

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME					
address:	501 S Park St Carlton, Yamhill County		historic name:	Wennerberg, John B., Barn	
assoc addresses:			current/other names:		
location descr:			block/lot/tax lot:		
			township/rng/sect/qtr sect:		
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS					
resource type:	building	height (stories):		total elig resources:	1
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant			NR Status:	Individually Listed
prim constr date:	c.1895	second date:		date indiv listed:	06/25/2018
primary orig use:	Agric. Outbuilding			orig use comments:	
second orig use:				prim style comments:	
primary style:				sec style comments:	
secondary style:				siding comments:	
primary siding:	Horizontal Board			architect:	
secondary siding:				builder:	
plan type:					
comments/notes:					
12-16-2015 - HRR response sent. Appears to be eligible under Criterion A for Agriculture. Site visit in January 2016. DJP					
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS					
Not associated with any surveys or groupings.					
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY					
NR date listed:	06/25/2018		106 Project(s):	None	
ILS survey date:	12/16/2015		Special Assess Project(s):	None	
RLS survey date:	12/16/2015		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 John B. Wennerberg Barn is located on tax lots 1 and 2 of Block 21 of J. Wennerberg's 2nd Addition to Carlton, Yamhill County, Oregon, slightly to the south of Carlton's downtown in a small residential neighborhood on the city's margin. The barn is the only contributing resource within the nomination boundary and is currently not in use. John B. Wennerberg built the three-aisled, end-opening ("New England" or "Dutch" style) barn c. 1895 to be used for hay storage and housing livestock. The barn's timber framed post and beam structural system appears to be completely intact and much of the historic drop siding on the exterior remains along with a number of historic doors. The barn's interior is divided between its ground-level, comprised of three separate enclosed aisles, and a voluminous second-level hayloft. Alterations within the interior include, the addition of two partial walls within the central aisle of the barn on the ground-level and the construction of an enclosed three-room structure in the second-level hayloft designed as office space. The changes to the exterior include the addition of a vinyl window on the east elevation and the replacement of a portion of cladding on the west elevation with transparent plastic paneling to create a fixed window. Despite these interior and exterior alterations, the Wennerberg Barn retains integrity and the alterations that occurred are arguably reversible.</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 John B. Wennerberg Barn is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as locally significant under Criterion A in the area of Agriculture, for its associations with late 19th and early 20th century commercial agricultural practices in Yamhill County, Oregon. The Wennerberg Barn's period of significance 1895-1936 represents the completion of the shift in Yamhill County's agricultural practices from homesteading and subsistence farming to larger-scale commercial agriculture at the end of the 19th century and reflects the barn's use over a 41-year period by two distinct commercial farming operations. Built by John Wennerberg c. 1895, the Wennerberg Barn was first used a part of his commercial farm south of Carlton. This period of use ends with the sale of the Wennerberg Barn and the surrounding property to Adelbert Brooks' Carlton Nursery Company in 1919. Though alterations to the barn over time have obscured evidence of Wennerberg's use of the barn as part of his commercial farming operation, the barn's architecture and Wennerberg's letters to his brother Daniel suggest a traditional agricultural use. The three-aisled, end-opening barn's design, as well as the remnant notches in the crossbeams and posts of the ground-level aisles (described in Section 7) convey the Barn's use for housing livestock and storing grain. The voluminous second-level hayloft was clearly designed for storing hay, and the existence of a high central beam suggests the use of a mechanical hayfork during Wennerberg's period of ownership. In addition to this remaining physical evidence, letters sent from Wennerberg to his younger brother Daniel detail the older Wennerberg brother's farming operations in Carlton. The letters suggest that John Wennerberg farmed hay for sale in addition to growing grains such as wheat, barley and oats, and raising hogs and sheep. The second farming operation to use the Wennerberg Barn was the Carlton Nursery Company (1919-1936). The Company used the building as a warehouse and distribution center for its horticultural products while they operated in northern Yamhill County. This second period of use begins with Brooks' purchase of the property and ends when the Company moved its growing and shipping operations to Forest Grove, Washington County, OR in 1936. Following Wennerberg's death in 1918, the property was purchased by Adelbert D. Brooks, who along with his brother Frank, owned and operated the Carlton Nursery Company. In 1919, the Carlton Nursery moved its packing and shipping operations from a nearby warehouse on Pine Street to the Wennerberg Barn. The barn was used until 1936 as the Carlton Nursery's packing and distribution center for the stock grown on the Company's primary nursery to the east of Carlton near Lafayette. These years were significant to the Carlton Nursery Company as it grew from a state and regional distributor of a variety of agricultural and horticultural products to a company that sold its products to markets nationwide.</p>					
RESEARCH INFORMATION					
✓ Title Records	Census Records	✓ Property Tax Records	Local Histories		
✓ Sanborn Maps	Biographical Sources	✓ SHPO Files	✓ Interviews		
Obituaries	✓ Newspapers	State Archives	Historic Photographs		
✓ City Directories	Building Permits	State Library			
Local Library:	University Library:				
Historical Society:	Other Repository:				
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