

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

**HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**

\*County: **Clackamas**

Note: For properties 35 years old and newer, starred (\*) sections are the only required fields.

*Street Address: <b>23330 Cascade Highway South</b>		*City: <b>Oregon City Vicinity</b>	
USGS Quad Name: <b>Oregon City</b>		GPS Latitude: <b>N 45 deg 16' 9.0"</b>	Longitude: <b>W 122 deg 34' 14.0"</b>
Township: <b>4S</b>	Range: <b>2E</b>	Section: <b>33</b>	Block/Lot: _____ Tax Lot #: _____

*Date of Construction: <b>c.1920</b>	Historic Name: _____	Historic Use or Function: <b>Residential/Agriculture</b>
Grouping or Cluster Name: <b>Willibanks Farmstead</b>	*Current Name or Use: <b>Willibanks House</b>	Associated Archaeological Site: <b>None Known</b>

Architectural Classification(s): <b>Bungalow</b>	Plan Type/Shape: <b>Rectangular</b>	Number of Stories: <b>1 1/2</b>
Foundation Material: <b>Concrete</b>	Structural Framing: <b>Wood Frame</b>	Moved? <b>No</b>
Roof Type/Material: <b>Combination Gable/Composition</b> Window Type/Material: <b>Wood frame double hung sash (various)</b>		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: <b>Wood clapboard</b> Secondary: _____		Decorative: <b>Front porch</b>
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: <b>Corrugated plastic on front porch/post WW II</b>		
Number and Type of Associated Resources: <b>2 properties: house and barn</b>		

Integrity: <b>Excellent</b> Condition: <b>Good</b>	Local Ranking: _____	National Register Listed: _____
<b>Preliminary National Register Findings:</b>		
Potentially Eligible: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Altered (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Potentially eligible individually or in district <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Ineligible-lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity <input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 yrs old		

Description of Physical and/or Landscape Features:

**See continuation sheet**

Statement of Significance: [Required ONLY for Intensive Level Surveys] (use additional sheets if necessary)

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Note: This page of the survey form is required ONLY for Intensive Level Survey

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Architect and/or Bullder: <b>Unknown</b> Addition or Subdivision Name: Area(s) of Significance: <b>Agriculture/Architecture</b> Property Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District	Owner Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Owner Name: Address: City,State,Zip: Phone:
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<b>Documentation</b>		
Research Sources: <input type="checkbox"/> Title/Deed Records <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs	Local Library (specify):  University Library (specify):  Historical Society (specify): <b>Oregon Historical Society</b> Other (specify): <b>Canby School District website</b>

Bibliographic References (books, articles, interviews, etc.):

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The Willibanks property consists specifically of the house, a barn situated to the south of the house, and a surrounding rural landscape. Documentation was limited because of the surrounding trees and landscaping, in addition to gates and guard dogs.

The house is a wood framed bungalow with side facing multiple gable roofs. There is a ridge brick chimney on one of the south gables, and an exterior brick one on the north elevation. The various gables have simple wood brackets. Windows are wood framed, double hung sash of various combinations of lights. The most distinctive characteristic of the house is the cross-gable front porch with its combination of Neo-classical and Asian elements located on the west elevation. Here a simple pediment is supported by two large Roman Doric columns connected by square wood railings. A bracketed overhang extends to the north and south from the pediment. Originally open, these brackets are now covered by corrugated plastic (the only perceived alteration to the original house).

The wood frame barn is approximately two stories in height. Its gambrel roof has exposed rafter tails, brackets, and a center ridge circular cupola on a square base. The barn has retained its original wood-framed multi-pane fixed windows along with a west elevation wood paneled sliding door. There are more modern outbuildings located to the east of both the house and barn.

While there is modern suburban housing situated across Cascade Highway South from the Willibanks property the area surrounding it to the east has retained its rural character. This includes the survival of an older orchard and fields still in use for agricultural purposes.

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The Willibanks House and Barn are significant as remaining examples of agricultural activity associated with the Carus community. The house, constructed in c.1920 is also a fine architectural example of the craftsman bungalow style placed within a rural setting. Located approximately one half mile south of the Carus School/White Building, the Willibanks property is one of the few that document what the rural historic landscape was prior to the suburbanization of the area.

The earliest reference to settlement activity associated with the Carus community is found in its cemetery, established in c.1851. Within this area one also finds Donation Land Claims filed by Isaac Farr and George Graham. From these larger holdings smaller farms were platted and sold to other farmers who formed the nucleus of the Carus agricultural community.

The Carus post office was established in 1887 with business conducted out of the various postmasters' homes until its discontinuance in 1907. These handlers of the mail were also farmers. By 1915, the rural settlement also had two sawmills and shared community services with Beavercreek, another small hamlet situated to the northeast. By the 1920s, Carus also had a store and church located just north of the Willibanks farm.

The crossroads community served the needs of surrounding farmers and retained its rural landscape until after World War II. By the 1970s, mobile home and new housing developments had altered portions of the rural landscape into a suburban environment. In addition, farmers in the area began to modernize leading to the replacement of older farmsteads with newer housing and farm structures. The Willibanks property is an example of a farmstead where such changes did not take place.

