

Oregon Historic Site Form

Flippin, W H, House
705 Main St
Hillsboro, Washington County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 705 E Main St apprx. addr

historic name: Flippin, W H, House

Hillsboro vcnt Washington County

current/
other names: Boscow, Peter, House

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): 1.5

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources:

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: _____

primary constr date: 1888 (c.) secondary date: 1907 (c.)

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

(optional--use for major addns)

primary orig use: Single Dwelling

orig use comments: _____

secondary orig use: _____

primary style: LATE 19TH/20TH REVIVALS: Other

prim style comments: _____

secondary style: Vernacular

sec style comments: _____

primary siding: Horizontal Board

siding comments: _____

secondary siding: Wood:Other/Undefined

architect: _____

plan type: Crosswing

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 #: 34
(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 Boscow House was built in several episodes. The original structure, dating from 1888, is 'T' in plan, with a wraparound porch. Stylistically this is an American Farmhouse. A bungalow-era addition was attached to the north elevation of the west volume. A garage was later attached to this addition.

The original structure is a one and one half story, wood framed structure, which was originally built on a pier and stone foundation. The foundation has been replaced with one of cement. The building is clad in shiplap, finished with cornerboards and a plain frieze. A hooded chimney is situated on the east slope of the east volume.

The main porch shelters two entry doors; the parson's (or parlor) door, and the main entry. The doors have one light. The porch is colonial revival in style, exhibited by the Tuscan columns and modillioned cornice. It was expanded between 1902 and 1912 to wrap around the west elevation. (Sanborn 1902, 1912).

The south slope of the west volume has a gabled wall dormer in which a single 1/1 double hung sash window is set. The other fenestrations on the façade include paired double hung windows which light the parlor, and a single window set in the gable end. The windows feature an unusual detail: bracketed molding supporting the lower window shelf.

The north addition was built in 1912. It features small double hung bungalow style windows in various groupings and sizes. A brick chimney is set on the gable peak.

Contextual Description:

The residence is sited on the northeast corner of NE 7th and E Main Streets. Large rhododendrons are the main feature of the landscape.

HISTORY

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

Historical Significance:

W.H. Flippin built this house in 1888. The 1880 Census lists a Woodson L. Flippin living in the Beaverdam district. He was the son of James and Jane Flippin, who were pioneers from Tennessee. The house was built as a farmhouse, and was located somewhat less than a mile outside the city limits of Hillsboro.

Peter Boscow bought the farm in 1891. He was a dairy farmer, and the surrounding land was in pasture for his dairy herd, and under cultivation for hay.

Peter was a well known and well liked man in the community. He was from the Isle of Man, in the British Isles. He came to the U.S. in 1845 with his parents and settled in the Midwest. In 1855 Peter married Rebecca Cray of Ohio, and they immediately joined an emigrant train bound for Oregon. The train left Ohio in the spring, and arrived in Oregon in the fall. The Boscows first settled on the Jacob Hoover place, near West Union. The 1870 census lists four children in the family; Arthur, William, Mary, and Wesley.

Peter went into the mercantile business in Hillsboro with Henry Wehrung in 1882 and they were partners for seven years. Henry Wehrung was prominent in the early development of Hillsboro and was a respected citizen (see Resource #33).

Peter Boscow is best remembered for his contribution to the school system of Hillsboro. He was elected Clerk on the Board of Education for several consecutive terms, serving from 1900 to 1914, and usually won the election by a landslide. Boscow Elementary School, at the southwest corner of Grant and Third, is named after Peter Boscow.

Wesley Boscow received the deed to the house in 1895. He was born in 1866, the youngest son of Peter and Rebecca. Wesley left Hillsboro for Alaska in 1898 during the Yukon Gold Rush, and returned to the family farm in 1901. He became a leading businessman in Hillsboro, owning and operating a clothing store. Wesley lived in the house after his return from Alaska, and his father moved to another residence on Main Street, one block away. Wesley married Merceded Wilson, who was a school teacher in the Hillsboro district. They had no children.

Rebecca Boscow died in 1920, and Peter Boscow died in 1925. Business closed in Hillsboro the day of his funeral.

This house merits inclusion in the inventory because of its associations with the Boscow family.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

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

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs |
| <input 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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