

# Oregon Historic Site Form

Clow, Charles W, House  
551 5th  
Hillsboro, Washington County

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 551 SE 5th  apprx. addr

historic name: Clow, Charles W, House

Hillsboro  vcnt Washington County

current/  
other names: Haley House

Optional Information

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

location descr:  
(remote sites)

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: 1 total # ineligible resources: 1

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

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

primary constr date: 189  (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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: Locally listed in 1986; NC garage

## GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

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

farmstead/cluster name: \_\_\_\_\_ external site #: 42  
(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 dwelling is a basic Gothic Vernacular-style structure with its major embellishment consisting of an Italianate-detailed, one-story polygonal bay window found on the facade. The bay features paired brackets at the cornice and panelling below the vertically scaled windows. Composed in a cross-shaped plan, the wood-framed structure is constructed on a post and beam foundation. The exterior is clad by shiplap, corner boards, and frieze boards. The volumes are defined by shiplap, corner boards, and frieze boards. The volumes are defined by medium-pitched gables with shallow eaves. Entry access is from the front porch, which is located at the northeast corner, and is supported by boxed porch posts, most likely replacements. The back porch, located at the northwest corner, is supported by 4 x 4 posts. Fenestrations include a variety of scales, some vertical and some to a lesser degree, primarily clustered in groupings. All windows are one-over-one, double-hung sash with simple surrounds and pronounced headmolds. Ornamental slat shutters appear on the gable ends.

## HISTORY

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

Historical Significance: The home maintains a high level of its original integrity in plan and detailing and is therefore worthy of inclusion in the Hillsboro Inventory. Early historical information for this house is not particularly illuminating. Charles W. Clow purchased this parcel from Wheelock Simmons in June of 1890 for \$200 and sold it to C. Beal the following year for \$700. The property appeared again in the name of Mary Clow in 1893, to be sold to James M. Gear in 1894. Construction of the home could have been carried out by the Clow family. Unfortunately little documentation has been found on any of these owners. The succession of owners subsided when C.K. Schmeltzer purchased the home in 1904. Although there is no record of a Schmeltzer living in the home according to the Polk's Directory of 1912-1913, this does not necessarily mean they did not reside there. The Schmeltzer to L.M. Elder in 1924. The house proceeded through another succession of owners until it became a part of Haley Foods in the 1950's. residence remained within the family for twenty years, when it was sold by Franklin C.

## 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        |   |

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

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

Bibliography: