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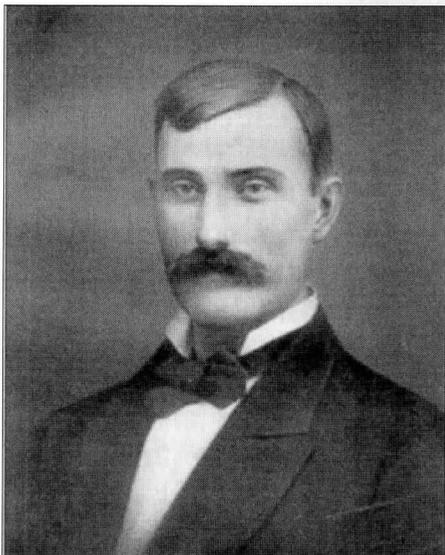
## This house is now on the National Register of Historic Places

You can find this house in Port Orford, Curry County, Oregon. It was designed and constructed by local businessman and community leader Peter J. Lindberg between 1892 and 1896. The Lindberg family home is recognized as a locally unique example of a Queen Anne-style residence.

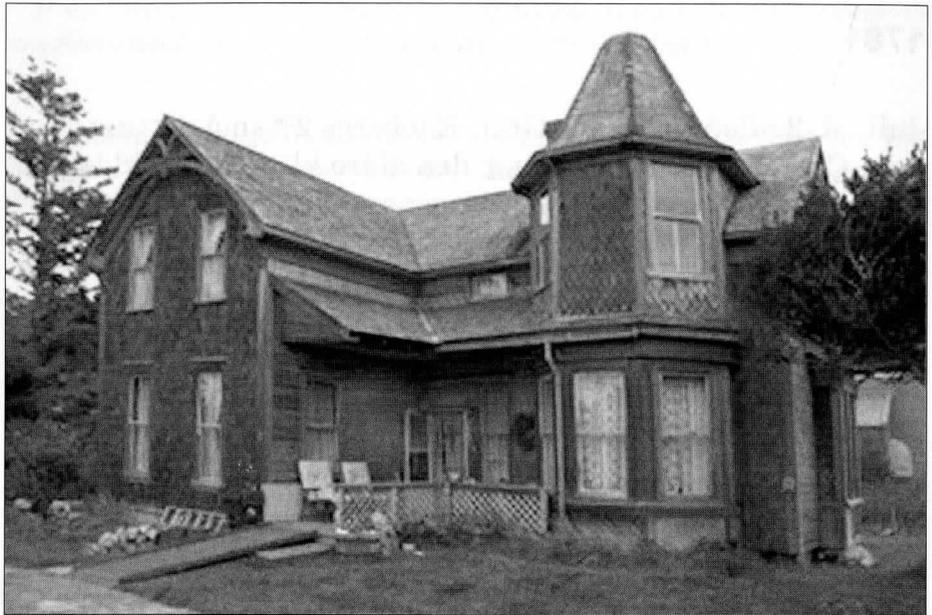
Notable architectural details include decorative unpainted wood shingles laid in complex patterns, distinctive two-story tower, and a prominent bay window.

Lindberg was born in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1851. After a brief career as a sailor, he settled in San Francisco where he learned the building trades before arriving in Port Orford in 1882 with his wife and family.

Though lacking formal training, Lindberg constructed many buildings in the community, including the National Register-listed 1898 Patrick and Jane Hughes farm house. The remaining homes built by Lindbergh exhibit fine craftsmanship and embody the key features of the Queen Anne-style, including a complex shape and ornate decoration. His personal home is the best example of his work.



*P. J. Lindberg (1851-1920).*



*The P. J. Lindberg house in Port Orford.*

### P. J. Lindberg's background

Peter John, or in Swedish Pehr Johan, was born in Stockholm, Sweden, on 25 Sep. 1851. His parents were the journeyman painter Eric Adolph Lindberg and his wife Johanna Petersson. Eric Adolph was born 22 June 1822 in Uppsala, and died 31 Jan. 1889 of kidney disease in Klara parish, Stockholm. His widow Johanna was a washerwoman, and she died 27 May 1907 of cerebral hemorrhage, also in Klara parish.

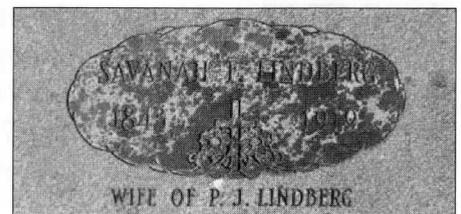
Son Pehr Johan Peter Lindberg went to sea as a young boy at the age of 14 in 1865 and had the opportunity to visit many different countries as a sailor while making his own living.

He spent three years in Chile and eventually came to San Francisco. It was here that he would learn the building trade that would later allow him design and build his own home in Port Orford. While living in San Francisco he also learned carpentering, bridge building, and plumbing. Lindberg practiced those trades for

a few years in California and then moved to Port Orford in 1882.

In 1881 he married the widow Savannah Frances Wilson Lane, who was born in Kentucky on 3 March 1843. She had six children from her first marriage, and she and Lindberg had two boys, Edward Adolph (b. 1884), and John Harvey, (1889 – 1891).

Savannah Lindberg died in 1919, and Peter J. Lindberg in 1920. The house has remained in the family, as son Edward had eight children.



*Port Orford cemetery (Findagrave).*

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