

# OHS Physical Location and Buildings Over the Years

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## Introduction

In the early years, the only physical space OHS needed was space to accommodate a small administrative staff, and the city and state humane officers. Meetings of the Society were primarily held at the First Unitarian Church at Yamhill and 7th Ave, and sometimes at the YMCA Hall.

The first time OHS appeared in a city directory was in 1904 and their address was 350 Alder, which was between Park Ave. and Broadway. Other locations of OHS offices included 6th Ave and Burnside, 5th Ave and Morrison, 4th floor of City Hall, and room 153 in the Court House from 1917 to 1926.

Once OHS took charge of the city's pound, they needed to have spaces to house and provide for the animals under their care. The first couple of years operating the pound, OHS used city property called the "Farm" while they searched for a permanent location for their operations. After a couple of unsuccessful attempts to acquire suitable land for their operations, OHS acquired three acres in 1918 on the property where we are today.

The OHS property at 1067 NE Columbia Boulevard was acquired as four separate tracts from 1918 to 1970. And, OHS deeded a very small tract to the city for a sewer pump station in 1974. **Figure 1** on the next page shows the plat of the 1067 NE Columbia Boulevard with each of these tracts, their acquisition dates, and deed book/page information. Details on all these acquisitions will follow.

The official address of OHS from 1919 to 1932 was 535 Columbia Boulevard. It was changed to its current address, 1067 Northeast Columbia Boulevard in 1933 when Portland re-named and re-numbered the city streets.

The following sections (organized by timeframe) provide details on early OHS pound operations, details on all the 1067 NE Columbia acquisitions (including copies of the deeds), highlights of how the facilities have changed over the years, Sanborn maps of the property in 1924 and 1950, and aerial imagery of the OHS property from 1925-2015 to illustrate the changes.

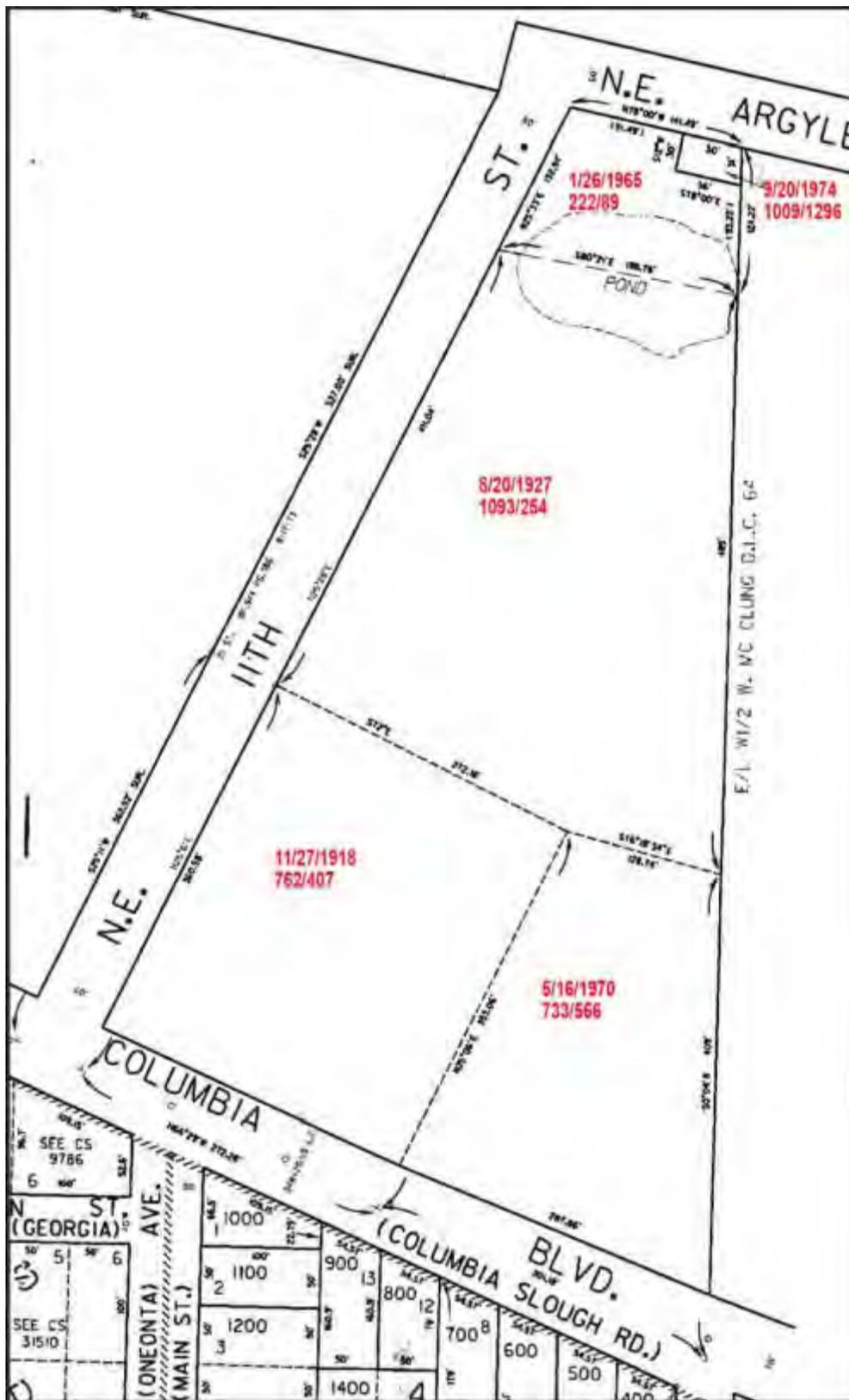


Figure 1: Plat of the current OHS 1067 NE Columbia Boulevard property showing each of the four tracts acquired by OHS and the small tract dedeed to the city by OHS, their acquisition dates, and deed book/page information.

## 1915-1918 City Pound Transferred to OHS

The first indication that OHS was being considered for operating the city's pound operations was in an *Oregonian* article, dated April 24, 1915, where the City Council delayed a decision to approve a resolution to submit to Portland voters the question of empowering the City Council to turn operation of the dog pound over to OHS. The following *Oregonian* articles chronicle the transfer to OHS:

- May 1, 1915 article – City Council adopted a resolution on April 30 to submit to the voters the question of giving them the power to contract with OHS to operate the pound.
- June 9, 1915 article – voters approved the measure on June 7 and City Council will hold a meeting with OHS on terms for taking over pound operations.
- January 26, 1916 article – Council voted three to two to contract with OHS to operate the pound and the city attorney was instructed to prepare a contract. OHS asked for 80% of the licenses and all of the pound fees. This was about \$7,000 more than the current \$6,000 cost of operating the pound. For this additional revenue, OHS proposed to provide a hospital for caring of the city's sick and disabled horses.
- February 13, 1916 article – OHS released a plan for operating the pound that out lined the services they would provide, which included, in addition to the current services the city received, the following:
  - Free medical treatment for city horses;
  - Care and treatment of all sick and disabled dumb animals, the owners of which were unable to provide for them;
  - Picking up and destruction of small dead animals;
  - Investigation of cases of cruelty and neglect of children;
  - Investigation of cases of cruelty and neglect of dumb animals;
  - Investigation of violations of state and interstate transportation laws applicable to livestock;
  - Enforcement of a vigorous policy against cruelty to animals;
  - Regular systematic inspection of sanitary conditions in stables and barns;
  - Inspection of conditions under which poultry and livestock are handled; and
  - Numerous other humane activities.

Under this arrangement, OHS proposed to secure a piece of ground of proper size as close as possible to the business center of the city and equip it with substantial buildings, including an administration building, a combined hospital and stable, a series of dog kennels and runways, hospital operating tables, and other appliances, instruments and furniture.

- March 9, 1916 article – On March 8, Council voted three to two to transfer pound operations to OHS, effective May 1. Terms of the transfer included a \$4,000 loan, 80% of the licenses, and all of the pound fees. For this OHS was to establish a new pound on an elaborate scale.

The 1916 city directory listed the city pound at 261 Sixteenth Ave. This was about where the Lincoln High School athletic fields are today. Part of the OHS plan was to relocate the pound to a new location. On April 14, 1916, the city and OHS signed a contract for operating the pound. Following the signing, OHS President Cowperthwait announced that OHS had purchased a three acre tract of land at East 50th and Powell Valley Road (now Powell Blvd) as the new home for the pound. The residents in the area voiced a bitter protest to the plan and the Council unanimously rejected the plan by approving an ordinance on April 19 prohibiting the establishment of a dog pound at any place without first obtaining Council permission.

During May of 1916, OHS proposed several other sites for the new pound and all of those were rejected by the Council due to resident protests. These sites included one in the Fulton District between the river and Southern Pacific tracks and between Nevada and Texas Streets; one on Barnes Road where the Arlington Heights and King Heights cars turn off that road; one at East 83rd and Division; and one near Lents Junction. The last two sites were outside the city limits and the city attorney ruled that OHS could have the pound outside the city limits as long as they maintained an office in the city and sold dogs at auctions in the city. Shortly after, OHS moved into room 153 of the Court House.

After the several unsuccessful searches and proposals for a new pound location, OHS received approval on May 31 from the County Commissioners and City Council to locate the new pound on the old county poor farm on Canyon Road just a short distance west of the city limits. This location was in the vicinity of where Hoyt Arboretum is today. OHS planned to move the pound to the new location as soon as it was ready for operations. On June 20, *The Oregonian* reported that the pound was operating at the County Poor Farm after OHS completed moving all equipment from city barns on June 19. On August 9, *The Oregonian* reported that OHS had notified the city that they were ready to take care of the city's sick and disabled horses in accordance with its contract.

OHS operated the city pound at the Canyon Road location until March of 1919 when pound operations were re-located to the current OHS location on Columbia Blvd.

## 1918-1925 A New Permanent Home

The first sign that OHS needed to acquire land for a permanent home under their control came on January 19, 1918 when they received notice from the County Commissioners to vacate the Canyon Road location to make room for the County Training School for boys and girls. So, the search for a permanent home was on again.

