

ASHLAND CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY  
SURVEY FORM  
COUNTY: JACKSON

IDENTIFICATION:

Hist. Name Ahlstrom, Nils House Date of Construction: 1888  
Common Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Use: Residence  
Address: 248 Fifth Street Present Use: Residence  
Ashland, Oregon Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner: Anderson, Curt/Lorie Builder: Frulan, John  
248 Fifth Street Style: Vernacular, Italian Villa  
Ashland, Oregon x Bldg. \_\_\_\_\_ Struc. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ Obj. \_\_\_\_\_  
T/R/S: 39S R1E 9 Ranking: Primary  
Map No: 9 AB Tax Lot: 4100  
Addition: Railroad (1884)  
Block: E Lot: 15-17 Quad: Ashland

THEME:

Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties Theme: 6a.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Archaeology \_\_\_\_\_ Industry \_\_\_\_\_ Mining  
\_\_\_\_\_ Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_ Military \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Education  
\_\_\_\_\_ Commerce \_\_\_\_\_ Politics/Government x Transportation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Exploration and Settlement \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Other

DESCRIPTION:

Plan Type/Shape: L-Shaped No. of Stories: Two  
Foundation Material: Concrete Basement(Y/N): Crawl space  
Roof Form and Material: Hip over main block, hop over all; composition shingle  
Wall Construction: Wood frame Structural Frame: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Window Type: One-over-one double hung sash; plain trim (see over)  
Exterior Surfacing Materials: Horizontal drop; 'v' joint shiplap  
Decorative Features: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Condition: \_\_\_\_\_ Excellent x Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_\_\_ Moved(Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
Exterior Alterations/Additions (Dated) \_\_\_\_\_  
Noteworthy Landscape Features: \_\_\_\_\_  
Associated Structures: Rental dwelling, rear of lot constructed 1983 compatible design  
Known Archaeological Features: \_\_\_\_\_

Negative No: Roll 33-35 Recorded By: Clay/Atwood  
Slide No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1 May 1984/13 September 1988

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SETTING:

This Nils Ahlstrom House is located on the east side of Fifth Street, on Lots 15, 16, and 17 of block E in the Railroad Addition of Ashland.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

Nils Ahlstrom, born in 1829 in Sweden, purchased several lots from George H. Andrews in the spring of 1888. John Frulan, local contractor, was at work on the Ahlstrom House by October 1888. The Ashland Tidings reported that the \$800 structure, "Mr. Ahlstrom's two-story dwelling on Fifth Street was raised this week." Ahlstrom worked for many years as a conductor for the Southern Pacific. The 1900 census lists the seventy-year-old man working as a gardener that year. His wife, Lavinia, was born in 1848 also in Sweden. The Ahlstrom house is one of the oldest houses standing in the Railroad Addition. John Frulan, builder, was a native of Norway. He died in Ashland in May 1902 at the age of 63 years. This house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Primary Window Type: with head molding

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SOURCES CONSULTED:

Ashland Tidings, October 12, 1888; May 15, 1902, 3:1 ✓  
National Register Nomination, Nils Ahlstrom House, 1979  
Polk's Jackson, Josephine and Douglas County Directory, 1910  
U.S. Federal Census (Jackson County) 1900

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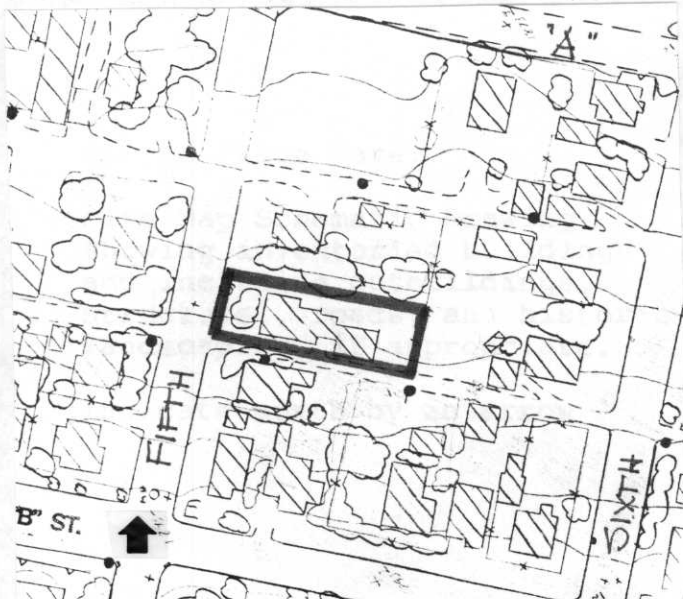
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T/R/S: 39S R1E 9  
Map No: 9AB Tax Lot: 4100  
Quadrangle: Ashland (1953)



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Graphic and Photo Sources: City of Ashland Topographic Map;  
Jackson County Assessor Map

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