

ASHLAND CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY
SURVEY FORM
COUNTY: JACKSON

IDENTIFICATION:

Hist. Name Watts-Dodge House Date of Construction: 1888
Common Name: _____ Original Use: Residence
Address: 590 Siskiyou Blvd. Present Use: Residence
Ashland, Oregon Architect: _____
Owner: Hilligoss, W.H. Builder: Fenton, W.H.
590 Siskiyou Blvd Style: Italianate
Ashland, Oregon x Bldg. _____ Struc. _____ Dist. _____ Obj. _____
T/R/S: 39S RIE 9 Ranking: Primary
Map No: 9DB Tax Lot: 4300
Addition: Hunsaker's (1888)
Block: Lot: 7,8 Quad: Ashland

THEME:

Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties Theme: 6d; 7c
 Archaeology Industry Mining
 Agriculture Military Social/Education
 Commerce Politics/Government Transportation
 Exploration and Settlement Religion Other

DESCRIPTION:

Plan Type/Shape: Rectangular No. of Stories: One
Foundation Material: Brick Basement (Y/N): Daylight
Roof Form and Material: Hip; composition shingle
Wall Construction: Frame Structural Frame: _____
Primary Window Type: One-over-one double hung sash; bay window
Exterior Surfacing Materials: Horizontal beveled shiplap
Decorative Features: Brackets under eaves; bay window
Other: _____
Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor Moved (Date) _____
Exterior Alterations/Additions (Dated) _____
Noteworthy Landscape Features: _____
Associated Structures: Detached garage
Known Archaeological Features: _____

Negative No: Roll 25-8 Recorded By: Clay/Atwood
Slide No: _____ Date: 1984/15 November 1989

SHPO Inventory No: 2105

SETTING:

The Watts-Dodge House stands on the southeast corner of Siskiyou Boulevard and Sherman Street.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Francis A. and Emma Watts purchased this property on August 8, 1888 and contracted with W.H. Fenton to build their new six-room dwelling for \$1800. Francis Austin Watts was born November 17, 1846 in Illionis and came to Linn County with his parents in 1847. He married Emma Gilbert in June, 1872 and worked as a merchant in Shedd, Oregon until late 1884. In 1889 F.A. Watts, then of Spokane, Washington, sold his Ashland residence to James Smith for \$2500. In 1896 the Ashland Tidings reported:

Mayor J.P. Dodge has purchased the J.E. Smith residence on the Boulevard and Mr. Smith has purchased Mr. Dodge's residence in Iowa Addition.

John Page Dodge was born August 9, 1850 at Heniker, New Hampshire. He grew up in Iowa and married Mary Merriam, December 25, 1875. In 1883 the Dodge family moved to Ashland where Mr. Dodge first opened a store known as Hunsaker and Dodge and later operated a furniture business with his sons Will and Louis Dodge. John P. Dodge was an incorporator of the Citizen's Bank and Trust Co., and was elected president in 1919. He served as city councilman in 1892-1893 and as mayor from 1896 to 1898. John Dodge died in Ashland on October 11, 1928.

This Italianate Style home is one of two John Dodge homes in Ashland. The earlier structure stands on Iowa Street and reflects the Dodge family's earliest years in Ashland. This later building was Dodge's home during his years of greatest influence in Ashland. It retains its significant architectural characteristics and effectively conveys associations with this important Ashland resident.

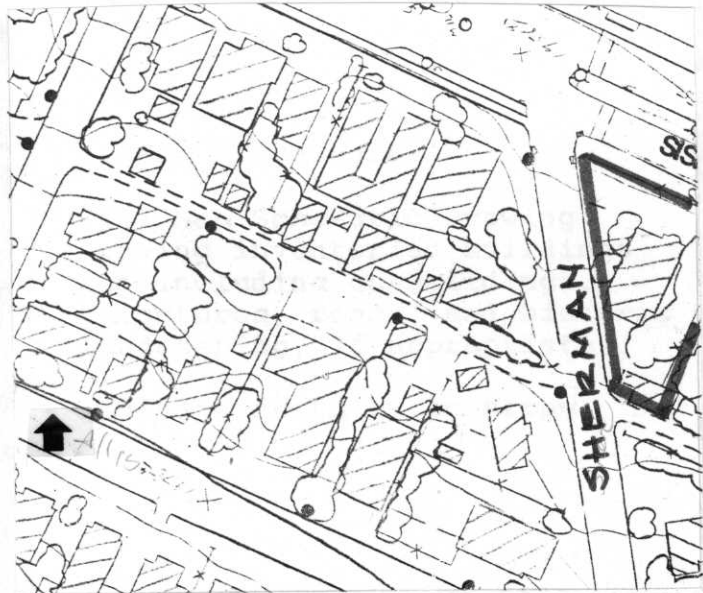
SOURCES CONSULTED:

