

Oregon Historic Site Form

Pebble Beach Court Robert Rummer House
 700 Pebble Beach Ct
 Lake Oswego, Clackamas County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 700 Pebble Beach Ct apprx. addr
 historic name: Pebble Beach Court Robert Rummer House

Lake Oswego vcnt Clackamas County
 current/ other names: _____

Optional Information
 assoc addresses: _____
 (former addresses, intersections, etc.)
 location descr: _____
 (remote sites)

block nbr: 1 lot nbr: 17 tax lot nbr: 5100
 township: 2 S range: 1E1 section: 3 1/4: BC
 zip: 97034

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Building height (# stories): 1 total # eligible resources: 2 total # ineligible resources: 0
 elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing NR status: _____
 primary constr date: 1965 (c.) secondary date: _____ (c.)
 (optional--use for major addns) NR date listed: _____ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)

primary orig use: Single Dwelling orig use comments: _____
 secondary orig use: _____ prim style comments: _____
 primary style: Northwest Regional sec style comments: _____
 secondary style: _____ siding comments: flush siding

primary siding: Vertical Board architect: Robert Rummer
 secondary siding: Wood Sheet builder: _____
 plan type: Contemporary

comments/notes: **Window Type/Material: Single pane fixed/wood**
Roof Type/Material: Front gable/composite; shed/composite
No permit on file, no visible alterations

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name: Historic Survey and Inventory 2009-2010 2010 Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name: _____ external site #: _____
 (ID# used in city/agency database)

SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: _____
 ILS survey date: _____
 RLS survey date: 1/24/2010
 Gen File date: _____

106 Project(s)



Looking southwest at north façade

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ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Include expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings, and alterations)

The Pebble Beach Robert Rummer House located at 700 Pebble Beach Court is an exceptional example of the Northwest Regional Style. Completed in 1965, the residence displays characteristics of the style in its horizontal emphasis, low-pitched gable and shed roofs, wide overhanging eaves, exposed rafters, large fixed pane windows, and its minimal ornamentation.

Located on the south side of Pebble Beach Court, this Northwest Regional modern residence was designed by one of the northwest's most popular homebuilders, Robert Rummer. Sited slightly above grade on a corner lot that slopes down to the east, the house is in a residential neighborhood on a street with no outlet. The house has a rectangular floor plan, measuring 51'0" x 60'0", with some small irregular projections. Bamboo and other shrubberies line the north edge (Pebble Beach Court side) of the property. A fence runs from the northeast corner of the house approximately 30' to the east, and then south to enclose the back yard. The area east of the fence, along Boca Raton Drive, is covered in ivy and has a number of mature deciduous trees. A wide driveway leads into the carport from Pebble Beach Court. Another parking area is located off the driveway perpendicular to the west. There is a small open air wooden structure with a side-gable roof with corrugated roof sheathing. A backyard shed is also visible in the northeast corner of the yard. It matches the house in materials and style, with its shed roof, large overhanging eaves, and vertical board siding.

The house has a low-pitched, front gable roof with shed roof wings on both the east and west façades. The entire roof appears to be clad in composition asphalt strip roofing. The carport is inset in the north façade of the house and covered by the front gable roof. A large beam runs across from the east shed-roof wing to the west shed-roof wing. Above the beam, the triangular gable end is fitted with decorative glass panes. The exposed rafters protrude beyond the glass, and are flush with the roofs edge. A simple door enters the residence from the carport. The formal entryway to the west of the carport is in an alcove set further back from the wall of the carport. A square brick column separates the carport area from the entryway. On the north façade (street facing) there is a single fixed pane window that stretches from ground level to the roof on the western portion. The eastern shed roofed area does not have any openings.

The east south and west façades are clad in vertical board siding. The roof appears to have skylights near its mid-section.

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period [preferably to the present])

The house at 700 Pebble Beach Court is significant because it was designed and constructed by local builder Robert Rummer and because it remains a well preserved example of his Mid-Century Period homes. Robert Rummer, a World War II veteran with a job in the insurance industry, became a homebuilder and constructed 1,000 homes in the Pacific Northwest in the 1960s and 1970s.

Phyllis Rummer, Robert's wife, toured an Eichler home while visiting her sister in California and returned home believing that she would trade her newly built home for an Eichler home. Some time later Robert Rummer was helping a friend build an Eichler home that was featured in Look magazine. Robert saw a house design that was "very different, and a style uncommon to the Portland housing market." This began the more than twenty-year career of one of Portland's most well known homebuilders.

Robert and Phyllis sold the recently completed property in 1965 to John A. and Yvonne R. Krill. John Krill was born in 1928 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was a graduate of Marquette University and then later served in the Korean War with the Marine Corps. Krill and his wife (since 1957) Yvonne moved to Lake Oswego and purchased this newly constructed Rummer home. Krill worked for thirty-three years as a sales manager for the Falk Corporation, a manufacture of gears and gear trains headquartered in the Milwaukie area. John Krill was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, where he was a Eucharist minister.

