

Hood River Co.

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

HIST. NAME: _____ DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1900
 COMMON NAME: Collinson House ORIGINAL USE: Residence
 ADDRESS: 416 State Street, Hood River
 OWNER: Cindy and Jim Collinson PRESENT USE: Residence
416 State Str., Hood River, ORE. ARCH./BLDR.: unknown
 T/R/S: T3N R10E Sec 37 STYLE: Cottage/ Queen Anne Cottage
 MAP NO.: _____ TAX LOT: 10500 BLDG. STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE)
 ADDITION: Second Addition West THEME: Residential / Early Development
 BLOCK: 8 LOT: 5/6 QUAD: Hood River Quad.

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: T-shaped NO. OF STORIES: one
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: rock w/concrete layer BASEMENT (Y/N): yes
 ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: hip w/intersecting cross gables - asphalt shingles
 WALL CONSTRUCTION: wood studs STRUCTURAL FRAME: wood frame
 PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 1/1 double hung sash
 EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: shiplap siding
 DECORATIVE FEATURES: sunburst gable ornament, fishscale shingles, decorative
 OTHER: porch frieze, thin layer of concrete over rock foundation
 CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED MOVED (DATE)

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): rear porch enclosed

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Two large deciduous trees west of house, one large tree on the east

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: none

KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES: none

SETTING: Facing south in commercial area which borders residential area, located on a prominent site overlooking the Columbia River and downtown to the north. Sited on sloping lot to the north, approx. 15 to public right of way. Adjacent to the Hood River Carnegie Public Library.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts). USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY: SEE ATTACHED FORMS

SOURCES: "An Illustrated History of Central Oregon" (1905)
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Hood River, "A History of Hood River County"

NEGATIVE NO.: R 5 #5 RECORDED BY: Historic Dimensions
 SLIDE NO.: _____ DATE: August 1987

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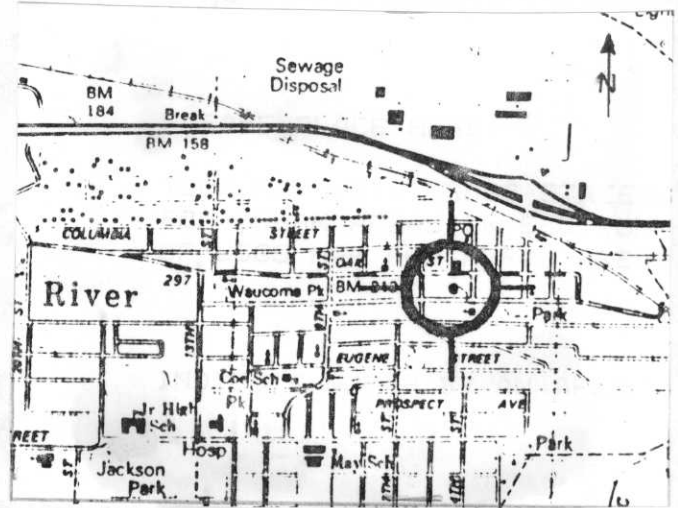
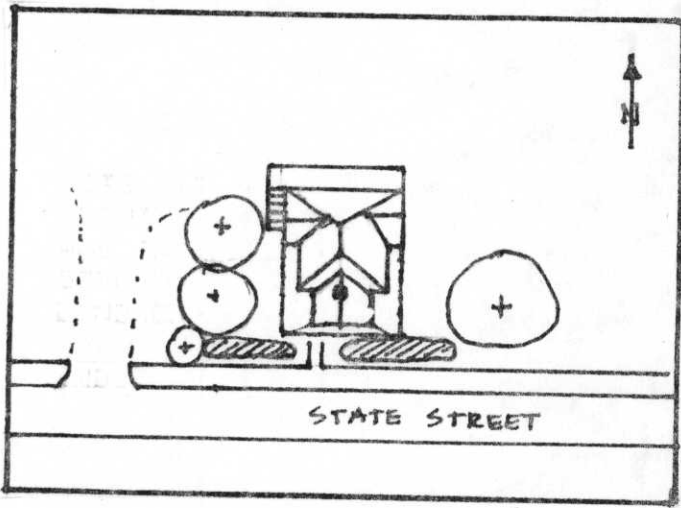
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8. Significance

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Specific dates 1900-1929 Builder/Architect Early development period

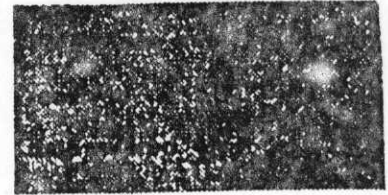
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Architectural Significance

The Collinson House best exemplifies a virtually intact example of the Cottage Style in the vernacular Queen Anne mode within the city limits of Hood River, Oregon. Six other cottages with varying degrees of Queen Anne influence remain in Hood River but none with comparable distinguishing features, form and integrity as the Collinson House. Constructed between 1896 and 1901, the house is a very early example of this style in the community, and may, in fact, be the earliest of its style and type. The early construction date represents a period of great expansion in Hood River; the population tripled between 1900 and 1905. The cottage is located on a prominent site on a hill overlooking the Columbia River and the central downtown area. It is situated on the original double lot, adjacent to Hood River's Carnegie Library and near the Hood River County Court House. Large, older homes of the town's early residents line State Street, west of the house. The Collinson House is a link between the town's commercial and residential areas and adds to the distinctive quality of the historic streetscape.

Small cottages with Queen Anne characteristics were popular with the working middle class throughout the Victorian era. They were derived from the Queen Anne style which was "inspired by the manor houses of the English architect Richard Norman Shaw (1831 - 1912) and was introduced to the United States by the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition of 1876 where the British Government buildings of this style were among the most popular. The new style quickly captured the hearts and imagination of a public trying to break away from restrictive Renaissance design, but simultaneously needing nostalgic reminders of the past." (4) The style, first popular with the wealthy upper class, was adapted quickly and easily by the middle class in many varying forms. The houses were usually modest one to two story dwellings with fanciful decorative details and assymetrical forms. Pattern books, immensely popular in that period, also played an important role in the development of the vernacular Queen Anne and cottage. By making available house parts and plans common to Queen Anne designs, "it facilitated the owner's desire to individualize his house by manipulating countless possible combinations of relatively inexpensive ornament." (5) The Collinson house is an excellent example of a small cottage displaying salient Queen Anne features and forms which may have been inspired from a pattern book. The high pitched half-hipped gable with intersecting gables, various siding material, one over one double hung sash, bulls-eye windows, wraparound porch with hipped roof and frontal projecting bay window are all characteristic Queen Anne elements. The turned porch post, jigsaw brackets, and gable end ornaments are Eastlake details which were also common to the Queen Anne style.

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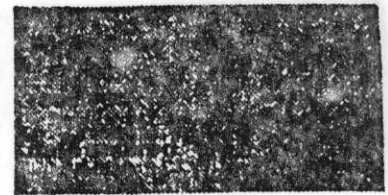
Prior to the 1880's Hood River was accessible mainly by steamers on the Columbia River, which inhibited settlers from coming to the Hood River Valley to farm. In 1882 the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company ran a line from Portland to Walla Walla, Washington making the rich farmlands of the Hood River Valley more accessible. (6) In 1881, a year prior to the coming of the railroad, H.C. and E.F. Coe platted the town of Hood River, probably as a speculative venture anticipating the railroad. They gave away land to those who would erect businesses in the town. John Parker, whose widow later lived in the Collinson House for 25 years, is credited with erecting the first building in town, which was a mercantile store, thus starting the prosperous fruit growing valley community.

The Collinson House is located in the Second Addition West to the original plat of Hood River on the Coe family's donation land claim. It is thought that the house was built by or for the George Roe family sometime between 1896-1901. The Roe family purchased lots 5 and 6 of Block 8 in 1896 for \$800.00, and in 1901 the property was sold to Ida Roe for \$2,201.00, indicating a structure was probably built prior to that date. (7) No historic information concerning the Roe family is known at this time except they were residents of Lane County. The property changed hands in 1903 and was sold to Gertrude Schall who subsequently sold it in 1905 to Asenath Parker. Asenath, John Parker's widow, owned "one of the best fruit farms in the Hood River Valley." (8) She was born in Illinois in 1854, the daughter of Hugh W. Moore, who was born in Nova Scotia. Asenath married John Parker in 1872 in Indiana. Parker, a native of Yorkshire England, was born in 1845. (9) They came to Oregon in 1879 and in 1881 "started the town of Hood River." The Parker's two story frame building was a combination mercantile store and residence. They sold the store in 1886 and bought a saw mill, operating it for seven years until selling it to the Oregon Lumber Company. (10) In 1893 the Parkers built a large, twelve room residence south of town by the Hood River. It was used as a summer boarding house which was run by Asenath Parker. (11) The house burned to the ground in the 1950's. John Parker died in 1897 but Asenath continued to live in the house with her four children until 1905. Asenath was known throughout the valley for her successful fruit farm on the property. At this time, ca. 1900, the Hood River Valley was developing into a thriving fruit growing region. The establishment of the Fruit Growers Association, irrigation improvements and better navigation of the Columbia River, made the growing of fruit a more stable and lucrative business. (12) The fruit industry continues to be an important part of the economic base of Hood River.

In 1905 Asenath Parker moved to 416 State Street and owned the property for 25 years until 1929. (13) Asenath continued to contribute to the Hood River community by running Parker's Confectionary and Delicatessen with her son Frank. This restaurant was the forerunner to the Apple Blossom Cafe which is still in operation in downtown Hood River. Asenath was known to all as "Grandma Parker."

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CONCLUSION

Without question, the Collinson House is an intact and rare example of its style and type in Hood River. In comparison with all other cottages with Queen Anne characteristics, this house best exemplifies the style with its charming decorative features and form. Its very early date in the development of the city marks it as a significant representation of the early expansion period of development from 1900-1905. Its historic association with Asenath Parker further adds to the merit of the house and its connection with early town development and the fruit orchard industry which distinguishes Hood River.