

# Oregon Historic Site Form

Milne, John, House #1  
 144 Walnut  
 Hillsboro, Washington County

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 144 SE Walnut  apprx. addr

historic name: Milne, John, House #1

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: 1 total # ineligible resources:

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: 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: (Moved C1982)

## GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

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

farmstead/cluster name: \_\_\_\_\_ external site #: 47  
 (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: This two story house is highly ornate and the only example in Hillsboro of the Eastlake Style. It is vertically massed and is T-shaped in plan with bisecting gables; a rectangular "ell" projects from the south elevation. Exterior walls consist of two types of siding: primarily shiplap with vertical board and batten found in the gable peaks. The gables have an average pitch with a plain frieze. Their bargeboards are sawn to allude arched openings with stick work and pendants at the peaks. Fenestrations on all elevations are both single and paired; the south and east sides are pierced by double-hung sash with four-over-four lights, while the north and west sides feature one-over-one lights. The surrounds are simple with an architrave. Upper floor lights of the west and north elevations are further embellished by pedimented architraves, which enclose highly ornate scrolled wood panels. A one story projecting bay is found on the west elevation, lighted by three double-hung sash windows. The hipped roof of this bay has a boxed cornice, a frieze, and brackets. The facade, now oriented north (originally west), is symmetrically composed. The center is emphasized by the entry, the upper single bay and single bays adjacent to the main entry opening. A one story porch is supported by four rectangular posts with jigsawsn scrolled brackets and two pilasters; its cornice features a sawtooth frieze. The main entry has a four-panelled door with a transom. A two story porch wrapping around the back "ell" is accessed by an exterior stair at the southwest corner.

## HISTORY

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

Historical Significance: The Milne House is significant as the only remaining example of the Eastlake Style, as well as by its association with the Garson and especially the Milne families, both instrumental in the local flour milling industry. Garson purchased Lots 4, 5, and 6 of Block 3 of the Simmon's Addition from land claimant Wheelock Simmons in 1883. James Garson and John Milne were proprietors of Hillsboro Mills under the company name of Milne & Company. The milling operation was later solely run by Milne. Mrs. Margaret Milne purchased this property in 1889. Shortly thereafter Milne's home was built; H.K. Hines in his Centennial History of Oregon, published in 1893, and the railroad station". John Milne was an industrious Scotsman who came to Oregon in 1870 and had a significant impact in developing the Hillsboro Mills operation into a successful commercial enterprise. Originally trained as a miller, but also a skilled machinist, Milne built up the operation by personally constructing the machinery. The business initially manufactured oatmeal and was known as the only oatmeal mill north of San Francisco. It later expanded to flour milling and soon required additional buildings. Elevators, warehouse and new machinery were added to accommodate Milne's prosperous business. Milne's success was further enhanced by his contributions to the city of Hillsboro. He served as a City Councilman, was instrumental in bringing modernized systems of electricity and waterworks to the county seat, and was one of the organizers of the Presbyterian church at Tualatin Plains. He owned two large farms totaling 1600 acres, raising grain and fine-blooded livestock. This dwelling housed Milne and his daughter Elizabeth. It appears that John Milne resided some of the time on one of his farms after the death of his wife in 1902. Elizabeth maintained the town residence, finally selling part of the property and the house in 1907. A new home was built on the corner of First and Walnut, immediately to the north. Francis Weathered acquired the house in 1907 and her daughter, Tennessee Weathered, a well-known Hillsboro teacher, lived in the house for a number of years.

## 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: