

OREGON CITY HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Street Address: 520 6TH ST				City: OREGON CITY			
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City			GPS Latitude: 45 21 20 N		Longitude: 122 36 22 W		
Township: 02S	Range: 02E	Section: 31	Block: 55	Lot: 1x, 2x	Map #: 22E31AC	Tax Lot #: 2500	
Date of Construction: c. 1879		Historic Name: Sawyer, Joseph, House			Historic Use or Function: Domestic - single dwelling		
Grouping or Cluster Name: NA		*Current Name or Use: Domestic - multiple dwelling			Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown		
Architectural Classification(s): Classical Revival				Plan Type/Shape: Complex		Number of Stories: 1.5	
Foundation Material: Concrete				Structural Framing: Unknown		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material: Gable / Composition shingle				Window Type/Material: 1/1 and 2/2 wood double-hung			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Asbestos shingle				Secondary: Plywood		Decorative:	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: Extensive alterations over time; original siding covered							
Number and Type of Associated Resources: None							
Integrity: Poor		Condition: Fair		Local Ranking: Designated Historic Site		National Register Listed? No	
Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Potentially eligible individually or in district <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Ineligible as it lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity							
Description of Physical and Landscape Features:							
This front gable house features a full width hip porch on the north façade, supported by tapered square columns that rest on a solid balustrade. A blank frieze board encircles the porch above the columns, and the balustrade and exterior wall under the porch hip have been clad with plywood. The main gable features shallow enclosed eaves with wide frieze boards and decorative barge molding. A one story ell has been added to the west side of the house, clad with plywood. The main body of the house is clad with asbestos ceramic shingles, a replacement of the original siding. The windows are a mixture of 1/1 double-hung wood sash, wood fixed sashes, and the front porch contains a 16-pane fixed sash flanked by 2/2 double-hung sashes. Few of the windows appear to be original, with only the northern gable end windows in their original form. These windows are surrounded by plain board trim, and a variety of other trim styles are present throughout the house. This house has lost a great deal of integrity.							
Statement of Significance:							
John Miller purchased this property in 1879 and is credited with the construction of the house, as well as those at 620 6th and 514 Center. Miller, who was born in Maryland in 1835, had established himself in Oregon City by 1867. A boot and shoe merchant, he was a partner in Miller and Shattuck and married to the former Mary J. Shattuck. The property was purchased by Joseph C. and Ellen M. Sawyer in 1914. Sawyer was born in Vermont in 1838 and served in Company H 16th Vermont Volunteers during the Civil War. He came to Oregon in 1889 and lived in Newberg for 12 years. While in Newberg, Sawyer was the postmaster and elected to the Council of Newberg. In 1902 he came to Oregon City where he established the successful Bicycle and Gun Shop. He was a member of the GAR and the Elks. The Sawyers owned the house for over 20 years before being sold by their estate. The property changed hands six times over the course of the next forty years.							

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