

# Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	22180 NW Birch St Hillsboro, Washington County	historic name:	McDonald, Malcolm, House
assoc addresses:	22200 NW Birch	current/other names:	
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		township/rng/sect/qtr sect:	1N 2W 35
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	2.5
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	1
prim constr date:	1912	NR Status:	Individually Listed
	second date:	date indiv listed:	01/14/2015
primary orig use:	Single Dwelling	orig use comments:	
second orig use:	Vacant/Not in use	prim style comments:	
primary style:	Craftsman	sec style comments:	
secondary style:	Late 19th/20th Amer. Mvmts: Other	siding comments:	
primary siding:	Shingle	architect:	Unknown
secondary siding:	Standard Brick	builder:	Unknown
plan type:	Bungalow		
comments/notes:			
Adjacent to Orenco Golf Course; Draft MPD on file (in Draft MPD files). Possible builder is Jacob F. Mollencop of Salem. See note in NR file. DJP 8-11-2015			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:	Type of Grouping	Date Listed	Date Compiled
Hillsboro Local Inventory Update 2008	Survey & Inventory Project		2008
Orenco RLS 2009	Survey & Inventory Project		2009
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	01/14/2015	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:	06/01/2011	Special Assess Project(s):	None
RLS survey date:	07/01/2008	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 Malcolm McDonald House is a single-family residence located at 22180 NW Birch Street in the northeast corner of the Orenco neighborhood of Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon (see Figures 1 through 4). It is a huge house with 5,553 square feet on its first two floors and with an additional 2,941 square feet in its finished basement (see Figures 6 through 8). The house sits on a small tax lot (0.72 acres) delineated by a fence. Outside the fence, the property is surrounded by the open space of a former golf course (roughly 40 acres). The Malcolm McDonald House was built in 1911-12 as a single-family house in the Craftsman style. The massive house is one-and-one-half stories with a full basement. The primary method of construction is wood frame, with a concrete foundation. Many features of the Craftsman style and form are apparent on the exterior, including deep open eaves with curved brackets and purlins, a broad entry porch, a variety of window types and wall surfaces, and multiple chimneys. Built-in cabinetry, large fireplaces, and an open floor plan represent the style and form on the interior. Fine carpentry and the use of natural materials predominate. While the house is primarily Craftsman in style, other trends, both contemporary with the Craftsman as well as predating it, are in evidence. The building's square, symmetrical massing hearkens back to slightly earlier American Foursquares, but also shows the influence of the Prairie style which would have been popular at the time of the McDonald House's construction. However, its hipped roof surfaces are steeper than those typically associated with the Prairie style and it lacks that style's pronounced horizontality. Some of the McDonald House's detailing, particularly the fussiness of the Flemish bond glazed brick accents and leaded glass windows recalls the popularity of similar features in Free Classical style residences.</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 Malcolm McDonald House, located in the Orenco neighborhood of Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, is eligible under Criterion C as it strongly embodies the characteristics of the Arts and Crafts movement and is a unique representation of the Craftsman style. It possesses high artistic value and represents the work of master craftsmen, though the latter is unknown. Many features of the Craftsman style and form are apparent on the exterior, including deep open eaves with curved brackets and purlins, a broad entry porch, a variety of window types and wall surfaces, and multiple chimneys. Built-in cabinetry, large fireplaces, and an open floor plan represent the style and form on the interior. Fine carpentry and the use of natural materials predominate. While the house is primarily Craftsman in style, other trends, both contemporary with the Craftsman as well as predating it, are in evidence. The building's square, symmetrical massing hearkens back to slightly earlier American Foursquares, but also shows the influence of the Prairie style which would have been popular at the time of the McDonald House's construction. However, its hipped roof surfaces are steeper than those typically associated with the Prairie style and it lacks that style's pronounced horizontality. Some of the McDonald House's detailing, particularly the Flemish bond glazed brick accents and leaded glass windows recalls the popularity of similar features in Free Classical style residences. The house is also significant under Criterion A in the area of Community Planning and Development, for its association with the formation of the City of Orenco, and the area of Agriculture, for its association with the Oregon Nursery Company. As the residence of an Oregon Nursery Company owner, and therefore also a founder of the City of Orenco, the McDonald House is locally significant.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
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Local Library:		University Library:	
Historical Society:	Oregon Historical Society	Other Repository:	Hillsboro Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee
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