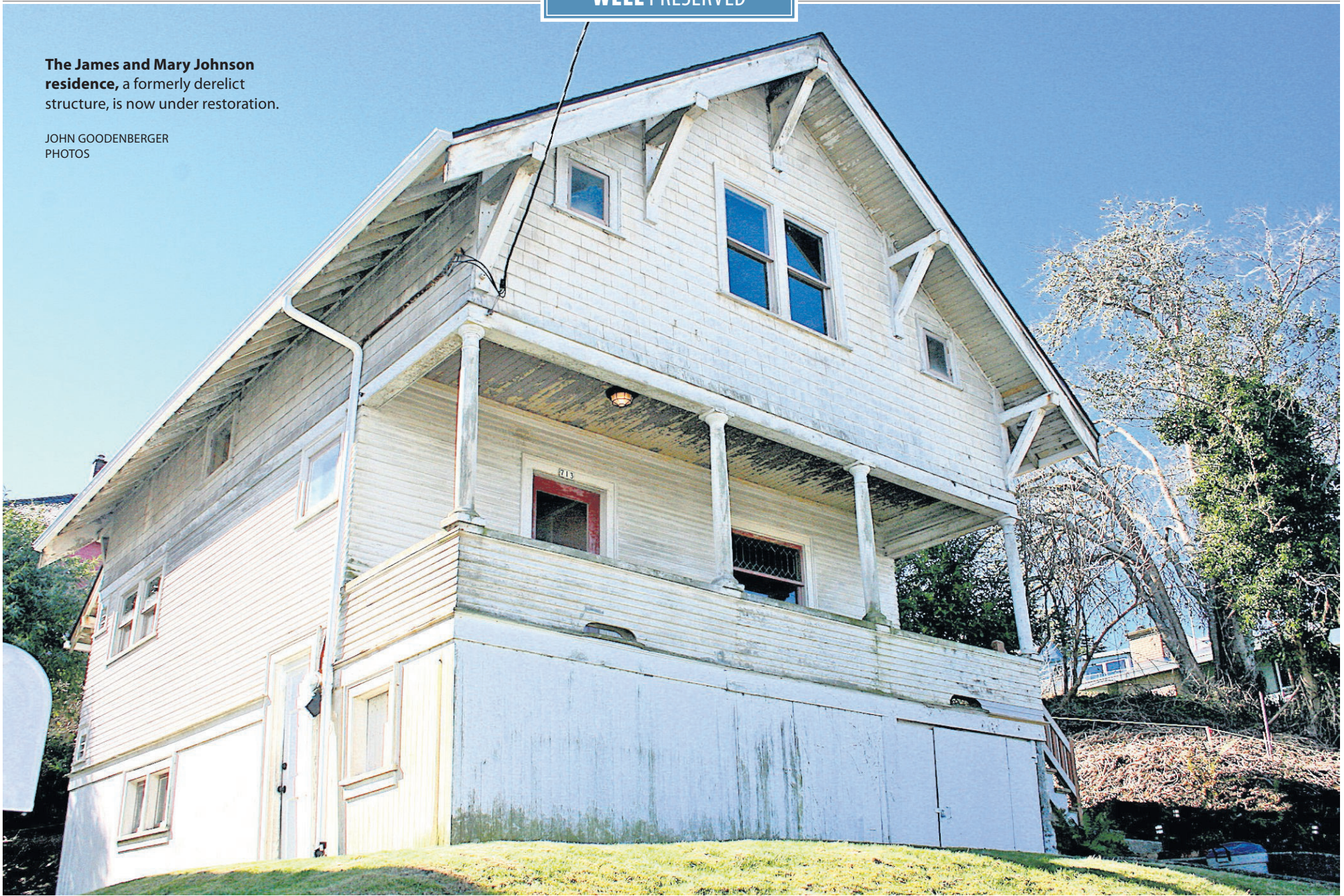


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The James and Mary Johnson residence, a formerly derelict structure, is now under restoration.

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James & Mary Johnson Residence

713 Irving Ave. Astoria, Oregon

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ASTORIA — Kathy Laughman graduated from Astoria High School, got a degree from University of Oregon, and eventually made her way to Seattle. Now retired, she's returned to Astoria. "I was attracted to the overwhelming beauty of the place," she said.

While looking for a house to

purchase, she and her brother Jon, a contractor, visited a house on Irving Avenue. Her brother pointed to the house next door and said, "You're looking at the wrong house." Both she and her brother were struck by the character of the adjacent, dilapidated, house... much of it covered by blackberry vines.

They learned the house was owned by the State of Oregon for back taxes. One year later, Laughman outbid six offers and purchased the house.

Historic significance

The house appears on Sanborn Maps by 1921. James and Mary Johnson are its earliest known residents.