M. Stone (1890-1960) • New York • United States
- Age 23 - Residence • 1860 • Mineral Springs, Missouri, United States
- Age 24 - Residence • 1863 • Avon, Co. New York • United States
- Age 25 - Birth of daughter Adelade Annala Stone (1863-1939) • 4 Sep 1863 • Minneapolis, Minnesota, Minnesota, United States
- Age 26 - Military • 1864
- Age 27 - Birth of daughter Lora Leola Stone (1867-1930) • 28 Jan 1867 • Stone Plains, Barber, Iowa, United States
- Age 29 - Birth of daughter Emma Grace Stone (1868-1870) • 7 May 1868 • Cedar Rapids, Iowa, United States
- Age 31 - Death of daughter Emma Grace Stone (1868-1870) • 7 May 1870 • Cedar Rapids, Barber, Iowa, United States
- Age 32 - Residence • 1870 • Stone Plains, Barber, Iowa, United States
- Age 33 - Birth of son George Glenn Stone (1875-1962) • 30 Aug 1875 • Stone Plains, Barber, Iowa, United States
- Age 34 - Birth of son John Stone (1878-1921) • 22 Nov 1878 • Iowa
- Age 41 - Residence • 1880 • Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, United States
- Age 49 - Death of mother Aurinda Hatch (1803-1839) • 10 May 1869 • Laramie, WY
- Age 54 - Death of father Abner Hurst Sigme Jr (1809-1853) • 19 Nov 1893 • Laramie, Wyoming, New York, United States
- Age 61 - Residence • 1900 • Cottage Grove City, Lane, Oregon
- Age 62 - Death of sister Emma Aurinda Stone (1857-

 Sarah Carson
 Minnie M. Stone
 Adelade Annala Stone
 Lora Leola Stone
 Emma Grace Stone
 George Glenn Stone
 John Stone

 1850 United States Federal Census
 1860 United States Federal Census
 1870 United States Federal Census
 Ancestry Family Trees
 Beta WorldWarI.com Query Index
 Iowa Marriage Records, 1840-1937
 Iowa Death Records, 1840-1937
 New York Civil War Muster Roll AB
 Oregon Death Index, 1901-1991
 Portland Oregon Deaths, 1815-1924
 U.S. City Directories (Free)
 U.S. Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865
 U.S. Fire & Marine Index, 1800-1900

Brother: Born

Glenn Stone 3) 1899 and Carrie Stone 13) 1840
Builder; Architect of 625 River Rd.

Marrried Carrie
(Sarah Cruson)
3) 1840-1939 (d)

1900
In residence in
cottage Grove

1903 - Home sold to H. Veale
Glenn died in Portland 1909 age 77

- 15 Sep 1842 • Warsaw, Wyoming, New York, United States
- Age 5 - Birth of brother Andrew Jackson Stone (1845-)
- 10 Mar 1845 • Warsaw, Wyoming, New York, United States
- Age 7 - Birth of sister Chloe Stone (1847-)
- 17 Jun 1847 • Warsaw, Wyoming, New York, United States
- Age 11 - Birth of sister Antoinette Nettie C Stone (1851-1904)
- 8 Feb 1851 • Warsaw, Wyoming, New York, United States
- Age 13 - Death of sister Martha Esther Stone (1833-1853)
- 11 May 1853 • Warsaw, Wyoming, New York, United States
- Age 18 - Marriage
- 22 Sep 1858 • Wmshock, Co. Ia, United States
- Age 20 - Birth of daughter Minnie M. Stone (1860-)
- Age 21 - Residence
- 1860 • Mineral, Jasper, Missouri, United States
- Age 23 - Residence
- 1 July 1863 • Avon, Lx, New York, United States
- Age 23 - Birth of daughter Adelaisde Amata Stone (1863-1939)
- 6 Sep 1863 • Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States
- Age 25 - Military
- 1864
- Age 27 - Birth of daughter Lora Lesla Stone (1867-1930)
- 28 Jan 1867 • Belle Plaine, Benton, Iowa, United States
- Age 29 - Birth of daughter Emma Grace Stone (1868-1870)
- 7 Nov 1868 • Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, United States
- Age 31 - Death of daughter Emma Grace Stone (1868-1870)
- 7 Nov 1870 • Belle Plaine, Benton, Iowa, United States
- Age 31 - Residence
- 1870 • Belle Plaine, Benton, Iowa, United States
- Age 36 - Birth of son George Glenn Stone (1876-1962)
- 30 Aug 1876 • Belle Plaine, Benton, Iowa, United States
- Age 38 - Birth of son John Stone (1878-)
- Age 41 - Residence
- 1880 • Des Moines, Polk, Iowa, United States
- Age 49 - Death of mother Aurinda Hatch (1809-1889)
- 16 May 1889 • Lamont, NY
- Age 54 - Death of father Abner Hurrit Stone Jr (1809-1893)
- 19 Nov 1893 • Lamont, Wyoming, New York, United States
- Age 61 - Residence
- 1900 • Cottage Grove city, Lane, Oregon
- Age 62 - Death of sister Emma Aurinda Stone (1837-

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- 1809-1889
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- Iowa Marriage Records, 1880-1937
- Iowa Marriage Records, 1890-1937
- Iowa Select Marriages, 1829-1992
- New York, Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts, 1861-1900
- Oregon Death Index, 1903-88
- Portland, Oregon Deaths, 1915-1924
- U.S. City Directories (Beta)
- U.S. Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865
- U.S. Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current

Veatch

Insights to pioneer heritage of Stone House

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Obit Elizabeth Veatch Wallace

Sister of owners of 625 property on River Rd

MRS. ELIZABETH WALLACE DIES AT COTTAGE GROVE (Veatch)

(Register Lane County Special.)
COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., July 17.—
The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Wallace, widow of the late Rev. O. H. Wallace, pioneer circuit rider, was held here Sunday from the Presbyterian church, the Rev. D. A. MacLeod officiating. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery. Death resulted from a complication of ailments following a lingering illness. She never fully recovered from a serious fall sustained about six years ago.

Elizabeth Ann Veatch was born September 14, 1834, in White county, Ill., and died July 14, 1916, at the age of 81 years and 10 months. She was married in Schuyler county, Missouri, November 11, 1852, to C. H. Wallace. They moved to Lane county in 1854, coming across the plains by ox team, and this was ever after their home. The couple had celebrated their sixtieth anniversary before the death of Mr. Wallace in 1913.

Surviving children are S. V. Wallace, of Oakridge; W. L. Wallace, of Creswell; A. W. Wallace, of Portland; C. W. Wallace, of Grass Valley, and Mrs. S. B. Morris, of Post. Surviving brothers and sisters are R. M. Veatch, H. C. Veatch, Sylvester Veatch and Mrs. Harriet Wallace, of Cottage Grove, and Mrs. N. J. Whorton, of Josephine county, all well known pioneers of this section.

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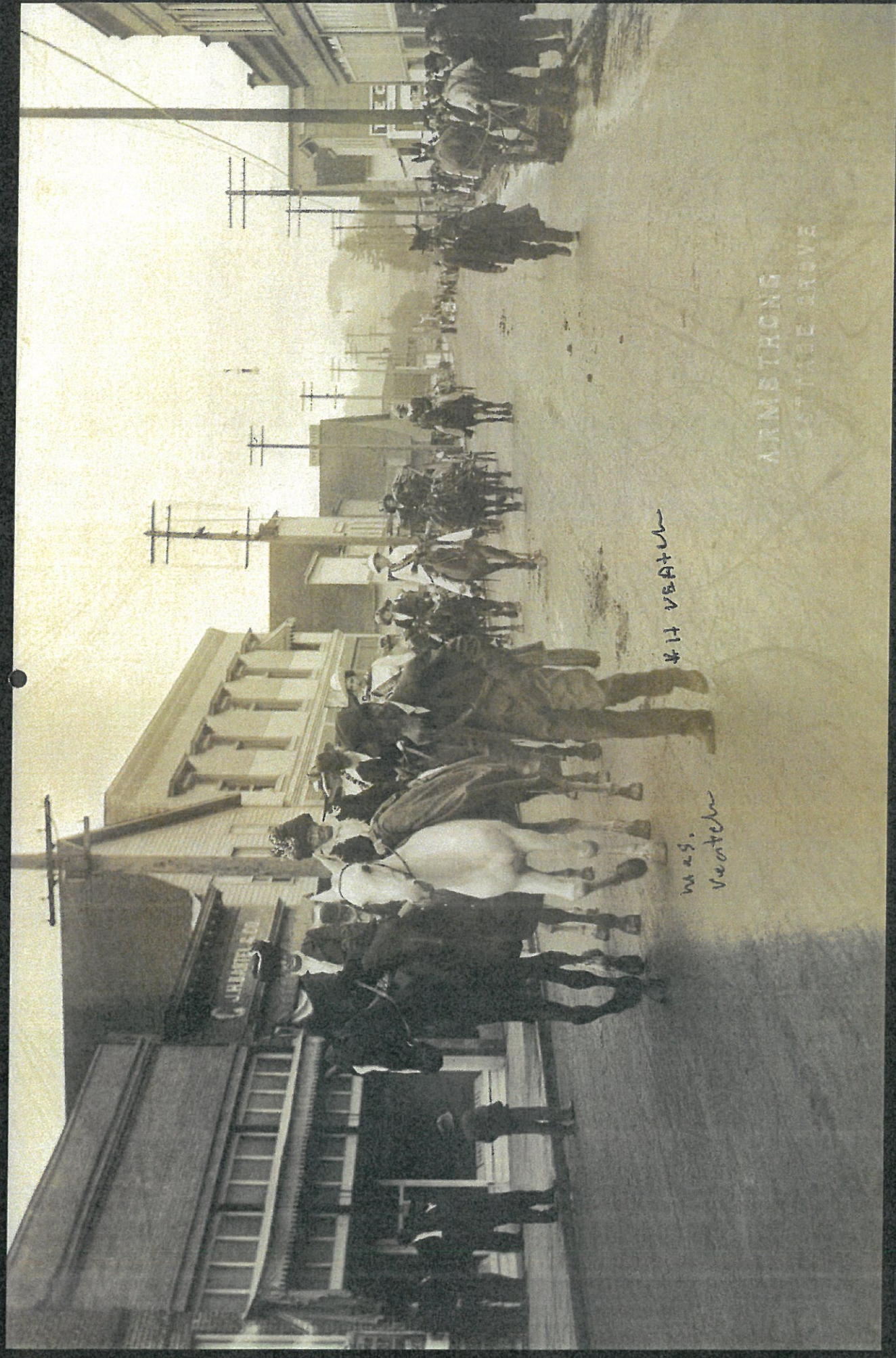
H. Veatch (various)
Rm Veatch (1889 deed)

The Stone's were the first to build on land grant # 57, Apr 1896-47

H.C. Veatch
owner of
625 River Rd.

R.M. Veatch owner
of 625 River Rd.

R.M. and H.C. Veatch's father arrived via the Knox wagon train to Oregon in 1853. The Oregon White Oaks may have greeted them as the Oaks are over 150 years old.



1912 - Grange Parade, Main Street looking East near what is now Main Street and 6th Street. The two ladies in the front L. to R. Mrs. Sophronia Knox McFarland and her older sister, Mrs. Margaret Jane Knox Veatch. Mrs. Veatch [on white horse] is using the same side saddle she rode across the plains to Oregon on in 1853. The Cottage Grove Museum has her side saddle on display.

