

ASHLAND CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY
SURVEY FORM
COUNTY: JACKSON

IDENTIFICATION:

Hist. Name Mills, E.V. House Date of Construction: 1890
Common Name: _____ Original Use: Residence
Address: 478 Siskiyou Blvd. Present Use: Residence
Ashland, Oregon Architect: _____
Owner: Dews, Edmund Builder: Morris, J.
470 Siskiyou Blvd. Style: Vernacular; Queen Anne
Ashland, Oregon Bldg. _____ Struc. _____ Dist. _____ Obj. _____
T/R/S: 39S RIE 9 Ranking: Primary
Map No: 9BD Tax Lot: 7300
Addition: Pracht's (1888)
Block: Lot: 9,10 Quad: Ashland

THEME:

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

DESCRIPTION:

Plan Type/Shape: L-Shaped No. of Stories: Two
Foundation Material: Stone Basement(Y/N): Crawl space
Roof Form and Material: Gable, intersecting ridge; composition shingle
Wall Construction: Frame Structural Frame: _____
Primary Window Type: One-over-one double hung sash
Exterior Surfacing Materials: Horizontal drop siding; wood shingle, imbricated
Decorative Features: Imbricated shinglework in gable ends
Other: _____
Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor Moved(Date) _____
Exterior Alterations/Additions (Dated) _____
Noteworthy Landscape Features: _____
Associated Structures: _____
Known Archaeological Features: _____

Negative No: Roll 24-34 Recorded By: Clay/Atwood
Slide No: _____ Date: 1984/15 November 1989

SHPO Inventory No: 1954

SETTING:

The E.V. Mills House is located on the southwest side of Siskiyou Boulevard between Gresham and Union Streets.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Ernest Victor Mills purchased the pertinent property from H.B. Carter on October 26, 1888. Two years later, April 25, 1890, the Ashland Tidings noted:

E.V. Mills will build on his fine Boulevard lot, a \$3000 residence. \$1200 worth of work will be accomplished now, the rest to be completed later. Colonel Norris will superintend construction.

The frame for the new dwelling was up by May 2, 1890.

Ernest Victor Mills was born in Nebraska, September 8, 1863 and married Ella Barclay in Oakland, California on November 30, 1887. He worked in partnership with his brother, Delos R. Mills in a drygoods business on Main Street in Ashland and the Mills-McCall Building on the Plaza retains the family name. Mills died at the age of 34 in March, 1897 and his widow and young son continued to live in the family home. The property remained in Mrs. Mills ownership until July, 1943.

SOURCES CONSULTED:

Ashland Tidings, April 25, 1890, 3:3; May 2, 1890, 3:3; June 1, 1899, 3:3.
Atkinson, Eugenia, Scrapbook. E.V. Mills, p.
Jackson County Deed Records, Volume 20, Page 343.
U.S. Federal Census (Jackson County) 1910



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Graphic and Photo Sources:
Jackson County Assessor Map

City of Ashland Topographic Map;

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OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY SHEET



* Historic Name: Mills, E.V. and
Ella B., House

* Common Name: _____

* Address: 478 Siskiyou Blvd.
Ashland, Oregon

* Owner: Dews, Edmund

* Address: 457 17th Street
Santa Monica, Ca. 90402

* Lot 9 ^{10 portions of} Block Ø
* Addition Pracht's Addition (1888)

* Plat _____

* Tax Lot _____

Date of Construction Prior to 1898; 1893 estimated

Present use/function Residence Original use/function: Residence

Area of significance/study theme: Architecture; Commerce

Architectural style: Queen Anne Arch./Bldr., if known _____

Plan type/shape: L-shaped No. of stories: Two

Foundation material: Stone Basement (y/n): Crawl Space

Roof form & materials: Gable, intersecting ridge; composition shingle

Wall construction: Frame Structural frame: _____

Primary window type: One over one double hung sash

Primary exterior facing materials: Horizontal drop siding; wood shingle, imbricated

Outstanding decorative features: Imbricated shinglework in gable ends

Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ Moved ___ (date)

Associated Structures: _____

Exterior alterations/additions (dated): _____

Known archeological features of site: _____

Noteworthy landscape features: _____

Recorded by: _____ Date: _____

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OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY SHEET-TWO

Describe geographic location & immediate setting The E.V. and Ella B. Mills house is a two story, wood frame, dwelling in the Queen Anne style, situated on lot 9 and half of lot 10 of the 1888 Prachitts Prachitt's Addition. The house stands on the southwest side of Siskiyou Boulevard, between Oresham and Union Streets.

Statement of Significance (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts): E.V. Mills in partnership with his brother D.R. Mills operated a drygoods business on the Plaza beginning in 1887 and into the early 1900's. The Mills' settled in Ashland from Iowa in 1886. Both men were prominent in city affairs. The Mills-McCall Building was extensively remodeled in 1904 with a second floor addition (designed by) Frank C. Clark.

Insurance maps of the Sanborn Map Company did not include this site until 1898, at which time the Mills house is shown. Assessment records of Jackson County list 1893 as the year built. The Ashland Tidings make reference to this dwelling as existing in March, 1896.

Quadrangle name: Ashland (1953)
Township 39 Range 1E Section 9BD Taxlot 7300

PLEASE PLACE HERE:

Site map schematic drawing showing inventoried bldg. (s) and including outbuildings, structures, roads, and historic landscaping, if appropriate. Indicate north by an arrow.

PLEASE PLACE HERE:

Town map with cross streets for urban areas or section of USGS map for rural areas.

Sources:

- Telephone directory, Ashland, Jackson, Josephine, and Del Norte Counties; June, 1955, p. 12 "Ella B. Mills."
- "D.R. and E.V. Mills, Dry Goods." The Famous Rogue River Valley; Portland; Croake, P.W. compiler; 1891; page 42
- O'Harra, Marjorie. Ashland The First 130 Years, S.O.H.S.; 1981; p. 57 (illustration)
- Ashland Tidings, March 9, 1896, page 3: 2
- Insurance maps of Ashland, Sanborn Map Co. 1898
- Jackson County Assessment Records