HISTORIC NAME: BARLOW, WILLIAM, HOUSE
COMMON NAME: 
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 24670 Highway 99E
OWNER: Miller, Virginia
OWNER ADDRESS: 24670 Highway 99E, Canby, OR 97013
RESOURCE TYPE: Buildings
PRESENT USE: Residential
ORIGINAL USE: Farm Complex
THEME: Culture: Architecture; Exploration: Settlement; Agriculture: Farming
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
COUNTY: Clackamas
QUAD: Canby
T/R/S: 4 1E 5C
TAX LOT: 901
ADDITION: N/A
BLOCK: N/A
LOT: N/A
LOT SIZE: 1.48 Acres
ZONE: EFU-20, CR

SETTING: The Barlow House is located on the south side of Highway 99E, a busy and noisy, four-lane thoroughfare. The house is set back from the road. The side is level with two rows of black walnut trees leading to the house and ornamental plantings surrounding the house. Across the road, to the north, are railroad tracks and commercial buildings. On the east there is a field and a commercial building. On the west and south there are fields. The area is a mixture of commercial and agricultural uses.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Ornamental plantings; mature deciduous trees

NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES: Non-historic shed

RECORDED BY: Koler/Morrison
DATE: December 1991
DATE BUILT: 1885
STYLE: Italianate
PLAN/TYPE/SHAPE: Asymmetrical
NO. OF STORIES: 2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Brick
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Truncated hip roof w/ composition shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood/stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: One-over-one double-hung sash w/ architrave molding; some with round-headed surrounds; some with entablature heads
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Wide drop siding w/ cornerboards and watertable
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Champfered posts; eave brackets; turned balustrade; jigsawn brackets; paneled frieze
OTHER: Single-bay porch w/ flat roof supported by posts w/ balustrade, n. elev.; enclosed single-bay porch w/ shed roof, s. elev.; single-bay porch w/ hip, e. elev.; double paneled door; two-story polygonal window bays, s. and w. elevs.; two-story truncated hip roof ell, s. elev.; three interior chimneys; staircase w/ turned balustrade and large ornate newel posts, n. elev.
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Porch altered, n. elev. (n.d.)
WASH HOUSE/COAL SHED

ESTIMATED DATE BUILT: c. 1860
STYLE: Vernacular
PLAN/TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
NO. OF STORIES: 2
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Post-and-beam
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Gable w/ composition shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood/stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Six-over-six double-hung sash; multi-light fixed
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Wide drop siding w/ cornerboards and rake boards; double-bevel siding; sheet metal
DECORATIVE FEATURES: Pointed-arch window in gable peak
OTHER: Paneled door; shed roof ell w/ overhead sliding door, w. elev.; shed roof ell, e. elev.
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Ell added, e. elev. (after 1906)
CARRIAGE HOUSE

ESTIMATED DATE BUILT: c. 1930
STYLE: Vernacular
PLAN/TYP SHAPE: Rectangular
NO. OF STORIES: 1
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete blocks at corners
BASEMENT: No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Gable w/ wood shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood/stud
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Pointed-arch window, n. elev.
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Narrow drop siding w/ cornerboards and rake boards
DECORATIVE FEATURES: None
OTHER: Paired, hinged doors
CONDITION: Good
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Doors replaced (n.d.); doorway covered, n. elev. (n.d.)
WELLHOUSE

ESTIMATED DATE BUILT:  c. 1905
STYLE:  Vernacular
PLAN/TYPExSHAPE:  Rectangular
NO. OF STORIES:  1
FOUNDATION MATERIAL:  Cast stone
BASEMENT:  No
ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS:  Gable w/ composition shingles
WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME:  Masonry/unknown
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE:  Hinged
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS:  Cast stone; narrow drop siding in
gable peak
DECORATIVE FEATURES:  None
OTHER:  Vertical board hinged door
CONDITION:  Fair
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE):  Wood siding removed from gable
peak, s. elev. (n.d.)
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Address: 24670 Highway 99E
Historic Name: BARLOW, WILLIAM, HOUSE

The Barlow House is located along Highway 99E, a heavily traveled, early 20th-century road, and the Southern Pacific Railroad. The house is located within the Barlow city limits and the Barlow donation land claim. The resource may be evaluated as an example of the Italianate style and for its association with William Barlow.

SUBJECT PROPERTY

OWNERSHIP

According to county records, William Barlow and his wife, the original owners, sold the property in 1896 to Mary S. Barlow. Mary Barlow sold the property in 1905 to S.B. Berg and his wife. The Bergs sold the property to the County in 1919, but are recorded as the sellers in 1927, when the property was sold to George S. Berg and others. The property remained in the Berg family ownership until 1956, when it was sold by Bernard J. and Emma Berg.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

According to the National Register Nomination form:

"In 1850, Sam Barlow purchased the land on which the present house is located from Thomas McKay, a former employee of the Hudson's Bay Company. There was probably a house on the property when Barlow purchased the land, and part of the 1,450 acres was cultivated.

"William Barlow first settled on a farm on the Clackamas River near Oregon City. In his memoirs, William referred to Oregon Trail travelers stopping at his farm, so it must have been either on or near the actual route of the trail. He sold this Clackamas River farm in 1848 to an Oregon Trail traveler and engaged in several enterprises in the Oregon City area. Sometime during the 1850s, William bought his father's farm. Sam Barlow moved from his farm to Canemah, near Oregon City, where he died in 1867.

"Under William Barlow, the farm developed into a small community. In 1859, William planted the first black walnut trees in Oregon. They were planted in two rows from the house to the main road through Barlow, about 300 yards from the house. In 1870, the railroad was built through the Willamette Valley and the route went through the Barlow property. A station was built and named for William Barlow. Barlow and his brother-in-law, Hodges, built and financed one of the first river steamboats on the upper Willamette River - the Canemah. On his farm and in the

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community of Barlow, William Barlow started a sawmill, a grist mill, the first post office, and the Barlow Bank and Land Development Company.

"The William Barlow House was constructed in 1885 soon after the first Barlow house burned (probably in 1883). The new house was constructed on the same site as the original house, maintaining the same orientation to the outbuildings. It is not known whether Barlow hired an architect to prepare the plans for his house, but the evidence suggests he did not. The records do, however, show that Barlow hired Mr. Kidd, master carpenter, to supervise the construction of his house. Some of the construction materials for the house were no doubt prepared in Barlow's sawmill."

ARCHITECTURAL/PHYSICAL INFORMATION

The Barlow House is an example of the Italianate style of architecture. Composed of two rectangular volumes, the house was built in 1885. Architectural evidence supports this date of construction.

The Italianate style was popular during the 1860s through the 1880s. The buildings were generally formal and symmetrical with hipped roofs, wide projecting cornices with brackets, and sash windows often with arched and curved window tops. Small entry porches were most common and were usually restrained in decoration and of single-story height. In keeping with the style, the Barlow house contains all of these elements and other decorative features such as the chamfered posts, the turned balustrade, jigsaw brackets and a paneled frieze.

The Barlow House has had few exterior alterations since the historic period. The original front porch was removed by the second owners and an encircling porch was added. The encircling porch was removed and the original porch was restored by the fourth owner, Virginia Miller.

In addition to the house, there are three outbuildings which are believed to date from the historic period. The wash house/coal shed is a two-story building clad with wide drop siding with cornerboards and rake boards with the wash room on the first floor, the coal shed attached to the back and the upstairs was used for drying clothes. The carriage house is a one-story building clad with narrow drop siding with cornerboards and rake boards, and the wellhouse is a small one-story rectangular building clad with cast stone.

There is one other building on the property, a shed, which is believed to post-date the historic period.

Originally, there used to be a circular drive and fountain in front of the house, two barns, a carriage house, an orchard, a smokehouse, a large machine shed, a chicken house, a four-bedroom
tenant house, hog sheds, and a sawmill on the property. The tenant house was used as living quarters for the Barlow's negro servants, Rosa and John. It was later used as a granary when it was moved to the fields after 1906 and burned down circa 1982. The sawmill was located on the original donation land claim on the back part of the property near the Molalla River.

The two rows of black walnut trees, planted in 1859, extend from the house to the highway. The rows were shortened due to the construction of the railroad and the highway, however, they remain a prominent feature and add to the character of the historic buildings.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Barlow House is significant as an example of the Italianate style and for its association with William Barlow. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house is additionally significant as a singular example of an Italianate style dwelling, dating from the Progressive Era (1884-1913), listed on the Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory for the Canby/Barlow study area.

Bibliography: Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory, 1984.
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SITE PLAN
VICINITY MAP

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Cultural Resource Survey Form:

Identification:
Common/Historical Name: BARLOW HOUSE
Address: 24670 Highway 99E
Current Owner: VIRGINIA MILLER
Owner's Address: Same, Canby, 97013
Original Owner: WILLIAM BARLOW
Area of Significance: TOWN: CANBY COUNTY: CLACKAMAS COUNTY:

Historic Interest:
Theme: Settlement; Architecture - 19th Century
Date: 1885
Description: see attached National Register form

Architectural Interest:
Style: High Victorian Italianate
Date: 1885
Condition: 
Architect: 

Main Entrance:

Notes:

Bibliography:
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Date: April 1994
Recorder: Hayden/Aitier