

Oregon Historic Site Form

Landness, John & Leodisa, House
356 6th Av
Hillsboro, Washington County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

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| address: <u>356 SE 6th Av</u> <input type="checkbox"/> apprx. addr | historic name: <u>Landness, John & Leodisa, House</u> |
| <u>Hillsboro</u> <input type="checkbox"/> vcnt <u>Washington County</u> | current/ other names: <u>Case House</u> |
| Optional Information assoc addresses: (former addresses, intersections, etc.) location descr: (remote sites) | block nbr: _____ lot nbr: _____ tax lot nbr: _____ township: <u>1 S</u> range: <u>2 W</u> section: <u>6</u> 1/4: _____ zip: _____ |

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

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| resource type: <u>building</u> height (# stories): <u>1.5</u> | total # eligible resources: <u>3</u> total # ineligible resources: <u>5</u> |
| elig. evaluation: <u>undetermined</u> | NR status: _____ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist) |
| primary constr date: <u>189</u> <input type="checkbox"/> (c.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> secondary date: <u>19</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>8</u> (c.) <input type="checkbox"/> (optional--use for major addns) | NR date listed: _____ |
| primary orig use: <u>Single Dwelling</u> | orig use comments: _____ |
| secondary orig use: _____ | prim style comments: _____ |
| primary style: <u>Gothic Revival</u> | sec style comments: _____ |
| secondary style: _____ | siding comments: _____ |
| primary siding: <u>Horizontal Board</u> | architect: _____ |
| secondary siding: <u>Wood:Other/Undefined</u> | builder: _____ |
| plan type: _____ | |
| comments/notes: EC: house, octagonal bar, cigar shack; NC long barn, horse barn, bathroom & util shack; Only fir tree remains; Locally listed in 1986 | |

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

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| survey project name or other grouping name | <u>Hillsboro Local Inventory Update 2008 2008</u> | <u>Survey & Inventory Project</u> |
| farmstead/cluster name: | | external site #: <u>67</u> (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: The Megargel/Case House is an unadorned example of the Rural Gothic Vernacular style. It is vertically massed with one and one-half stories and is cross-shaped in plan; a one and one-half story attachment is found at the southeast corner. The main mass is supported by a brick foundation, with concrete used on the additions. Its exterior walls are clad by shiplap with cornerboards and plain friezeboards. The gables are fairly steeply pitched with shallow eaves. Three chimneys are found on the major mass, and a fourth on the peak of the corner attachment. The facade is oriented west, its fenestrations consisting of both vertical and broad scales. The gable front has a single vertical bay of one-over-one sash in the peak and a broader bay with a single large light with a transom light on the main floor. The porch is found in the "L" of the west end, and consists of turned posts with a hipped roof. Two entry doors are situated on this porch, each featuring bevelled glass lights. Back additions and attachments include a shed attachment at the northeast corner (an enclosed porch now utilized as an apartment) and the aforementioned ell attachment which has a recessed open porch. The ell attachment is a part of an early addition meant to update the kitchen; an old well is found underneath its structure.

The structure was relocated and no longer exists on the site, as its been redeveloped as a parking lot. A fir tree remains.

HISTORY

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

Historical Significance: The dwelling was constructed during either the ownership of the John Jack or the Landess family. The Jack family owned lots 45, 46, and 47 from 1880 to 1888. The Landess family then acquired title to this parcel. It is speculated that the Landess family may have been the original owners. Information concerning the Landess family is somewhat limited. Leodisa and John Landess were from Arkansas and Kentucky, respectively, and by the time of the 1900 Census were rather advanced in years. John was 77, while Leodisa was much younger at age 52. Their son, Grant appears to have acquired part of the property, but by 1904 the Landess Family had completely disappeared from title records. Polk's Directory found Grant Landess later living about a block away and employed as a laborer. More is known of the family who purchased the house in 1908. Melvin C. and Josephine Case were both educators in the Hillsboro vicinity. Mr. Case acted as Washington County Superintendent of Schools for two terms ending about 1912; Mrs. Case was a high school teacher for the Hillsboro Public Schools. Upon purchasing the home in 1907, the Case family remodeled and made several modifications to it. An outhouse and a wooden sink with a pump were replaced by the gabled "ell"-attachment which housed a kitchen. The home was later inherited by the Case's daughter, Clara Megargel, and has since remained in her possession. During Mrs. Megargel's occupation, the addition at the northeast corner was constructed to accommodate apartment space, and the back apartments were added as well. Mrs. Megargel was also a school teacher, working as a second grade teacher in the David Douglas School District. The Douglas Fir tree in the yard has received some publicity, as it was planted by Mrs. Megargel as a seedling obtained from a meeting of the National Federation of Woman's Clubs in 1948.

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: