

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



County _____ Lane _____
 Theme 10-A
 Name
 (Common) Cole (Columbus & Mary) House
 (Historic) (same)
 Address n.e. corner Whitmore St. & Marcola Rd.
Marcola, Ore.
 Present Owner Wayne Mason
 (Address) Marcola, Ore.
 Original Use Residence
 Date of Construction c. 1880

Physical

historical significance:

The Columbus and Mary Cole house is a two story, wood frame building in the Italiante Style. It has a low, hip roof with boxed eaves. The eaves are decorated with brackets and a paneled frieze board. The verandah on the south (front) elevation is a restoration completed in 1975 and is based on early photographs of the house. The exterior of the building is shiplap except the first floor of the front elevation which is flushboard. The windows are four-over-four, double hung sash with wood surrounds and entablatures. The main entrance doorway has a transom with colored glass. Originally there were two front doors, each opening into a parlor. The one of the east side of the front elevation has been enclosed. A two story, projecting window bay is located on the east elevation and overlooks the garden. The rear (north) elevation has been altered since a massive tree fell on the old kitchen wing some years ago. The house has one, new concrete chimney.

Columbus Cole, the first merchant and postmaster in Marcola, was born March 26, 1842, in Knox County, Ohio. He was a son of Henry E. and Levina (Beach) Cole. Columbus Cole was reared on his father's farm in Ohio and in 1861 joined the Union Army. He fought at Shiloh and at other battles in the lower Mississippi Valley. In 1870 he moved to Missouri and in 1874 he emigrated to Oregon, taking a 160 acre homestead in the upper Mohawk Valley. He established a post office and general store. Cole was also a farmer and built a sawmill. His location was then called Isabelle, Oregon. He later renamed the town Marcola in honor of his wife, Mary Cole, whom he married in June, 1865.

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Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 27 May 1976 Sources Consulted:

For Oregon State Historic Preservation Office "Columbus Cole." Joseph Gaston. Centennial History of Oregon, 1811-1911. Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1912, vol. 3, 200. (portraits of Coles, ff.)

Please enclose map Township 16^N_S Range 1^E_W Section 18

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The town received its new name at the time of the construction of the Booth-Kelly Railroad into the valley which occurred sometime after 1899 when the firm developed its new mill at Wendling. Mary (Hart) Cole was a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Thraikill) Hart. The Coles had one child, Nellie, who married T. J. Whitmore.

Sources:

Mason, Wayne. Interview with Stephen Dow Beckham, 20 May 1976, Marcola, Oregon.