On October 22, 1918, OHS purchased a tract of land of about 2.2 acres at an auction for cash in hand from the estate of Clara V. Garnett for the sum of \$3,412.50. The deed (see Exhibit 1 in the Appendix) was transferred to OHS on November 27, 1918. In terms of today's property and facilities, the tract (see Figure 1 on page 2) was bordered on Columbia Blvd on the south, 11th Ave on the west, about where the rose garden fountain is on the north, and just west of the OHS main lobby on the east. Portland city directories from 1904-1914 listed Anthony J. and Clara Garnett as living at the residence on this property. His occupation was a fruit grower. In 1915, Clara was listed as a widow living at the residence. A city public safety report on OHS in 1961 stated that Clara Garnett willed OHS \$100 which they used on the purchase.

In a November 1, 1918 *Oregonian* article on the upcoming vote to extend the OHS pound contract for another five years, it was reported that OHS had purchased a three-acre home to better serve the cause. A drawing of the new kennels under construction at the new home appeared in the December 29, 1918 *Oregonian* (see Figure 2, next page). An article in the March 30, 1919 *Oregonian* reported that the new facilities were officially opened and showed a photo of the new structure (see Figure 3, next page).

The 1924 Sanborn map of the OHS property (Figure 4, page 7) shows the kennels, a dwelling (caretaker's house) and another out building. A 1925 aerial image of the OHS property also shows the kennels, a dwelling (caretaker's house), another out building, and what appear to be some fruit trees. The dwelling just east of the OHS tract was the home of Fred O. and Martha Balzimer who sold a large tract of land to OHS in 1927.

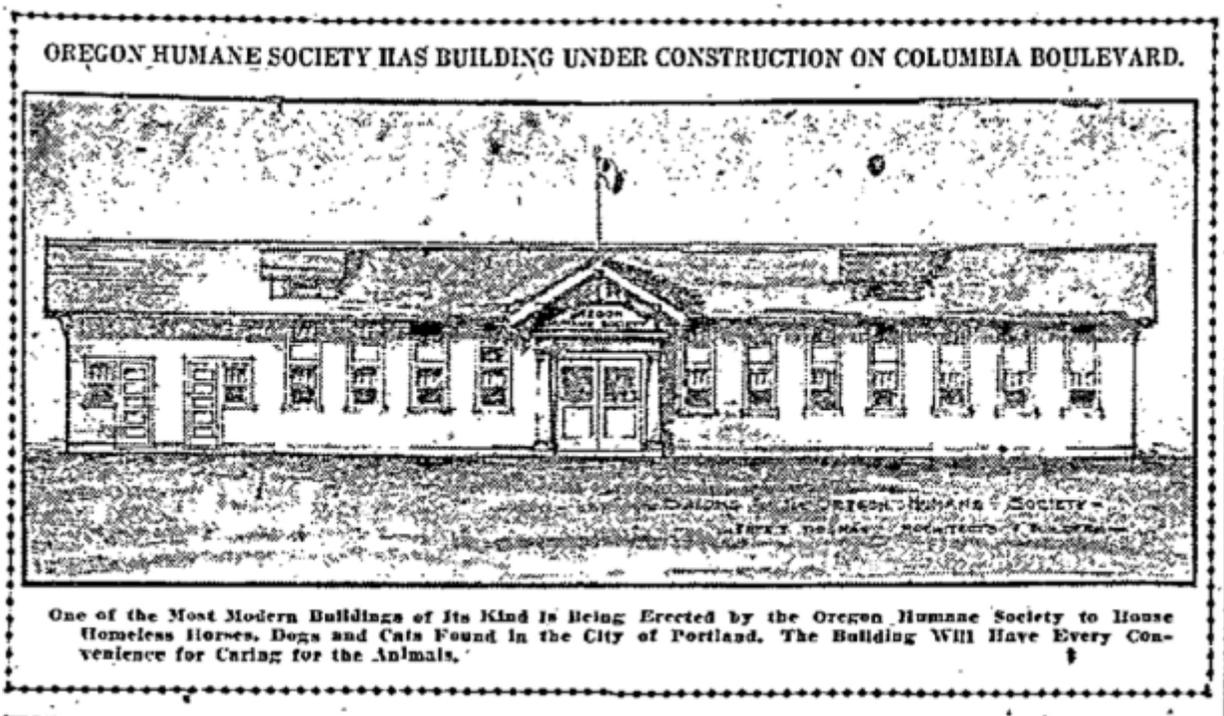
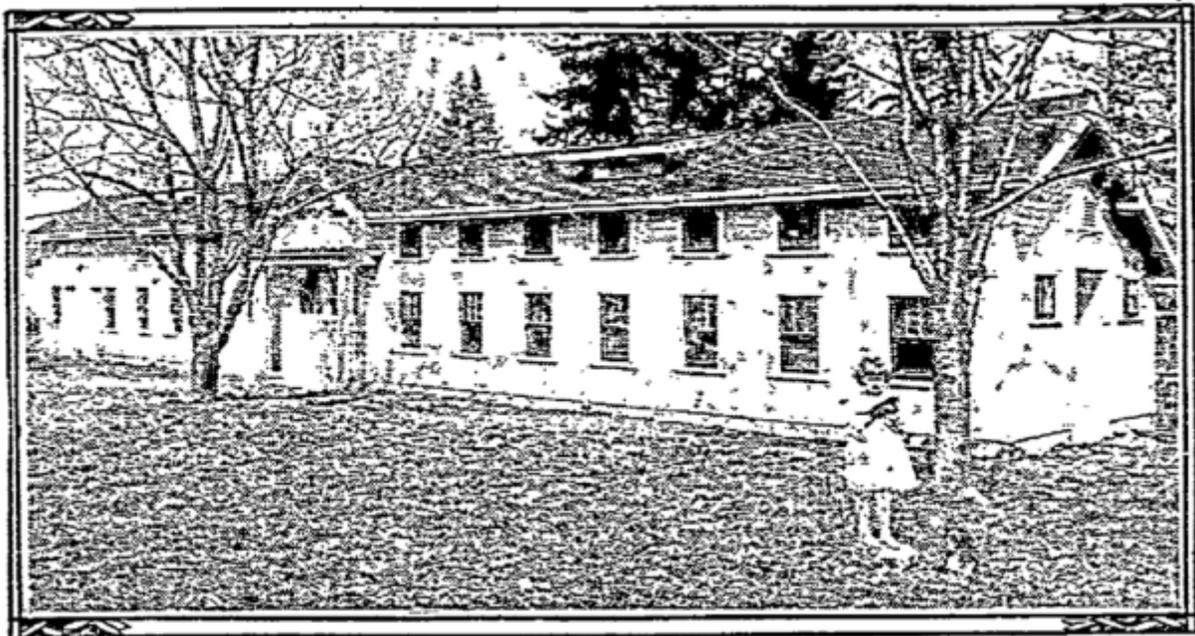


Figure 2: Drawing of the new kennels under construction at the new home that appeared in the December 29, 1918 *Oregonian*.

NEW BUILDING OF THE OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY IS FORMALLY OPENED BY ORGANIZATION.



EXTERIOR VIEW OF STRUCTURE AT 535 COLUMBIA BOULEVARD, WHICH WILL BE DEVOTED TO CARE OF DUMB ANIMALS.

Figure 3: Photo of the newly completed kennels at the new home that appeared in the March 30, 1919 *Oregonian*.



Figure 3.5: Photo of the original kennels (unknown date). At the left end of the kennels there is a two-story addition. This addition is shown in the 1924 Sanborn map (see Figure 4).

Form W-68

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUREAU OF BUILDINGS

79186

Date Oct. 11, 1919 **REPORT OF INSPECTION** Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Building on 535 Columbia Blvd between 11 and 13th

Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Addition \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Ore. Humane Society Address Court House

Contractor Pacific Building Co. Address \_\_\_\_\_

1 Story, Class VII, Grade 4 Residence Cost \$4500.

Violations Noted	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Poor Foundations	Defective Construction	Too Close to Lot Lines	Defective Chimney	Heating Apparatus & Enclosures	Elevators and Enclosures	Stair and Shaft Enclosures	Roofs and Roof Drainage	Fire Blocks and Bridging	Sidewalk and Street Obstructions	Light and Ventilation	Fire Protection of Openings	Defective Scaffolds	Stable Regulations	Miscellaneous

DATE	HOUR	REMARKS
10-19-19	12:15	Furnace not included in plans.
		found - wall about 2 in
		away from - 2" wide to fix
		found - in south of app. -
		found - in south of app. -
		found - in south of app. -
		found - in south of app. -

Figure 3.6: An October 11, 1919 building permit for a “residence.” This could be the permit for the addition that was built after the kennels first opened in March 1919.

DATE	HOUR	REMARKS
1-26-19-11:35		Cleanout to chimney not in any thing but the pipe 5000
1-27-19-4:25		Mr. Weller called up and claims that chimney without cleanout door is abt 2' outside of city limits if so we have no jurisdiction of right
2-26-20-3		all OK

Sign and turn in when work is completed. \_\_\_\_\_ Field Inspector.

Figure 3.7: Back of the October 11, 1919 building permit showing that construction had been completed, inspected and approved on February 26, 1920. Note that there was an issue due to the fact that there was no cleanout door on the chimney. OHS claimed that the chimney was about two feet outside of the city limits and, therefore, outside the inspector's jurisdiction.



Figure 4: 1924 Sanborn map of OHS property with the 1924 property outlined in red and showing the kennels, a dwelling and another out building.

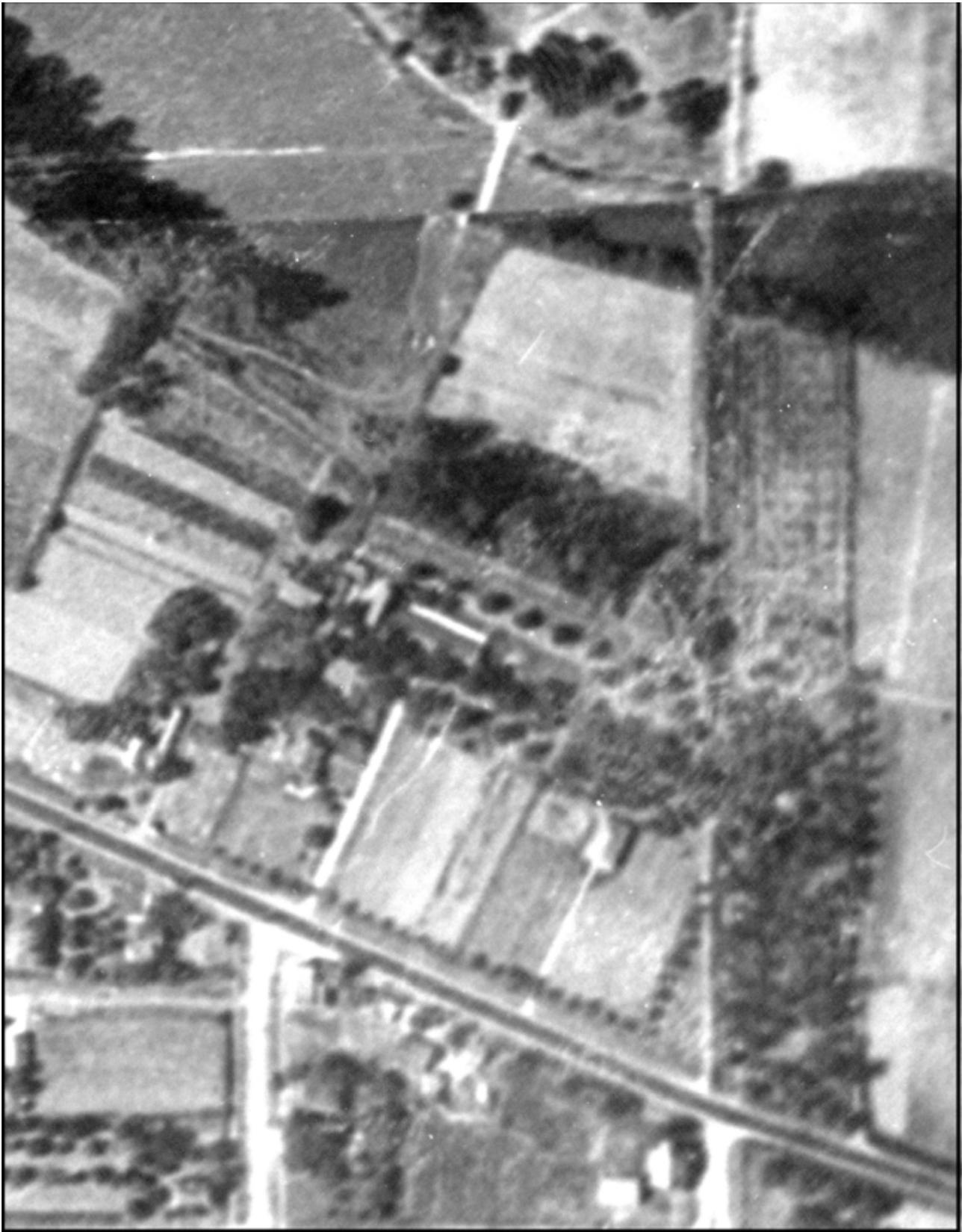


Figure 5: 1925 aerial image of OHS property showing the kennels, a dwelling, an out building, and what appear to be some fruit trees.

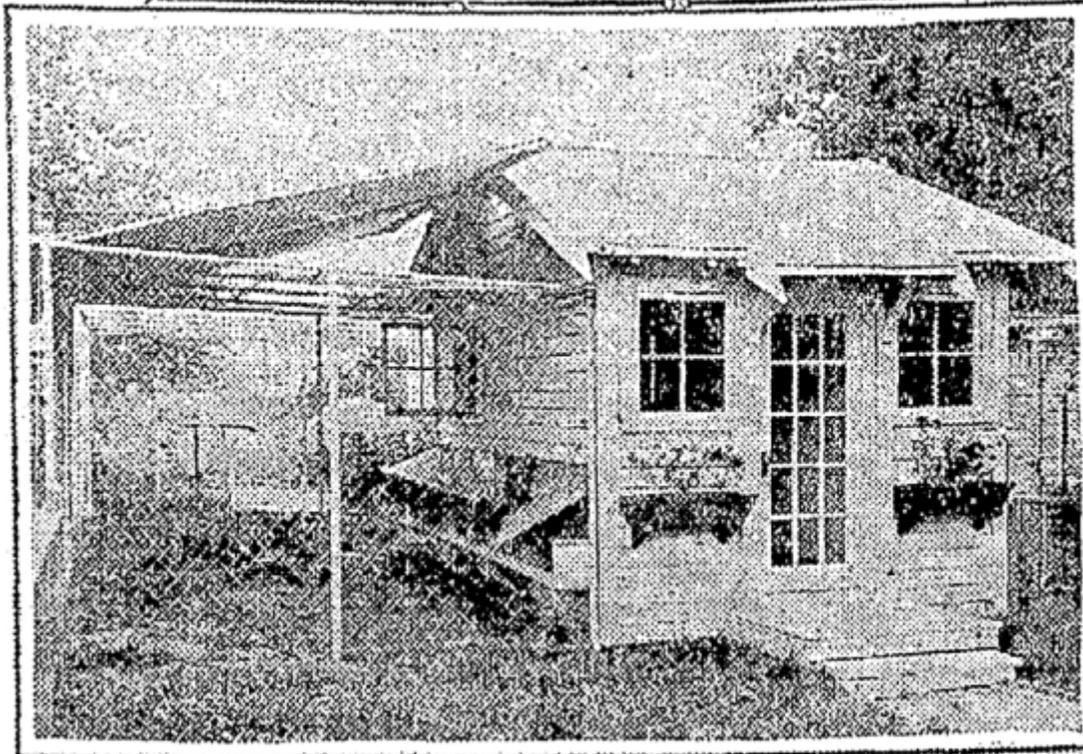
## 1927-1938 OHS Acquires Additional Land, the Barn, the Cemetery and Cat Bungalows

On August 20, 1927, OHS purchased a tract of land of about 3.2 acres from Fred O. and Martha Balzimer for the sum of \$4,500. A copy of the deed is shown as Exhibit 2 in the Appendix. In terms of today's property and facilities, the tract (see Figure 1 on page 2) was bordered on the OHS 1918 tract on the south, 11th Ave on the west, the middle of the pond on the north, and the current east property line on the east. Fred and Martha lived in the home on the property just east of the OHS southeast property line which became the fourth OHS property acquisition in 1970.

This acquired property includes the land where our barn is today. The barn is not on the 1925 image, but is on a 1936 image (Figure 6, page 13). According to a March 15, 1984 Unknown newspaper photo the OHS cemetery and barn (Figure 15.5 on page 28), the structure was a 125-year-old barn that was once part of the "Julius Meyer" estate. Julius Meyer was Julius Meier, Manager of Meier & Frank and Governor of Oregon from 1931-1935. Meier started building his estate, Menucha, in the Columbia Gorge near Corbett in 1914. The original main house succumbed to an infestation of carpenter ants and was re-built in 1927 by architect Herman Brookman. This lines up with when OHS purchased the new land. If the barn came from that property, it most likely would have been de-constructed and moved to OHS's property and re-constructed. I'm not sure that it could have been moved intact. I doubt the claim that the barn was 125-years old in 1984. That would mean the barn would date back to 1859. It is quite possible that the barn was already there when Meier purchased the property. The previous owner, John Painter, and his family settled on the land in 1874 and made it a working farm and orchard for 41 years. More research is needed.

Mrs. F. W. Swanton, the OHS General Manager, established the pet cemetery shortly after the new property was purchased in 1927. An October 30, 1930 *Oregonian* article stated that the cemetery had about 75 graves and a June 25, 1933 article stated that "one hundred forty dogs, cats, canaries and goldfish, and even a pet orangutan" were buried there, including Bobbie, the famous collie, who trooped 3,000 miles from Iowa to his home in Silverton, OR after his owner lost him. A February 7, 1961 article stated 1,200 pets were buried in the cemetery. The first two mausoleums adjacent to the cemetery showed up on a 1964 aerial image (Figure 14).

It appears that the original structure built on the property in 1919 was to house only dogs in support of the dog pound mission. To accommodate homeless cats, OHS built three cat bungalows. One of these was used to house cats of owners for a fee of 25 cents a day. See the October 30, 1930 *Oregonian* article on the next page.



CAT BUNGALOW, OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY.

**T**HERE is nothing sad about the fate of stray cats in Portland. Indeed, one might say that a lucky cat star burns brightly over the City of Roses. The worst that can happen to a friendless feline is a forcible transference from a cold and black back alley to the unrivaled comfort and luxury of the Oregon Humane society's refuge home for stray and unwanted cats.

There are no questionnaires to fill out. No reprimands for past sins, or exaction of promises regarding future conduct. The Mr. Toms and the Miss Toms are taken out to Columbia boulevard, which is near the Columbia river, and there, where the ozone is rich, and the cow is handy, are brought back to the health and the vigor of their innocent youth.

Three separate cat bungalows, 12 feet long and nine feet wide, comprise the quarters. One bungalow is set aside for the paying guests. The other two are for the strays. Each

bungalow is heated electrically, and there is an individual bed and pillow for each cat. Flower boxes adorn the windows of the bungalows. Three separate lawns surround the bungalows, and there are trees in each lawn to climb. A nine-foot wire netting around the lawns keeps roving instincts from asserting themselves.

Milk is supplied by a fine cow which the Humane society purchased for the purpose. Owners leaving town may bring their cats to the bungalows (run in connection with the dog pound) and the Humane society will keep them for 25 cents a day. Persons who desire cats may get them at the bungalows. There is no set charge, although a donation of 50 cents to \$2 is usually given by those who obtain the pets.

A pet cemetery is run in connection with the pound. In the last three or four years, since the cemetery was established, about 75 graves have been placed therein, some of which are designated by surprisingly handsome tombstones.

Figure 5.5: October 30, 1930 Oregonian article on the cat bungalows.



Figure 6: 1936 aerial image of OHS property. A couple of new out buildings have been erected. Some of the fruit trees in the 1925 image have been removed. The existing red barn is clearly visible on the new tract purchased in 1927, so one can deduce that the barn was erected sometime between 1925 and 1936. A large body of water from the Columbia Slough is spilling into the pond and it appears that there is a dam/road across the east end of the pond.

## 1939-1966 A Fire, New Building and Land Donation

A circa 1939 aerial image (Figure 7, page 13) shows that the OHS complex was expanding and appeared to be in good shape. However, this was not to last. On March 15, 1939, fire swept the west end of the shelter killing 65 dogs by smoke suffocation and OHS was the target of vocal and public criticism (Figure 8, page 14). The day after a critical article appeared in the paper, *The Oregonian* reported on March 20 that OHS President Harry Daniels announced that a new fireproof building was being planned to replace the old structure.

