

**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM**

HISTORIC NAME: Maxwell Telford House DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1904  
COMMON NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ORIGINAL USE: Residence  
ADDRESS: 860 South End Road PRESENT USE: Residence  
OWNER: Maxine Carswell Estate, 860 South End Road ARCH./BLDR.: Telford  
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STYLE: Georgian Revival  
T/R/S: 3-1E-1AD TAX LOT: 4000 BLDG. STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE)  
ADDITION: Absolom Hedges DLC #40 THEME: Architecture, 20th Century  
LOT: \_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK: \_\_\_\_\_ QUAD: Oregon City

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Square NO. OF STORIES: 2  
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Post and block BASEMENT (Y/N): No  
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Truncated hip roof. Hip-roof porch. Jerkinhead gable entry. Comp.  
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud  
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Double-hung windows, some with cornices, some with simple trim.  
SURFACING MATERIALS: Shiplap siding. Vertical cornerboards.  
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Diamond-shaped windows on east and south. Encircling porch.  
OTHER: Louvered shutters. One-story addition on southwest corner. Central brick chimney.  
CONDITION: EXCELLENT \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR X DETERIORATED \_\_\_\_\_ MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated): One-story addition on southwest corner encloses the former rear porch, and two windows leading to this porch were boarded up, n.d.  
NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Row of apple trees along South End Road.  
ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: Another house (860 1/2) sits far back on the property.  
KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None.

GEOGRAPHIC SETTING: Occupies a large, prominent lot at the crest of the hill of South End Road where it rises from the Canemah neighborhood into the Rivercrest Neighborhood. No other landmarks in this area; an entirely residential neighborhood of newer homes.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts): This house was built by Maxwell Telford, his father-in-law John Harisberger, and Telford's older sons. Telford emigrated to the U.S. from Scotland in the 1870's. He worked in the woolen mills of New Hampshire for a while and homesteaded in North Dakota briefly. He moved on to Oregon City, where he found work in the Oregon City Woolen Mills. In 1894, he bought the land for this house, but did not begin construction until after the turn of the century. Telford, who died in 1929, was apparently a well-respected and liked member of the community, who was a principal in the move to preserve the John McLoughlin House and active (continued)

SOURCES: Pioneer National Title Company Records. Morning Enterprise, Oregon City, January 8, 1929, page 1. Interview with Maxine Carswell (daughter of Maxwell Telford), by Pat Erigero, 1982.

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T/R/S: 3-1E-1AD TAX LOT 4000

ADDRESS: 860 South End Road

QUADRANGLE: Oregon City

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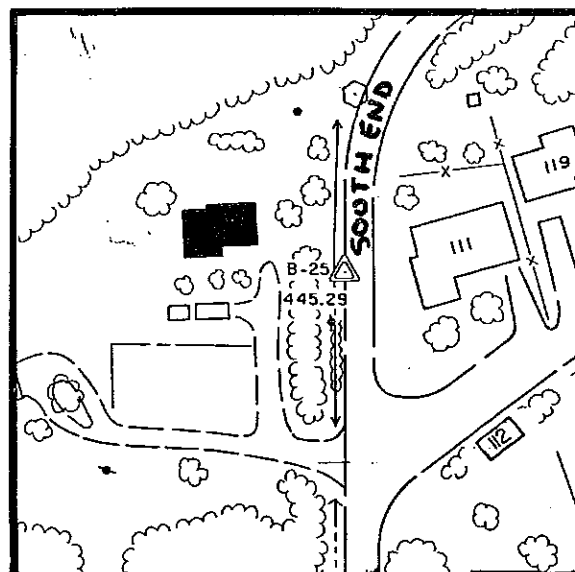
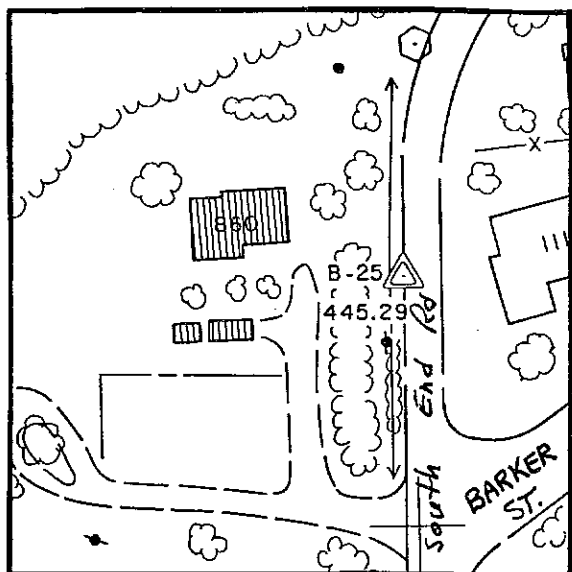


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MAXWELL TELFORD HOUSE  
860 SOUTH END ROAD

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

in getting it relocated to its present site. He was known for his enthusiasm and support of Theodore Roosevelt and the Bull Moose Party. Telford's daughter, Maxine Carswell, lived in the house until her death in 1987.

This house is one of the few, if not the only, Georgian Revival in Oregon City, and has some nice details, such as the front entry door, which has a patterned glass panel and small, carved wood panels beneath.

The house has significance for its unique architecture, its prominent location, and for its association with Maxwell Telford, a prominent Oregon City citizen.