

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY 1989-92

HISTORIC NAME: LARSON, BEN, BARN
COMMON NAME:
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 37215 S. Nowlens Bridge Road
OWNER: Ross, Norman C., trustee
OWNER ADDRESS: 37215 S. Nowlens Bridge Road, Molalla OR 97038
RESOURCE TYPE: Building
PRESENT USE: Farm Complex
ORIGINAL USE: Farm Complex
THEME: Culture: architecture; Agriculture
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:
COUNTY: Clackamas
QUAD: Scotts Mill
T/R/S: 6 1E 9
TAX LOT: 301
ADDITION: N/A
BLOCK: N/A
LOT: N/A
LOT SIZE: 1.24 Acres
ZONE: EFU

SETTING: The Ben Larson Barn is located on the west side of Nowlens Bridge Road, a quiet, two-lane thoroughfare. The barn is set back from the road, down a unimproved driveway. The site is rolling with many mature trees along the driveway and surrounding the house. Across the road to east is a cultivated field. On the north, south and west are also cultivated fields. The area is predominantly in agricultural uses.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Mature deciduous trees

NON-CONTRIBUTING FEATURES: Several non-historic grain silos; altered historic dwelling; non-historic garage; non-historic machine shed; non-historic fuel shed; non-historic barn

RECORDED BY: Koler/Morrison
DATE: April 1992



BARN

ESTIMATED DATE BUILT: c. 1890

STYLE: Western

PLAN/TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular

NO. OF STORIES: 2

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Post-and-beam

BASEMENT: No

ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Gambrel w/ sheet metal

WALL CONSTRUCTION/STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood/unknown

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Four-light hopper

EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Board-and-batten w/ cornerboards

DECORATIVE FEATURES: None

OTHER: Hinged door; end-wall overhead sliding doors, some in pairs; side-wall overhead sliding; hay hood; cross gable cupola

CONDITION: Good

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS (DATE): Holes cut in hay door for equipment pipe (n.d.); some windows removed (n.d.); hole cut, n. elev. (n.d.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Ben Larson Barn is located along Nowlens Bridge Road, an early 20th century road, approximately one-half mile south of Marquam. The subject property is located within the Robert Allen donation land claim. The resource may be evaluated as an example of an early 20th century barn, and as a component of historic Marquam.

HISTORIC BACKGROUND

SUBJECT PROPERTY

OWNERSHIP

According to county records Ben Larson, the original owner, purchased the subject property in 1910 from O.E.F. Lee. In 1938 Mary B. Larson, a widow, is listed giving a quit claim deed to Eric and Doris Larson, who immediately sold to Bertha Andahl and others. In that same year Ella Larson Morley, trustee and others also gave a quit claim deed to Bertha Amdahl and others. In 1942 Bertha Andahl, her husband and others sold the property to Roy and Gertrude D. Morley, who immediately sold to Rex W. and Gladys Ross, who retained ownership until 1961.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

No biographical information is currently known regarding Ben Larson, Mary B. Larson, Eric and Doris Larson, Bertha Andahl, Ella Larson Morley, Roy and Gertrude D. Morley or Rex W. and Gladys Ross.

ARCHITECTURAL/PHYSICAL INFORMATION

Architectural evidence suggests that the subject barn was built circa 1910. The subject building is an example of the Western Barn type.

The barn has the form and massing characteristic to the style and type. The barn is in good condition. The intersecting gable cupola is a noteworthy feature. Alterations since construction include the addition of a hole in the hay door to allow the entry of an equipment pipe, the removal of several windows and the addition of an opening in the north elevation. The dates of these alterations is currently unknown.

The barn shares the site with several non-historic grain silos, an altered historic dwelling, non-historic garage, non-historic machine shed, non-historic fuel shed and non-historic barn, none of which contribute to the historic character of the subject property.

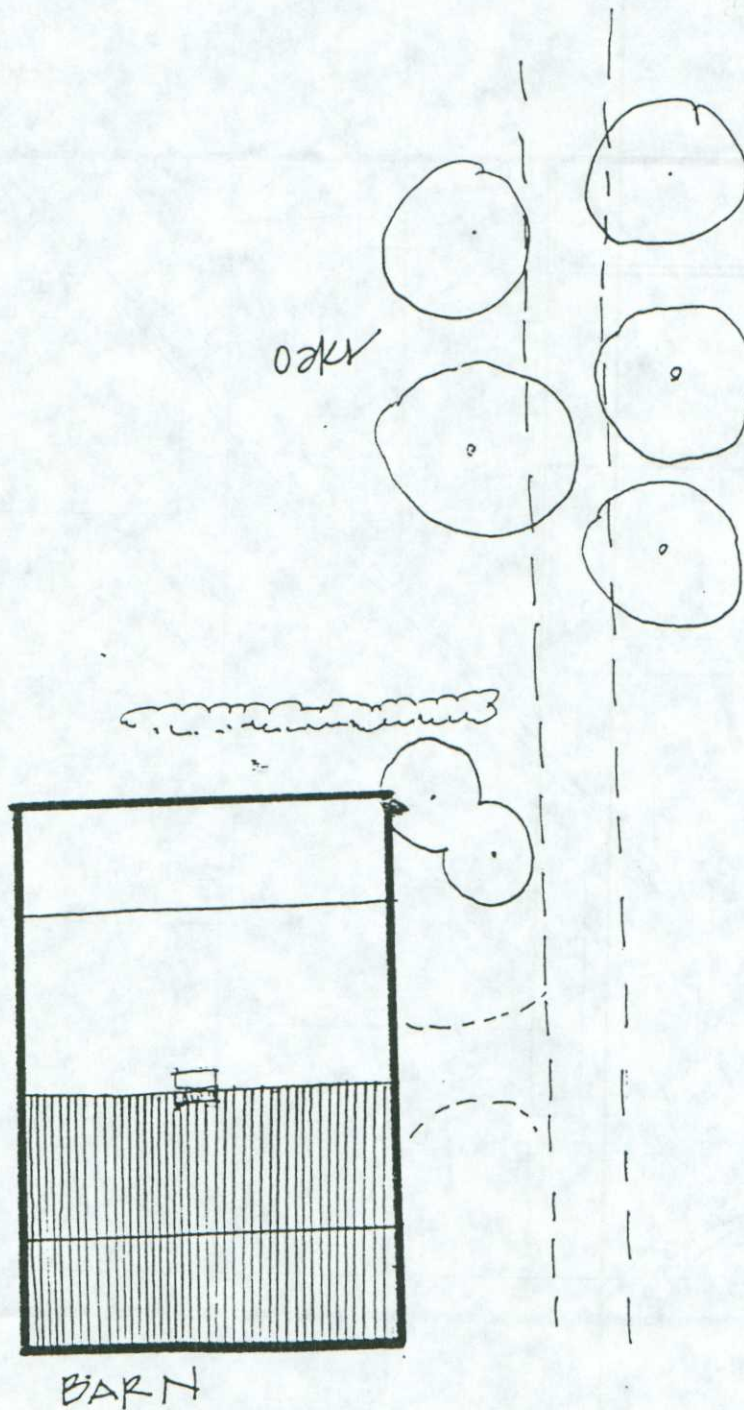
SIGNIFICANCE

The Ben Larson Barn is significant as a good and well preserved example of a early 20th Western barn. The barn is additionally significant for its highly visible contribution to the Marquam area historic character.

Bibliography: Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory,
1984.
Clackamas County Tax Assessor records, Oregon
City, OR.
TICOR Title Company, Oregon City, OR.

SITE PLAN

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VICINITY MAP

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