United States Department of the Interior

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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section 7 Continuation Sheets Individual Properties Ravenna-Cowen North Historic District

Site ID: 63-2207 Classification: Historic Contributing

Address: 2207 NE 63rd Street Historic Names:

Parcel No: 8824900380

Original Owner(s)

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Built: 1919
 Source: PSRA 1937, KCA, ST, Polks, Census, NOAA
 Style: Colonial Revival
 Sub Group: Intersecting Gables Bungalow

Architect: Not Identified Builder/Contractor: Not Identified

Description: This well-preserved one-story intersecting gable bungalow has the main roof ridge running north-south with two outer bays having ridges running east-west. The street façade has a low-slope arched roof supported by a pair of Tuscan columns. The entry doorway has a pair of sidelights. The entry porch is flanked by a pair of wood-sash tripartite windows with 12-light outer windows. The house is sheathed with horizontal bevel siding and all roofs have eave returns.

Cultural Data: This house has an interesting seafaring history. Samuel B. Grenell (ca.1901-1982) and his wife Mary (née Galbraith) lived at this address in the 1950s. Grenell was supervisor of the Northwest District for the National Geodetic Survey. The NGS is charged with providing "a consistent coordinate system that defines latitude, longitude, height, scale, gravity, and orientation throughout the United States and its territories." In 1927, Grenell was attacked by an 800-lb. grizzly bear while working on remote Montague Island in the Gulf of Alaska. In a sad twist of fate, the Grenells' son, Robert G., drowned in the Arctic Ocean in 1952 while employed by the Geodetic Survey. After the Grenells' tenure, the house was occupied Francis B. Quinn (d. 1958) and family. Quinn was employed by the Geodetic Survey for 33 years; his last duty was as commanding officer for the Pathfinder, which did survey work in Alaska.

Home Owners/Occupants

Year:

1923

1941

By 1951- At Least 1955

1961 1966

- Current

Name:

Elizabeth Haake

Woolley

Samuel B. Grenell Elizabeth H. Baker James M. Carlson Michael W. Monsey

Accessory Structure: Garage Built: 1919 Classification: Historic Contributing





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