

OAK STREET
Burlington

NORTH BURLINGTON:

(Berry Street, Bright Street, Canfield Street, Charles Street, Crowley Street, Derway Drive, Germain Street, Lakeview Terrace, Luck Street, Myrtle Street, Oak Street, Pomeroy Street, Poplar Street, Sherman Street, St. Louis Street, Staniford Road, Washington Street, Ward Street, Willow Street, Wilson Street.)

As lakeside commercial activity centered on Burlington Bay, the north-eastern shores of Lake Champlain remained undeveloped except for the few farms which took advantage of the rich Winooski River Valley soil. Family's such as the Derways, Stanifords and Crockers owned large acreage in far north Burlington from the latter 18th century well into the 19th century. A few structures exist from the late 1800's farms (#148, 240 Staniford Road) but only one is extant from the early 19th century, a Greek Revival style house (c.1820) near Appletree Point, an extension of the early Staniford Farm. This property was always used for farming, as was much of north Burlington, until the 1920's when lots were sectioned for suburban development and summer camps.

North Avenue, the highway connecting the far north farmlands with north Burlington, experienced the most architectural growth during the 19th century, especially after the completion of the trolley line in 1888. As lakeside factory development increased, so did the housing need for the immigrant French Canadian, Irish, and German workers. Outside of downtown Burlington and east, into the available farm land, streets such as Ward, Crowley, Washington and Strong began to fill lots with vernacular Queen Anne style housing. The ethnic neighborhoods maintained a cultural bond among their residents, with the establishment of community centers such as the Goethe Lodge (c.1891) on Crowley Street. The hall built by the German contractor, Oscar Heininger for his laborers and friends, operates as a club today.

Though not as isolated as the far northern sections of Burlington, the area north of Pearl Street was sparsely settled with farm houses into the late 1800's. Eventually parcels of land were sold to create Pomeroy, Germain and Wilson Streets, which came from Pomeroy, Dodge and Loomis farmland. The Shaw family sold their land to create Willow, Oak and Walnut Streets. Architectural development was greatest from the 1890's to 1920, but continued well into the 1930's and 1940's on most of these north end streets.

Across North Avenue on the lakeside, property purchased by the Vermont Central Railroad in the 1860's was sold to local north end contractors, such as the Kieslich's, Heininger's and Hauke's. Lakeview Terrace (known previously as the Bissell Street until the 1890's) had a few late 19th century houses scattered on a hill above the lake (#37, 131, 134 Lakeview Terrace.) By 1906, the Kieslich Construction Company had established a lumber warehouse and a model house at the south end of the street near Haswell and Canfield Streets (#71-73 Lakeview Terrace.) Housing growth continued north on Lakeview Terrace during the 1920's - 1940's going around the corner to Berry Street. Except for Sunset Court, a small 1940's dead-end street a block north, only the Lakeview Terrace neighborhood commands a residential view of the lake in north Burlington. Later into the 1950's and 1960's the far north end would take advantage of the lake's vista for suburban housing.

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Building in north Burlington during the twentieth century is checkered as new development is scattered between existing 19th century structures. It was the far north end where entire neighborhoods could be developed on the open farmlands and where planned development continues today.

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HISTORIC SITES & STRUCTURES SURVEY
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER:

0402

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

83-A-111

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing
 18/642300/4927585

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

Burlington 7.5

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: Multiple House

ORIGINAL USE: House

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

Unknown

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

Unknown

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent Good

Fair Poor

STYLE: Vernacular-Queen Anne

DATE BUILT:

c.1885

COUNTY: Chittenden

TOWN: Burlington

LOCATION: 92-94 Oak Street. Northwest
 corner of Oak and Intervale
 Avenue.

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: House

OWNER: Herbert & Ronda Bluhm

ADDRESS: 92 Oak Street
 Burlington, VT 05401

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes No Restricted

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local State National

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone Brick Concrete Concrete Block
2. Wall Structure
 - a. Wood Frame: Post & Beam Balloon
 - b. Load Bearing Masonry: Brick Stone Concrete
 Concrete Block
 - c. Iron d. Steel e. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard Board & Batten Wood Shingle
 Shiplap Novelty Asbestos Shingle Sheet Metal
 Aluminum Asphalt Shingle Brick Veneer Stone Veneer
 Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - a. Truss: Wood Iron Steel Concrete
 - b. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate Wood Shingle Asphalt Shingle
 Sheet Metal Built Up Rolled Tile Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches Towers Cupolas Dormers Chimneys
 Sheds Ells Wings Bay Window Other:

Roof Style: Gable Hip Shed Flat Mansard Gambrel
 Jerkinhead Saw Tooth With Monitor With Bellcast
 With Parapet With False Front Other:

Number of Stories: 1½

Number of Bays: 3 x 2

Approximate Dimensions: 20 x 28

Entrance Location: Gable front, right

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat Zoning Roads
 Development Deterioration
 Alteration Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive Negative
 Mixed Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

One and one half story gable front, L-plan house with projecting boxed cornice, frieze and corner and sill boards. East side enclosed porch with shingled apron and radiating quadrant motif in half pediment of roof. East side 2/2 fixed bay window with paneled base and brackets and mutules under the eaves. Paneled door front with gabled hood entry; semi-circular radiating stickwork in gable peak and on sides of brace supports. 2/2 windows with bracketed window heads on second floor. Two rear contiguous shed additions with 1/1 sash windows.

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

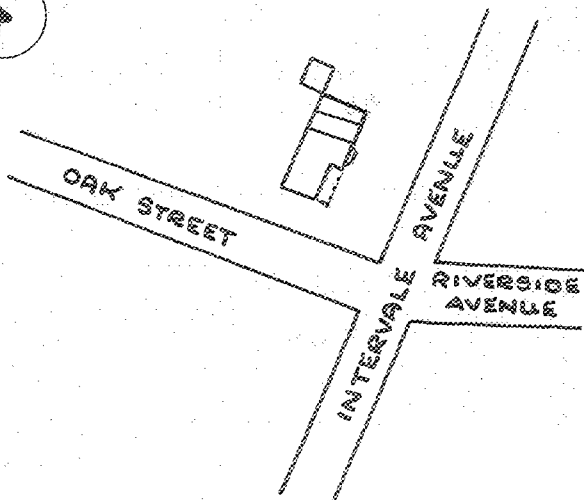
Shed roof clapboard garage attached to northwest corner of house. (early 20th century)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The decorative Queen Anne documentation of this house makes it unique among other vernacular structures in Burlington's northern neighborhoods. It has an important corner location within the streetscape.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Land Woodland
- Scattered Buildings
- Moderately Built Up
- Densely Built Up
- Residential Commercial
- Agricultural Industrial
- Roadside Strip Development
- Other:

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