## **Heritage Trees of Portland**

CUCUMBER TREE (Magnolia acuminata) MAGNOLIACEAE

- Native to eastern U.S.
- Can reach 125' in height but usually is somewhat less.
- Leaves 7-10" long, smooth-edged, dark green on top and slightly fuzzy beneath; tip is pointed.
- Flowers greenish-yellow; tulip-shaped, appear with leaves. Fruit cone/pod resembles small cucumber, later turns pink to red with red seeds.
- Fall color can be pleasant yellow but more often drab.
- Rare in Portland. This Heritage Tree is perhaps the largest cucumber tree in the city. It was planted around 1900 on the estate of Cicero Horatius Lewis who owned the only house ever to be built on this block (in 1879/80). The house was razed in 1917 to make room for the park attached to Couch School (now called Metropolitan Learning Center).







14 Cucumber tree (Magnolia acuminata)

cr. NW 19<sup>th</sup> & Glisan, Couch Park

H 60, S 48, C 11.58

LEGEND			
* X cr.	privately owned across from corner	H S C	height canopy spread circumference of trunk
nr.	near (all measurements in feet)		all measurements in feet)