

WASHINGTON COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

PRESENT OWNER: Gary Senko RESOURCE NO.: 84/559
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Beeks T 1N R 3W Sec. 29 1/4 SE
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: _____ TAX LOT #: 00101
 LOCATION: Rt. 2 Box 180 Martin Road CONDITION: Good
 COMMON/HISTORIC NAME: Beeks House CONSTRUCTION DATE: C. 1860
 USE: PRESENT residence THEME: 19th Cent. Architecture
 ORIGINAL residence TYPE: Building

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Description of the resource and statement of historical significance:
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Silas Jacob N. Beeks house is a 1 1/2 story Carpenter Gothic style residence, build in the 1860's. The residence is L shaped in plan, with front and back porches and a wood shed addition. The roof is a steeply pitched gable, covered with composition shingles. The original siding is weather-board with milled cornerboards at the gable ends. The rear woodshed addition is sided with shiplap. Two centrally located interior corbelled brick chimneys replaced the original stone chimney. The windows are original to the building, 6/6 double hung sash, the exception being one multi-light casement in the west rear facade. The gabled main entry, centrally located on the east facade features a two story porch with split posts and decorative brackets on the first story which meet to form three arches. Similar decorative (2'X2' band sawn) brackets are seen on the screen door at the entry, with a transom of three lights above. The second story of the porch is enclosed by a turned wood ballustrade. A gothic arched door of nine lights serves as access to the second story porch on the east gable facade. The back porch on the south facade has posts and brackets similar to the front porch, and is partially enclosed. The west gable of the residence was constructed prior to 1860, and was the original Beek residence. It is of box construction, with a foundation of rock footings supporting a wood sill.

CONTEXTUAL

The Beeks property is located east of Verboort, surrounded by berry farms and wheat fields. This residence is sited off Martin road and surrounded by large Sources consulted: oak trees.

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- .Verboort Centennial, 1875-1975. Community Press: Provo, Utah. p. 83.
- .Washington County Tax Assessor Microfilm Records, 1841-71
- .Senko, Gary. Telephone Interview . 12 August 1983.
- .Genealogical Forum of Portland, Oregon. Oregon Donation Land Claims Vol. II, 1959.

Recorded by: Cole/Ogard /Demuth Date: September 1983

PRESENT OWNER'S ADDRESS

(If different from above): _____

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The Beeks residence was built c. 1860, by Silas Jacob N. Beeks, on his Donation Land Claim. Silas Beeks was born in Greene County, Ohio, in 1820. In 1842 he married a woman two years his junior from Clinton County, Missouri. They journeyed to Oregon in 1848, the year their first child, William, was born. The Beeks settled their Donation Land Claim in 1850. The 1870 census records show that Silas Jacob Beeks, and his wife, Mary Ann, had seven children: William, 22; Philip, 18; Rosanne, 17; Charity, 15; Mary, 8; Josephine, 3; Isabell, 2. Records on Silas Beeks are often confusing because he is also known as S.J.N. Beeks, and S.J. Beeks. Beeks is often spelled Beaks. The Beeks residence is one of the few remaining Donation Land Claim houses in the County; it is also a rare example of Carpenter Gothic style. It reflects an early period of development in the county and the integrity of the residence remains intact.

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