

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
 HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
 State Historic Preservation Office
 Oregon State Parks, Salem 97310



County Jackson
 Theme 10-A
 Name
 (Common) Colvig (William Mason) House
 (Historic) (same)
 Address 410 s. Oregon Street
Jacksonville, Oregon
 Present Owner Mel Shuler
410 S. Oregon Street
Jacksonville, Oregon
 Original Use Residence
 Date of Construction 1875

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The William Mason Colvig house is a one and one-half story, wood frame house with gable roof that stands on a hillside overlooking much of Jacksonville. The structure is on South Oregon Street. The exterior is clapboard siding. The building has four-over-four, double hung sash windows. The interior has been gutted and reconstructed. The exterior of the house is in nearly its original condition (except for fascia that will be restored on the eaves on the east (front) elevation).

William Mason Colvig was born September 2, 1845, in Ray County, Missouri. He was a son of William L. and Helen (Woodford) Colvig. William Colvig emigrated to Oregon in 1851 with his parents. His mother and father settled at Rock Point near Gold Hill. Colvig was reared on his parents' farm, but in 1863 entered the First Oregon Cavalry. Following the Civil War Colvig went east, had many different jobs, and in 1870 entered college in Illinois and began teaching school. Colvig also studied law and worked as a proof reader. In 1875 he returned to Jackson County and in 1879 married Addie Birdseye. Colvig practiced law in Jacksonville and later in Medford. He was county school superintendent from 1882 to 1886, district attorney, and later a judge.

For more information on the architecture and history of this structure see the

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see p. 353 Vol. 2 Jacksonville Survey for more info



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OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
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Significance Primary No. 581
County Jackson
Theme _____
Name
(Common) "Judge Colvig House"
(Historic) George Schumpf House
Address 410 South Oregon Street
Jacksonville, Oregon 97530
Present Owner Alsop, Julie A.
P.O. Box 518
Address Jacksonville, Oregon 97530
Original Use Residential
Date of Construction c. 1880

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The George Schumpf House is a one and one half story, wood frame building that is rectangular in shape. It was constructed around 1880 by an unknown architect and builder and is essentially Classic Revival in style. At present, the house is painted gold with darker gold accents.

This simple, symmetrical dwelling is clapboarded on all portions and has corner boards with pilaster caps. The main east facade, oriented toward South Oregon Street, is three bays wide with a central doorway flanked by four-over-four, double hung sash windows. The present door has four recessed panels and a high three-light transom surmounted by a hood molding. A balustrade porch supported by paired latticework posts covers the entrance bay with a door in the half story gable opening on to the roof of the porch. The south elevation is three bays: all but the west bay are four-over-four, double hung sash windows. The north wall has a single window bay which is two large sliding lights. This portion of the north elevation is screened from the public view by a high, closed, vertical wood board fence. The majority of windows have plain board surrounds with square molding

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Sources consulted (continue on back if necessary):

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on the outside edge.

The roof is a gable with a fairly steep pitch that slopes to the north and south. The roof is covered with rust color composition shingles. There is a wide frieze under the eaves that rakes along the sides of the gable ends. There is a pendent that drops from the peak of the gable and terminates in a cross piece that extends over the sides of the gable. A recently-constructed broad brick chimney is on the south wall of the house. The building is set on a high foundation now faced with concrete.

The George Schumpf House is located on a corner lot which slopes from the west to the east. There is an approximately forty-five foot setback from South Oregon Street. Shrubbery is planted adjacent to the foundation wall and three or four trees run along the property line. A picket fence joined by a high, closed vertical board fence extends southward from the southeast corner of the house. There is a lattice fence attached to the north wall of the house. The front yard is encircled with a short wire fence. A small, hip roof addition extends from the north wall of the house.

The George Schumpf House is now maintained in good condition.

It is difficult to establish a precise construction date for this house commonly known as the "Judge Colvig House." Maps and early panoramic photographs of the town, which in Jacksonville are useful in establishing definitive information about building dates and subsequent changes to structures, are either non-existent or rarely include the area around this house prior to the early 1880's. Hence, judgments necessarily rely more heavily on speculation.

In 1864 there was no structure on this corner lot at West Fir and South Oregon Streets.¹ When the first recorded owner, M.R. Ish, acquired the lot for \$150.00 in 1871,² there was still probably no building yet constructed. It was presumably not until after George Schumpf purchased the 264½' x 129½' parcel from Charles and Louisiana Savage in 1877³ that the present dwelling was built. In the early 1880's the existing gable roof house is clearly indentifiable in photographs from that period. Iron cresting ran along the ridge, decorative barge boards were in the gable end of the main east facade, and a balustraded porch covered the central bay.⁴

George Schumpf, for whom the house was possibly built, was the successful owner and proprietor of Schumpf's Barber Shop on West California Street.⁵ A native of Alsace, Germany,⁶ Schumpf did not arrive in Jacksonville until after 1870.⁷ His barbershop, which was located in a pioneer wood frame structure known as the Eldorado near the southeast corner of West California and South Oregon Streets, was destroyed in an 1874 fire.⁸ Soon afterwards, Schumpf purchased the land⁹ and constructed a brick edifice on the site of his former shop.¹⁰ George Schumpf seems to have operated his "cozy" barbershop complete with "bathing rooms and bath tubs"¹¹ until his death in 1897,¹² making him possibly one of the longest term and most well established barbers in Jacksonville. Like so many others, Geroge Schumpf had an interest in mining property known as Schumpf's ledge which reportedly

yielded a "fine return."¹³ After Schumpf's first wife, Maria, died in 1882,¹⁴ George Schumpf was married to Margaret Ellen Barry in the mid 1880's.¹⁵

In 1887, Thomas Chavner sold the house and property to Addie Colvig,¹⁶ wife of William M. Colvig, who for many years practiced law in Jacksonville and later in Medford.¹⁷ From 1882 until 1886, he held the office of Jackson County School superintendent¹⁸ and served as District Attorney for the First Judicial District including Jackson, Lake, Josephine, and Klamath counties.¹⁹ His father, William L. Colvig, was a pioneer physician in Rock Point, Jackson County, and a brother, Marcellus N. Colvig, was for many years in charge of the Postal Telegraph newspaper office in Canyonville.²⁰ Another brother, Volney Colvig, was county judge of Josephine County.²¹ William M. Colvig was married in 1885 to Addie Birdseye, a member of southern Oregon's best known pioneer families.²² A son of William and Addie Colvig, Vance DeBar, followed a varied career as circus musician, cartoonist, newspaperman, movie actor, "gag" man, scenario and title writer, and gained perhaps the greatest notoriety creating the character of "Pinto" the clown.²³

FOOTNOTES

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7. Ibid., 1870. (George Schumpf is not listed)
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12. Jacksonville Cemetery Records, June 20, 1897.
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