Bios

Ray Nelson was born in Cottage Grove, Oregon, in 1897, and lived there until his death in 1978. Genevieve (Gen) Nelson was born in Hermosa Beach, California, in 1912, moved to Cottage Grove as a teenager, and lived there until her death in 2000. Married during the Great Depression, they made their home on Quincy Street while busy with three children and Nelson Electric Shop.

In 1949, Gen and Ray were attracted to the Stone House because of the large lot suitable for gardening, and the proximity of both the Coast Fork Willamette River and a mill race along South River Road. Their negotiations with the Veatch sisters included a verbal agreement to protect the numerous large trees on the property. Over the years, they added native plants, from azalea to vine maple, which remain today. A neighbor living in The Veatch House next door shared cuttings from roses being developed by her son, a horticulturist at Oregon Agricultural College (OSU). Several of those specimens are still thriving on the property, including a yellow climber that blooms at the base of one of the white oaks.

In 1959, Ray published a book of local lore, "Facts and Yarns of the Bohemia Gold Mines." He was the local chairman of the 1959 Oregon Centennial committee and organized the Prospectors and Gold Diggers Club to help put on a celebration that eventually grew into Bohemia Mining Days. For decades, the club has contributed to historic preservation in Cottage Grove and nearby Bohemia mining district. In 1966, Ray persuaded club members to save the Snapp House from demolition and raised the funds to relocate it to a nearby city-owned property, where it is now a museum. For many years, Gen organized Mining Days events and volunteered at the Snapp House.

Ray also donated a portion of a patented mining claim to Lane County for creation of the Bohemia Saddle Park. In 1974, while enjoying the view from that park, his daughter Nola offered to assume payment of the mortgage on the family home. That winter, ownership of the Stone House was transferred to sisters Nola and Larsana Nelson, retaining permanent tenancy for Gen and Ray, thereby preserving the integrity of the historic house and grounds for another generation.

Larsana Nelson was born in Cottage Grove in 1940, and lived in Oregon and California before moving to Evanston, Illinois, after earning her MLA in 1970. She is now retired from her position as cataloger at Northwestern University library. Lifelong Oregonian Nola Nelson was born in Cottage Grove in 1947, and has lived there permanently since 1987. Her career in public health organizations included biochemistry, programming, and teaching. Since retirement, she has focused on natural area restoration projects.

Both sisters grew up in the Stone House and developed a deep love and respect for the property. Larsana has long contributed to the maintenance of the property, even though she has not lived there permanently since high school. She enthusiastically supports efforts to preserve the historic integrity of both the house and the tree canopy. Nola lived in the house most of her adult life, and was the primary caretaker even while living elsewhere.

Under the stewardship of the sisters, much of the Stone House lawn has been returned to an oak woodland with abundant native plants that thrive with minimal care amongst the Victorian specimens. Drought-resistant species like the white oak and incense cedar benefit by not being watered during the summer period. Besides its authenticity, the vegetation now creates an urban oasis of habitat for wildlife, a temperate microclimate, and respite from noise and pollution. It is with pride that we notice how passersby pause to admire the old house framed by magnificent trees, a community treasure.

*** NOMINATION PREPARED BY:**

Name: Debra Bartlett

Organization: Urban Forestry Committee Cottage Grove

Address: 117 N. H St.

City, State, Zip: Cottage Grove, OR 97424

Telephone number(s): 503-515-1290

Email address: weplantheworld@gmail.com Date Submitted: 5/3/2022

Heritage Tree Nomination Check List:

- ☒ Nomination Form
- ☒ Site map of the tree(s) location
- ☒ Pictures of the tree(s)
- ☒ Brochures, newspaper clipping, etc.
- ☒ Letter of support from owner (if applicable)
- ☒ Documentation of protective measures (if applicable)

For more information, contact:

Oregon Heritage Tree Program
Travel Information Council
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Salem, OR 97302
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*** Compilers**

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- DEBRA BARTLETT
- Susan Johnson
- C.G. Genealogical Center