By January 1940, construction of the new facility was well on its way to completion. During the January 12 OHS Board meeting, President Daniel stated that “the new building was about ready to be turned over to the society but that Mr. Palmer had not completed the dog cages, cat sand boxes and wooden platforms for the dogs. He added, however, that enough cages were in place (minus the wooden beds) to hold the dogs should the weather become cold. In such case, he said, the animals would be rushed to available space in the new warm shelter.” On February 25, 1940, *The Oregonian* also reported that President Daniel said that the new home is in the final stages of completion and already contains more than a score of canines. The structure is 150 feet long and 40 feet wide and includes two wings of 20 by 40 feet (Figure 9, page 15).

Calling the new OHS home “the nation’s newest super dog pound”, *The Oregonian* reported on June 24 that the new home was dedicated the day before, Sunday, June 23, 1940. Speakers during the dedication were Richard C. Craven, representing American Humane Association; Mayor Joseph K. Carson; Earl Snell, secretary of state; State Senator Dorothy McCullough Lee; Judge Robert Tucker and OHS President Harry Daniel.

Additional imagery and maps illustrate how OHS and its surroundings changed over time. Figure 10 on page 16 is a 1950 aerial image, Figure 11 on page 17 is the 1950 Sanborn Map, Figure 12 on page 18 is a 1956 aerial image, Figure 13 on page 19 is a 1961 aerial image, and Figure 14 on page 20 is a 1964 aerial image.

At their May meeting, the board authorized building of additional kennels, “about 16 more units for housing dogs so animals suitable for adoption might be given a longer time of care before they were disposed of.” Restrooms were being updated and remodeled as well as mausoleums being added and landscaped.

At the October 1964 Board meeting it was noted that almost an acre of land upon which there is a small lake fed by the Columbia slough and which adjoins the rear of the society’s approximately six acres of land will be donated to OHS. The added land gift was made by Mr. Duff and Mr. Steelman through Mr. Zimmer, who had warm friendly relations with the two men who own much land surrounding the society property.

On January 26, 1965, OHS was deeded a tract of land of about 1 acre from S. H. and Mary I. Duff, and R. E. and Inez Steelman as a gift. A copy of the deed is shown as Exhibit 3 in the Appendix. In terms of today's property and facilities, the tract (see Figure 1 on page 2) was bordered on the OHS 1927 tract on the south in the middle of the pond, 11th Ave on the west, Northeast Argyle on the north, and the current east property line on the east.

In 1966, an appraiser described our buildings as follows:

- The main building is a one and two story concrete building with bar tile roof containing a total of 6,264 sq.ft. by exterior dimensions, consisting of reception room and general office; a private office; two lavatories; a large area for approximately 37 kennels; a cat haven; a lunch room; a receiving room with 14 kennels; a kitchen; storage room; garage and disposal area.
  - The second floor has a large auditorium. The small basement area contains the oil-fired hot water heating system for heat in the auditorium and offices. There are three gas space heaters in the kennel area. There are approximately 40 pens or kennels on the outside of the building, totaling 1,975 sq. ft.
- A second building is a 60' by 20' concrete building with tile roof, containing 1,200 sq.ft. and consisting of storage area and cremation area and four garage stalls.
- A third building is a small shop for repair facilities, containing approximately 328 sq. ft.
- A fourth building is a two-story barn, 30' x 24' in size with concrete floor, 720 sq. ft.
- There is a small bird cage facility with concrete floor, metal roof and wired enclosure.
- The appraiser recognizes three compressor units located in the garage for use in the disposal of dogs.

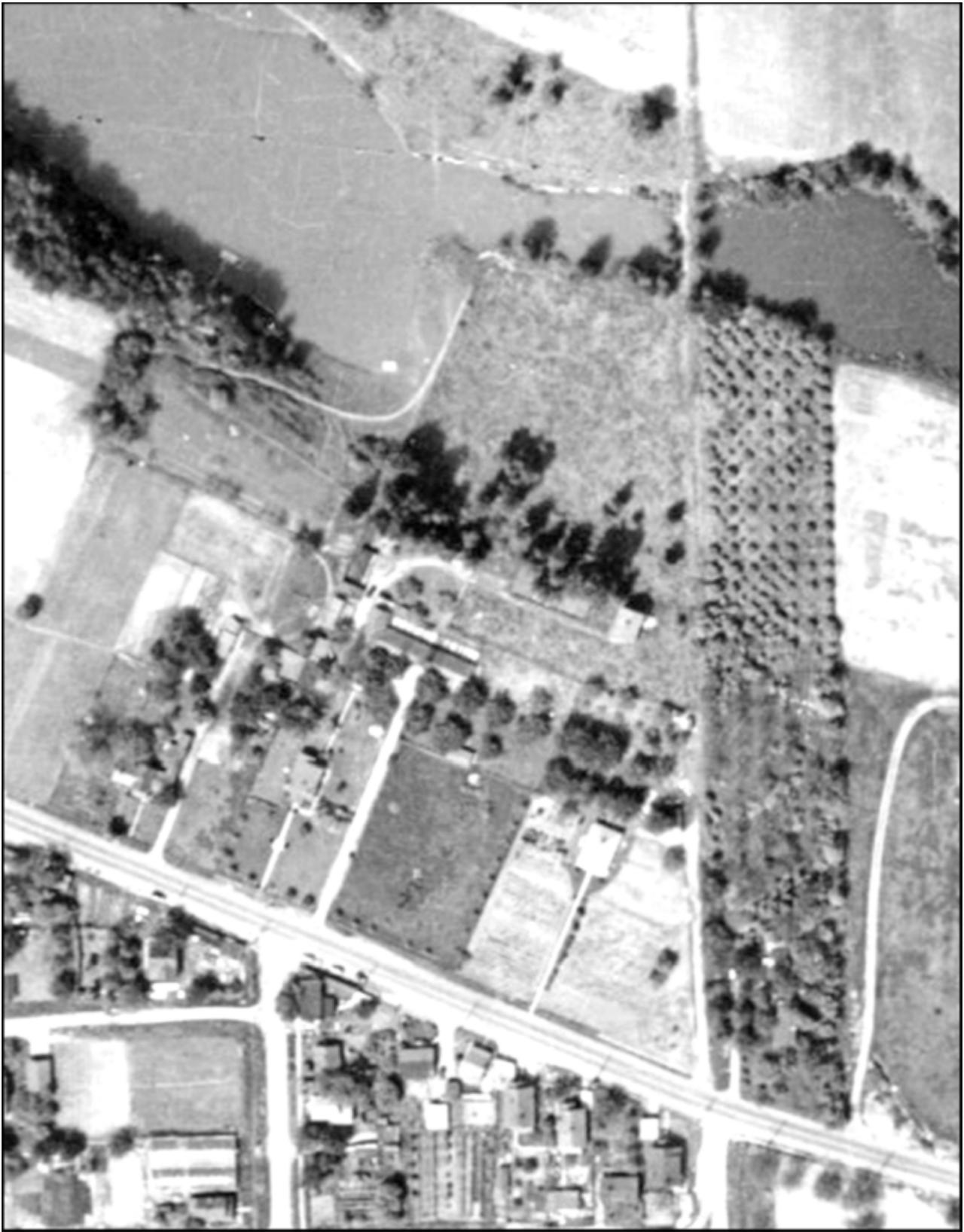


Figure 7: Circa 1939 aerial image of OHS Columbia Blvd. complex showing some new buildings that were erected since the last imagery coverage.

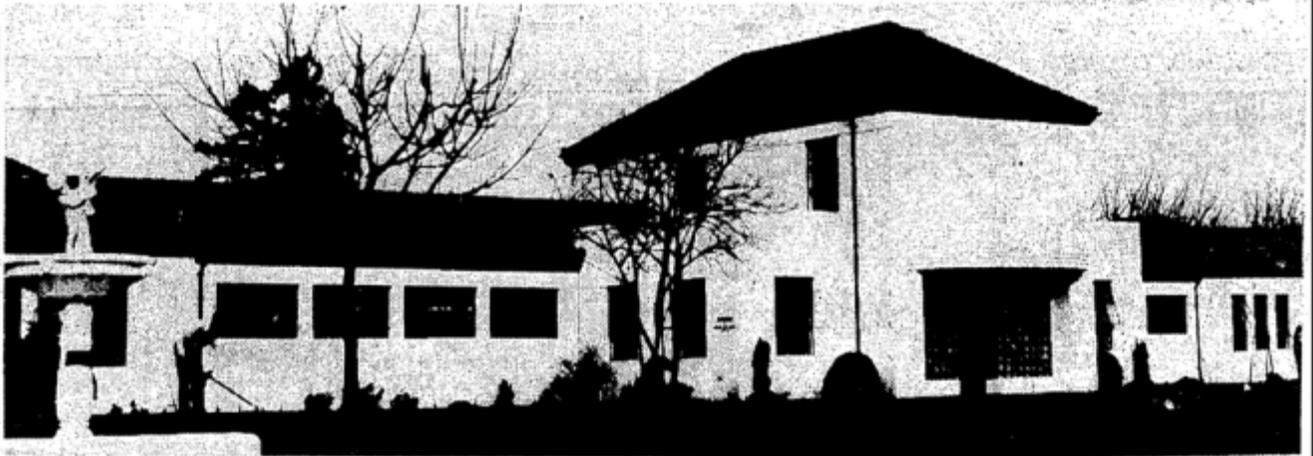
*Where More Than Three-Score Dogs Lost Lives*



The exterior of Oregon Humane society's frame building at 1057 Northeast Columbia boulevard looked like this Wednesday after it had been swept by flames. Smoke suffocation killed 65 penned-up dogs.

Figure 8: March 16, 1939 *Oregonian* photo of the fire damage to OHS Kennels.

## Wayward Pets to Have New Home



The new \$35,000 home of the Oregon Humane society was nearing completion this week when a score of cats and dogs were moved into the new building. The building, shown at top, will house several hundred homeless dogs and cats when

finished. The building is air conditioned and features such items for pet comfort as the automatic drinking fountain, center left, and the comfortable cubbyholes for felines, center right, and the "cat haven" below.

Figure 9: February 25, 1940 *Oregonian* photos of the soon to open new OHS home.



