

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	1322 SE 282nd Ave Gresham, Multnomah County	historic name:	Hamlin, Charles, Hunter, House
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	Hamlin-Johnson House
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	building	height (stories):	1.5
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	total inelig resources:
prim constr date:	c.1888	NR Status:	Individually Listed
second date:	c.1940	date indiv listed:	06/07/2016
primary orig use:	Single Dwelling	orig use comments:	
second orig use:		prim style comments:	
primary style:	Gothic Revival	sec style comments:	
secondary style:	Victorian Era: Other	siding comments:	
primary siding:	Horizontal Board	architect:	Charles Hunter Hamlin
secondary siding:		builder:	
plan type:			
comments/notes:			
HRR response completed 5-5-2015 with a preliminary response of eligible. DJP			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Not associated with any surveys or groupings.			
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	06/07/2016	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:		Special Assess Project(s):	None
RLS survey date:		Federal Tax Project(s):	None
Gen file date:	05/07/2015		
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>The Hamlin-Johnson House is a one-and-one-half-story building with a cross-gable roof with narrow eaves and a largely rectangular footprint (a hipped-roof utility room has been added at the northeast corner). The house is centrally located within the main portion of its 1.95-acre parcel and faces west overlooking 282nd Avenue, a suburban arterial. The wood-frame building is clad in drop siding with a wide reveal (channel rustic siding) with some shingle siding under the south-facing gable. The foundation is post-and-pier and the roof is clad in asphalt shingles. It is a ca. 1888 Gothic Revival house that was remodeled ca. 1903, adding Queen Anne features and details. The most dominant feature of the house is the symmetry of the front façade, with its narrow, front-facing gable on the structure's side gable roof, and the full-width front porch with its turned balustrade and decorative spindle frieze and brackets. A Victorian-era door is centrally located under the front-facing gable, on the back wall of the front porch. Windows are primarily one-over-one-light, wood-frame, double-hung windows with simple surrounds and crown molding, placed individually and in pairs throughout the building. Additional character-defining features include two corbelled chimneys mounted on the east-west ridge of the house and a recessed porch within the single-story ell on the north side. The interior layout of the house includes a full-width living room across the front of the house, with a stairway to the second floor located on the back wall, followed by a formal dining room and a kitchen at the rear of the house. Three bedrooms, a bathroom, and auxiliary storage are located on the second floor. All interior detailing, including window and door surrounds and baseboards, is original. Major changes to the house include the addition of a bay window and later, a sun room, on the south side, the utility room, and the previously mentioned Queen Anne styling. The parcel also includes two non-contributing resources: a twentieth-century barn or workshop and a small 1984 playhouse that repeats the materials of the house. Also present on the parcel are numerous mature trees, including remnants of a pear orchard.</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 1888 Hamlin-Johnson House is significant under Criterion C as an excellent and rare example of a rural residential type in Gresham, a vernacular structure that displays elements of the Gothic Revival style of the mid-nineteenth century. It was remodeled in the first decade of the twentieth century, adding Queen Anne features and details, which place it among three known examples in Gresham of this trend to update earlier, simpler houses in this very popular style. It is the only known modestly scaled and modestly detailed expression of this phenomenon in the city. The house is associated with its attributed builder, Charles Hunter Hamlin, a steamboat engineer who was on the first boat that traveled above Willamette Falls via the Willamette Falls Locks, in 1873. It is also associated with the Rev. Jonas Johnson and his family, who owned the house for six decades. The Johnsons' association represents the building's affiliation with Powell Valley's Swedish history and heritage. The house is significant at the local level.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps Obituaries City Directories	Census Records Biographical Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers Building Permits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files State Archives State Library	Local Histories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interviews Historic Photographs
Local Library:		University Library:	
Historical Society:		Other Repository:	OR Historical Society, Gresham Historical Society
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