

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	22930 Harris Rd Philomath vcty, Benton County	historic name:	King, Charles, House
assoc addresses:	Rt 1 Box 24M (in Wren)	current/other names:	
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	11S 6W 30
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	2.0
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	2
prim constr date:	c.1870	second date:	c.1880
		total inelig resources:	0
		NR Status:	Individually Listed
primary orig use:	Single Dwelling	date indiv listed:	06/10/1990
second orig use:		orig use comments:	
primary style:	Gothic Revival	prim style comments:	
secondary style:		sec style comments:	
primary siding:	Wood:Other/Undefined	siding comments:	
secondary siding:		architect:	Unknown
plan type:		builder:	Unknown
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:	06/10/1990	Special Assessment	
ILS survey date:		Status	Closed
RLS survey date:	09/30/2009	Term	1st
		End Yr	2009
		106 Project(s):	None
		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>Two entry doors on the main façade; interior is intact with original doors, hardware, wainscoting, etc. Overhanging eaves; Cornice-style window heads. Cornerboards topped by simple capitals; rake and frieze boards. The Charles King house is located in the former Harris community. Situated on a terrace of the Mary's River, the house fronts east facing Harris Road. Railroad tracks are located to the south of the house. Owned by Southern Pacific today, these tracks were originally the route the Corvallis to Yaquina Bay Railroad completed in 1885. The Harris covered bridge, spanning the Mary's River, is located directly to the north of the house. There is an old apple orchard to the west of the house. Large oaks and a big leaf maple are located in front of the house. A barn-like shed is attached to the rear of the house. The privy, located to the north of the house, is currently being used. Original porch extended entire width of main façade.</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 11/7/1984: The Charles King House, probably built sometime in the 1870's, is a very intact example of an 1870's vernacular farmhouse. Notable features include the two entry doors on the main façade. The house is associated with Charles King, a member of the King Family of King's Valley. The house is also associated with the construction of the Corvallis to Yaquina Bay railroad. The rear addition of the house was built to board railroad workers. Later, in the early 20th Century, the house was associated with the town of Harris and the logging industry. Workers at the large mill at Harris boarded here. The house is located on a portion of the original George Mason Donation Land Claim secured in 1855. In 1866, George Mason sold this land to his former son-in-law, John Aiken. By this time John Aiken's first wife, Catherine Mason had died. John Aiken remarried Harriet Hurlbert in 1862. Charles King purchased this property in 1869. Supposedly, the front portion of this house was already there when King purchased the land. Architectural detail suggests an 1870's house instead. Charles King was the son of Stephen and Anna Maria King. Stephen King's Donation Land Claim was located just to the west of the Aiken property. When Stephen King died, Charles inherited his property. Charles married Susan Robinette in 1869, the same year he purchased this land from Aiken. Charles King served on the school board and ran the store and post office at Elam (the first name for Harris). When the Corvallis to Yaquina railroad was under construction, Charles King added the rear wing to his house and he and his second wife, Margaret (Barnes) King furnished room and board for the workers. Charles King died in 1915. Margaret and her daughter Ethel Morgan continued to operate a boarding house for sawmill workers and loggers. They also ran the post office. The Morgan family owned the house until Ethel's death in 1977.</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. Brown, Dorothy, "Back When in Benton County", Benton Bulletin, Philomath, Oregon, Nov. 26, 1980. Browning, Elsie Bennett, "Benton County Marriages 1851-1922", E.L.S. Brown, Salem, Oregon, 1981. Census Records, 1860. Genealogical Forum of Portland, Oregon, "Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims", Portland, Oregon, 1957. Irvine, Mrs. William, "Index to Donation Land Claim Records", Genealogical Forum of Portland, Oregon, N.D. Morgan, Dave, "Back When in Benton County", Benton Bulletin, Dec. 17, 1980. Morgan, Dave. Personal Communication, 1984.</p>			