

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
 MARION COUNTY (Silverton)

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HISTORIC NAME: Louis Adams BROWNHILL Rental House	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1924
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COMMON NAME:	ORIGINAL USE: Domestic: single dwelling
ADDRESS: 401 West Main Street	CURRENT USE: Domestic: single dwelling
CITY: Silverton, Oregon	CONDITION: <u>Good</u> Fair Poor
OWNER: Eva Suzanne Beale	ARCHITECT:
ADDRESS: 401 West Main Street Silverton, Oregon 97381	BUILDER:
OWNER: <u>private</u> local state federal mixed	HISTORICAL THEME: Commerce: commercial upbuilding
LOCATION: rural <u>town</u> urban	RESOURCE TYPE: <u>building</u> structure district site object
ASSOCIATED FEATURES:	STYLE: Bungalow
ZONE: Single Family (R-1)	RANK: Secondary

MAP NO.: 061W 34DA **TAX LOT NO.:** 9900
BLOCK: **LOT:**
ADDITION: (Coon Donation Land Claim)

Township/Range/Section: T6S, R1W, Sec. 34
QUADRANGLE: Silverton, Oregon
UTM:

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Irregular
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Cement
ROOF FORM/MATERIAL: Jerkinhead/Comp. shingles
FRAMING: Wood
EXTERIOR MATERIALS
 Primary: Shiplap
 Decorative: Shingles

NO. OF STORIES: 1 ½
BASEMENT: Yes No
PORCH: Yes No
WINDOW TYPE: Multi-pane fixed

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Broad overhanging eaves with exposed rafters and beams in jerkinhead ends; conical porch roof with decorative trellis walls; projecting bay window on side wall; shutters framing main façade windows; exterior brick chimney

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: Possible addition on rear wall; newer front porch railing.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Mature foundation shrubbery; large deciduous shading front sidewalk.

SETTING: House stands on large irregular lot near a bend in West Main Street, one of the historic main thoroughfares leading into Silverton. Some of Silverton's more substantial homes, dating from the 1880s to the 1920s, stand this shaded neighborhood along West Main Street.

INTEGRITY: Good Fair Poor

RECORDED BY: Gail E.H. Evans
ADDRESS: 401 West Main Street

DATE: November 1996
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Statement of Significance (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Architectural The Brownhill Rental House, built around 1924, is a good example of the Bungalow style of architecture, popular in Oregon from around 1900 to 1925. Characteristic of this style the house has a basic rectangular shape, wide overhanging eaves with exposed rafters and horizontal braces, an exterior wall chimney, and a porch on the main façade. Exterior alterations appear minimal, hence the house retains substantial architectural integrity.

Historical Louise Adams acquired this property from her father, Louis Adams, in 1924. The house was probably built soon afterwards and rented. Louise Adams, who worked as a bookkeeper in Silverton's Coolidge and McClaine Bank, married Timothy Brownhill in the early 1930s. Timothy worked as a linotype operator at the *Silverton Appeal-Tribune* newspaper. The couple moved into 116 Jerome Avenue around that time and continued to rent the 401 West Main Street house. The Brownhills moved away from Silverton in the mid-1930s but retained ownership of the house until 1947 when they sold it to Katherine Smith.

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