

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY 1989-92

HISTORIC NAME: GRIBBLE, ALBERT DANIEL, BARN
COMMON NAME:
PROPERTY ADDRESS: Highway 170, Canaby, OR 97013
OWNER: Kimlinger, Shirley L. 1/5
OWNER ADDRESS: 2846 Lorencita Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93454
RESOURCE TYPE: Building
PRESENT USE: Vacant
ORIGINAL USE: Barn
THEME: Culture: Architecture; Agriculture: Stock Raising
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
COUNTY: Clackamas
QUAD: Yoder
T/R/S: 4 1E 27
TAX LOT: 400
ADDITION: N/A
BLOCK: N/A
LOT: N/A
LOT SIZE: 41.70 Acres
ZONE: EFU-20

SETTING: The Gribble Barn is located on the east side of Highway 170, a busy, two-lane thoroughfare. The barn is close to the road. The site is level with the barn being the singular building surrounded by open field. Gribble Creek runs through the property on the northeast. Mt. Hood can be seen in the distance. Across the road, to the west, there is a cultivated field. On the north and south there are cultivated fields. On the east there are filbert orchards. The area is predominantly in agricultural use.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Mature deciduous trees

NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES: None

RECORDED BY: Koler/Morrison
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Gribble Barn is located on Highway 170, an early 20th-century road, and approximately one mile west of Macksburg. Gribble Creek runs through the property on the northeast. The property is located within the John Gribble donation land claim. The resource may be evaluated as an example of a turn-of-the-century Gambrel barn.

SUBJECT PROPERTY

OWNERSHIP

Albert Daniel Gribble, the original owner, built the barn in 1907. Iola Bowers purchased the subject property in 1957. Iola Bowers and Shirley and Ray Kimlinger owned the subject building in 1986.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

According to Myrtle Gribble, the barn was built in the fall of 1907. The lumber came from a mill in Molalla and brought by horse and wagon to the site. The barn was built by Albert Daniel Gribble, who raised purebred Jersey cattle which were imported from Jersey Island off the coast of France. Mr. Gribble showed his cattle at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby (see SHPO #581). He also kept race horses and his son, Allen Gribble, brought wild horses from Eastern Oregon. Mr. Gribble's home was originally across the road from the barn.

"H.L. Gribble, Canby, Oregon" appears stenciled on an interior door.

ARCHITECTURAL/PHYSICAL INFORMATION

The Gribble Barn is an example of a Gambrel barn and was built in 1907. Architectural evidence supports this date of construction.

Gambrel barns were generally built after 1910 with their upper floor used for hay storage. These larger barns signified change in agricultural practices whereby machines allowed farmers to cultivate larger parcels and raise more animals. These barns also coincided with the advent of specialized farming in Clackamas County, which was mainly dairy farming.

The Gribble Barn has a gambrel roof and is clad with board-and-batten siding. Hand-hewn beams are visible within the interior of the barn.

The barn has had minor exterior alterations since the historic period; doors were removed and a sign was painted on the south wall in 1986 for a television commercial.

SITE PLAN

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