

**Historic
Resource
Inventory**
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON



2-010-02550

2550 N.W. Alexandra Avenue

Blythwood, Block 46

QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 2725

Northwest District Association

North Portland Citizens Committee - Linnton

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Bridge

DATE BUILT: 1922

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS BY: Laurgaard, Olaf

ORIGINAL OWNER: City of Portland

ZONING: R10

Rank III

SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:

Continuous reinforced concrete girder with parabolic arch lower profile.

Steel railings and bronze commemorative plaque on wall above south abutment.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Engineering, Transportation

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Present owners, as of May 1981: City of Portland

No Preservation Funding

Negative: 714-10, 11

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

HIST. NAME: Alexandra Ave. Bridge
COMMON NAME: Alexandra Ave. Bridge
ADDRESS: 2550 Northwest Alexandra Avenue
CITY: Portland
OWNER: City of Portland
ADDRESS: Portland, OR.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1922
ORIGINAL USE: Bridge
PRESENT USE: Bridge
ARCHITECT: Olaf Laurgaard
BUILDER:
THEME: Transportation
STYLE: NA

T/R/S: T1N R1E S29
MAP NO.: 2725 TAX LOT:
ADDITION: Blythswood
BLOCK: Block 46 LOT: NA
ZONE: R10
ASSESSOR NO.: NA

RESOURCE TYPE: Bridge
CONDITION: Good
MOVED (DATE): No

OLD ADDRESS: NA
RANK: Primary

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Linear
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: NA
WALL/FRAME: Reinforced concrete

NO. OF STORIES: NA
BASEMENT: NA

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: NA
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: NA

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Parabolic arch lower profile; steel railings, decorative geometric pattern in balustrade; bronze commemorative plaque on wall above south abutment.

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: None

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Heavily treed area around bridge; mature deciduous trees.

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: None

SETTING: The bridge spans a creek bed and leads to the White Shield Home, located at 2640 NW Alexandra Avenue.

RECORDED BY: Donovan and Associates
Prohaska and Associates

SHPO INVENTORY NO.:
DATE: Spring, 1993
NEGATIVE NO.: Roll #

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**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
COUNTY: MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: The Alexandra Avenue Bridge was constructed in 1922 by the City of Portland. The reinforced concrete girder bridge with a lower ached support was designed by Olaf Laurgaard. The bridge has steel railings and a commemorative plaque on the wall above the south abutment.

Historical: City of Portland

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP HISTORY

1922 The City of Portland

OWNERS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

See architectural information above.

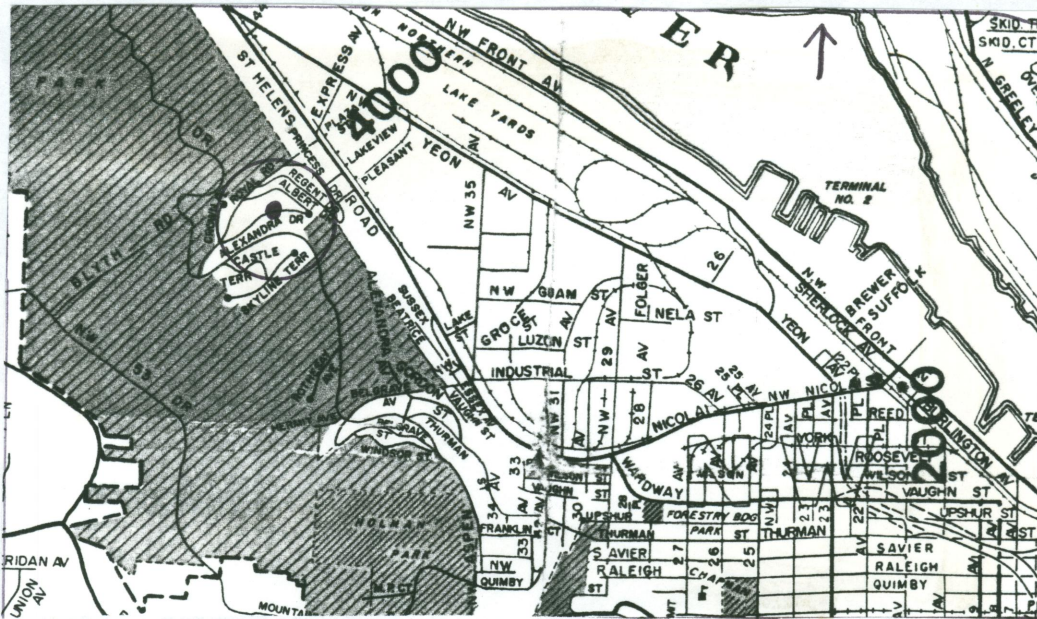
ENGINEER

Olaf Laurgaard was born in born in Trondheim, Norway and came to the United States with his parents ca. 1800. Laurgaard family settled near LaCrosse, Wisconsin and after Olaf's graduation for the University of Wisconsin he worked in Oregon, Washington, and California before coming to Portland in 1905. Olaf was considered the father of the Portland waterfront and Front avenue project which started with his report in 1919. The sewer and harbor portion of the project was finished in 1927. During his 16 years as a city engineer he supervised approximately \$60,000,000 worth of construction which included the laying of some 400 miles of streets and sewers as well as street widening. Laurgaard moved to Tennessee Valley to work for the Tennessee Valley Authority and worked for the United States maritime commission. He died in San Francisco, CA. in June 1945.

OTHER SOURCES: Oregonian, 25 June 1945.

Sources: *Portland Historic Inventory*, 1981.

ADDRESS: 2550 Northwest Alexandra Street



NEGATIVE NO.: Roll 13 #3



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