

# Oregon Historic Site Form

Freeman, N A, House  
459 2nd  
Hillsboro, Washington County

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 459 NE 2nd  apprx. addr

historic name: Freeman, N A, House

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: 1N range: 2 W section: 31 1/4: \_\_\_\_\_

zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: building height (# stories): 1.5

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources: 1

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: \_\_\_\_\_

primary constr date: 1891 (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: LATE 19TH/20TH AMER. MVMTS: Other

prim style comments: \_\_\_\_\_

secondary style: Vernacular

sec style comments: \_\_\_\_\_

primary siding: Horizontal Board

siding comments: \_\_\_\_\_

secondary siding: Wood:Other/Undefined

architect: \_\_\_\_\_

plan type: \_\_\_\_\_

builder: \_\_\_\_\_

comments/notes: NC garage

## GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

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

farmstead/cluster name: \_\_\_\_\_ external site #: 9  
(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)**



East façade

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## ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Freeman house has been altered since it was first built. A simple cottage with Queen Anne detailing in the porches and windows, it is a gable-front, wood-framed building, one and one-half stories tall. The volume is single gabled, with front and back porches and an Italianate bay on the north elevation.

The windows are vertically scaled one-over-one double-hung sash with projection headmolds. Newer windows appear in the attic story. These are Bungalow era, small proportioned double-hung windows with decorative slat shutters.

The roof was rebuilt during the early part of this century. It features Bungalow details such as exposed rafters, low pitch, purlins, kneebraces and bargeboards. The roof is out of character with the rest of the structure.

The front porch has beveled posts and jig-sawn brackets. The entry door is typical of 1890's era houses with a transom and four panels. The transom, as well as the back porch, have been enclosed.

An Italianate bay is set on the north elevation. It exhibits three double-hung windows and Italianate brackets supporting the eave of the hipped roof.

The house is sided with shiplap. The porch entablature features a plain frieze. The corners are finished with cornerboards, and the roof has composition shingles.

This unusually simple house constructed with only one gable has decorative ornamentation usually seen on more affluent houses.

## HISTORY

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

### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

In 1891 the developer of this addition sold this lot to N.A. Freeman for \$220. Freeman is probably responsible for building the residence. There is no biographical data available for N.A. Freeman. He owned the house only one year before it was mortgaged to C.H. Newell.

Newell had a shop that sold paints, wallpaper, carpets and furniture. He was also an undertaker. Newell experienced financial difficulties in 1892 during a severe national depression, and his house was foreclosed by J.R. Rasmussen and H.J. Fisher. They were from Portland where they operated a paint and varnish store. Apparently Rasmussen and Fisher took over C.H. Newell's house because of unpaid business bills.

## RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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|--|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title Records    | <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records        | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps     | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources  | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interviews |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives       | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits      | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library        |  |

Local Library: \_\_\_\_\_ University Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Historical Society: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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