United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The McCallister-Gash Farmhouse, built c. 1870, is a modest but consummately detailed Rural Gothic building, situated on its original site on the gentle ridge above the East Fork of the Pudding River, not far from the small town of Pratum. It was built next to an oak grove which has diminished in size. The entrance to the property is down a lane from the north lined on either side with scotch pine planted after the 1962 Columbus Day storm. The house has been unoccupied for some years but will soon be restored and re-occupied by descendants of John Gash, the second owner of the property. It currently lacks a front porch and steps. The original porch was delicate in scale and proportion and consisted of posts with cut-out decoration and a bracketed deck with railing of turned posts and balusters. It was replaced early in the 20th century by a Craftsman-style porch--with hipped roof, exposed rafters, solid railing and square tapered columns--which extended the length of the facade and caused the second-story lancet doorway to be reduced to a window. The north-facing, two-story main volume of the house is rectangular in shape, with a gable roof running east to west and a central gablet on the front elevation containing a lancet opening. The wide eaves are trimmed with a narrow molded fascia board. Brick chimneys with corbelled caps straddle the roof ridge inside either end of the main volume. Centered on the south, or rear elevation is a one-story gable-roofed kitchen stem, or ell, from which another brick chimney rises westerly of the roof ridge. The present roof cover is composition over shingles, and is in need of repair. The whole house is of box construction, as opposed to balloon-frame construction.

The siding is clapboard. Window sashes are double-hung with four lights over four. Each framement has a hood molding, and each was fitted for full length shutters. Some shutters have been removed and are in storage. The lancet window was originally a door. Its pointed-arched hood molding has pendant spool-turned label stops. There are two curved muntins in the apex of the window. The front door has four panels, two long rectangles above and two square below, with moulded edges. The upper panels are round-arched. It is surrounded by narrow side lights and a five-pane top light.

The central entry stairhall contains a straight flight staircase with turned balusters and newell post. The downstairs walls of the hall are horizontal tongue and groove, and the ceiling is board and batten. The parlor is on the west; two downstairs bed chambers lie to the east of the stair hall. The parlor has a paneled wainscot and classical fireplace surround on the west wall. Shelves built in above the mantle piece at either side of the chimney are of modern design. The brick-lined firebox is a segmental-arched opening and is relatively shallow. The bed chambers on the east were once a larger single space. A closet was added when the space was divided. Fiberglass ceiling cover added throughout the downstairs is to be removed. The dining room, lying behind the entry stair hall in the kitchen ell, has a fireplace surround like that of the parlor, and beside it there are built-in cabinets which once included a pass shelf to the kitchen. The dining room and bedrooms have similar mop boards. Doorways have simplified classical architraves and four-panel doors.

The kitchen stem, including the dining room, has seen many changes. It is to be remodeled to upgrade the kitchen and bath. The latter, created by enclosing part of the east porch of the ell, is in disrepair. The only room in the stem which still has its board and batten walls and ceiling is the southernmost room. Upstairs, the hall and all four bedrooms have board and batten walls and ceilings. Over the stem is an attic, which can be developed as a studio. It is divided by an interesting angular chimney designed by the neighboring Desart family of brickmakers and masons.

# 8. Significance

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Specific dates	ca. 1870	Builder/Architect	Unknown	

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The 4.5-acre area nominated includes what remains of the historic oak grove east of the house, where the original two-room cabin stood. The barn destroyed by the 1962 storm has been replaced by a metal storage shed. Of the original orchard immediately southwest of the house, three apple trees and a black walnut remain and are included in the area proposed for nomination.

## Architecture

The box-constructed farmhouse built about 1870 for the original holder of the Hardin McCallister Donation Land Claim is significant as one of the Willamette Valley's least-altered and most finely-detailed examples of the ubiquitous, small-scale Rural Gothic house type of which bilateral symmetry and a central gablet with lancet opening are the hallmarks. While the house has lost both of two successive porches which once sheltered the front entrance, historic views are available to guide accurate restoration of the original. Further, initial exterior paint treatment has survived to the present day, showing that the body color was white, the trim barn red, the door brown, and the shutters green. According to tradition, the lumber was from trees felled on the claim and finished at the mill on the neighboring Levin English Donation Land Claim. Following the usual pattern of settling claims, this was the second house on the property—the first having been a two-room log cabin with a corner chimney and fireplace, which was used for cooking. The house is noteworthy locally for its association with one of the early settlers of Howell Prairie, the gently rolling farmland lying between Salem and Silverton.

## Agriculture

The McCallister Donation Land Claim from the United States Government consisted of 637.83 acres. By 1880, the US Census Schedules of Agriculture show two adjoining farms run by Hardin and his son, William, that included 242 acres of improved tilled land, 36 in permanent meadows, and 269 in woodland. The holdings were valued at \$11,600. were six horses, two mules, 46 cattle, four sheep, six swine and 37 barnyard and other poultry. In 1879 they raised 3,375 bushels of wheat on 225 acres, 100 bushels of potatoes on one acre, and there was an apple orchard of 105 bearing trees producing 270 Thirty-seven cords of wood were cut from the woodland. The horses were important to McCallister, and in 1862 he entered horses in at least two classifications at the first State Fair. He was also interested in milling, and in 1878 erected a flouring mill at nearby Pratum, using the stone burrs from the old Levin English mill. This mill burned in the 1880s and was replaced by a new mill built by his son, William. Some of the claim was sold, and half the claim was lost in 1890 through a property tax foreclosure. John Gash, the new owner, was a dairyman of 20 years experience. According to the State Census of 1895, Gash had 184 acres under improvement and 70 in woodland. There were 12 hogs, six horses and eight cattle. He raised 2,000 bushels of wheat, 1,000 of oats, and 200 of potatoes. In addition, he cut 200 tons of hay and made 200 pounds of butter and cheese. Descendants of John Gash still own this farm, which includes 71½ acres of woodland along the East Fork of the Pudding River.

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### Settlement

Hardin McCallister was an overland emigrant of 1848 who crossed the plains with Beuford Smith, who built a mill on Silver Creek. Hardin married Virginia-native Julia Smith on January 12, 1850. He had been born in Wayne County, Illinois, and his parents were born in Kentucky. He settled on his claim in October of 1850. The McCallisters represent the original overland settlers of this state. In contrast, John Gash was a Protestant immigrant from County Cork, Ireland, arriving in Salem, Oregon in 1870. He represents the great European migration of the end of the last century.

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Beginning at a point on the northwest corner of Section 18, T.7S., R.1W., W.M., in Marion County, Oregon, thence north along the west line of Section 7, said township and range, approximately 400' to the south margin of Kaufman Road, thence east along said south margin approximately 525' to the true point of beginning: thence south in a line perpendicular to the south margin of Kaufman Road 900' to include the west margin of the access road to the McCallister-Gash Farmhouse, thence west in a line parallel with the south margin of Kaufman Road approximately 150', thence south in a line perpendicular to the south margin of Kaufman Road 360', thence east in a line parallel with the south margin of Kaufman Road 525', thence north in a line perpendicular to the south margin of Kaufman Road 360', thence east in a line parallel with the south margin of Kaufman Road approximately 363' to the east margin of the 12-foot access road, thence north in a line perpendicular to the south margin of Kaufman Road ca. 900'(to include the east margin of the access road) to a point on the south margin of Kaufman Road, thence west along the south margin of Kaufman Road approximately 12 feet to the true point of beginning, containing in all 4.5 acres, more or less.



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1 of 11 Historic view, ca 1900, North (front) showing picket fenced enclosure original exterior contrasting paint treatment, and original front porch

with deck and railing. Photographer Unknown Copy Negative: David C. Duniway 1365 John Street South Salem, Oregon 97302



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2 of 11 Historic view, undated (ca. 1920?) North (front) elevation, showing later front porch. Photographer Unknown

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From original in possession of Mrs Alzade Gash



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3 of 11 Looking south on approach from Kaufman Road toward front of house (north elevation).



4 of 11 NOV 6 1980 North (front) and west elevations. Scar on facade is from second porch added in early 20th century. Gothic door was shortened for use as window as a result of this change.



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5 of 11 South (rear) and east elevations, showing kitchen ell with some of its original porch space enclosed.



6 of 11 NOV 6 1980 West elevation





7 of 11 Entry stair hall.



8 of 11 Parlor chimney piece.

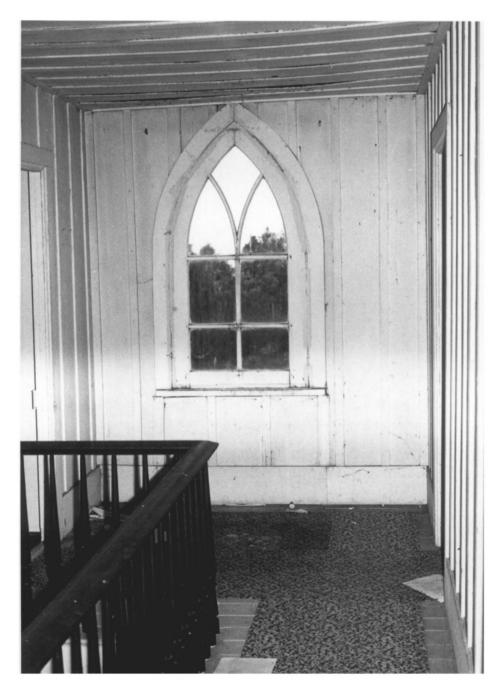
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9 of 11 Dining room chimney piece and built-in china closet.

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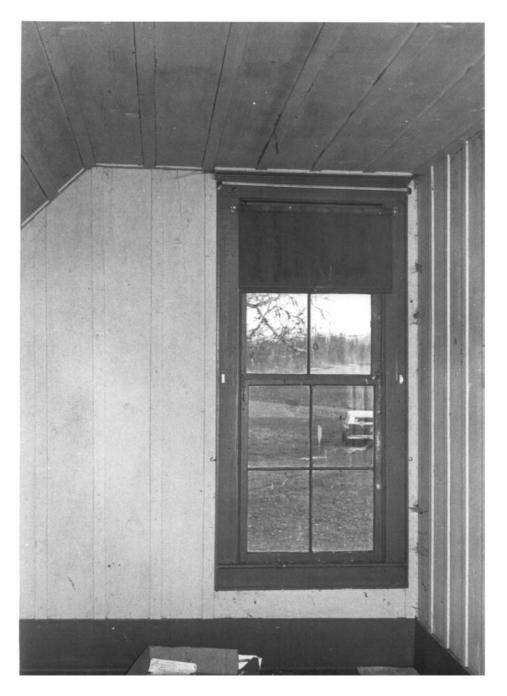
McCallister-Gash Farmhouse 9626 Kaufman Road Silverton, Marion County, Oregon



10 of 11 Second story landing, of central stairhall, showing adjustment of Gothic-arched door to original front

porch deck as window in early 20th century porch remodel.

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Detail of board and batten interior
finish and window trim in NE bedroom,
second story.
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