In 1970, John L. and Ernestine C. Collins purchased the property and lived there together for the following seventeen years.

The Pebble Beach Robert Rummer House retains a high degree of integrity, and is a good example of mid-century design in Lake Oswego. There are surprisingly few houses designed by Robert Rummer in Lake Oswego during this era. The building is certainly eligible for the Lake Oswego Landmarks list and would qualify as a contributing resource for a district of mid-century houses.

Chain of Ownership:

1965 Robert L. and Phyllis J. Rummer
1965 to 1970: John A. and Yvonne R. Krill
1970 to 1987: John L. and Ernestine C. Collins
1987: John L. Collins

RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obituaries | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library | |

Local Library: Lake Oswego Public Library University Library: _____

Historical Society: _____ Other Repository: _____

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Pebble_Beach_Court_700_Rummer House_3

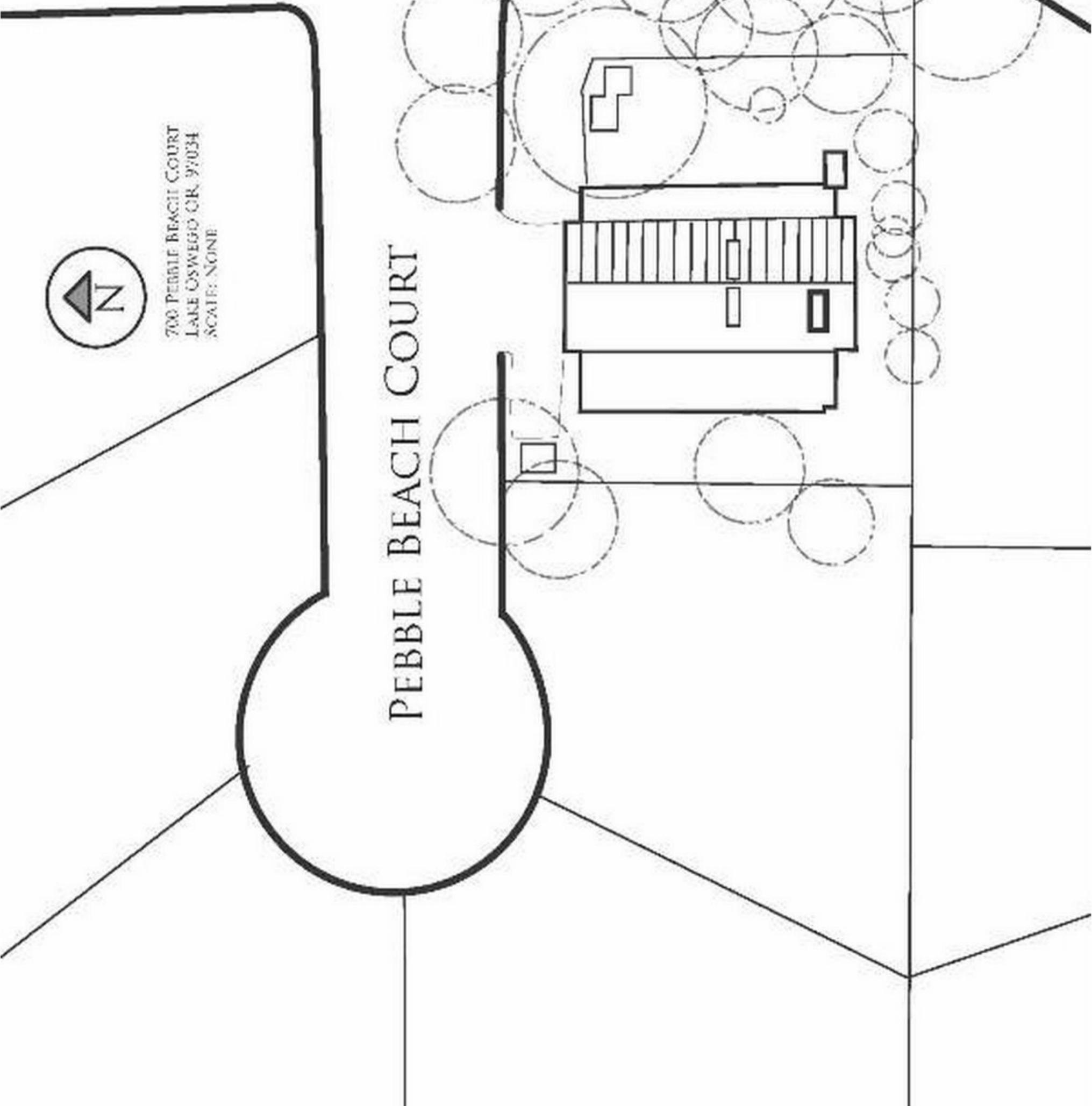


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BOCA RATON DRIVE



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LAKE OSWEGO OR, 97034
SCALE: NONE

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