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**WILLIBANKS HOUSE  
23330 CASCADE HIGHWAY SOUTH  
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**PHOTOGRAPH DESCRIPTIONS**

- (1) View northwest from Cascade Highway South showing west and south elevations of the house (Roll A: frame 19).
- (2) View southeast from Cascade Highway South showing north elevation of the house (Roll A: frame 20).
- (3) View southeast from Cascade Highway South showing north elevation of the house and surrounding rural area (Roll A: frame 21).
- (4) View northwest from Cascade Highway South showing west and south elevations of the barn (Roll A: frame 16).
- (5) View east from Cascade Highway South showing west elevation of the barn (Roll A: frame 15).
- (6) View southwest from Cascade Highway South showing area southwest of the Willibanks property (Roll A: frame 17).
- (7) View west from Cascade Highway South showing area west of the Willibanks property (Roll A: frame 18).
- (8) View northwest from Cascade Highway South showing area northwest of the Willibanks property (Roll A: frame 14).

(All photographs were taken by Caroline Gallacci in October, 2001)

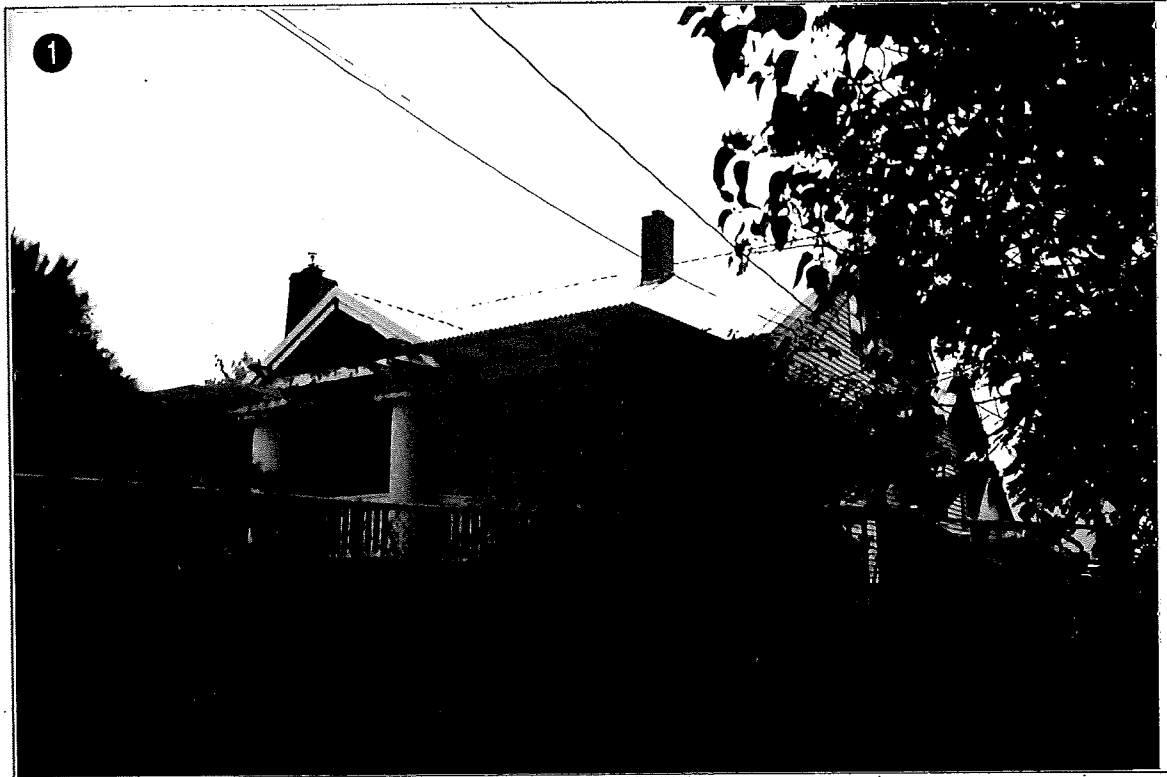
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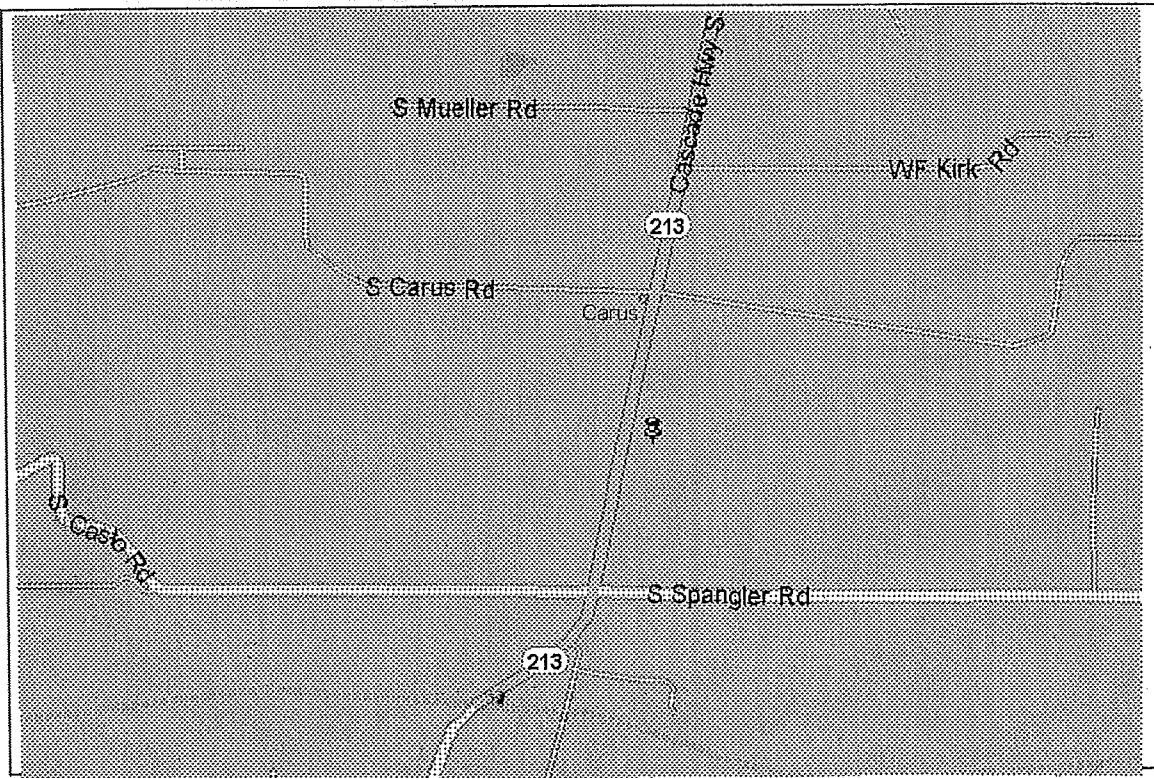
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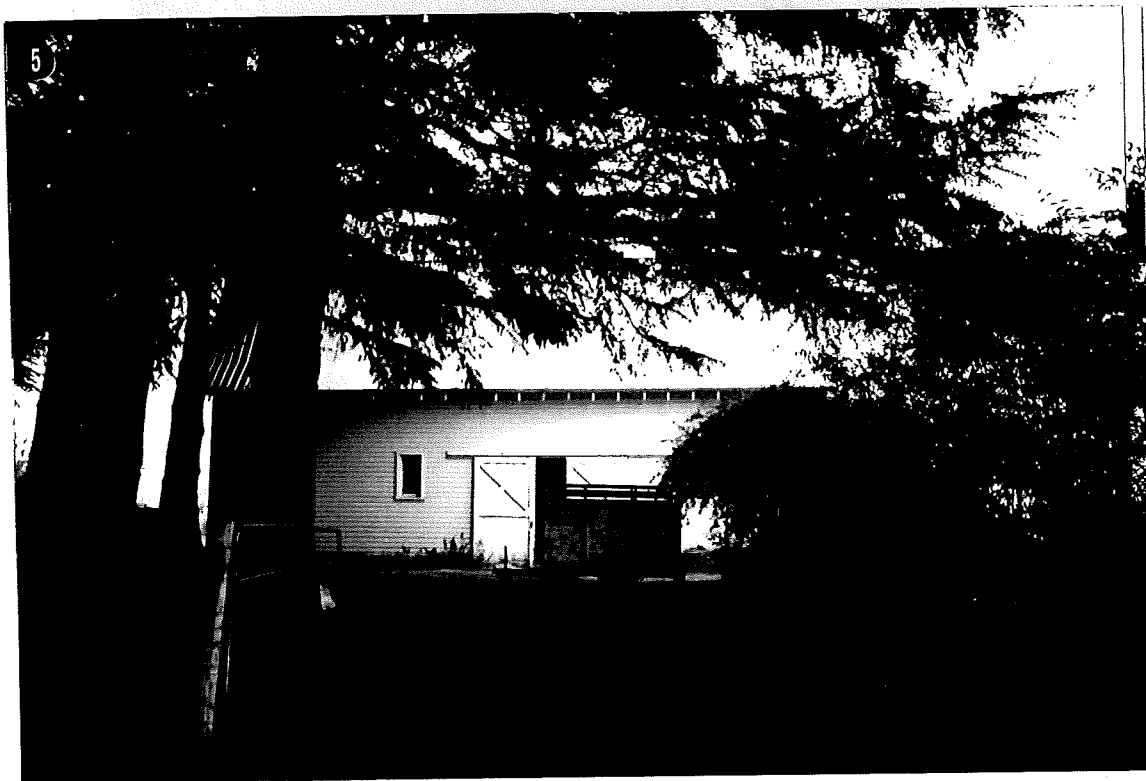




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