

Oregon Historic Site Form

Shute, John W, House #1
2140 Main St
Hillsboro, Washington County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 214 **E Main St** apprx. addr

historic name: Shute, John W, 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: 1N range: 2 W section: 32 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: _____
(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: 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

plan type: _____

architect: _____

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 #: 60
(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 mansard roof, tall windows, and elaborately framed dormer windows classify this structure in the Second Empire style of architecture. It is a relatively late example of this style, and some characteristic details seen on other Second Empire buildings are missing, or have been scaled down. For example, deep eaves and a broad cornice are typical of this style, but the eave on this structure is shallow, and the cornice atypically narrow and unembellished by curved brackets. The house is massed in a "T" plan, with a garage attached to the southeast corner. A projecting porch, square in plan, affords a good view of the garden to the southeast. This porch has a hipped roof supported by beveled posts, and it is built over a brick-lined well accessed from the side of the porch. The porch on the north facade is a replacement, and is Colonial Revival in style, with supporting columns. The main entry door has two panels and features a large light and a brass twist door bell. The most unusual feature of Shute House I is the dormers, which are framed by wall-like projection that begin at the eave of the dormer, truncate the main eave line and end on the porch roof. The visual effect of these "walls" is such that the windows appear recessed. The windows are one-over-one, double-hung sash, in single groupings arranged symmetrically on each elevation. The house is sided with rustic drop siding, finished with cornerboards with pilaster capitals. Originally the house was built on a pier and stone footing foundation, which has recently been replaced with a cement foundation. The interior has been through several episodes of alteration. Originally the walls were planks covered with cheesecloth, and covered with subsequent layers of wall paper. The ceilings have been lowered and the original interior plan was altered to form two apartments. The current owner is in the process of renovating the building. An ice shed (?) with 12 inch thick, sawdust-filled walls is located south of the residence. An underground plumbing system runs through the foundation of the shed and connects it with the well under the porch. More research is needed to fully describe the original function of this shed.

HISTORY

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

Historical Significance: In 1889 Peter Boscow sold all of Fairview Addition to J.J. Morgan, a land speculator. In 1896 Morgan in turn sold part of the already platted Fairview Addition to John W. Shute for \$5,000. This transaction included the property of which the house is located. At that time J.W. Shute had operated a bank in Hillsboro for eight years, and it is likely he had this house built. John was a wealthy man, and by 1903 owned over 640 acres of farmland adjacent to Hillsboro, numerous brick lots, city lots and residences. John w. Shute was born in Montgomery County, New York in 1840, and left school at the age of nine. In 1858 he traveled to Oregon via the Panama Route. Upon arrival, he rented a farm and became a partner in a store and warehouse in Springville. In 1862 John purchased his own farm in Washington County, which he worked until 1888, when he incorporated the First National Bank in Hillsboro. He was the president until 1897, when it was reorganized into the American National Bank and the Shute Savings Bank. John married his first wife, Elizabeth Constable, in 1866. They had four children: Lewis; Arthur C.; Ira; and Mattie, who died at age sixteen. John's second wife, Mary E. Smith, was thirty-seven years his junior. They had one child, Henry Tracy. In 1908 Lewis E. Shute sold the house to Amelia Simpson, and the house was later sold three times in three years. In 1913 the Hillsboro Commercial Bank received the deed. In 1922 it was sold to Mary and Charles Gray. In 1947 the Grays sold it to Fred and Sylvia Ehrke. John Lott bought the house in 1951, and sold it in 1977 to T.W. Hering. That same year it was sold to its current owner. The house retains much of its original architectural integrity, and merits inclusion on this inventory due to its unique architecture and its association with John W. Shute, banker and former County Commissioner.

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: