

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	37964 Balm Dr Lebanon vcty, Linn County	historic name:	Cyrus, Henry and Mary, Barn
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		tnshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	11S 2W 12
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	1.0
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	1
prim constr date:	c.1884	NR Status:	Individually Listed
	second date:	date indiv listed:	11/09/2015
primary orig use:	Agric. Outbuilding	orig use comments:	
second orig use:	Animal Facility	prim style comments:	
primary style:	Utilitarian	sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	
primary siding:	Vertical Board	architect:	Unknown
secondary siding:		builder:	Unknown
plan type:			
comments/notes:			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:	Type of Grouping	Date Listed	Date Compiled
Barns of Linn County, Oregon, 1846-1946 MPD	MPS	06/28/1999	1998
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	11/09/2015	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:		Special Assess Project(s):	None
RLS survey date:		Federal Tax Project(s):	None
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>The ca. 1884 Henry and Mary Cyrus Barn, later known as the Sam Schuler Barn, is a rectangular, end-opening, timber-frame barn located at 37964 Balm Drive, approximately one mile southeast of the unincorporated community of Crabtree in Linn County, Oregon. Surrounded by flat, open hayfields amid a landscape that appears little changed in the last century; the Cyrus Barn reflects prevailing trends in local barn-building during this era of agricultural and technological transformation. The character-defining features of the Cyrus Barn are exemplary of the property type, "Barns of the Late-Nineteenth Century" as identified in the Multiple Property Document (MPD), "Barns of Linn County, Oregon, 1846-1946." Among these, the important historic features are timber-frame construction with pegged mortise-and-tenon joinery and sawn timbers of regular dimensions, as well as a common-rafter roof system. The cladding is also characteristic of this type, including circular-sawn vertical-board siding and skip sheathing fastened using machine-cut nails. A medium-pitched gable roof accommodates increased hay storage in a full-width loft, and a mechanical hayfork suspended from the ridge once permitted unloading from the wagon drive below. Divided into four aisles, the interior includes the original wood milking stanchions in the westernmost aisle of the barn, which are fastened using mortise-and-tenon joinery with wooden pegs rather than nails and may be the oldest wood stanchions in Linn County. Two rare unaltered wood stave silos were added to the barn's north gable end in the 1930s. The barn and silos are counted as a single resource due to their physical attachment, and are the sole contributing resource within the nominated boundary. The silos notwithstanding, alterations to the barn are relatively minor and the original design, materials, workmanship, and historic feeling are substantially intact.</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>The Henry and Mary Cyrus Barn, also known as the Sam Schuler Barn, is proposed for nomination under the Multiple Property Document entitled, "Barns of Linn County, Oregon, 1846-1946" (MPD). Built ca. 1884, this barn meets the registration requirements for the property type, "Barns of the Late 19th Century," under National Register Criterion C in the area of Architecture as an increasingly rare and highly representative example of the pattern of features common to barns built in Linn County during this period, including timber-frame construction, mortise-and-tenon-joinery, regular-dimension sawn timbers, circular-sawn vertical siding attached with square nails, and a large full-width hay loft. The original grain bins remain intact, and the mortised-and-tenoned wood stanchions may be the only remaining example of this important functional element from that era. The Henry and Mary Cyrus Barn also meets the registration requirements for the property type, "Silos," under Criterion C in the area of Architecture due to the extreme rarity of its twin wood stave silos, which were common in Linn County during the early-twentieth century. Reflecting differing construction dates, the periods of significance for this property are both ca. 1884 and 1930-1939—the times during which these structures were built. Though minor modifications have been made outside of its historically significant time periods, the Henry and Mary Cyrus Barn maintains sufficient integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling to clearly convey its historic identity.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
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Local Library:		University Library:	
Historical Society:		Other Respository:	Linn County Genealogical Society
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