

# Oregon Historic Site Form

Schulmerich Building  
174 Main St  
Hillsboro, Washington County

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 174 E Main St  apprx. addr

historic name: Schulmerich Building

Hillsboro  vcnt Washington County

current/ other names: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Information

assoc addresses: \_\_\_\_\_  
(former addresses, intersections, etc.)

location descr: \_\_\_\_\_  
(remote sites)

block nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ tax lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_

township: 1N range: 2 W section: 31 1/4: \_\_\_\_\_

zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: building height (# stories): 2

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources:

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: \_\_\_\_\_

primary constr date: 189  (c.)  secondary date: 1911 (c.)   
(optional--use for major addns)

NR date listed: \_\_\_\_\_ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)

primary orig use: Department Store

orig use comments: \_\_\_\_\_

secondary orig use: \_\_\_\_\_

primary style: Commercial

prim style comments: \_\_\_\_\_

secondary style: \_\_\_\_\_

sec style comments: \_\_\_\_\_

primary siding: Stucco

siding comments: \_\_\_\_\_

secondary siding: \_\_\_\_\_

architect: \_\_\_\_\_

plan type: \_\_\_\_\_

builder: \_\_\_\_\_

comments/notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name: Hillsboro Local Inventory Update 2008 2008 Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name: \_\_\_\_\_ external site #: 23  
(ID# used in city/agency database)

## SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: \_\_\_\_\_

ILS survey date: \_\_\_\_\_

RLS survey date: 7/1/2008

Gen File date: \_\_\_\_\_

**106 Project(s)**



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## ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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

Architectural Description: The Schulmerich Building is a two-story brick commercial building, rectangular in massing except for the diagonally cut entrance. It was thoroughly remodeled in 1911: the surface was faced with stucco; a full basement was excavated, and was made on the south side. The diagonal entrance was cut at this time. Due to these major changes, the original configuration is difficult to ascertain. The first floor elevations feature wide display windows shaded by awnings. The doors are recessed except for the Savings & Loan's door which is located on the diagonally cut corner. The windows in the second story are paired, double-hung windows with projecting lugsills and no trim. The building has a straight one level parapet.

## HISTORY

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

Historical Significance: Conrad Schulmerich had this building built in 1890. Brick buildings were mandated by City code in the 1890's, and this is one of the first brick buildings built. C. Schulmerich & Son, a general store, occupied the building for many years. Conrad was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany in 1827. He served in the Germany Army, fighting in the War of 1848-1849, and deserted in 1850 to come to the United States. He came to New York and supported himself by milking cows. Margaret Schuetzer was an orphan, and when she was seventeen she left Germany and came to New York. Margaret could not speak English, nor did she know anyone when she arrived in New York harbor. She met and married Conrad Schulmerich in circa 1855. The Schulmerichs left New York in 1856 and sailed to California via the Isthmus of Panama. Conrad worked in the California gold mines for eighteen years. At first, he reworked older claims that had supposedly been "panned out." With the profits, Conrad then purchased his own mine, where he had to cut a 640 foot long tunnel through solid rock. The Schulmerichs worked this mine as long as they thought it would pay, and sold it cheap to the Chinese. They came away with several thousand dollars in gold. In 1875, Conrad, Margaret and their ten children came to Washington County, and settled on a farm south of Hillsboro. They later purchased two more farms, and built the building which is the subject of this sketch. The Schulmerich family's income came from raising grain, and from a good dairy herd which produced creamery butter. Conrad retired from farming in 1891, and moved to Hillsboro. His sons Edward and George took over the farming operations and the management of the general store. (See Resources #37 and #40 for further information on Edward and George Schulmerich.) Margaret and Conrad Schulmerich died in 1900 and 1901, respectively.

## 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 type="checkbox"/> Obituaries                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers                | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives       | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits          | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library        |                                               |

Local Library: \_\_\_\_\_ University Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Historical Society: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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