

CITY OF OREGON CITY

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SURVEY

CITY-WIDE LANDMARKS INVENTORY

COMMON/HISTORICAL NAME: Christ Bluhm Residence

ADDRESS: 417 Logus Street

LOT, BLOCK, TAX LOT: Lot 14, part of L. 13, Block 8, Pleasant Hill Addition

ORIGINAL OWNER: Christ Bluhm ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PRESENT OWNER/ADDRESS: David & Bonita Goltz, 17153 S. Clackamas River Drive, O.C.

DATE BUILT: c. 1893 CONDITION: Fair-Poor PRESENT USE: Residence

STYLE: Queen Anne Vernacular

**FEATURES:**

This two-story "T"-shaped house has a moderately-pitched cross-gable roof with narrow fascia board and wide rakeboard. Corner boards on front-facing (southerly) gable are slender and capped with capitals at the bottom of the rakeboard; pilaster-corner boards on most other building edges have been altered or removed. Both front porches have original configurations, and possibly posts and balustrades are original. Main entry porch on south has one-story hip roof which extends to cover a polygonal bay with altered windows; porch in corner of front facing "el" also has hipped roof. Double-hung windows have original trim on front facing gable, second floor; other window trims have been altered. Door moldings and doors appear to be altered. Some single pane windows on south appear original; one window on east elevation has narrow two-over-two panes, probably the style original to the house. Two chimneys, both of which appear to be original brick, have been altered. Shingle siding in frontal gable appears original; rest of building is covered with masonite shingles. Some sliding aluminum windows replace original fenestration, and fixed window and some multilight windows on west replace original windows. Concrete block-based porch on north elevation has been added.

**BIOGRAPHY:**

Christ Bluhm, born in 1840 in Germany, worked as a day laborer. He and his wife Augusta, born in Germany in 1834, emigrated to the United States in 1878; their son, Christ Bluhm, Jr. was a steamboat mate in 1900, born in Canada in 1870, and a second son, Charles, born in 1883 in Canada, was a deliveryman. The sons lived with their parents in this house at the turn of the century. Bluhm became Oregon City sexton in 1903. Bluhm died in 1922.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

The house is significant for its age. Historically, it has some significance for its association with Bluhm.

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