

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY

Historic Name: Ardenwald School

Location: 8950 S.E. 36th

Owner: No. Clark School District #12

Address: 444 SE Lake Rd.

T/R/Sec: 15 1E25AC Tax Lot: 100

Addition:

Block: Lot:

USGS Quad Map:

Common Name: Same

Date of construction:

Original Use: School

Present Use: School

Architect/Builder:

Style:

Resource Type: Building

Theme: Education; Architecture - 20th century

Condition: Good

Plan Type/ Shape:

Asymmetrical

Foundation Material:

Concrete

Roof Form & Materials:

Hip with deep, bracketed eaves; composition shingles

Number of Stories: 1

Basement:

Wall Construction: Masonry

Structural Frame: Unknown

Primary Window Type:

One-over-one double-hung sash

Exterior Surfacing Materials:

Decorative Features:

Stucco with decorative brick panels and medallions

Other:

Exterior Alterations/Additions (Dated):

Several large additions attached to north elevation by breezeway (n.d.); windows replaced with aluminum (n.d.)

Noteworthy Landscape Features:

Associated Structures:

Setting:

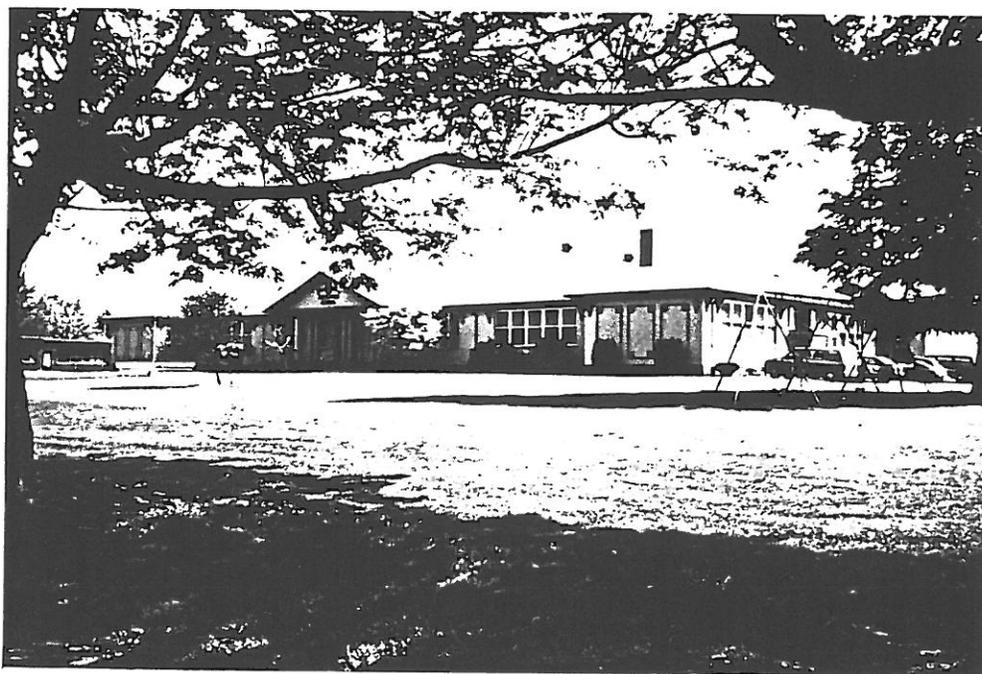
Surrounded by residential area consisting of early to mid-20th century houses; streets are unimproved; mature deciduous trees border schoolyard.

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Statement of Significance

ADDRESS: 8950 S.E. 36th Avenue

The Ardenwald School is a focal point for the community of Ardenwald. The perimeter of the schoolyard is lined with majestic, deciduous trees. The building, designed in the Classical Revival style, has a low-pitched hip roof with deep bracketed eaves. The stuccoed walls are embellished with decorative panels, medallions and a brick watertable. The projecting, pedimented entrance is supported by Tuscan columns in groups of two's and three's. "Ardenwald School" is in relief in the tympaneum as well as a decorative garland. Additions on the north elevation of the school are compatible in scale, although not in design.

The school building, constructed in 1925, replaced an earlier building which had become inadequate for the growing community. The school is important as a fine example of the Classical Revival style; however, its primary significance is as one of only two remaining non-residential components of the Ardenwald community. Ardenwald was settled in the late nineteenth century by Scandinavian immigrants who farmed the fertile soil along Johnson Creek. In the first years of the twentieth century the construction of the interurban railroad, between Sellwood and Estacada, transformed the area into more intensive residential use. The railroad, known as the Cazadero line, transported cordwood and goods to the more populated metropolitan area. It also provided commuter service for Ardenwald residents until the middle of this century.

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