Figure 10: 1950 aerial image of the new OHS home. Note the “white” sidewalk going north from the facility to a point where the fountain and Bobbie’s house are today. The circle at the end is probably where the fountain was installed.



Figure 11: 1950 Sanborn Map of OHS property with the 1950 property outlined in red. It is interesting to note that the red barn was not mapped even though it was there on aerial images.



Figure 12: 1956 aerial image of OHS. The sidewalk to the fountain and Bobbie's house is clearly visible.



Figure 13: 1961 aerial image of OHS. Note that extensive grading to the east of the property. A large garage was erected on the east residence property.



Figure 14: 1964 aerial image of OHS. Two mausoleums just west of the fountain have been erected and the cemetery area appears to be maintained. Note how all the grading in the surrounding properties has filled in the slough ponds surrounding OHS property. Structures and activities on the property to the east indicate it is no longer a residence and has become a commercial property.

## 1969-1999 Expansion, Land Acquisitions and Growing Pains

In August 1969, OHS signed an agreement with Architect Frank F. Blachly, Jr. to add a classroom, incinerator housing, new main entry vestibule, increase parking and remodel existing classroom to administrators office. The September 1970 newsletter announced that the size of the OHS shelter had doubled, with a new kennel wing with 40 inside-outside runs. The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremonies attended by Portland Mayor Terry Schrunk were held just before Christmas in 1969. The newsletter also noted that adoptions had greatly increased.

The fourth tract of land that comprises the existing OHS property was acquired in 1970. On May 16, 1970, OHS purchased a tract of land of about 1.5 acres from John H. and Elsie F. Anderson for the sum of \$70,000. A copy of the deed is shown as Exhibit 4 in the Appendix. In terms of today's property and facilities, the tract (see Figure 1 on page 2) was bordered on Columbia Blvd on the south, the 1918 tract property line on the west, the 1927 tract property line on the north, and the current east property line on the east.

On September 12, 1974 the City Council passed an ordinance authorizing the city to purchase a parcel of land from OHS for a sewage pumping station. On September 20, 1974, the city purchased a small tract of land from OHS for the sum of \$2,625. A copy of the deed is shown as Exhibit 5 in the Appendix. In terms of today's property and facilities, the very small tract (see Figure 1 on page 2) is in the very northeast corner of the existing property.

The 1978 spring edition of the OHS *Your Animal's Friend* magazine announced that construction has begun on the George Whittel Humane Education Center, first Humane Education Center constructed in the state of Oregon. The new facility will have a seating capacity of 100 students or adults and will contain offices for the education department staff. Also included are plans for restrooms and a covered walkway extending from the parking lot to the entrance of the new addition. The new education center joins the shelter near the entrance to the cat haven. The grand opening of the center was December 16-23, 1978.

On November 2, 1984, OHS dedicated the **Henry & Myra Moreland Cattery**, thanks to a bequest from the Morelands. On April 2, OHS members were invited to the groundbreaking, and construction by R. A. Gray began that spring. "The new facility will have a large area to hold stray cats and separate air filtration systems will assure the highest standards of health and hygiene." Each cat had its own kennel, and an isolation room allowed treatment of minor medical conditions without risk to the rest of the cats. The new facility tripled the sheltering capacity for cats and allowed better viewing for prospective adopters. By allowing the Humane Society to hold more cats for a longer period of time, the cattery increased their chance for adoption into a new home. A year later, the feline adoption rate was up 38%.

The Portland community had grown, and with it the demands on the Humane Society's services. In January 1993, the board approved the purchase of a trailer to provide temporary office space and the structural modification and testing of the crematoria as required by the DEQ. The Board held a retreat that month and discussed organization of a campaign to raise funds for a new shelter, with December 1993 targeted for the kickoff, tying in with the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society.

By 1994, the growing pains had become too much. Parking was a big problem, daily phone calls had doubled since 1989, and the long lines for adoptions needed much improved service. In May, the board voted to award the contract for designing the new shelter to Ankrom Moisan Architects. The project manager was Pat O'Brien.

In 1995, Ernest Swigert and Dolorosa Margulis were announced as co-chairs of capital campaign for the new shelter. The campaign steering committee was also organized, with assistance from Kelsey Green Grout, including many multi-generational representatives: Alan "Punch" Green (Kelsey's father), Roland F. Banks and daughters Kathy Kelly and Sara Talmadge, Betty Rossmann and daughter Wendy Ulman, and Roger Meier and daughters Jill Garvey and Alix Goodman. Francie Swigert (daughter of Ernie), Jessica Padmos (daughter of Dolorosa), John Bishop, John R. Brooke, Larry Chusid, John Deering, Andrea Dumas, David C. Gearing, Neil Huson, Marilynn Murray Jensen, Dough McCaslin, Dickey McMath, Sally Miller, Lawretta Morris, Tim & Jana Moyer, Jess Rogerson, Ginny Wheeler, Monica Murray, Mardi Schnitzer, Jeff Swift and Gerri Tisdale.

The design for the new 46,000 square foot shelter by Ankrom Moisan Associated Architects will replace the old 17,000 square foot facility. The new facility is designed to handle 25,000 animals a year, many more than the 4,000 in the old facility.

The 1998 Winter edition of the *OHS Magazine* stated that construction of the new shelter is starting. OHS hired Milstead & Associates as owner's representative and Baugh Construction as our general contractor in a competitive bidding process. Pat O'Brien and OTKM Construction were part of the design team, instrumental in developing the building design. A number of local businesses offered building materials and services: Halton Tractor and Hessel Equipment (heavy equipment), Parr Lumber (structural needs), Campbell Crane (crane work to relocate machinery). A \$1 million challenge grant awarded September 1998 from the Christine and C.F. Swigert, Jr. Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation received \$500,000 match from Jean Vollum.

The fall 1999 *OHS Magazine* reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for new shelter was held on February 24, 1999 and construction is on track for an October 23 opening for Phase One. "The project was broken into two phases to allow OHS to keep operating during construction." "Phase One began in February and is

"With the opening of Phase I of the Oregon Humane Society's state-of-the-art shelter, 1999 came to a close not as an ending but as a beginning."  
– Sharon Harmon, Direct Line, *OHS Magazine*, spring 2000

on track for an October 23 opening.” “Phase One includes canine services, the education center, adoption counseling, Best Friend’s Corner retail store, and offices. The centerpiece of Phase One is the new cattery.” Oregon Landscape Contractors Board contributed all the landscaping. The campaign has more than 6,000 donors, making it one of the most widely supported projects in Oregon’s history.

Aerial images from 1971 to 1998 show how the shelter has changed.



Figure 15: 1971 aerial image of OHS.



Figure 15.5: March 15, 1984 Unknown newspaper photo of the OHS cemetery and barn. The caption stated “A 125-year-old barn, once part of the Julius Meyer estate, continues to hold feed for the Oregon Humane Society’s fowl and goats that wander near the 11-acre pet cemetery. The society is setting up a grid system with new style markers at the pet cemetery.” Notes: Julius Meyer was Julius Meier, Manager of Meier & Frank and Governor of Oregon from 1931-1935. The reference to an 11 acre cemetery is a typo – should be 1 acre. See page 11 for more information.



Portland Archives, A2011-028

Figure 16: December 1990 Portland Archives photo of OHS.



Figure 17: 1990 aerial image of OHS. It appears that two additional mausoleums have been erected. It appears that the rose garden is either very new or in work.



Figure 17.5 : 1992 bird's eye view of OHS.



Figure 18: 1996 aerial image of OHS. A fifth mausoleum is present. Rose garden is present.



Figure 19: 1998 aerial image of OHS. All six mausoleums are present.

## **2000-2016 New Facility, New Hospital, and New Road Ahead**

Writing in spring 2000, Sharon Harmon noted “The new building is already doing more than we had hoped. Upper respiratory disease in dogs dropped to an almost nonexistent level. The dogs, rabbits, and other small pets are noticeably happier as well as healthier. Injuries to people declined appreciably and many more clients are repeat visitors, coming to look, enjoy festivities, or to shop at Best Friend’s Corner. Another measure of success is the marked increase in the number of volunteers at the shelter. This means better care for the animals and faster service for our clients. And this new building is only 60 percent complete.” Sharon Harmon, Direct Line, OHS Magazine Spring 2000

2000 – “The Year of the Cat,” declared in light of the building of new facilities for cats included in Phase II of the construction project. “When Phase II is complete we will have facilities a cat would dream of visiting while waiting for a new home. Our new receiving area is large enough so cats and dogs will not disturb each other....With 42 cages for stray cats and 42 for owner-released cats, our holding cages from all incoming cats will go from 36 to 84. Cats who are ill will be housed in an isolation area with windows to allow owners to look for lost pets and staff to monitor the animals... The new cat adoption kennels feature double-sided cages, which allow staff to work with the cats from one side, while potential new families can view from the other side. There are areas in the cattery where adopters can actually meet and visit with a cat looking for a new home. Air will circulate 14 times an hour, 24 hours a day, to protect the health of the cats. A new central vacuuming system will help with the removal of animal dander and litter dust (have you ever tried to sweep cat hair?)

(Phase II also includes)...dogs will have a separate isolation area for observation and time to heal. A grooming room to spruce up adoptable pets. Separate kennel areas for holding stray dogs, investigation dogs, and for emergency boarding of pets in need. A treatment room and laboratory will allow for better care of shelter animals.”

2007 – Opening of the Animal Medical Learning Center - OSU, Thomas Holman

INSERT PROFILE – Thomas W. Holman, Sr.

Born in Portland December 28, 1913, a fourth generation on both sides of his family to reside in Portland. His estate gift of \$1 million named the Thomas W. & Mary D. Holman Medical Center, which opened in September of 2007.

Aerial images from 2000 to 2015 show the new shelter, new hospital and others changes including an image of the current property and our most recent acquisitions.



Figure 20: 2000 Aerial image of the new OHS facility.

