

**HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**  
University of Oregon Cultural Resources Survey  
Eugene, Lane County, Oregon  
Summer 2006, Updated 2025

**RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION**

Current building name: Susan Campbell Hall  
Historic building name: Women's Dormitory: 2nd Unit  
Building address: 1431 Johnson Lane  
Ranking: Primary

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

Architectural style classification: Georgian  
Building plan (footprint shape): L-shape  
Number of stories: 2.5  
Foundation material(s): Concrete  
Primary exterior wall material: Brick  
Secondary exterior wall material: Wood  
Roof configuration/type: gambrel with shed dormers  
Primary roof material: wood shingles  
Primary window type: multi-pane, double hung  
Primary window material: wood  
Decorative features and materials: wood cornice, porch and pediments  
Landscape features: Several large trees, foundation plantings, parking lot shared with Museum of Art to west side; brick and cast stone walls and stairs designed by E. Lawrence  
Associated resources: Gerlinger Hall, Hendricks Hall, statue of the Pioneer Mother (removed 2020), Women's Memorial Quad, Pioneer Axis, Knight Library Axis  
Comments:

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

Date of construction: 1921  
Architect: Lawrence & Holford  
Builder/Contractor: University of Oregon was the general contractor  
Moved? (yes/no): No                      Date of move(s): N/A  
Description/dates of major additions/alterations: From National Register nomination, we know that this hall was remodeled for married couples in 1948-49, then back to a women's dorm in 1950. It was then a men's dorm from 1952-55 and converted to offices from 1955 to 1960. Handicap access ramp added in 1980.

**HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS & SIGNIFICANCE**

Original use(s) or function(s): Women's dormitory                      Current use(s) or function(s): University offices (OUS Board)  
 Area(s) of significance: Architecture, Education, Women's College Education                      Period of significance: 1921  
 Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary):

This Georgian brick building was designed by the prominent architect Ellis Lawrence and constructed in 1921. Originally designed as a women's dormitory, it now serves as University offices. It is very similar in appearance to adjacent Hendricks Hall, but Susan Campbell's floor plan is reversed and there is no refectory wing. Residents of Susan Campbell Hall ate in the Hendricks refectory. The building is 2.5 stories, with a concrete foundation, wood shingled gambrel roof with shed dormers and brick parapets. Windows are wooden double hung sashes.

Susan Campbell Hall is named for the wife of former University of Oregon President Prince Lucien Campbell and the mother of Walter Church, a graduate of the U of O's architecture program under Ellis Lawrence. Built as the second women's dormitory after Hendricks Hall, the original building consisted of three separate houses, each of which contained nine to twelve 4-women suites. Each suite was made up of a study room, wardrobe, dressing room, and sleeping porch. In 1948-49, the building was altered to house married couples and later returned to single gender dormitory space (first women and then men and then women again). In the 1960s, it became office space. A universal access ramp was added in 1980 on the east side of the building.

Despite these alterations, Susan Campbell Hall retains a high level of exterior integrity and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as of October 1992 as part of the Women's Memorial Quadrangle, which includes Susan Campbell, Gerlinger, and Hendricks Halls. The ensemble was nominated under Criterion A and C for the period 1917-1921 for Education and Architecture. Significance is statewide on the nomination. Under section 8, page 1, the Ellis Lawrence statewide survey is referenced and Susan Campbell is ranked 33rd out of 257 of Lawrence's contributing buildings, with Hendricks and Gerlinger as 46th and 2nd, respectively. Furthermore, this ensemble is quoted as being Lawrence's "most successful built ensemble (Shellenbarger and Lakin)." The survey also states that this "building group is among the best of the rare examples of Georgian-style campus buildings in Oregon which are still intact (National Register nomination, sec 8, p. 1)."

Under Criterion A, Susan Campbell Hall represents a time when the enrollment of female students at the University of Oregon experienced a tremendous increase and it was only the second women's dormitory constructed on campus (after Hendricks). Under Criterion C, Susan Campbell Hall qualifies due to its design by Ellis Lawrence, first Dean of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts at the University of Oregon (1914-1946) as well as for being a "fine and rare example of a collegiate building in Georgian-style (sec 8, p. 5)." For more information, please refer to the National Register Nomination.

**NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

Historic Significance (check one):  High    Medium    Low    Very Low or None

Integrity (check one):    Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor

Condition (check one):    Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor

Building designation:    City Landmark    National Register    National Historic Landmark    Not listed

Preliminary National Register eligibility findings

Building is potentially eligible:    Individually   or    As a contributing resource in a district only

If eligible individually, applicable criteria (check all that apply):

A. Associated with significant events                       C. Distinctive architecturally

B. Associated with significant persons                       D. Archaeologically important

If applicable, building qualifies under NR Criterion Considerations:    Yes    No   If yes, which apply:

Building is NOT eligible:    Intact but lacks distinction   or    Altered/loss of integrity   or    Not 50 years old

**DOCUMENTATION**

Indicate resources consulted when researching this building (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University archives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UO Planning Office files | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn maps                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Building permits                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO files                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives                 | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library                       | <input type="checkbox"/> State Historic Society              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Historic Society         | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal interviews                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic photographs                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical encyclopedias     | <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary indexes                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other : <u>See below</u> |

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1923 model of Ellis Lawrence's campus plan. (Currently in AAA lobby)

Ellis Lawrence Building Survey. Compiled by Michael Shellenbarger & Kimberly Lakin. Salem, OR. SHPO, 1989.

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Teague, Ed. "The Architecture of the University of Oregon: A History, Bibliography, & Research Guide" (<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/architecture/oregon>) Created 1 June 2004, Modified 27 Sept. 2004

University of Oregon Facilities Services blueprints, files

**RECORDING INFORMATION**

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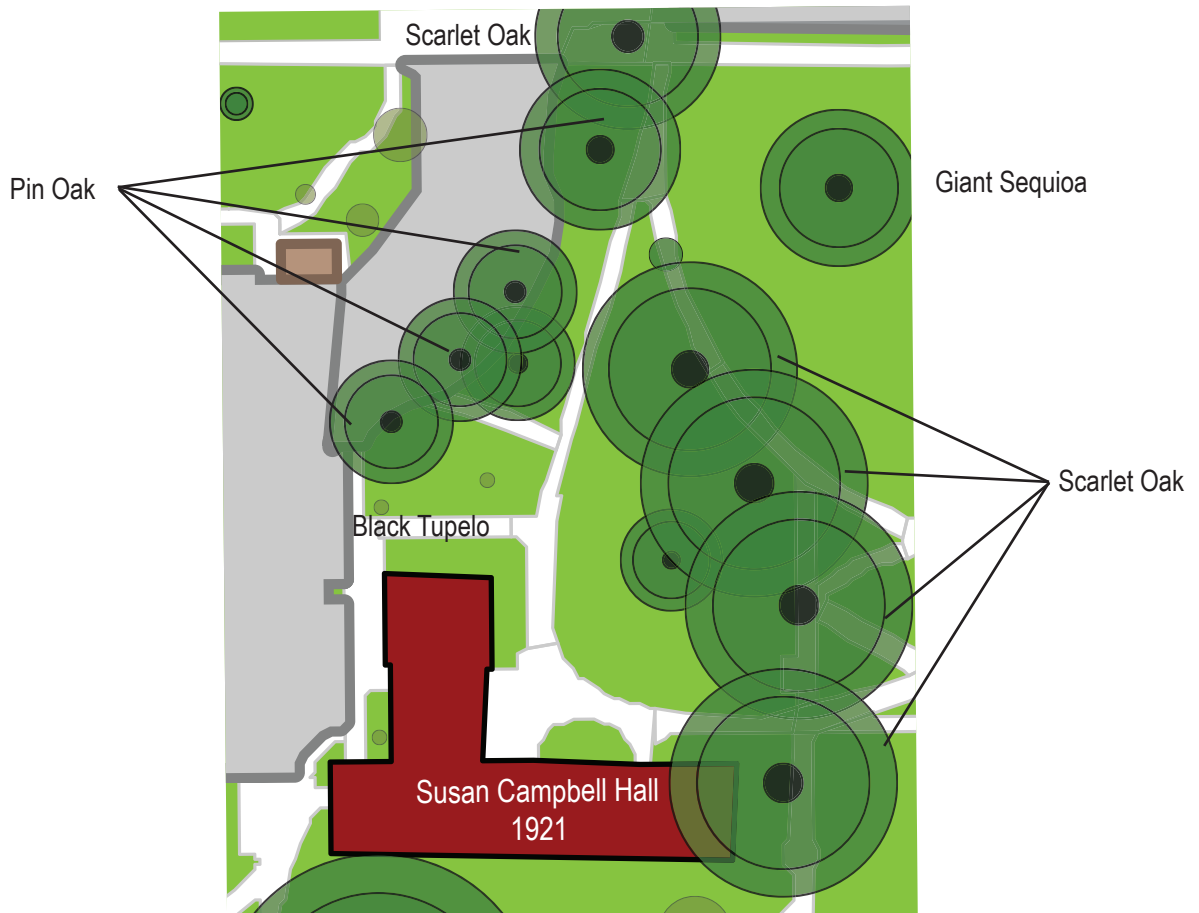
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**PHOTOGRAPH**



**SITE PLAN**



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