

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Mary & Josiah Howell Residence

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1865

COMMON NAME: _____

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ADDRESS: 606 Fourth Avenue

PRESENT USE: Residence

OWNER: Daniel & Nancy Sweet, 606 Fourth Avenue

ARCH./BLDR.: Howell (blar.)

STYLE: Saltbox

T/R/S: 3-1E-1AA TAX LOT: 2400

BLDG. STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE)

ADDITION: Plat of Canemah

THEME: Architecture, 19th Century

LOT: 2 BLOCK: 14 QUAD: Oregon City

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular

NO. OF STORIES: 1 1/2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete

BASEMENT (Y/N): No

ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Gable. Pent-roof extension on west.

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Four-over-four double-hung windows.

SURFACING MATERIALS: Masonite shingle siding. Wide rake and cornerboards.

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Classically styled columns at front porch.

OTHER: Exposed rafters on pent-roof extension on west.

CONDITION: EXCELLENT _____ GOOD _____ FAIR X DETERIORATED _____ MOVED _____ (date)

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated): Masonite shingles, n.d. Pent-roof extension on west, n.d.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Lots of trees, overgrown vegetation.

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: Shed.

KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None.

GEOGRAPHIC SETTING: Occupies a large corner lot, which is actually a half-block bounded by Fourth Avenue and unbuil't Fifth Avenue, unbuil't Jerome Street and an unimproved alley.

There is only one other house on this block, which occupies the other half block: 616 Fourth Avenue (Compatible, c. 1950). Upper side of Fourth Avenue.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts): Mary Vance Howell was the wife of Josiah Howell, a carpenter who was born in Pennsylvania in 1821. Mary, who was 22 years younger than her husband, was born in Missouri in 1843. They had six children, one of whom, William, eventually became director of Oregon City's water works. The house is significant for its age and style, unusual in Canemah, and for its association with the Howell family. In the Canemah NR District, the building is classified as a Primary structure.

SOURCES: Federal Census, 1870. Federal Census, 1880. Pioneer National Title Company Records, Oregon City.

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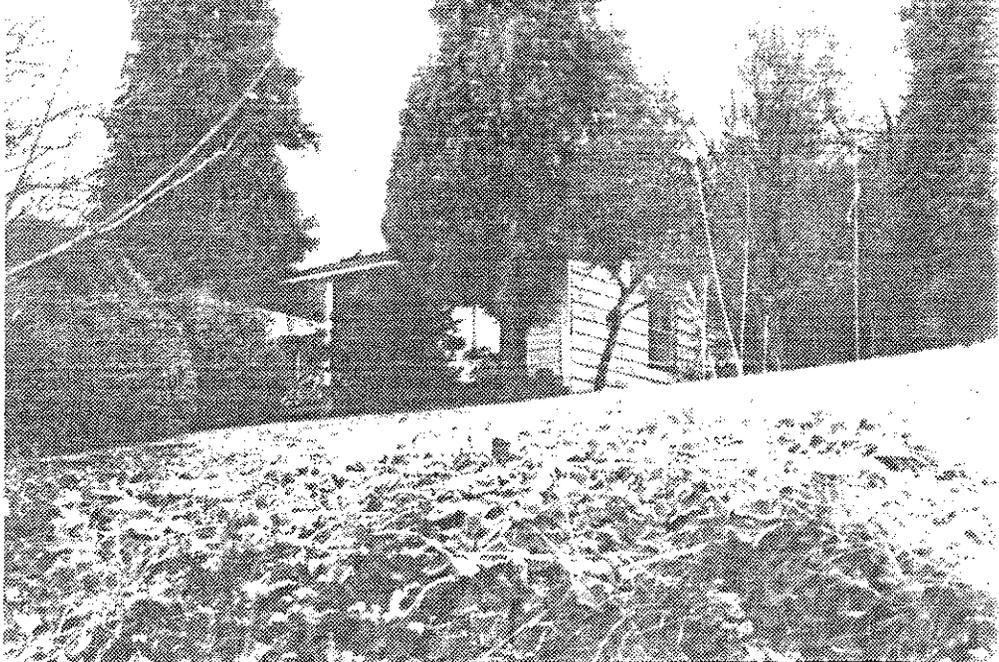
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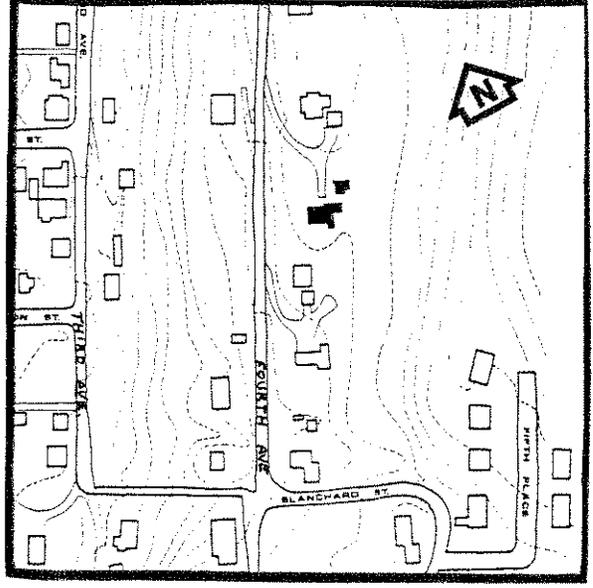
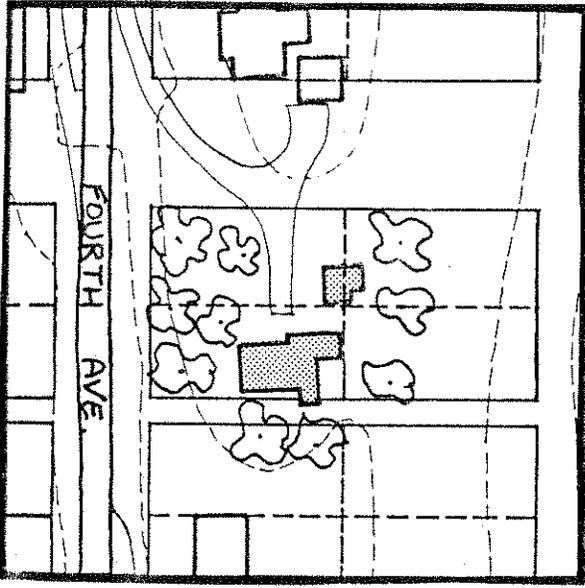
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GRAPHIC AND PHOTO SOURCES: Base Map of Canemah. Oregon City Planning Department Photograph, 1988.

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