

Oregon Historic Site Form

Sholes, Albert Seymour, House #1
272 Walnut
Hillsboro, Washington County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 272 SE Walnut apprx. addr

historic name: Sholes, Albert Seymour, House #1

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: 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: 2

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: _____

primary style: Arts & Crafts / Craftsman

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: NC garage and shed

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

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

farmstead/cluster name: _____

external site #: 45
(ID# used in city/agency database)

SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: _____

ILS survey date: _____

RLS survey date: 7/1/2018

Gen File date: _____

106 Project(s)



North East corner

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ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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

Architectural Description: The Sholes House is a stately architectural example of the Craftsman Style, exhibiting Arts and Crafts and Colonial Revival stylistic detailing. Its overall form is a rectangular, one and one-half story mass, the upper floor formed by medium-pitched cross gables featuring deep eaves with returns, exposed purlins, and barge boards. The foundation is composed of concrete block with casement windows lighting the full basement. All elevations are irregular in composition. The north facade's appearance is dominated by the gable end, with the porch recessed and supported by three Doric columns. A boxed cornice which articulates the first floor ceiling line continues as a plain frieze around the perimeter of the exterior. The frieze acts as the head mold of all first floor windows. The north gable end features paired sash windows with diamond shaped panes on the upper sash; this same sort of window is found on the west elevation. The east elevation displays a coupled gable, a feature common to the Arts and Crafts style. It is embellished by fishscale patterned wood shingles near its peak. Underneath the gable rests an off-center, shallow, two-story bay lighted by double-hung sash windows. An exterior chimney is found to the north of this bay. The other levels of the exterior are clad by clapboard at the main floor and wood shingles on the second. Attachments found on the south elevation include the original back porch, which consists of a low-pitched hipped roof enclosed at the southeast corner. The formerly open portion of the porch is hidden by a shed extension clad by corrugated metal. A shed attachment is located on the west elevation which houses additional floor space and a garage at the ground level.

HISTORY

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

Historical Significance: Albert Seymour Sholes most likely intended to build a show place when he had this home constructed between 1905 and 1906. While building the house he lived in another home on Lot 13, Block 6 in the Oak Grove Addition of Hillsboro. When this home was completed, he, his wife Jennie B., and his nephew, Frank Stolz resided here. Mr. Sholes was from New York, born circa 1845, while his wife was from Michigan and was born circa 1886. Sholes was recorded as the president of Hillsboro Commercial Bank in 1905 and also dealt in lumber. After his new home was completed, he set up a bank enterprise in the Cornelius community and in 1907-08 was the president of both the Hillsboro Commercial Bank and Cornelius State bank. His nephew Frank later became the cashier of the Cornelius operation and apparently was adopted by the elder gentleman. After several years the Cornelius Bank became Albert's sole banking interest and he constructed a larger home in Cornelius in 1909 and moved into it circa 1911. This new home, designed by architect Richard Martin, Jr., was grander in scale and very different in style and massing, but does bear some similarity in detailing to the Hillsboro residence. This residence is currently on the National Register of Historic Places. Sholes became very active in Cornelius, acting as mayor, and starting the first volunteer fire department. He built several other houses in his Cornelius neighborhood and the street is known, to this day, as "Banker Row." William Mahon purchased lots 1 and 2 and the Hillsboro residence from Sholes on July 3, 1911. Mahon was also a banker, from Michigan, and was employed as cashier at Shute Savings Bank. (See Resource No. 24) The dwelling remained in the Mahon family for a number of years, conveyed to Mr. Mahon's son, James L. Mahon, in 1922. The house was sold three years later to A.J. Riche.

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: