

CLACKAMAS COUNTY  
HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY 1989-92

HISTORIC NAME: MILLER, ABNER, BARN  
COMMON NAME:  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6432 S. Whiskey Hill Road, Hubbar, OR 97032  
OWNER: Kropf, Ivan  
OWNER ADDRESS: 33532 S. Kropf Road, Molalla, OR 97038  
RESOURCE TYPE: Buildings  
PRESENT USE: Farm Complex  
ORIGINAL USE: Farm Complex  
THEME: Culture: Architecture; Agriculture  
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown  
COUNTY: Clackamas  
QUAD: Yoder  
T/R/S: 4 1E 31C  
TAX LOT: 600  
ADDITION: N/A  
BLOCK: N/A  
LOT: N/A  
LOT SIZE: 6.22 Acres  
ZONE: EFU

SETTING: The Miller Barn is located on the south side of Whiskey Hill Road, a quiet two-lane thoroughfare. The barn is close to the road. The site is generally level, although the barn is on a gentle rise above the road. Across the road, to the north, is nursery stock and a post-World War II-era house. On the east there is a post-World War II-era dwelling. On the south and the west, there are cultivated fields. The area is predominantly in agricultural use.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Mature deciduous trees

NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES: None

RECORDED BY: Koler/Morrison  
DATE: January 1991



**BARN**

DATE BUILT: 1889

STYLE: Western

PLAN/TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular

NO. OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete

BASEMENT: No

ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Gable w/ wood shakes

WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood/unknown

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Multi-light casement w/ plain surrounds

EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Board-and-batten

DECORATIVE FEATURES: None

OTHER: Hinged doors; two side-wall overhead sliding doors; gable roof cupola w/ louvered vents; cantilevered, s. elev.

CONDITION: Good

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Re-sided (1955)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Address: 6431 S. Whiskey Hill Road  
Historic Name: MILLER, ABNER, BARN

The Miller Barn is located along Whiskey Hill Road at Whiskey Hill. Rock Creek is located less than a half mile to the east of the property. The resource may be evaluated as an example of a Western style barn.

### SUBJECT PROPERTY

#### OWNERSHIP

According to county records, Abner Miller, the original owner, purchased the subject property from Daniel D. and Anna Miller in 1880. Miller and his wife sold the property in 1895 to Peter and Elizabeth T. Troyer, who retained ownership until 19006 when they sold to Amos P. and Delilah Troyer. The Troyers retained ownership until 1935, when they sold to Edward and Lenore Schoor. The Schoors gave a quit claim deed to Edward and Alice P. Yoder in 1936. The Yoders retained ownership until 1953.

#### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

No biographical information for Abner Miller, Peter or Elizabeth T. Troyer, or Amos P. or Delilah Troyer is currently available.

Dr. Edward Schoor was a physician and surgeon and expert on grape culture. He became interested in grape grafting from his use of the grafting method in his surgical work as a way to cause bone to grow. He did not confine his grafting only to grapes; he has also grafted apples, figs, nuts and plums. Edward had two children, Mildred and Edward L.

Alice and Edward Yoder are listed in the 1936 Directory of Rural Residents as owning nine acres of land near Hubbard.

#### ARCHITECTURAL/PHYSICAL INFORMATION

The Miller Barn is an example of the Western style of architecture and was built circa 1889. Architectural evidence supports this date of construction.

The Western Barn type was popular in Oregon during the 1870s through the first part of the 20th century. Barn design began to change in the 1860s because of new technologies, including the ability to bale or press hay, a new threshing process which bagged grain in the field, and the invention of the hayfork lift. With the adoption of the hayfork lift in the 1870s, low profile barns became less common. The larger and taller barns would store greater amounts of hay than the smaller low profile barns. Characteristic features of Western barns include a rectangular plan, gable roof, tall profile and often included a hay door and

possibly a hay hood. Board-and-batten was the preferred siding for these barns. Doors tended to be side-wall overhead sliding doors.

The Miller Barn illustrates the particular type known as a bank barn. Here the farmer has taken advantage of the topography and gained grade access to the second level..

The barn has had a minor exterior alteration since the historic period; the barn was re-sided.

In addition to the barn, there is one outbuilding, the machine shed which is a one-story building clad with board-and-batten siding.

The landscape features, the fruit trees, are very old and add to the historic character of the subject property.

#### SIGNIFICANCE

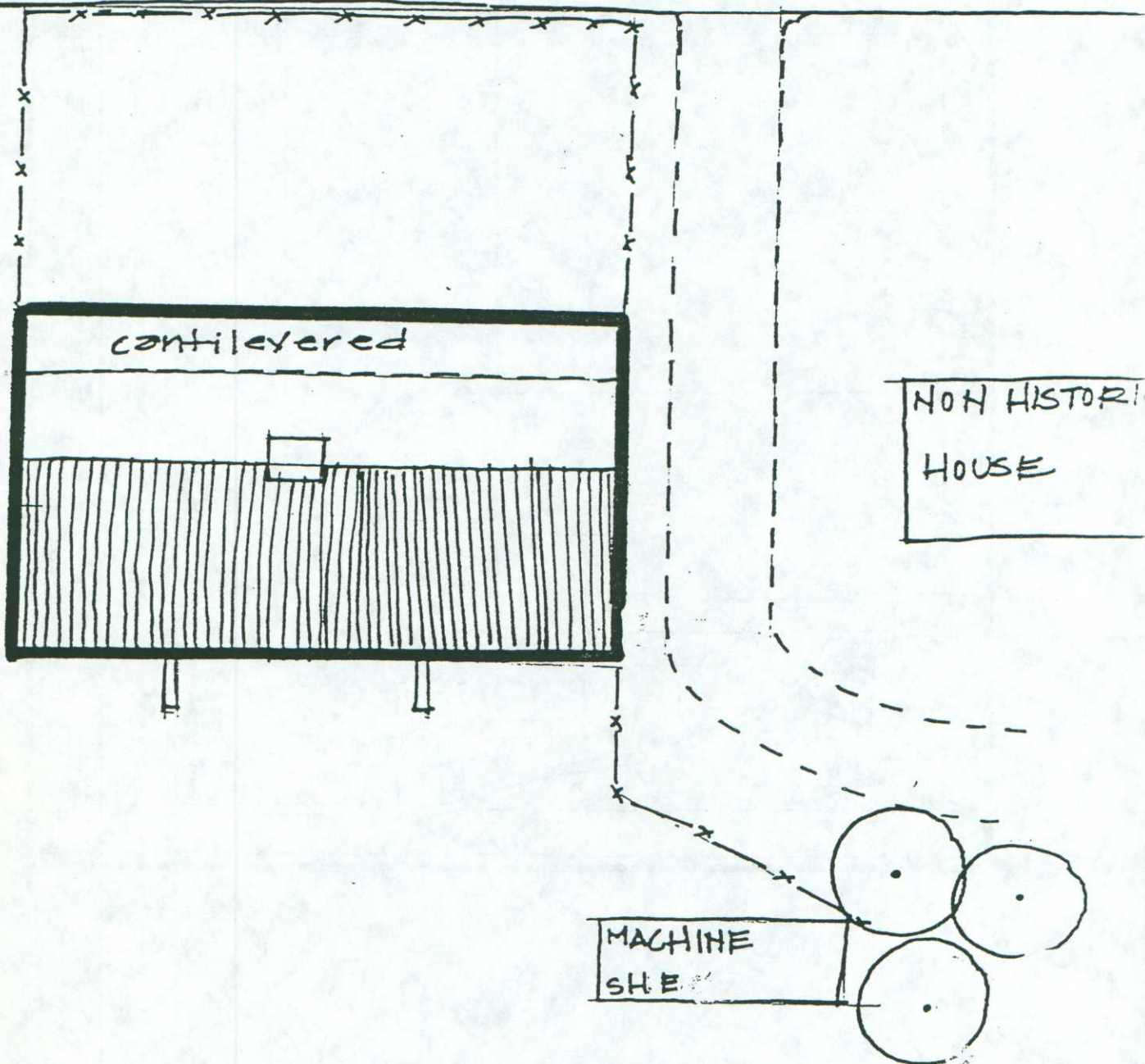
The Miller Barn is significant as an excellent example of an early 19th-century Western barn and is the only known example of a cantilevered design. The Miller Barn is one of five Western Barns from the Progressive Era listed on the Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory in the Canby/Barlow study area.

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SITE PLAN

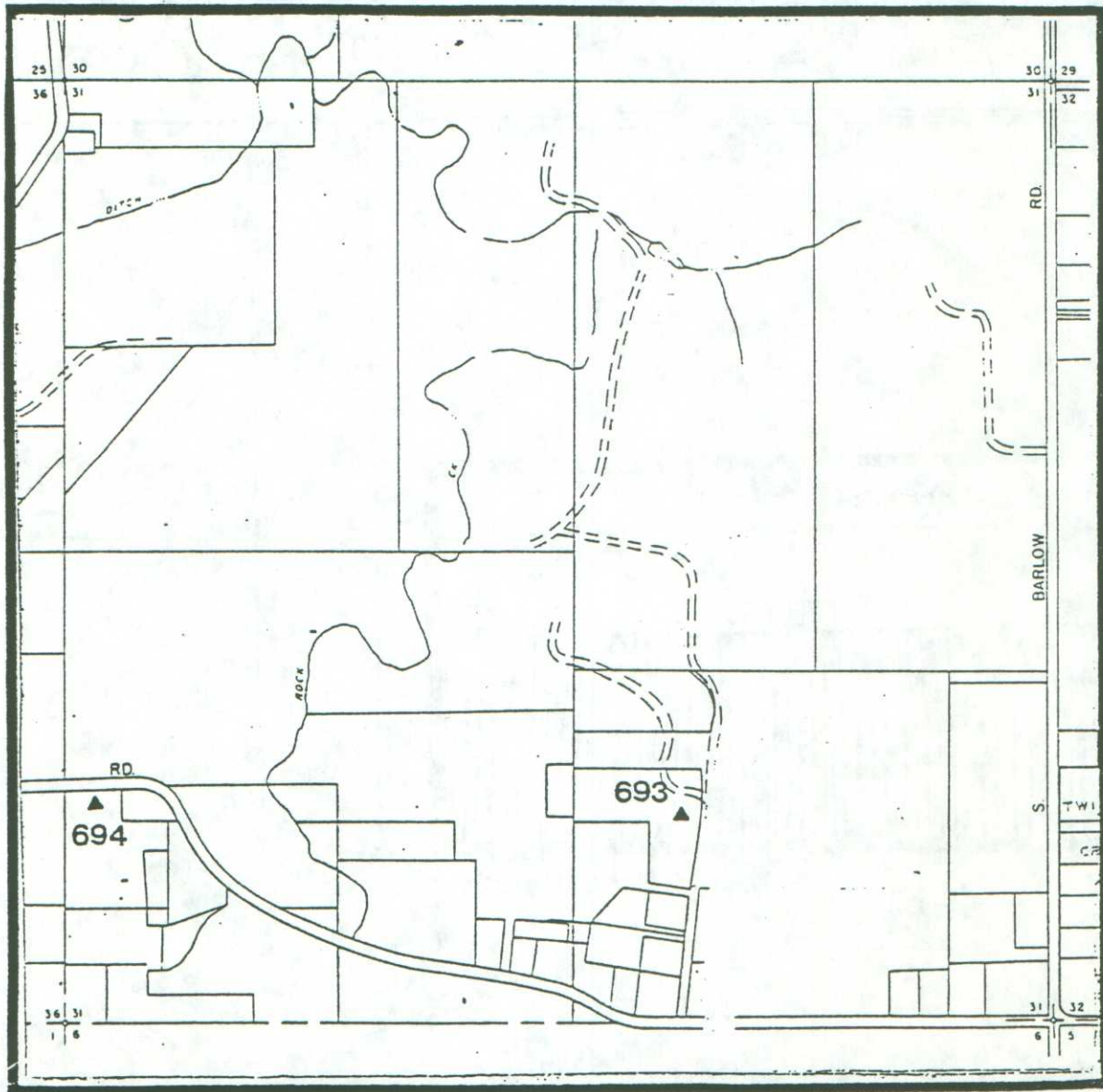
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W H I S K E Y H I L L R D



VICINITY MAP

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# Cultural Resource Survey Form:

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

T. D. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## PHOTO INFORMATION:

ROLL: XLIV

FRAME: 11

STUDY AREA: Canby/Barlow

LEGAL: T. 4 R. 1E SEC. 31C

TAX (LOTS): 600

ZONE EFU-20 SIZE 6.22

## IDENTIFICATION:

COMMON/HISTORICAL NAME: BARN AT WHISKEY HILL

ADDRESS: 6431 S. Whiskey Hill Road AREA: WHISKEY HILL

CURRENT OWNER: Ivan Kropf USE: Barn

OWNER'S ADDRESS: 33532 S. Kropf Road, Molalla 97038

ORIGINAL OWNER: ABNER MILLER USE: Barn

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: X CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ NATION: \_\_\_\_\_

## HISTORIC INTEREST:

THEME: Architecture - 19th Century; Agriculture DATE: ca. 1889

DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

## ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST:

STYLE: Barn STORIES: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: ca. 1889 CONDITION: Good ARCHITECT: Abner Mill, Builder

SIDING: Board and batten

ROOF: Gable roof with cupola

DOORS: \_\_\_\_\_

WINDOWS: Multi-light and louvered window opening

MAIN ENTRANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES: Cantilever



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DATE: April, 1984

RECORDER: Altier/Hayden

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