

Oregon Historic Site Form

Wells, Dr Charles Sr, House
725 7th
Hillsboro, Washington County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 725 SE 7th apprx. addr

historic name: Wells, Dr Charles Sr, House

Hillsboro vcnt Washington County

Optional Information

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

location descr:
(remote sites)

current/
other names: "The Manor"

block nbr: _____ lot nbr: _____ tax lot nbr: _____

township: 1 S range: 2 W section: 8 1/4: _____

zip: _____

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: building height (# stories): 2

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources:

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: _____

primary constr date: 192 (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: Scored Stucco

siding comments: _____

secondary siding: Shingle

architect: _____

plan type: _____

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 #: 75
(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 home is a very nice example of Craftsman Bungalow architecture, constructed of tile brick and detailed with rock masonry. The main floor has tile brick walls measuring from 14" to 16" thick, while the upper floor is framed with wood. The plan is a fairly simple rectangle with a low-pitched gable and a combination gable and shed roof dormer. Details at the eaves include exposed rafters, purlins and knee braces. Built into the side of a hill, the basement is constructed of concrete. French doors lead to the exterior on the north elevation. The exterior is clad by wood shingle on the upper floor and by stucco covered brick on the first floor. The facade is oriented east. Its porch is supported by robust truncated posts of stone upon stone piers. The porch is recessed under the main gable, with the gabled dormer above. The entry door is solid fir wood, with sidelights. The major bay exhibits three windows: 3/1; 10/1; and 3/1. The gabled dormer above the porch is lighted by a ribbon of five 3/1 double-hung sash windows.

HISTORY

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

Historical Significance: The Manor was built for Dr. Charles Wells Sr., who owned this entire block, and it was evidently one of the finest homes in the City. An older home originally located on the 1.3 acre lot was relocated to a site near the railroad tracks on Sixth Street when Dr. Wells had this brick residence built. He and his wife raised their family at this home and it was later inherited by his son, Dr. Charles Wells Jr. The Wells family owned the property until 1970, when Daniel and Ruth Murphy purchased the house. Mrs. Murphy is the proprietor of Murphy Furniture Store of Hillsboro.

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: