

CITY OF NEWBERG  
INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

**HIST. NAME:** Minthorn House  
**COMMON NAME:** Hoover-Minthorn House  
**ADDRESS:** 115 S. River  
**T/R/S:** 3S 2W 20  
**MAP NO:** 3S 2W 20BB **TAX LOT:** 6800  
**ADDITION:** Original Town - Edwards  
**BLOCK:** 4 **LOT:** 2, 3  
**OWNER:** Nat'l. Society of Col. Dames of Am.  
**ADDRESS:** 404 SW Edgecliff Rd. - Ptld. 97219

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** c. 1882  
**ORIGINAL USE:** Residence  
**PRESENT USE:** Museum  
**ARCH./BLDR.:** Jesse Edwards (attrib.)  
**STYLE:** Italianate  
**BLDG. X STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ.**  
**THEME:** Arch. - 19th Century; Government  
**CITY:** X **UGB:**  
**QUAD:** Newberg

**PLAN TYPE/SHAPE:** Ell-plan  
**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:**  
**WALL CONSTRUCTION:** Wood  
**ROOF FORM & MATERIALS:** Low-pitch truncated hip. Wood shingle.  
**PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE:** Narrow double-hung sash, four-over-four and six-over-six.  
**EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS:** Narrow shiplap w/corner and frieze boards.  
**DECORATIVE FEATURES:** Eave brackets.  
**OTHER:** Watertable. Porch w/chamfered posts.  
**CONDITION:** EXCELLENT  GOOD \_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_ DETERIORATED \_\_\_ MOVED \_\_\_ (DATE) \_\_\_  
(EXPLAIN)

**NO. OF STORIES:** 2  
**BASEMENT (Y/N):** No  
**STRUCTURAL FRAME:** Stud

**EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED):** One-story shed roof additions on west elevation with recessed porch and lattice screening, n.d.

**NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** See statement of significance.

**ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:** See statement of significance

**SETTING:** Prominently sited on corner lot one block south of First Street aka Highway 99W. Across street from Hoover Park. Adjacent to turn-of-the-century residence on west, convenience store on lot directly north.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:** The Hoover-Minthorn House is a National Historic Landmark and maintained as a public museum by the Daughters of the American Revolution. It was preserved for restoration by Presidents Levi Pennington and Emmett Gulley of Pacific College (now George Fox College) where President Herbert Hoover was once a student. In 1947 the property was transferred to the non-profit Herbert Hoover Foundation of Oregon. Restoration was supervised by the foundations president, Dr. Burt Brown Barker, a childhood friend of President Hoover. Restoration was extensive as the house had been remodeled numerous times by later owners. It included reopening the original front porch, removing a glassed in cupola, moving the old woodshed to its former position and rebuilding a back porch, well house outhouse, picket fence, and plank walkway. The yard was landscaped by Elizabeth Lord and Edith Schryver, landscape architects from Salem and designed like a typical yard of the 1880's. A Nellis pear tree and several lilac bushes date from the time Hoover lived there.

Although the house is best known for its association with Herbert Clark Hoover, 30th President of the United States, it is significant for several other reasons as well. Built in approximately 1882, it is believed to be one of the oldest houses in

**SOURCES:**

Okeu, Deborah. The Minthorn House - Boyhood Home of Herbert C. Hoover. The Herbert Hoover Foundation of Oregon, 1979.

Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1902, 1905, 1912.

Ticor Title Co. Records, McMinnville OR.

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, CONTINUED:**

Newberg. Jesse Edwards, who founded and platted the original townsite of Newberg, is believed to have constructed the house. In 1885, Hoover's uncle, Dr. Henry J. Minthorn, came to Newberg to become superintendent of Friend's Pacific Academy. Minthorn was also one of the first physicians of the community. The Minthorn's bought the house and moved in the fall of 1885. Soon after they invited their orphaned nephew, Herbert Hoover, to come from Iowa to live with them. Hoover, then eleven years old, was to spend the next three years of his life here before moving with the Minthorns to Salem in 1888 where Dr. Minthorn began a real estate venture as president of the Oregon Land Company. The house is located on the approximate site of the Peter Hagey farmhouse. Hagey bought the north half of the Rogers DLC and farmed it for many years. It is an important visual landmark in the community.

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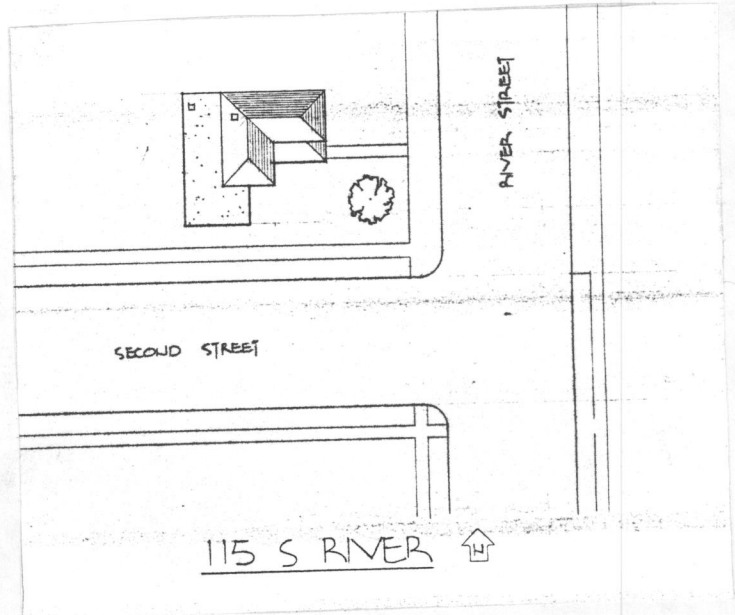
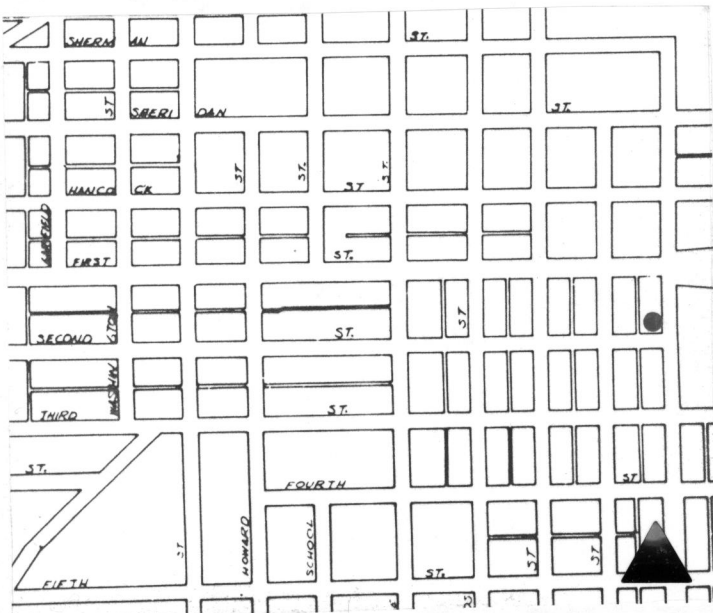
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