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OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310

County Multnomah

Theme _____

Name
(Common) Harlow House

(Historic) Harlow-Evans House

Address 726 E. Columbia St.

Troutdale, Oregon 97060

Present Owner City of Troutdale

Address 104 SE Kibling St., Troutdale

Original Use Farm home

Date of Construction 1900

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

This home was built in 1900 on what was known as the Harlow Farm at Troutdale by Fred Harlow, son of Captain John Harlow, Troutdale's founder. The white, two-story, clapboard-sided farm house sits on a knoll to protect it from floodwaters. Situated at the edge of Troutdale, the house is in a semi-rural environment with a forested hill immediately to its west, and the Sandy River a short distance to the east. Beaver Creek runs to the west of the building and a tributary of the creek forms a pond on the property, a vestige of the trout ponds which gave the community its name. A gazebo has recently been built to the northwest of the house, adding to the historic appearance of the property. Today the building is used by the Troutdale Historical Society as a historic house museum, furnished with goods from the turn of the century.

The Harlow House is particularly significant to the history of the town of Troutdale. The farmhouse is the last remaining building of the Harlow estate, from which the Harlow family promoted, platted and founded the town of Troutdale. Not only were the Harlows instrumental in the origins of the community but they also served as many of the city's officials as the town grew. Laura Harlow, for instance, was one of Oregon's early women mayors. The property is also significant to the history of the fisheries of the Northwest. From the Harlow ponds the first carp brought to this part of the Northwest escaped, populating Northwest streams.

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