

Oregon Historic Site Form

Lyons, E J, House
421 Washington
Hillsboro, Washington County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 421 SE Washington apprx. addr
 Hillsboro vcnt Washington County
 Optional Information
 assoc addresses:
 (former addresses, intersections, etc.)
 location descr:
 (remote sites)

historic name: Lyons, E J, House
 current/
 other names:
 block nbr: _____ lot nbr: _____ tax lot nbr: _____
 township: 1N range: 2 W section: 31 1/4: _____
 zip: _____

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: building height (# stories): 2.5 total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources:
 elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing NR status: _____
 primary constr date: 1915 (c.) secondary date: _____ (c.)
 (optional--use for major addns) NR date listed: _____ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)
 primary orig use: Single Dwelling orig use comments: _____
 secondary orig use: _____ prim style comments: _____
 primary style: Queen Anne sec style comments: _____
 secondary style: _____ siding comments: _____
 primary siding: Horizontal Board architect: _____
 secondary siding: Shingle builder: _____
 plan type: _____
 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 #: 29
 (ID# used in city/agency database)

SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: _____
 ILS survey date: _____
 RLS survey date: 7/1/208
 Gen File date: _____
 106 Project(s)



South façade

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ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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

Architectural Description: The Lyons House is a complexly-massed, two-story, wood-framed building built in a Neo-Colonial style on a brick foundation. The main portion of the roof is hipped, with gable extensions on the south and east elevations. A broad porch wraps around the south elevation and part of the east elevation, and the corner is rounded off by a diagonal cut. The corners on the gabled projections are cut diagonally as well, and feature one-over-one double-hung windows on each story. The back one-story kitchen 'ell' appears to be original. The gable ends have a scalloped barge board with radiating stick work, and bell-cast eaves with filled-in returns. The entablature is made up of a modillioned course below the architrave, a broad frieze and a boxed eave. The house is sided with shiplap and decorative fish scale shingles cover the gable ends. The windows are one-over-one double-hung sash of various sizes. A filled-in palladian window is situated in the gable end of the facade. A small gable on the porch roof enhances the entry door, which is embellished with a single fixed light, and a plain door surround. The porch roof is supported by paired boxed posts set on piers. This was an affluent residence when it was built, and is a well preserved, good example of Neo-Colonial architecture.

HISTORY

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

Historical Significance: E.J. Lyons probably had this house built by 1905. He was unmarried and the proprietor of the Farmers Exchange Saloon and the Lyons and Hare Feed and sale Stable. The latter was renamed the Hillsboro Livery Stable. The saloon was a well-known and popular meeting place, located on the south side of Main between Second and Third Streets. Edward J. Lyons was born in Canada in June 1859. His father was English and his mother was from Ireland. Edward emigrated to the United States in 1883 and became a naturalized citizen. He ran the livery stable and the saloon in the late 1880's, and sold the livery by 1903. Edward owned the lot the house was built on from 1889 to 1907. The house was built between 1902 and 1912, and it is likely that a Edward Lyons commissioned its construction, but it may have been built for William Nelson. In 1907 Edward sold the property to William Nelson, the proprietor of Nelson Hardware on Washington Street. This store operated until about 1917. This residence merits inclusion on the inventory due to its unique architecture, and for its historic interpretive value.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title Records | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Census Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries | <input checked="" 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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