INVENTORY NUMBER 365

AREA: Summit-Blodgett
T 11S   R 7W   SECTION 6DD
TAX LOT #

Address: Hwy. 180
          Summit

Owner:

Historic Name: Strout

Theme: Architecture/History

Construction Date: ca. 1875

Type/Use: Residence

Style: Gothic Vernacular

Recorded by: R. Clark
Date: May 11, 1983
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Condition/   7
Excel (10),Fair (5),deteriorated (1)

Roll W   # 24   east   side
Story 2   Frame wood
Roof gable   Eaves overhang, closed   Frieze wide
Basic shape rectangle   Additions 1 story addition
Interior Chimney   Exterior Chimney
Dormers no   Bays no
Siding wide shiplap   Cornerboards medium
Typical Windows 4 over 1 doublehung, classic moldings
Porch   Roof hipped Posts champfered Gothic brackets Placement 3/4 front facade
Foundation concrete block   Other Structures several out buildings
Notable Elements 2 front doors, one with round arch panels, unusual Gothic brackets on
porch
Alterations windows were 4 over 4
Comments/Historic Significance See also W #23 - Strout was a section foreman for the rail
road

more info. in 1980 inventory

BENTON COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY II
1984 - 1985

COUNTY AREA: Summit   RESOURCE #: 365

PHOTO #: LL1   PROP. CLASS: 401
ORIGINAL USE: Boarding House   SIZE: 5.11 acres
PRESENT USE: Residence

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Summit Star Route
T 11S R 7W S 6DD 1/4 SE
TAX LOT: 701

COMMON NAME: The Strout House
HISTORIC NAME: The Post House

PRESENT OWNER: David and Darrelyn Milne
OWNER'S ADDRESS: 7324 48 Ave. NW, Olympia, WA 98502

ORIGINAL OWNER: William and Katie Post

ARCHITECT:
BUILDER:

THEME: Culture: 19th Century Architecture
PERIOD/ DATE: Railroad Era/ c. 1885 (?)
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNATION/ TYPE: Gothic Vernacular/ Hotel (?)

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Plan type/shape: Rectangular; entry on gable end; one story half-hip
roof porch across width of main facade.
 No. of Stories: Two stories with one story rear wing
Foundation material:
Basement (y/n): No
Roof form & materials: Gable roof with overhanging eaves; wood shingles
on roof; enclosed rafters.
Wall construction: Wood
Structural frame: Wood
Primary window type: Four over four double hung sash windows and one
over one double hung sash windows; cornice-style window heads.
Primary exterior surfacing materials: Wide horizontal drop siding with
cornerboards, rake and frieze boards.
Outstanding decorative features: Two entry doors on the main facade;
champered porch posts and decoratively sawn brackets on   porch.
Decoratively sawn porch railing still remains on west side of porch.
Exterior alterations/additions (dated):
Condition: Good   (Excellent,Good,Fair,Deteriorated,Moved-Date)

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND IMMEDIATE SETTING

     Situated on a lower hillside above the town of Summit, the Post-
Strout House fronts east, parallel to the main road.   The house is

located to the west side of the railroad tracks and is accessed by a gravel drive off Happy Hollow Road.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES

None noted.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE

The Post-Strout House, with the integrity of its location, setting, and exterior design intact, is significant as possibly the oldest building in the town of Summit. Architecturally, the house has some unusual design elements. The house was probably built for William and Katie Post. William Post platted the town of Summit in 1885. The house is situated next to the route of the Corvallis to Yaquina Bay railroad. The location of the house may be related to the construction of the railroad. The town of Summit, which once served as a railroad camp, was the highest point on the railroad route. The house is also located on the former route of the Corvallis-Yaquina Bay Wagon Road. Portions of this wagon road are still visible in the Summit area.

William and Katie Post came from Missouri to Oregon in 1876. In 1884, the Posts aquired title from the U.S. government to a quarter section of land in the western portion of Benton County. In 1885, William Post platted the town of Summit in this location. It was also in 1885 that the railroad from Corvallis to Yaquina Bay was completed.

The Posts probably had this building built in the mid or late 1880's. Uncertainties also surround this building's early history. The house's large rectangular volume, the interior arrangement, and the double entrance, all suggest that the building may have originally functioned as a hotel or boarding house. Historical records to document this have not been located.

In 1896, William Post sold this property to Katie Post. In 1897, Katie Post apparently remarried Charles Hansen.

Edward and Storme Strouts received title to this property from the Hansens. Ed Strouts was a section foreman on the railroad. The Strouts family used a portion of the house to board railroad crews. The Strouts owned this house until recent years.

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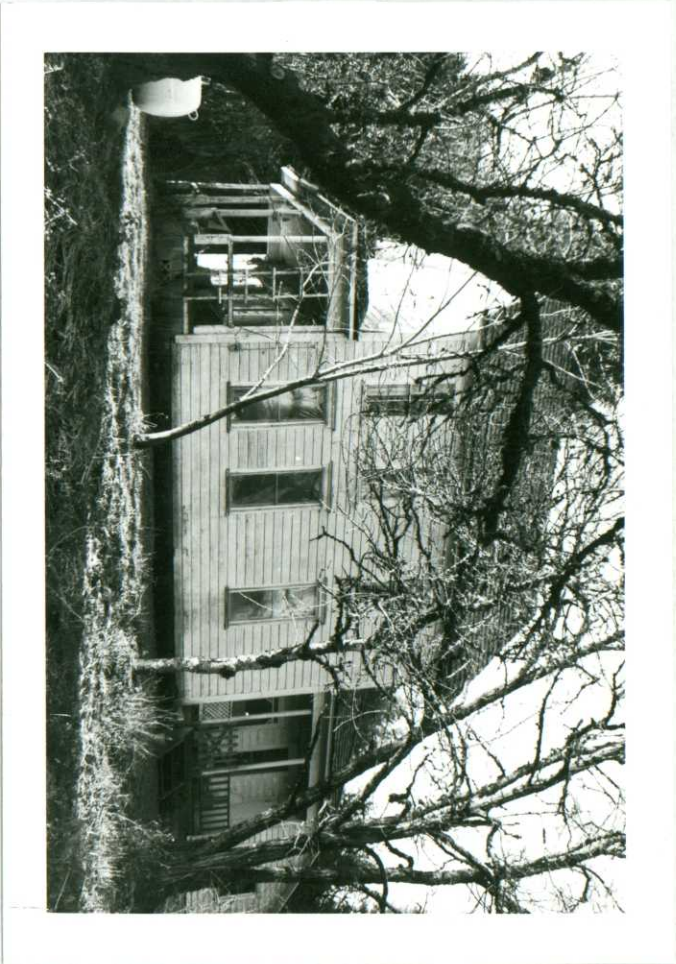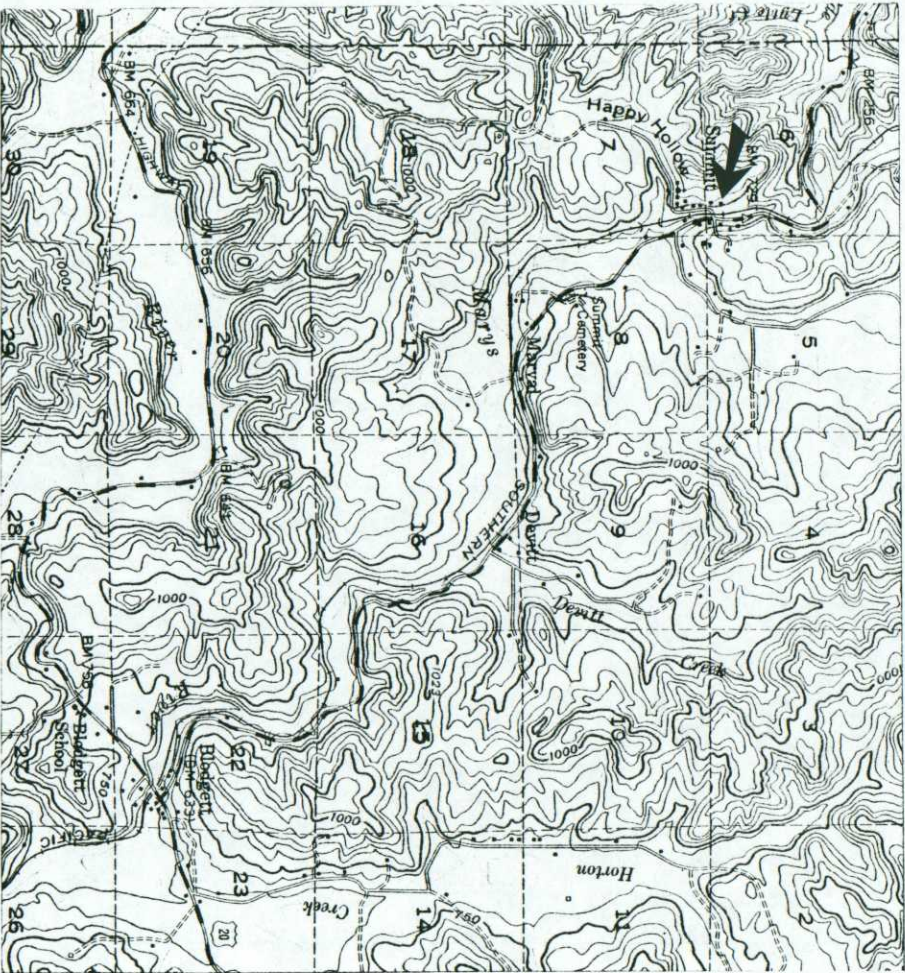Photo No. 111

View to west

MARYS PEAK QUADRANGLE

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Photo No. LL 2   View to north

