

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: John Coburn Residence  
COMMON NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: 902 S. McLoughlin Boulevard  
OWNER: Bruce and Virginia Berrett, 902 S.  
McLoughlin Boulevard  
T/R/S: 2-1E-36DD TAX LOT: 5000  
ADDITION: First Addition to Canemah  
LOT: \_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK: I QUAD: Oregon City

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1865  
ORIGINAL USE: Residence  
PRESENT USE: Residence  
ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown  
STYLE: Gothic Revival  
BLDG. STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE)  
THEME: Architecture, 19th Century;  
Steamboat Industry, Canemah

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular  
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete  
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Steeply-pitched gable roof. Shingles.  
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood  
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Multi-light casements.  
SURFACING MATERIALS: Bevel siding.

NO. OF STORIES: 2  
BASEMENT (Y/N): No

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Triangular pedimented windows on north and south. Elaborate hood  
OTHER: mold on upper window in gable. Oval glazed front door. Decorative posts/capitals.

CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_ DETERIORATED \_\_\_\_\_ MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated): Rear addition built in 1980. House has been restored.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Nicely landscaped yard.

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: Garage.

KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None.

GEOGRAPHIC SETTING: Located on South McLoughlin Boulevard, a heavily traveled State highway. Set above grade of McLoughlin Boulevard, at the south edge of the Canemah District.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts): John Coburn, a boat carpenter, was born in Ohio in 1831. In 1856 he married Catherine Scott in Clackamas County, Mrs. Coburn being the daughter of the pioneer Scott family, a sister of Harvey Scott, author and long-time editor of "The Oregonian", and relation by marriage of her sisters to the pioneer McCord family and the Latourette family of Oregon City. The Coburns had four daughters. Coburn contracted an illness and died in 1868, leaving his wife to support the children. Catherine then became the teacher at the Canemah school. She served as associated editor of "The Oregonian" from 1888 to 1913. The house is significant for its age/architecture, and association with Catherine Coburn.

SOURCES: Federal Census, 1860, 1870. Sanborn Insurance Map, 1900, 1911, 1925. Clackamas County Marriage Records. National Register Nomination Form. Pioneer National Title Company Records. OHS Quarterly, Vol. 41. Free Land for Free Men.

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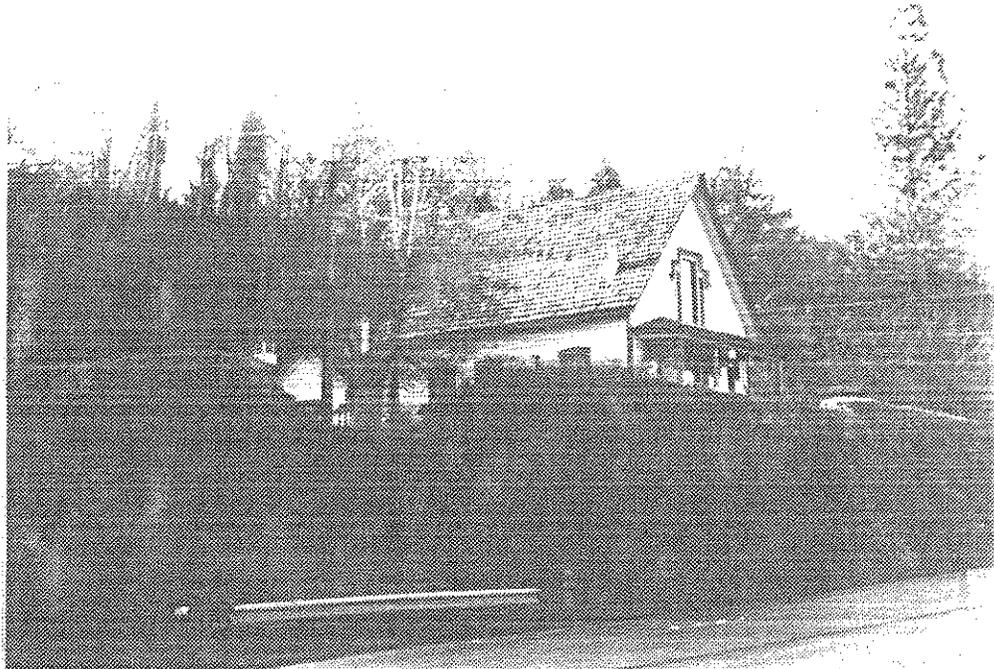
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QUADRANGLE: Oregon City

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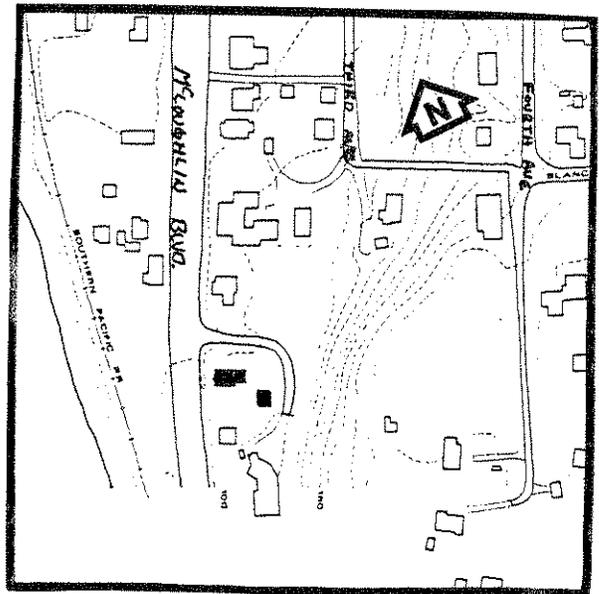
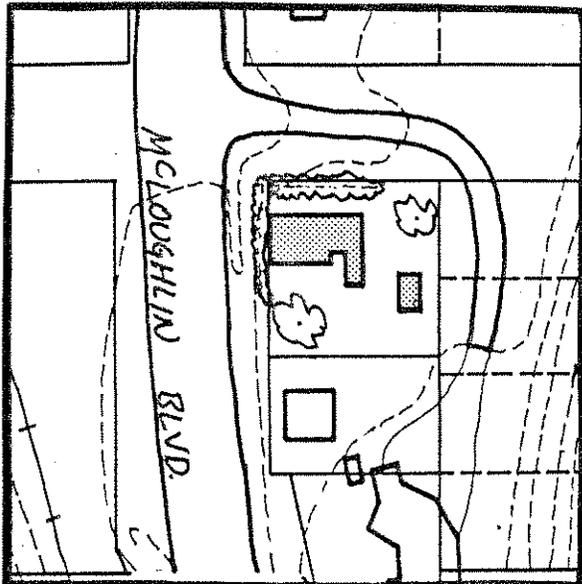


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GRAPHIC AND PHOTO SOURCES: Base Map of Canemah. Oregon City Planning Department Photograph, 1988.

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