Ashland Tidings, January 4, 1889; November 19, 1896, 3:2; June 22, 1899; October 11, 1928, 1:2.
Jackson County Deed Records, Volume 18, Page 397; Volume 20, Page 77; Volume 32, Page 151.
History of the Willamette Valley.



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

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OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY SHEET



Historic Name: Dodge, John P.
House

Common Name: _____

Address: 590 Siskiyou Blvd.
Ashland, Oregon

Owner: Offel, Harold K. /
Elsie H.

Address: 590 Siskiyou Blvd.
Ashland, Oregon

Lot 7, 8 Block Ø
Addition Hunsaker's Addition (1888)
Plat T39 R1E S9DB
Tax Lot 4300

Date of Construction: Prior to 1896
Present use/function: Residence Original use/function: Residence
Area of significance/study theme: _____
Architectural style: Italianate Arch./Bldr., if known: _____

Plan type/shape: Rectangular No. of stories: One
Foundation material: Brick Basement (y/n): Daylight
Roof form & materials: Hip; composition shingle
Wall construction: Frame Structural frame: _____
Primary window type: One over one double hung sash; bay window
Primary exterior surfacing materials: Horizontal beveled shiplap
Outstanding decorative features: Brackets under eaves; bay window

Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved _____ (date)

Associated Structures: Detached garage

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 John P. Dodge house is
a single story wood frame dwelling in the Italianate style.
The house is situated on lots 7 and 8 of Hunsaker's
Addition of 1888 to Ashland, Oregon. This ~~is~~ dwelling
stands on the southeast corner of Siskiyou Boulevard
and Sherman Street.

Statement of Significance (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts): John P. Dodge was born in Monticello, Iowa.
In 1883 he moved his family to Ashland, Oregon. He served as
a city council member between 1892 and 1893, and mayor
from 1896 through 1898. His civic involvement included
two terms on the school board, president of the hospital association
during construction of the Granite City Hospital (c. 1910) and member
of the mineral springs water commission during the design and
construction of Luthia Park. In 1910 he was an organizer
of the Citizens Bank of Ashland serving as a director, vice
president then president until his death.

In 1904 he established J.P. Dodge and Sons Furniture Store
and had constructed the two story brick block ^{valued at \$5,500} ~~to~~ ^{the} company
at 125 East Main Street. In 1907 an undertaking business under the
management of his son Will M. Dodge was added to the business.

Quadrangle name: Ashland (1953) (on back page)
Township 39 Range 1E Section 9DB Tax Lot 4300

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:

"J.P. Dodge Building." Nomination application, National Registry of Historic Places
Progress Edition - Ashland Record, Vol. xxv No. 7, June 5, 1982
Ashland Tidings, November 19, 1896, page 3: 2
Ashland Tidings, November 23, 1896, page 2: 5
Ashland Tidings, December 29, 1904, page 3: 3

Twice during the month of November, 1896 the Tidings made note of Mr. Dodge's real estate transactions pertaining to this corner site; "Mayor J.P. Dodge has purchased of J.E. Smith the latter's residence property on the boulevard and Mr. Smith has purchased Mr. Dodge's residence property in (the) Iowa addition and both expect to occupy their new homes this week." and,

"J.E. Smith and wife to John P. Dodge and wife; lots 7, 8, 9, Hunsaker's addition to Ashland. also lot 48 Highland Park addition to Ashland \$2000. Subject to mortgage of J.M. Mark for \$1000."

Further research under the name of J.E. Smith may confirm the factual date of construction for this dwelling.