

Cultural Resource Survey Form:

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

T. D. NUMBER _____

PHOTO INFORMATION:

ROLL: XLII
FRAME: 4,5

STUDY AREA: TUALATIN-PETES MOUNTAIN
LEGAL: T. 2S R. 1E SEC. 31A
TAX (LOTS): 110 and 105
ZONE _____ SIZE 4.82

IDENTIFICATION:

COMMON/HISTORICAL NAME: Schatz Residence
ADDRESS: 4875 Schatz Road AREA: Stafford
CURRENT OWNER: DONALD H. McBRIDGE USE: Farm Complex
OWNER'S ADDRESS: _____
ORIGINAL OWNER: ROBBINS USE: Farm Complex
AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: TOWN: _____ COUNTY: X CITY: _____ NATION: _____

HISTORIC INTEREST:

THEME: Architecture - 19th Century - Agriculture DATE: 1860
DESCRIPTION: Wilhelm and Elizabeth Schatz came from Russia and moved to South Dakota. From there they moved to Oregon in 1892 and bought this property. They had 6 sons and 4 daughters. The farm produced apples, pears, hop, grapes and laying hens and cows. They sold these and butter and cream in Portland. They would leave early in the morning by horse and wagon and sell their produce and return late in the evening. The farm later

ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST:

STYLE: Vernacular (over)
DATE: 1860 CONDITION: Poor ARCHITECT: _____
SIDING: Wide shiplap corner rake STORIES: 1½
ROOF: Gable, partial return, boxed eaves.
DOORS: 4 panel - porcelain knob; 5 light-sided flank.
WINDOWS: 1/1 double-hung long with plain molding.

MAIN ENTRANCE: Hip roof front porch. Chamfered posts; decorative brackets.

NOTES: Watertable. Watertower - shingles hewn - narrow shiplap above, milkhouse. Brick bui is being incorporated into house. Outbuildings
Chicken house



BIBLIOGRAPHY:
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PHOTO INFORMATION:

ROLL: XLII
FRAME: 1,2

STUDY AREA: TUALATIN-PETES MOUNTAIN
LEGAL: T. 2S R. 1E SEC. 31A
TAX (LOTS): 102
ZONE _____ SIZE _____

IDENTIFICATION:

COMMON/HISTORICAL NAME: Schatz Barn
ADDRESS: 4875 Schatz Road AREA: Stafford
CURRENT OWNER: DONALD McBRIDGE USE: Barn
OWNER'S ADDRESS: Same Tualatin 97062
ORIGINAL OWNER: WILHELM SCHATZ USE: Barn
AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: TOWN: _____ COUNTY: X CITY: _____ NATION: _____

HISTORIC INTEREST:

THEME: Architecture - 19th Century; Agriculture - General DATE: 1909
DESCRIPTION: See Schatz Residence, 4875 Schatz Road, 21E 31A TL 102, Page 480.

ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST:

STYLE: _____ DATE: 1909 CONDITION: Good ARCHITECT: _____ STORIES: _____
SIDING: Board and batten.
ROOF: Gambrel with projection over hay boom.
DOORS: Sliding
WINDOWS: 4 light.

MAIN ENTRANCE:

NOTES: Cupola. One continuous beam at ridge.



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CLACKAMAS COUNTY
HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY 1989-90

HISTORIC NAME: ROBBINS-MELCHER-SCHATZ, FARM
COMMON NAME:
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4875 S.W. Schatz Road
OWNER: C/O O'Connor, Glenda J. and Donal L.
OWNER ADDRESS: 2520 S.W. Gregory Drive, West Linn OR 97068
RESOURCE TYPE: Buildings
PRESENT USE: Farm complex
ORIGINAL USE: Farm complex
THEME: Culture; Agriculture
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
COUNTY: Clackamas
QUAD: Canby
T/R/S: 2S 1E 31A
TAX LOT: 105 and 110
ADDITION: N/A
BLOCK: N/A
LOT: N/A
LOT SIZE: 1.60 and 4.82 Acres, respectively
ZONE: RRF-5

SETTING: The house, barn, and four outbuildings sit back from the north side of Schatz Road, a narrow two-lane thoroughfare. Fields and pastures flank the site on all sides except across the road to the south, where two new buildings stand; one of these is a GTE structure. About a half-mile to the northeast is a large, single-family residence that was recently built on a hilltop. A mile to the west is a small modern farm. This is rolling hill country, that is part agricultural and part residential.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Several large coniferous trees, many fruit trees on e., w. and s. sides of house; some ornamental plantings

NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES: None

RECORDED BY: Koler/Morrison
DATE: October 1989



HOUSE

DATE BUILT: 1860
STYLE: Classical Revival
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: T-plan
NO. OF STORIES: 1 1/2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Low-pitched gable w/ heavy, partial returns; wood shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood/unknown
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Double-hung sash w/ plain surrounds
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Wide, drop siding w/ corner, rake and frieze boards
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Porch brackets
OTHER: Central hip roof porch w/ chamfered posts and jigsawn brackets, paneled door w/ paneled sidelights, multi-light transom; interior brick chimney w/ corbelled cap; one-story gabled volume between house and gabled brick volume; gabled two-story wing w/ lap siding and multi-light windows; deck off n.e. corner of house; brick end-wall exterior chimney, e. elev.
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Front porch rebuilt (n.d.); brick shed attached to house by altered ell (n.d.); gabled wing added (n.d.)



WATERTOWER

DATE BUILT: Unknown
STYLE: Vernacular
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
NO. OF STORIES: 2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Unknown
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Hip w/ wood shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood/stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Four-over-four double-hung sash windows
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Drop siding w/ wood shingles
DECORATIVE FEATURES: None
OTHER: Four-vertical paneled door
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Unknown



BARN SHPO 479

DATE BUILT: c. 1909
STYLE: Gambrel
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
NO. OF STORIES: 2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Unknown
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Gothic gambrel w/ wood shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood/stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Multi-light
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Board-and-batten siding
DECORATIVE FEATURES: None
OTHER: Small hay hood; hipped cupola w/ weather vane; side-wall overhead door
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Unknown

SHED

DATE BUILT: Unknown
STYLE: Vernacular
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
NO. OF STORIES: 1
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Unknown
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Gable w/ unknown shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood/stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: None
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Drop siding
DECORATIVE FEATURES: None
OTHER: None
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Unknown

MACHINE SHED

DATE BUILT: Unknown
STYLE: Vernacular
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
NO. OF STORIES: 1
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Gable w/ wood shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood/stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Multi-light windows
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Board-and-batten
DECORATIVE FEATURES: None
OTHER: None
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Unknown

T-PLAN SHED

DATE BUILT: Unknown
STYLE: Vernacular
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: T-plan
NO. OF STORIES: 1
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Unknown
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Gable w/ wood shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood/stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Four-light windows
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Board-and-batten
DECORATIVE FEATURES: None
OTHER: Hinged doors, w. of house
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Unknown

In the 1950s the Wilsonville area witnessed dramatic changes. The ferry crossing was abandoned in favor of an automobile bridge over the Willamette. Wilsonville became an interchange on the interstate freeway system. The city was incorporated in 1968.

SUBJECT PROPERTY

Nathaniel and Nancy Robbins built the subject house circa 1860, according to Ruth Schatz, who later lived in the house. Robbins sold the property in 1876 to Christian and Augusta Melcher. A second house and barn reportedly existed on the property, but Melcher burned down in order to collect insurance money; he went to jail for his actions. The house and barn were sold to the Schatz family, who owned the property for more than 65 years, beginning in 1891. The existing barn was built in 1909 by the two older Schatz brothers, Jake and John.

Wilhelm and Elizabeth Schatz emigrated from Russia in 1873 and lived in South Dakota for a period. In 1892 the family moved to Oregon and bought this property, where they raised six sons and four daughters. The farm produced apples, pears, hops, grapes, fresh eggs and butter and cream, all of which they sold in Portland. In later years two of Wilhelm's sons expanded the farm. They married sisters and farmed vetch, flax, oats, barley, wheat, corn, and potatoes in addition to raising horses, pigs, 500 laying hens, milking cows and 100 head of sheep.

The Robbins House is significant because it is one of the oldest dwellings in the Stafford area and one of a few buildings in the county which display an influence of the Classic Revival style. It is one of two dwellings in the area that date from the second period of development in Clackamas County (1866-1883).

The Robbins House has undergone some minor and some major changes. The original board-and-batten siding was covered with dropped siding, probably prior to the turn-of-the-century. This change may coincide with the Schatz family occupation. Other alterations which greatly effect the physical integrity of the building have been made more recently. Since 1984 a second floor was added to the kitchen wing; a deck has been added to the rear elevation; and a gabled ell added to connect the cool room with dwelling.

The Robbins Farm is nonetheless significant because it is part of a multi-building farm complex; several buildings in the ensemble appear to date from the historic period. The cool room is constructed of brick and is believed to be the largest example of this type of buildings in the county. The water tower, located adjacent to the house, is the one of two listed on the Inventory in the study area. It is one of few buildings of this type in the county and appears to have been recently restored.

The Gambrel barn is noteworthy because of its size. It is further distinguished by its handsome cupola and weather vane.

It is one of the best preserved examples of this type of barn in the study area. It is believed to have been built circa 1910. Its distinctive gambrel roof-shape indicates a European influence, frequently associated with German immigrants. Many German and Russian families emigrated to the area around the turn-of-the-century, having paused for a generation in South Dakota or other parts of the Midwest.

The advent of the Gambrel barn type is usually associated with changes to farm operations. Around the turn-of-the-century technological improvements, including the mechanization of cultivating and storing hay as well as transportation improvements, allowed farmers to increase the size of their herds and their barns. Consequently dairying, a specialized branch of farming, contributed to the overall increase in farm productivity in the county. In the early years of the 20th century dairies as well as truck farming benefited from the dramatic increase in populations of the metropolitan area.

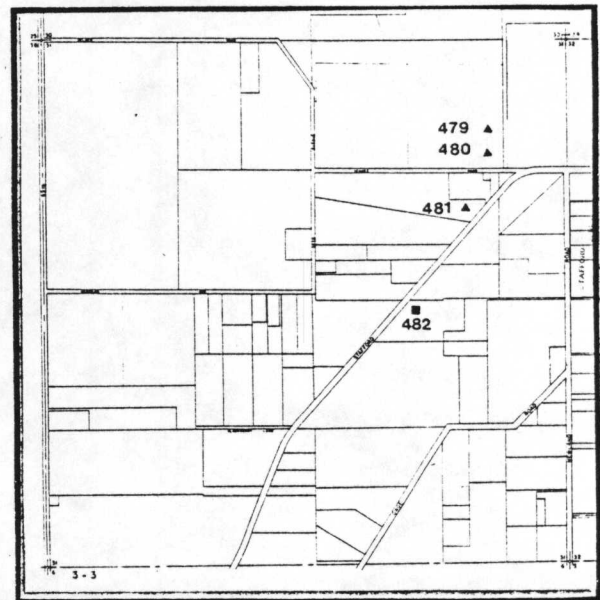
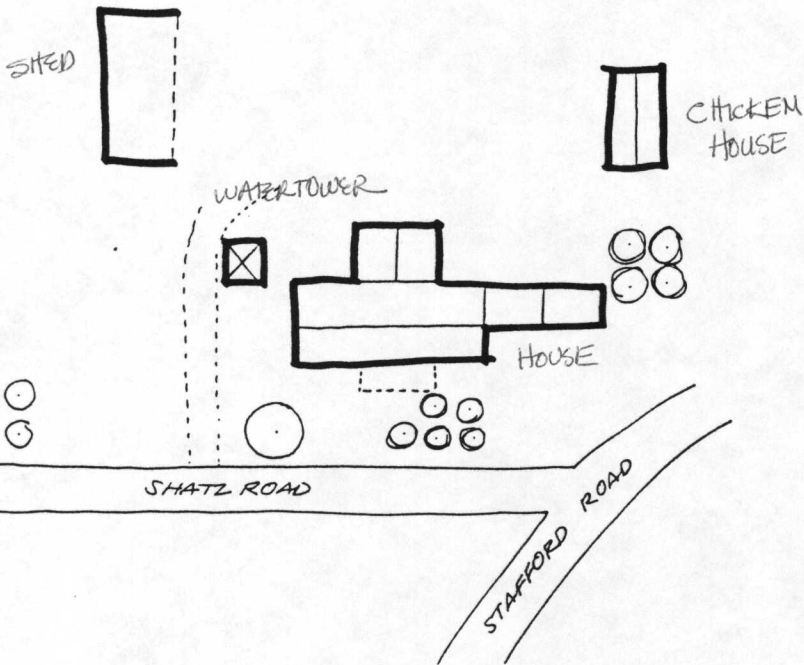
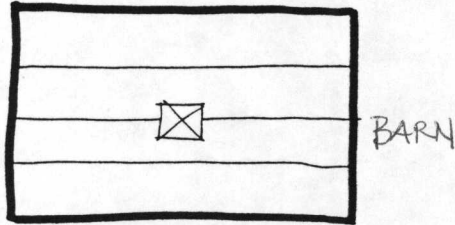
Other outbuildings include a machine/wagon shed, animal shed and a shed (possibly fruit room) located in the orchard, west of the house. The date of construction of these buildings is not known.

Significant landscape features include several large coniferous trees, fruit trees that are located to the east, west and south of the house, and ornamental plantings in the house-yard.

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SITE PLAN AND VICINITY MAP

Address: 4875 S.W. Schatz Road
Historic Name: ROBBINS-MELCHER-SCHATZ, FARM



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