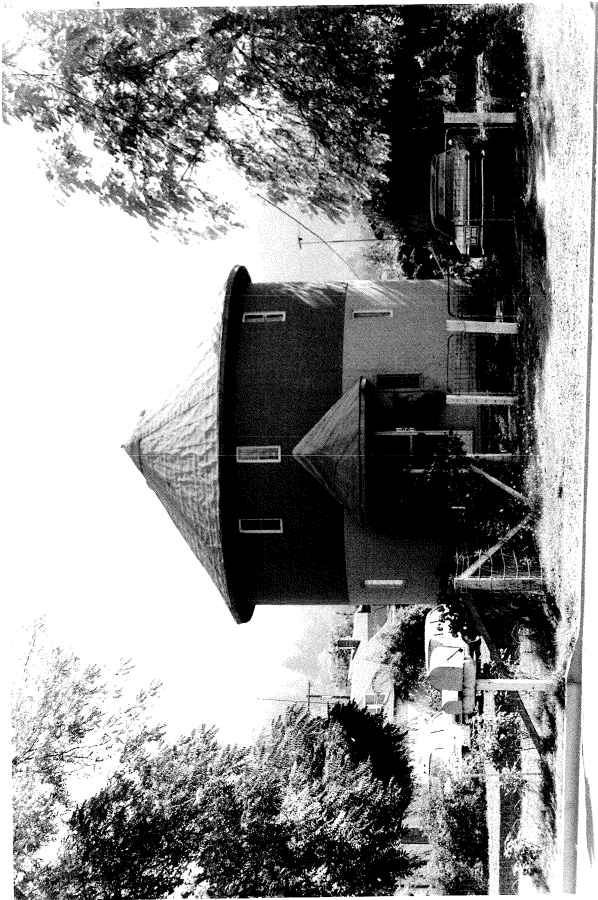


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County _____ Lane _____
 Theme 10-B
 Name
 (Common) Landess (Joseph) House
 (Historic) (same)
 Address 1551² East Main Street
Cottage Grove, Oregon
 Present Owner _____
 Address _____
 Original Use Residence
 Date of Construction c. 1930

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Joseph Landess house is a round building of two stories that stands on East Main in Cottage Grove, Oregon. This building has a round, cone roof and an attached kitchen wing on the south (rear) elevation. Writing about the house in 1972, Marguariete Overholser noted:

"The 'round house' on East Main Street has been a landmark for over 40 years. It was built by Joe Landess who was mine Superintendent at the Champion mines. He liked to experiment in building houses and used 2 x 4's placed on end to make the house round. Two steel bands hold the structure together. Originally it had one large round room downstairs with a stair following around the wall to the second floor where there were 3 bedrooms and a bath. A kitchen has been added to the rear of the house. When asked one time why he built the house round, Mr. Landess answered, 'I figured I'd have a house no woman could corner me in.'"

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Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 30 Aug. 1976

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