

Oregon Historic Site Form

Carothers, Ervin, House
302 3rd Ave
Oregon City, Clackamas County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 302 3rd Ave ☐ apprx. addr

historic name: Carothers, Ervin, House

Oregon City ☐ vcnty Clackamas County

current/
other names: Plummer, Martha, House

Optional Information

assoc addresses:
(former addresses, intersections, etc.)

location descr:
(remote sites)

block nbr: _____ lot nbr: _____ tax lot nbr: _____

township: 2 S range: 2E section: 31 1/4: _____

zip: _____

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Building height (# stories): 1.5

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources: 0

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: Listed in Historic District

primary constr date: 1875 (c.) ☒ secondary date: _____ (c.) ☐
(optional--use for major addns)

(indiv listed only; see
Grouping for hist dist)

NR date listed: _____

primary orig use: Single Dwelling

orig use comments: _____

secondary orig use: _____

primary style: Victorian Era: Other

prim style comments: _____

secondary style: Vernacular

sec style comments: _____

primary siding: Horizontal Board

siding comments: _____

secondary siding: _____

plan type: Rectangular Block

architect: _____

builder: _____

comments/notes: Addition contrib. & porch

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name: Canemah Historic District, Listed on 10/11/1978

Listed Historic District

Canemah Historic District RLS Survey Update, 2007

Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name: _____

external site #: _____
(ID# used in city/agency database)

SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: _____ NHD

ILS survey date: 3/20/2008

RLS survey date: 6/1/2007

Gen File date: _____

106 Project(s)



North elevation, rear wing partially visible

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ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Include expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings, and alterations)

The 1 1/2 story home is located slightly above 3rd Avenue as it rises up the hillside and turns onto Ganong Street where there is level entry to the site from the east. The house faces north from the relatively level bench area and significantly spans over a creek and improved waterway that is diverted into a culvert shortly downstream. The original rectangular footprint of the house has a one story 'L' shaped addition at the rear

Exterior Materials: front facing gable roof with composition shingles and central brick chimney; channel siding, corner boards and plain trim, hipped full width front porch supported on four chamfered posts, square pickets at railing; concrete foundation; matching materials at addition; Windows: wood 4/4 double hung, typically in pairs; divided and paired wood casements

Alterations: Extensive rehabilitation in mid 1980's; Addition appears to have replaced prior rear alterations, date not known, design and materials are compatible with primary structure. Windows are a mixture of historic and restorations. New wood deck to west of house

Landscape: planting is fairly open, some ornamentals mixed with native species and large trees; lot climbs greatly at rear (south); one of the active Canemah streams passes under the house, channeled by both structured stone walls and the natural stream bed; stone outcroppings are visible on site; cedar fencing for privacy at east (main street access up the hill) and rear

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period [preferably to the present])

Irvin Carothers (b. Ohio, 1822) married Hilah Ann (b. Ohio, 1823) in 1849. They came west over the Oregon Trail in 1853 and settled on "a ranch 2 miles above Canemah." In 1865 they moved to Canemah. He and his wife had five children. The 1870 census lists Irvin as a laborer. The history of the house is obscure. The lot was purchased by Ervin and Hilah Ann who lived next door at 310(now) 3rd Avenue. The title of the lot passed to Martha and William Plummer in 1912, however the house clearly predates 1912. Martha was the eldest surviving Carothers child. It may be possible that the house was built by Ervin and donated for his daughter's marriage in the early 1870's. Irvin died in Canemah on 10/7/1890. Hilah Ann died on 1/29/1913 at the age of 90, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. M.A. Plummer, Canemah.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Title Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obituaries | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library | |

Local Library: _____ University Library: _____

Historical Society: Museum of the Oregon Territory Other Repository: Canemah cemetery records

Bibliography: Erigero, Patricia C., Historic Canemah Pioneer Cemetery. An Inventory; Obituary cards, Museum of the Oregon Territory; Journal 1/29/1913; Sanborn Maps, 1911, 1925.