

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 973

County Marion
Theme 7d, 8d, 8k
Name (Common) Bush Pasture Park
(Historic) Bush Pasture Park
Address Bounded by Mission, Church, and 12th Street, Salem, Oregon
Present Owner City of Salem, and Willamette Univ.
Address City of Salem Parks and Recreation Department Park
Original Use _____
Date of Construction 1917

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

On January 15, 1917 A.N. and Lulu H. Bush Quitclaim Deeded (v.144, p.399), Deed records) to the City of Salem 57.00 acres of property constituting the easterly 1,518' of frontage along Mission Street or roughly from Church Street to the west edge of the Deepwood Property. The deed was subject to six conditions any one of which if breached would cause the property to revert to the heirs of the Bush family. (To see further limitations to the deed see Deed Limitations on Bush Pasture Park -- Regional Parks & Recreation Agency - City of Salem).

The easterly 1518' of Bush Pasture is held by the City of Salem subject to:

"1st: The above described property is to be used only as a park as a memorial to Asahel Bush, father of the grantor, A.N. Bush, to be known as "Bush's Pasture".

The remaining westerly portion of Bush Pasture is held by the City of Salem subject to:

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Recorded by Chad Squires Date 5/6/81

Sources consulted (continue on back if necessary): 1. Deed Limitations on Bush Pasture Park

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- 1 "The afore described property shall be solely used by the grantee for public park and playground purposes and for such use incidental there to as are public in their nature.
- 2 The afore described property shall be known as "Bush's Pasture", or such other name as shall be appropriate to constitute the same as a memorial to Asahel Bush, Sr., the father of A.N. Bush and Sally Bush."

Condition No. 1 of the 1917 Deed was temporarily lifted by A.N. Bush for the specific purpose of the sale of 8.89 acres to Willamette University on May 9, 1946 (v.340, p.160 Deed Records).

The land owned by Willamette is used for football and track at McCulloch Stadium and baseball at the John Lewis field. Other feature of the park include a soap box derby run on the east end of the park, two softball diamonds on the west end, and four tennis courts in the middle. The park is used by several sports teams from Salem and the State of Oregon consisting of: LaCrosse, Rugby, Soccer, Cross Country, handball, softball, track, and tennis. They are mostly from the high school and college levels. The park has many other uses as well. It has an array of evergreen and deciduous trees as well as many other plants, shrubs, and flowers which serve to beautify the park.