

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	36930 Happy Hollow Rd Summit, Benton County	historic name:	Post House
assoc addresses:	Summit Star Rt, Eddyville-Blodgett Hwy	current/other names:	Strout House
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	11S 7W 6
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	2.0
elig evaluation:	eligible/contributing	total elig resources:	
prim constr date:	1875	second date:	
		total inelig resources:	
primary orig use:	Single Dwelling	NR Status:	
second orig use:		date indiv listed:	
primary style:	Gothic Revival	orig use comments:	
secondary style:		prim style comments:	
primary siding:	Horizontal Board	sec style comments:	
secondary siding:		siding comments:	
plan type:		architect:	
		builder:	
comments/notes:			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:	Type of Grouping	Date Listed	Date Compiled
Benton County RLS Survey 2009	Survey & Inventory Project		2009
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	N/A	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:		Special Assess Project(s):	None
RLS survey date:	09/30/2009	Federal Tax Project(s):	None
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>One story half-hip roof porch across width of main façade. Two entry doors on the main façade; chamfered porch posts and decoratively sawn brackets on porch. Decoratively sawn porch railing still remains on west side of porch. One story rear wing. Overhanging eaves; enclosed rafters. Cornice-style window heads. Cornerboards, rake and frieze boards. Situated on a lower hillside above the town of Summit, the Post-Strout House fronts east, parallel to the main road. The house is located to the west side of the railroad tracks and is accessed by a gravel drive of Happy Hollow Road. Single story, rectangular addition added to the north elevation and wooden deck. Skylights incerted into roof on both the original and new addition. Also and addition of projecting bay windows on the west elevation. 2nd story balcony on west elevation. - Summit - Historic District potential.</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>Written by Mary Weber & Kathy Schutt in 11/5/1984: The Post-Strout House, with the integrity of its location, setting, and exterior design intact, is significant as possibly the oldest building in the town of Summit. Architecturally, the house has some unusual design elements. The house was probably built for William and Katie Post. William Post platted the town of Summit in 1885. The house is situated next to the route of the Corvallis to Yaquina Bay railroad. The location of the house may be related to the construction of the railroad. The town of Summit, which once served as a railroad camp, was the highest point on the railroad route. The house is also located on the former route of the Corvallis-Yaquina Bay Wagon Road. Portions of this wagon road are still visible in the Summit area. William and Katie Post came from Missouri to Oregon in 1876. In 1884, the Posts acquired title from the U.S. government to a quarter section of land in the western portion of Benton County. In 1885, William Post platted the town of Summit in this location. In was also in 1885 that the railroad from Corvallis to Yaquina Bay was completed. The Posts probably had this building built in the mid or late 1880's. Uncertainties also surround this building's early history. The house's large rectangular volume, the interior arrangement, and the double entrance, all suggest that the building may have originally functioned as a hotel or boarding house. Historic records to document this have not been located. In 1896, William Post sold this property to Katie Post. In 1897, Katie Post apparently remarried Charles Hansen. Edward and Storme Strouts received title to this property from the Hansens. Ed Strouts was a section foreman on the railroad. The Strouts family used a portion of the house to board railroad crews. The Strouts owned this house until recent years.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
Title Records	Census Records	Property Tax Records	Local Histories
Sanborn Maps	Biographical Sources	SHPO Files	Interviews
Obituaries	Newspapers	State Archives	Historic Photographs
City Directories	Building Permits	State Library	
Local Library:		University Library:	
Historical Society:		Other Respository:	
Bibliography:			
<p>Benton County Deed Registry. Browning, Elsie Bennett, "Oregon, Benton County Marriages, 1851-1922", E.L.S. Brown, Salem, Oregon, 1981. Gast, Barbara, Personal Communication, 1984. Phinney, Mark, "Interview with James E. Post, Historical Records Survey Oregon-Benton County, Works Projects Administration, 1938. Plunkett, Alma, Interview, Nov. 15, 1984.</p>			