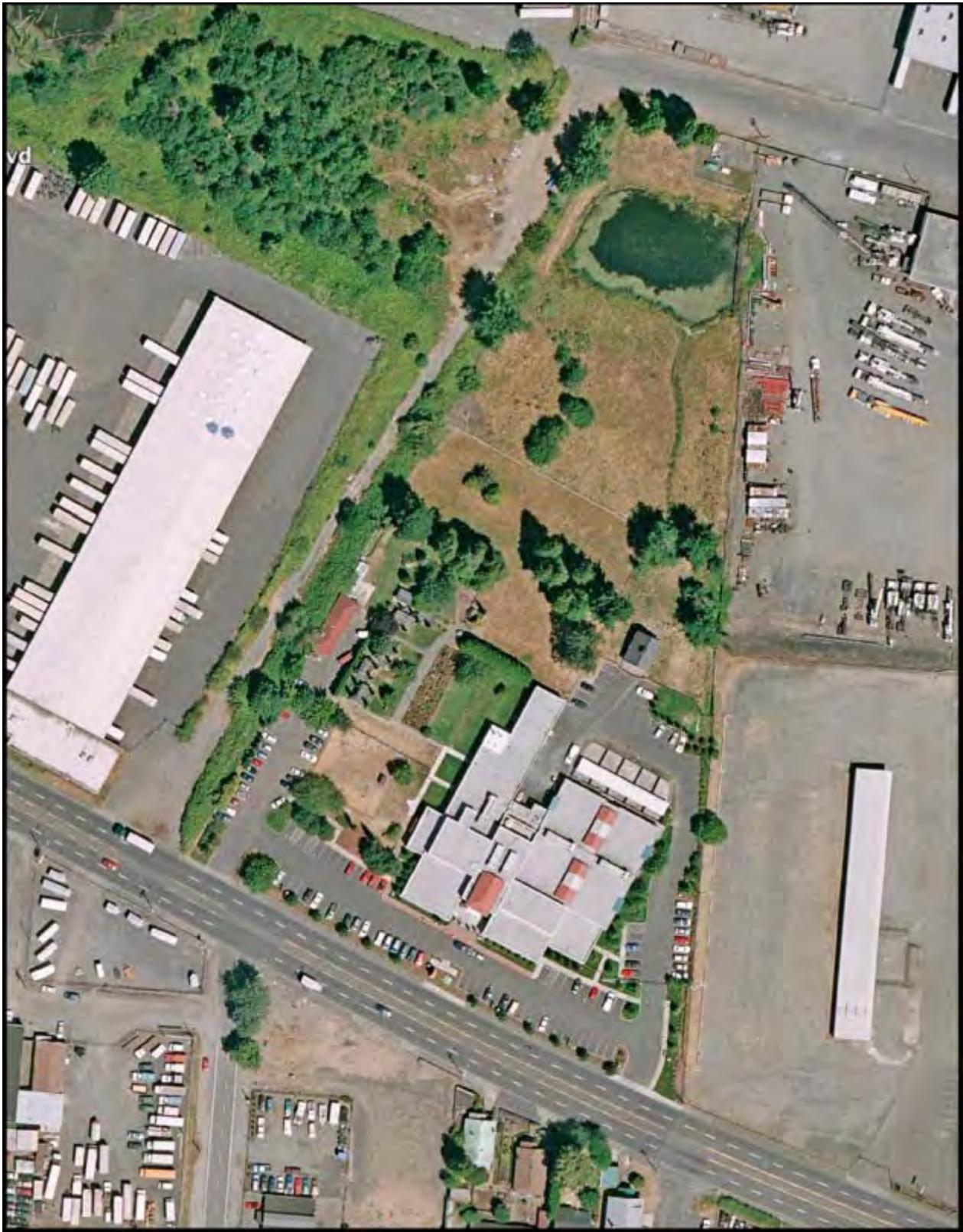


Figure 21: July 17, 2003 aerial image.



Figure 22: June 22, 2006 aerial image.



Figure 22.5: March 4, 2007 bird's eye view of the Animal Medical Learning Center under construction. The Holman Animal Medical Learning Center opened in September, 2007. Named for a \$1 million gift by Thomas and Mary Holman, it was the result of a collaborative effort between OHS and the Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine. It was the first veterinary school teaching hospital at an animal shelter in the nation.

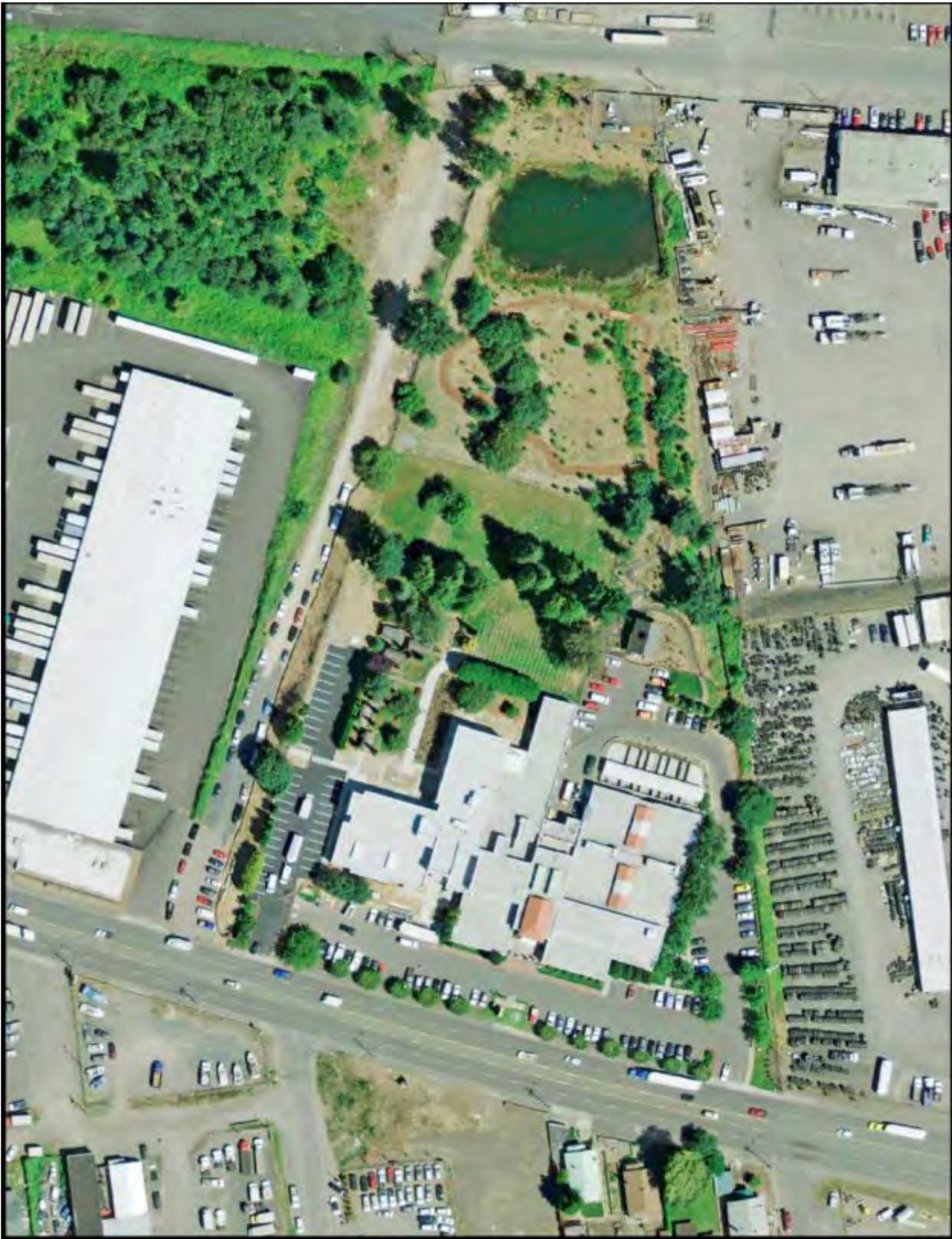


Figure 23: July 11, 2007 aerial image. Hospital and west wing have been erected. New dog walking path down behind the barn and north of the cemetery is completed.



Figure 24: June 18, 2008 aerial image.



Figure 25: August 20, 2011 aerial image. Dog path loop out behind the pond has been completed.



Figure 26: July 22, 2013 aerial image.

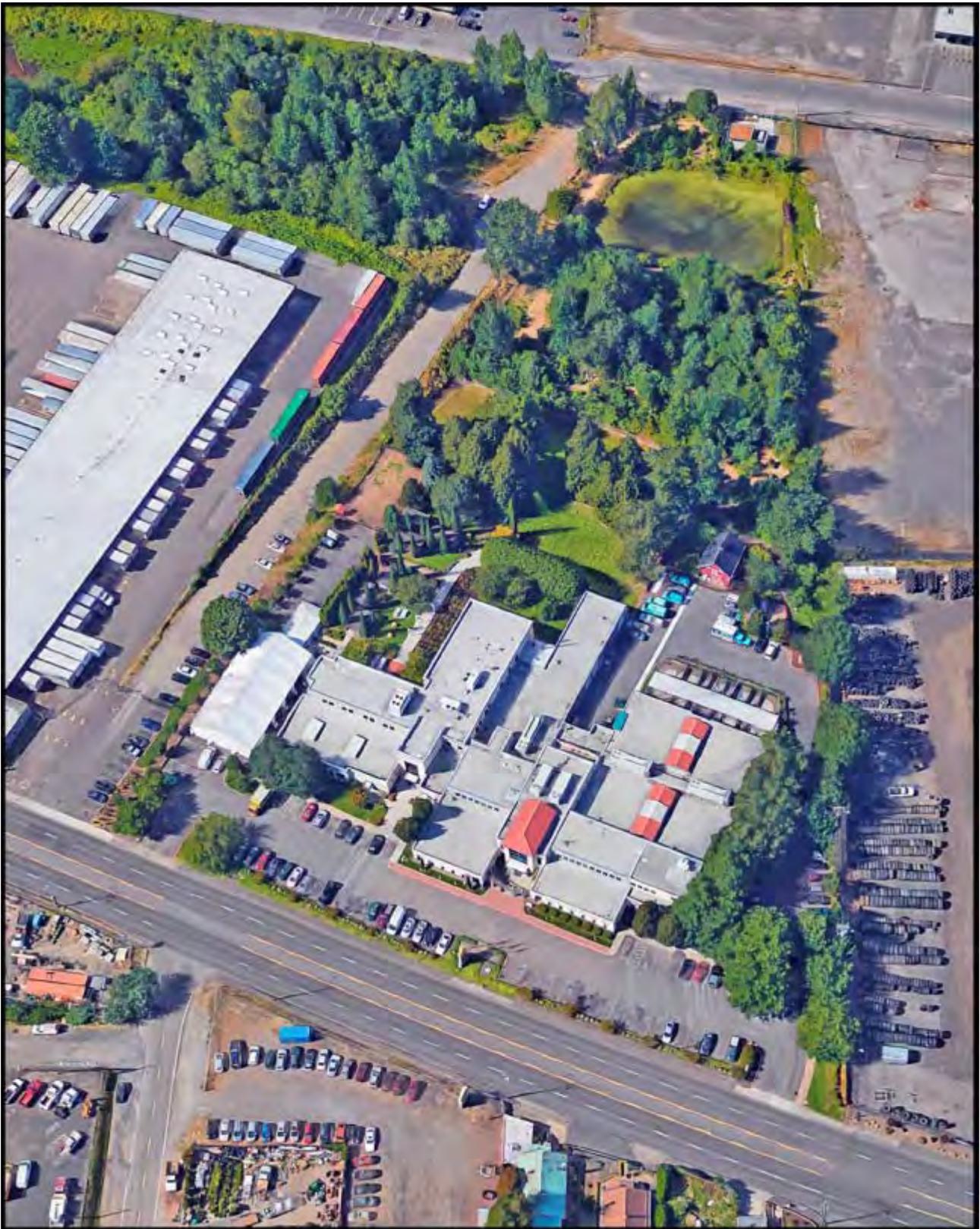


Figure 27: July 12, 2014 aerial image. Note the large tent in the west parking lot for Sharon Harmon's 25th anniversary celebration party.

