

Oregon Historic Site Form

Marshall, George, House
215 Miller St
Oregon City, Clackamas County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 215 Miller St apprx. addr

historic name: Marshall, George, House

Oregon City vcnt Clackamas County

current/ other names: _____

Optional Information

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

location descr: _____
(remote sites)

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

township: 2S range: 1E section: 36 1/4: _____

zip: _____

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Building height (# stories): 1.5 total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources: 1

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing NR status: Listed in Historic District

primary constr date: 1859 (c.) secondary date: _____ (c.)
(optional--use for major addns) NR date listed: _____ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)

primary orig use: Single Dwelling orig use comments: _____

secondary orig use: _____

primary style: CLASSICAL: other prim style comments: _____

secondary style: _____ sec style comments: _____

primary siding: Horizontal Board siding comments: _____

secondary siding: _____

plan type: Hall-Parlor architect: _____

builder: _____

comments/notes: _____

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name: Canemah Historic District 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: 4/3/2008

RLS survey date: 6/1/2007

Gen File date: _____

106 Project(s)



West facade, looking east

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ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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

The house is a 1 1/2 story front gabled structure with a one story side wing to the south that extends slightly past the rear main house wall and whose roof extends to cover the exterior stair to the yard. There is a full width hipped front porch supported by four posts, and a secondary porch formed by the roof extension at the entry of the wing. The house is accessed from Miller Street at grade, although the rear yard is substantially below 3rd Avenue.

Exterior Materials: Roof: simply gabled with composition shingles, large central brick chimney; horizontal wood bevel siding at main house (likely replacement) and drop siding at wing, molded trim at roof and classic fascia returns, soffited eaves; limited other trim, mostly flat, narrower at windows; chamfered psots; Windows: 6/6 wood double hung, wide muntins; repalcement entry door and lower rear window; stone foundation with large rear exposure

Alterations: largely intact with various rehabilitation efforts at exterior; basement dugout and new foundation at south end; concrete block infill area at stone foundation

Landscape: open corner site enclosed with picket fence, older fruit tree at front, male at rear, other ornamentals

HISTORY

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

George Marshall, a native of Southampton, England, arrived in the United States at the age of 18. He was living in Chicago when he married his wife Margaretta in 1852 and the couple honeymooned on the Oregon Trail. He established a donation land claim in the Oregon City area, and then moved to Canemah around 1858, where he worked as an engineer and machinist in the steamboat industry. His obituary (1887) stated he was "one of the pioneer engineers and machinists in the state." In 1870 the Marshalls moved to Portland where he engaged in real estate and commerce, including grain trading. He was a director of the Willamette River Transportation Co., along with Joseph Kellogg, Jacob Kamm, Elijah Corbett and Lloyd Brooks. Mr. Marshall died on July 5, 1887; his wife on May 3, 1896. They had three daughters and two sons, one of whom George W. was an architect (1857-1915). Among other positions he was a draftsman for Justus Krumbein, William C. Knighton and the Northern Pacific Railroad.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Title Records | <input checked="" 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 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; OHS Other Repository: OHS scrapbooks

Bibliography: Ritz, Richard Ellison, Architects of Oregon, p270-271; Wright, E.W., Lewis & Drydens' Marine History of the Pacific Northwest, p205; Oregon Native Son & Historical Magazine, v.I no 1 p401; OHS Scrapbooks 51 p 188; SB 21 p104; Sanborn Maps, 1911, 1925.