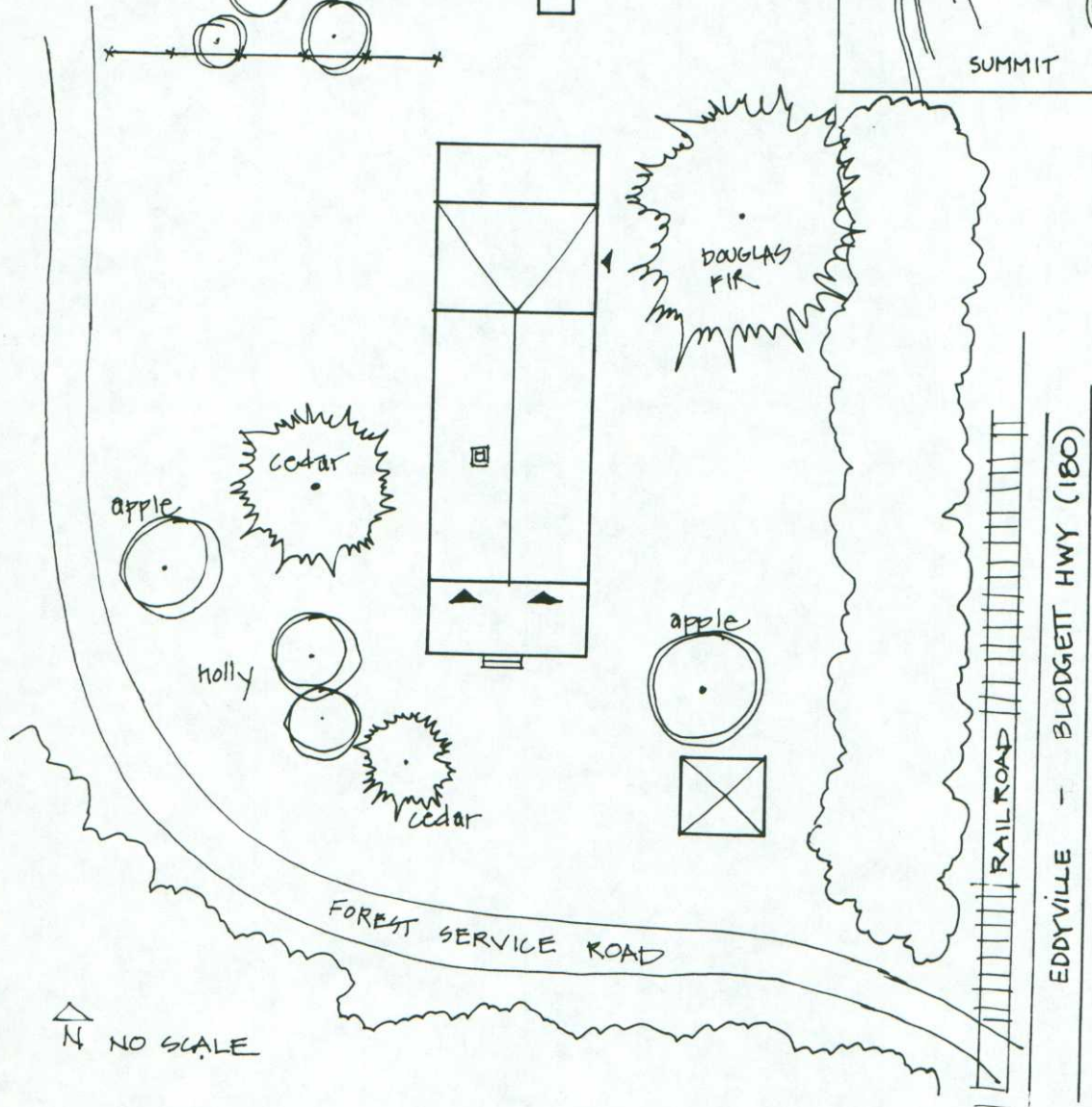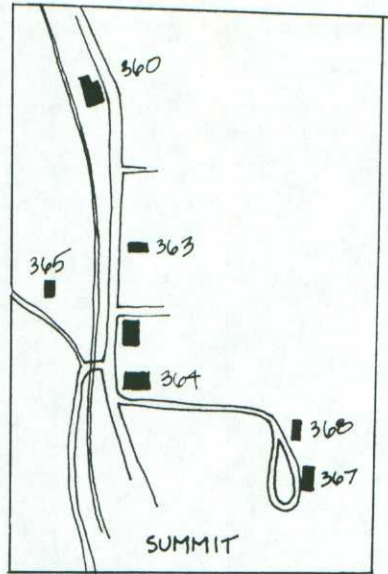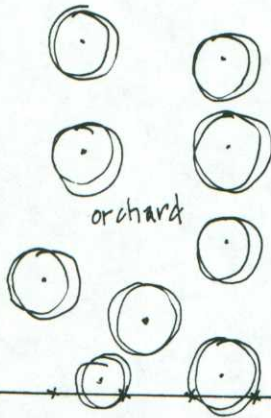Detail of porch railing

Photo No. W 24   View to west

Porch detail, note two entry doors

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EDDYVILLE — BLODGETT HWY (180)

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