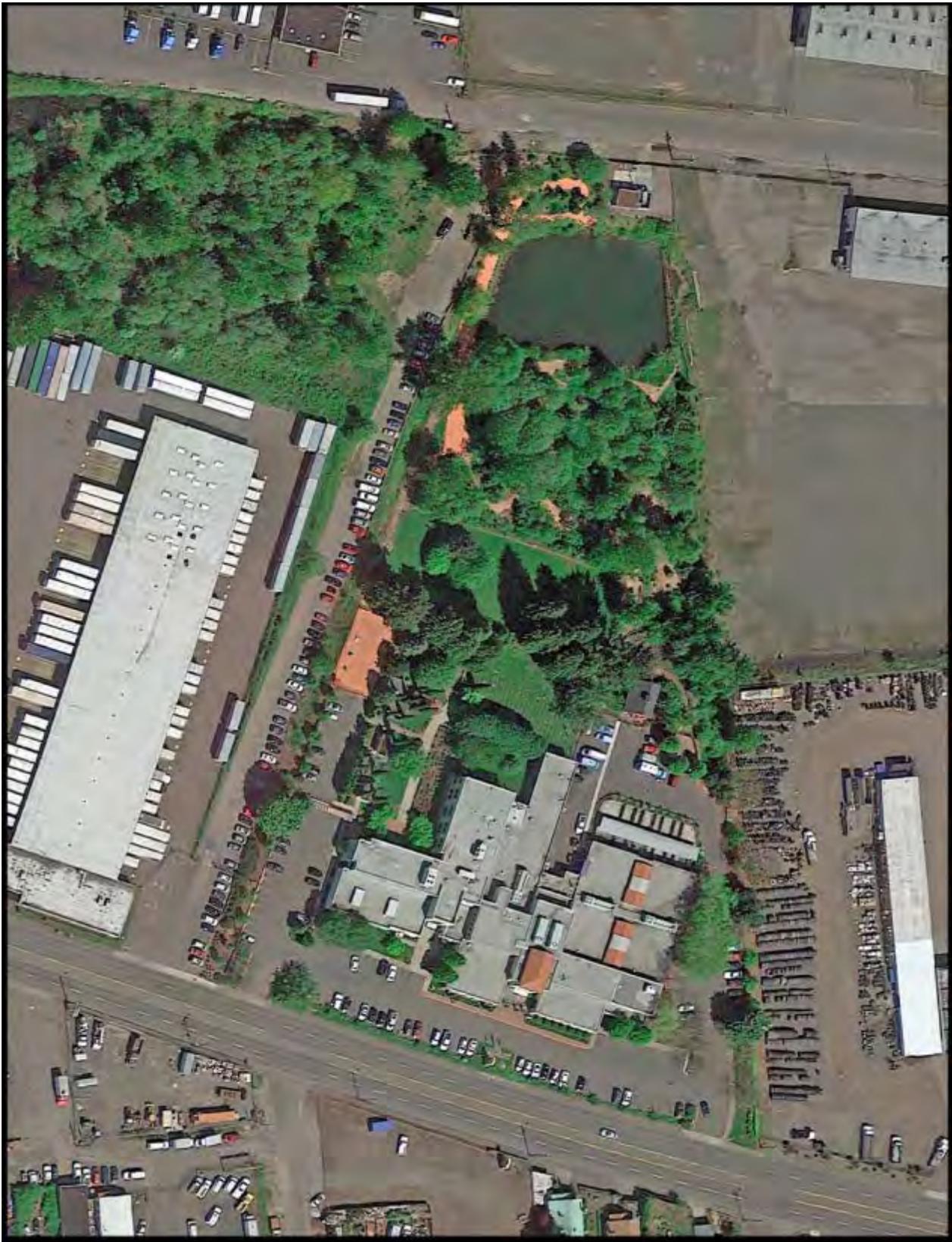


Figure 28: April 17, 2015 aerial image – latest coverage of OHS facility.



Figure 29: April 17, 2015 aerial image showing properties to the north and east that were recently acquired.

## Appendix

V. M. K. #160057

BUCKLEY (EXE) TO THE OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY

THIS INDENTURE made this 27th day of November A D 1918 by and between Mattie E Buckley, the duly appointed qualified and acting executrix of the estate of Clara V Garnett, deceased late of the county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, the party of the first part and THE OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Oregon of said county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, the party of the second part

WITNESSETH that whereas on the 21st day of September 1918 the county court of the state of Oregon for Multnomah county, made an order authorizing the said executrix to sell certain real property of said deceased, upon the terms and conditions in said order set out which said order of sale is entered in volume No 88 of the Journal of said county court on page 79 thereof

AND WHEREAS under and by virtue of said order of sale and pursuant to legal notice given thereof the said party of the first part on the 22nd day of October 1918 at the premises hereinafter described between the hours of nine o'clock in the morning and four o'clock in the evening of the same day to-wit; at 10 o'clock A M of said day offered for sale (judging it most beneficial to said estate) at public auction for cash in hand and subject to confirmation by said county court the said real estate described in said order of sale and at such sale the said party of the second part became the purchaser of the real property hereinafter described for the sum of thirty-four hundred twelve & 50/100 dollars he being the highest and best bidder and that being the highest and best sum bid therefor

AND WHEREAS the said county court upon due and legal return made by said party of the first part under said order of sale did on the 13th day of November 1918 make an order confirming said sale and directing conveyances to be made to said purchaser, which said order of confirmation is entered in volume No 88 of the Journal of said county court on page 468 thereof

NOW THEREFORE the said party of the first part pursuant to the order last aforesaid and for and in consideration of the sum of thirty-four hundred twelve & 50/100 dollars to her in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has granted bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents does grant bargain sell and convey unto the said party of the second part its successors and assigns forever all the right title <sup>interest</sup> and estate of the said Clara V Garnett, deceased, at the time of her death and all the right title and interest that the said estate by operation of law or otherwise may have acquired other than or in addition to that of said intestate at the time of her death in and to that certain lot piece or parcel of land situated lying and being in the county of Multnomah state of Oregon and better known and described as follows to-wit;

Beginning at a point in the center line of county road No 97 which point is 142.02 feet north and 231.17 feet west of the initial point of Farrell's Addition as shown on the plat recorded in book 140 page 50 and 3773.52 feet north and 982.33 feet east of the southwest corner of William McClung's Donation Land Claim; thence north 66° 29' west tracing the center line of said county road 272.28 feet; thence north 25° 06' east 360.58 feet; thence south 64° 54' east 272.18 feet; thence south 25° 06' west 353.06 feet to the place of beginning

\$3.50 U S I R S (Cancelled)

Together with the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever/belonging thereunto  
in anywise appertaining

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the above mentioned and described premises  
together with the appurtenances until the said party of the second part its successors and  
assigns to its sole use benefit and behoof forever

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said party of the first part has hereunto set her hand  
and seal the day and year first above written

Signed sealed and delivered in  
the presence of

J F Boothe  
E E Heckbert

STATE OF OREGON )  
County of Multnomah ) SS

Mattie E Buckley

Seal

Executrix of the estate of Clara V Garnett  
deceased

THIS CERTIFIES that on this 27th day of November 1918 before me a notary public  
in and for said county and state personally appeared the within named Mattie E Buckley  
who is known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing deed as the  
executrix of the said estate of Clara V Garnett, deceased and acknowledged to me that she as  
the executrix of the estate of Clara V Garnett, deceased executed the same freely and voluntarily  
for the uses and purposes therein mentioned

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal the day and year  
last above written

(Notarial Seal)

J F Boothe

My commission expires Oct 2, 1920

Notary Public for Oregon

Rec for record Nov 27 1918 at 4:17 P.M

Exhibit 1: November 27, 1918 Deed second page.

BALZIMER ET UX TO OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS That F O Balsimer and Martha Balsimer husband and wife, in consideration of Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4500) & no/100 Dollars to them paid by the Oregon Humane Society, an Oregon Corporation, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said Oregon Humane Society its heirs and assigns all the following real property with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, situated in the County of Multnomah, and State of Oregon, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of a tract of land conveyed to F O Balsimer and Martha Balsimer husband and wife, by Charles E Van Vlack and Catherine Van Vlack, husband and wife, dated November 24, 1920, and recorded on page 67 in Book 832 Deed Records, Multnomah County, State of Oregon, said point being North 0° 04' 09.97" East 28.11 feet from the southeasterly corner of said tract, running thence North 76° 18' 34" West 128.74 feet to a point on the southerly line of said tract, thence North 64° 54' West 275.18 feet to an iron pipe at the southwesterly corner of said tract; ~~thence North 25° 28' 51.29" East 411.04 feet to the northwesterly corner of said tract; thence South 80° 37' 14.05" East 198.87 feet to the northeasterly corner of said tract; thence South 0° 04' 09.97" West 485.00 feet to the place of beginning, containing 3.92194 acres. Also,~~

Beginning at an iron pipe at the northwesterly corner of that tract of land conveyed by Charles E Van Vlack and Catherine Van Vlack to F O Balsimer and Martha Balsimer Book 832, page 67, Deed Records, Multnomah County, Oregon, running thence South 25° 06' West 184.64 feet along the westerly line of said tract to a point; thence North 25° 25' East 184.64 feet to a point in the northerly line of said tract; thence North 64° 54' West 1.00 feet along the said northerly line to the place of beginning.

To have and to hold the above described and granted premises unto the said Oregon Humane Society its heirs and assigns forever.

And we the grantors above named do covenant to and with the above named grantee its heirs and assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances, except a mortgage of \$4000, recorded in Book 759 Page 305, of the records of the county clerk, Multnomah County, Oregon, given by F O Balsimer and Martha Balsimer to Charles E Van Vlack and Catherine Van Vlack, and on which there has been paid \$1000, and the balance of \$3000 grantee assumes and agrees to pay, and that we will and our heirs, executors, and administrators shall warrant and forever defend the above granted premises and every part and parcel thereof against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever, except the above mentioned mortgage, which grantee assumes and agrees to pay.

Witness our hands and seals this 20th day of August, 1927

Executed in the presence of

S R Diefendorf

F O Balsimer

H Daniel

Martha Balsimer

Seal  
Seal

STATE OF OREGON )

COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH)SS

BE IT REMEMBERED That on this 20th day of August, A D 1927, before me the undersigned a notarypublic in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named F O Balsimer and Martha Balsimer husband and wife, who are known to me to be the identical individual.. described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal the day and year last above written

(Notarial Seal)

Harry Daniel

My commission expires Feb 17, 1928

NotaryPublic for Oregon

Rec for record Aug 25, 1927 at 11:15 A M.

*v B/c*

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Exhibit 2: August 20, 1927 Deed second page.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, S. H. Duff and Mary <sup>I</sup> S. Duff, husband and wife, and R. E. Steelman and Inez Steelman, husband and wife, of Portland, Oregon, hereinafter referred to as Grantors, in consideration of our appreciation of the humane service being rendered by the Oregon Humane Society, an eleemosynary corporation organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and for the purpose of aiding and contributing to the furtherance of the objects and purposes of said Grantee, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Oregon Humane Society, its successors and assigns, all of the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the premises described in deed from W. L. Farrell to Charles E. Van Vlack recorded March 4, 1902, in Book 288, page 281, Deed Records, said point being North  $0^{\circ} 05' 30''$  East 895.33 feet from a Monument in the center of N. E. Columbia Blvd., that is 1,258.50 feet East and 3,651.00 feet North of the S. W. corner of the William McClung D.L.C. in Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, Multnomah County, Oregon; thence North  $0^{\circ} 05' 30''$  East along the West line of the premises described in a Deed from Jehu Switzler to John E. Stansberry, recorded December 7, 1867, in Book H, page 146, Deed Records, a distance of 124.22 feet; thence N  $78^{\circ} 00' W$  141.49 feet; thence South  $25^{\circ} 33' W$  132.94 feet to the Northwest corner of the above described Van Vlack premises; thence S  $80^{\circ} 21' E$  East along the North line of the above said Van Vlack premises a distance of 198.76 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and all right, title and interest in and to the same.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described granted premises unto the said Oregon Humane Society, its successors and assigns forever.

This Deed is given in lieu of a Deed in substance the same that was heretofore executed and delivered to the Oregon Humane Society and thereafter, through inadvertence, was lost or stolen at the time of the robbery in its office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantors have hereunto set their names this 26 day of January, 1965.

S. H. Duff                      R. E. Steelman  
S. H. Duff                      R. E. Steelman  
Mary Duff                      Inez Steelman  
Mary Duff                      Inez Steelman

STATE OF OREGON                      }  
County of Multnomah                      } ss.

On this                      day of January, 1965, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named S. H. Duff and Mary Duff, husband and wife, who are known to me to be the identical individuals described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.

James E. Gunn  
Notary Public for Oregon  
My Commission expires:  
NOV 18, 1968



STATE OF OREGON                      }  
County of Multnomah                      } ss.

On this                      day of January, 1965, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named R. E. Steelman and Inez Steelman, husband and wife, who are known to me to be the identical individuals described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.

James E. Gunn  
Notary Public for Oregon  
My Commission expires:  
NOV 18, 1968



Exhibit 3: January 26, 1965 Deed second page.

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That JOHN H. ANDERSON and ELSIE F. ANDERSON, husband and wife, hereinafter called the grantor, for the consideration hereinafter stated, to grantor paid by THE OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY, an Oregon corporation, hereinafter called the grantee, does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said grantee and grantee's heirs, successors and assigns, that certain real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, situated in the County of Multnomah and State of Oregon, described as follows, to-wit:

A tract of land in Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, being a part of the William McClung Donation Land Claim described as follows:  
Beginning at the intersection of the East line of the West one-half of said William McClung Donation Land Claim with the center line of N. E. Columbia Boulevard (formerly Columbia Slough Road), which point of beginning is marked by an iron pipe situated 21.84 feet North and 25 feet East of the initial point of Farrell's Addition, as shown on the plat thereof recorded in Book 140, page 50, Plat Records; running thence North 66° 29' West along the center line of N. E. Columbia Boulevard, 301.18 feet to the Southeasterly corner of a tract conveyed to Anthony J. Garnett by instrument recorded in Book 269, page 463, Deed Records; thence North 25° 06' East along the Easterly line of said Anthony J. Garnett tract, 353.06 feet to an iron pipe in the Southerly line of a tract conveyed to Oregon Humane Society by instrument recorded in Book 1093, page 254, Deed Records; thence South 76° 18' 34" East along the Southerly line of said Oregon Humane Society tract, 128.74 feet to the Southeasterly corner of said Oregon Humane Society tract, which is a point in the Easterly line of the Westerly one-half of the William McClung Donation Land Claim; thence Southerly along the Easterly line of the Westerly one-half of the William McClung Donation Land Claim 409 feet to the place of beginning, being a tract of land situated partly within and partly without the corporate limits of the City of Portland, in the County of Multnomah and State of Oregon; EXCEPT that part lying within the boundaries of N. E. Columbia Boulevard.

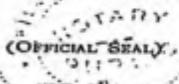
grantor will warrant and forever defend the above granted premises and every part and parcel thereof against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever, except those claiming under the above described encumbrances.

The true and actual consideration paid for this transfer, stated in terms of dollars, is \$ 70,000.00

In construing this deed and where the context so requires, the singular includes the plural.  
WITNESS grantor's hand this 14 day of May, 1970

*John H. Anderson*  
*Elsie F. Anderson*

STATE OF OREGON, County of Multnomah ) ss. May 16, 1970  
Personally appeared the above named JOHN H. ANDERSON and ELSIE F. ANDERSON,  
husband and wife,  
and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their voluntary act and deed.



Before me: *William H. Boland*  
Notary Public for Oregon  
My commission expires 12-9-71

NOTE—In instances between the symbols ( ), if not applicable, should be deleted. See Chapter 462, Oregon Laws 1947, as amended by the 1947 Special Session.

**WARRANTY DEED**  
JOHN H. ANDERSON and  
ELSIE F. ANDERSON,  
TO  
THE OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO  
The Oregon Humane Society  
1067 N. E. Columbia Blvd.  
Portland, Oregon 97211

STATE OF OREGON ) ss.  
Multnomah County )  
I, JAMES D. WELDON, Director, Department of Branch and Electric and Recorder of Companies, in and for said County, do hereby certify that this instrument of writing was recorded for the purpose stated in the record of said County at

1970 MAY 18 AM 10-03

JAMES D. WELDON  
DIR. REC. & ELEC.  
MULTNOMAH CO., OREGON

In Book 733 Page 566  
of office filed.  
JAMES D. WELDON, Director, Department of Branch and Electric and Recorder of Companies  
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Exhibit 4: May 16, 1970 Deed.

BARGAIN AND SALE DEED

BOOK 1009 PAGE 1296

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that THE OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY, an Oregon corporation, hereinafter called "grantor," for the consideration hereinafter stated, does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the CITY OF PORTLAND, a municipal corporation of the State of Oregon, hereinafter called "grantee," and to grantee's successors and assigns all of that certain real property situated in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, State of Oregon, described as follows:

A tract of land in Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian in the City of Portland, County of Multnomah and State of Oregon, described as follows:

Commencing at a point that is 142.02 feet North and 251.17 feet West of the initial point of FARRELL'S ADDITION, a duly recorded plat, which point is also 3,773.52 feet North and 982.33 feet East of the Southwest corner of the William McClung Donation Land Claim; thence North 66° 21' West 272.28 feet; thence North 25° 06' East 360.58 feet; thence North 25° 28' East 411.04 feet; thence North 25° 33' East 132.94 feet; thence South 78° 00' East 141.49 feet to a point in the West line of that tract conveyed to John E. Stansberry by deed recorded December 7, 1867 in Book "H," page 146 Deed Records and true point of beginning of the herein described tract; thence North 78° 00' West 50 feet; thence South 12° 00' West 30 feet; thence South 78° 00' East 56 feet, more or less, to the West line of said Stansberry tract; thence North 0° 05' 30" East 21 feet, more or less to the true point of beginning.

To have and to hold the same unto the said grantees, successors and assigns forever.

The true and actual consideration paid for this transfer, stated in terms of dollars, is Two Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$2,625.00).

The grantee covenants that it will provide for the screening of the west and south perimeters of said real property from the remaining real property of the grantor by installing a six foot high chain link fence with woven-in cedar or redwood slats and that the fence will be maintained by grantee so long as it owns said real property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned who is the duly authorized officer of said corporation, has executed this instrument the 20th day of SEPTEMBER, 1974.



THE OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY

By William H. Boland  
President

STATE OF OREGON )  
                          ) ss.  
County of Multnomah )

Date: 9-20-73

Personally appeared William H. Boland, who, being duly sworn, did say that he is the President of The Oregon Humane Society, a corporation, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing deed is the corporate seal of said corporation and that said deed was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Trustees; and he hereby acknowledged said deed to be its voluntary act and deed.

Before me:



Robert K. Deh  
Notary Public for Oregon

My commission expires: 7-30-77

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Exhibit 5: September 20, 1974 Deed second page.