

Oregon Historic Site Form

Schulmerich, George, House
507 Cedar
Hillsboro, Washington County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 507 SE Cedar apprx. addr

historic name: Schulmerich, George, House

Hillsboro vcnt Washington County

Optional Information
 assoc addresses:
 (former addresses, intersections, etc.)
 location descr:
 (remote sites)

current/
other names:

block nbr: _____ lot nbr: _____ tax lot nbr: _____
 township: 1 S range: 2 W section: 6 1/4: _____
 zip: _____

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: building height (# stories): 1.5 total # eligible resources: 2 total # ineligible resources:

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing NR status: _____
 (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)

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

primary orig use: Single Dwelling orig use comments: _____

secondary orig use: _____

primary style: Queen Anne prim style comments: _____

secondary style: _____ sec style comments: _____

primary siding: Horizontal Board siding comments: _____

secondary siding: Wood:Other/Undefined

plan type: _____

architect: _____

builder: _____

comments/notes: EC garage

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

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

farmstead/cluster name: _____ external site #: 40
 (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: _____

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ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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

Architectural Description: This one and one-half story, Rural Gothic Vernacular style residence is embellished by an Italianate-detailed, two-story bay. The structure is vertically composed in a T-Plan, and features steeply pitched gables with shallow eaves, and a brick chimney at the ridge of the 'ell'. It is supported by a foundation updated with concrete block. The exterior is clad by shiplap with capped cornerboards and a plain frieze. Otherwise restrained in detailing, the south facing facade is dominated by a two-story, stepped polygonal bay embellished with Italianate stylistic details including paired brackets at the eaves, panels at the frieze and base lines, and vertically scaled windows. The entry door which features a stained glass transom, is accessed through a shed-roof porch which wraps around two walls of the facade. The porch is supported by turned posts and decorative brackets at the eaves, panels at the frieze and base lines, and vertically scaled windows. The entry door which features a stained glass transom, is accessed through a shed-roof porch which wraps around two walls of the facade. The porch is supported by turned posts and decorative brackets. A gabled dormer, lighted by a single one-over-one sash window, rests upon the lengthwise gable. Attachments on the north elevation include a one story porch which has been enclosed and houses a bathroom and laundry facility. The old carriage house is presently utilized as a garage.

HISTORY

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

Historical Significance: Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Block 19 were initially purchased from Simmon's Addition by T.D. Humphreys in June 1886. Considering Humphrey's reputation as a land speculator, it is assumed that the actual construction of this residence did not occur until purchase of the property by John. C. Magruder in 1891 or by George Schulmerich in 1892-94. Conrad Schulmerich foreclosed Magruder's property in 1893 and his son, George Schulmerich, acquired it the following year. George's father, Conrad Schulmerich, was a German immigrant and an enterprising farmer who seemingly instilled such ambitions within his sons: Herman was employed as Postmaster and later as a butcher; Edward was a banker, farmer, and a state senator; and George was a successful mercantilist and banker in Hillsboro. The patriarch, Conrad Schulmerich, came west in 1856 with his wife, Margaret. He first mined gold in California, fairly successfully re-working a mine in El Dorado County. Eighteen years later, he, his wife, and his family of ten children left for Oregon with \$7,00. Upon their arrival in Washington County, he purchased a farm encompassing 350 acres. Besides the farm operation, Conrad opened a merchandising business with his son, George. The general store, located at Main and Second, was established circa 1889 under the name C. Schulmerich & Son. (See Resource No. 23) The business prospered, enabling George to purchase this home. He and his wife Elsie resided in the home with a servant and two boarders according to the 1900 Census. Elsie worked in the store as a saleswoman. When Conrad retired, another son, Edward, joined George in the general store until 1910. (See Resource No. 37 for information on Edward Schulmerich.) In 1907-07 George became cashier of Hillsboro Commercial Bank, and later acted as the Vice-President of the Cornelius State Bank. He and his Elsie were quite active in Hillsboro Social and community projects. They continued to own the home until 1922, when it was purchased by Lina Mitenberger for \$2,000.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Title Records | <input 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 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 | |

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Historical Society: _____ Other Repository: _____

Bibliography: