

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: William Holmes House DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1848
COMMON NAME: "Rose Farm" ORIGINAL USE: Residence
ADDRESS: 536 Holmes Lane PRESENT USE: Museum
OWNER: McLoughlin Memorial Association, ARCH./BLDR.: Unknown
Mrs. Ruth Powers, 536 Holmes Lane, Oregon City STYLE: Colonial Revival
T/R/S: 3-2E-6AD TAX LOT: 300 BLDG. STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE)
ADDITION: _____ THEME: Architecture, 19th Century;
LOT: _____ BLOCK: _____ QUAD: Oregon City Early Oregon City Development

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular NO. OF STORIES: 2 1/2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete BASEMENT (Y/N): No
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Low-pitched gable roof. Scalloped bargeboard trim.
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Six-over-six double-hung windows with simple architrave molding.
SURFACING MATERIALS: Horizontal board siding. Cornerboards.
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Double porch with enclosed pavilions flanking second story porch.
OTHER: Large chimneys at either end of house. One-story kitchen wing at rear of house.
CONDITION: EXCELLENT _____ GOOD X FAIR _____ DETERIORATED _____ MOVED _____ (date)
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated): Kitchen wing, n.d. Other alterations are not specifically known.
NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Mature landscaping. Roses.
ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: Dr. Stephenson House on same lot.
KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURES: None.

GEOGRAPHIC SETTING: Occupies a prominent location on a large lot at the intersection of Holmes Lane, a heavily-traveled, mostly residential street, and Rilance Lane, which is a area of subdivision housing. Other landmark structures in area are the Dr. Stephenson House behind this house, and across Rilance Lane, the O.A. Pace/Rilance House.
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts): The Rose Farm is one of the oldest extant structures in Oregon, and was the site for the inaugural ceremonies for the first Oregon Territory governor, General Joseph Lane. William Livingston Holmes, a native of Tennessee and his South Carolina-born wife, Mary, arrived in Oregon in 1843. They settled on the Donation Land Claim of 640 acres, and built a log cabin in 1844. The current structure is said to have been patterned on Holmes' house in Tennessee, and became known to locals as "Rose Farm" because of the roses planted around it. Holmes was sheriff of Clackamas County under the Oregon provisional government, and was Doorkeeper of the first Territorial (continued)
SOURCES: "Rose Farm", National Register of Historic Places Inventory by Paul Hartwig, Park Historian, Oregon State Highway Division, August 21, 1974.

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**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
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NAME: William Holmes House "Rose Farm"

T/R/S: 3-2E-6AD TAX LOT 300

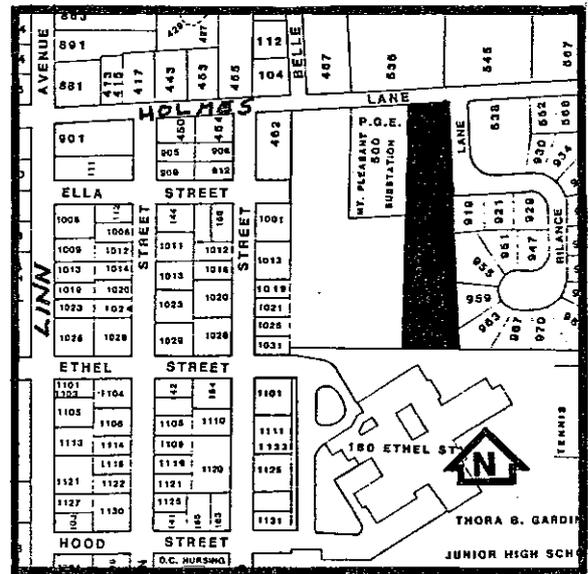
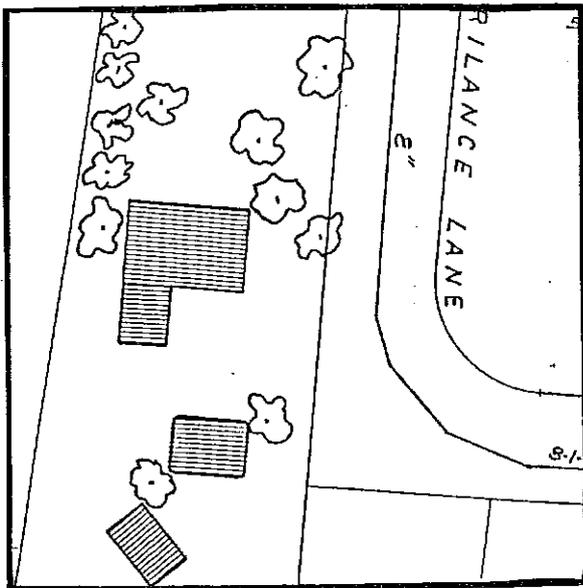
ADDRESS: 536 Holmes Lane

QUADRANGLE: Oregon City



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GRAPHIC AND PHOTO SOURCES: Base Map of Oregon City, 1987.
Oregon City Planning Department Photograph, 1987.

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WILLIAM HOLMES HOUSE "ROSE FARM"
536 HOLMES LANE

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Legislative Assembly in 1849. The house apparently was the center of many social events in early Oregon history; it remained in the Holmes family until 1919.

The structure is one of the oldest surviving buildings in the state and is significant for its age and its association with the first territorial government, as well as for its place in the local social history of Oregon City.