

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	2900 NE Pilkington Ave Corvallis, Benton County	historic name:	Woodcock, M S, House
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	11S 4W 19
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	2.0
elig evaluation:	eligible/contributing	total elig resources:	1
prim constr date:	1880	second date:	
		total inelig resources:	
primary orig use:	Single Dwelling	NR Status:	
second orig use:		date indiv listed:	
primary style:	Italianate	orig use comments:	
secondary style:	Victorian Eclectic	prim style comments:	
primary siding:	Horizontal Board	sec style comments:	
secondary siding:	Wood:Other/Undefined	siding comments:	
plan type:		architect:	
		builder:	
comments/notes:			
moved from 140 NW 5th St. in 1975; outstanding example of the Italianate style; excellent condition			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:		Type of Grouping	Date Listed
Benton County Italianate Architecture RLS 2025		Survey & Inventory Project	2026
Benton County RLS Survey 2009		Survey & Inventory Project	2009
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	N/A	106 Project(s)	Special Assess Project(s):
ILS survey date:		SHPO Case	None
RLS survey date:	09/30/2009	Date	
		06/04/2001	Federal Tax Project(s):
		Agency Effect Eval	None
		no adverse effect	
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>Frieze is embellished with panels. Cornerboards. Overhanging eaves with pendant brackets. Architrave is embellished by a repeating semicircular pattern. Projecting slant bays on main facade have molded, recessed panel above and below windows. Architrave detail and pendant brackets also on bay. Rectangular bay on east and west elevations. marble sinks in the corner of each bedroom on interior. Colored lights used in the top sash of several windows. Heavy cornice-style moldings. The Woodcock House was originally located at 140 N. 5th Street in Corvallis. Moved in 1975 to make room for the Law Enforcement Building, the house today is located on the south side of Pilkington Ave, approximately two-tenths of a mile east of the Highway 20 intersection. The house is set back from the road and is accessed by a long, gravel drive. Situated on a terrace of the Willamette River, the house fronts northwest. Behind the house is Stewart Slough, a former channel of the Willamette River. Second story railing addition. Central door in upper main facade replaced by window. Entry porch originally recessed between two bays. New entry door with transom and sidelights. Replacement porch with matching detailing and some recent elements. - Large addition to the back of the house (east facade) basement, patio and deck. Idemized on site plan from previous survey. - The fact that it was moved from it's original site, large addition and significant alterations to the main facade (west elevation) have lowered the integrity of the structure. - Flooring on front porch appears to be recently replaced as it is now a wood/plastice composite material.</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 3/31/1985: Although moved from its original site, the M.S. Woodcock House is architecturally significant as one of Benton County's best examples of the Italianate style of architecture. Perhaps more important is the house's association with M.S. Woodcock, a very prominent resident of Benton County. The house was built in c.1880 for M.S. Woodcock. That same year, M.S. Woodcock married Emma Simpson. Mr. Woodcock began his law practice in Corvallis in the mid-1870s. In 1887, he established the Benton County Bank in Corvallis. Three years later he organized the First National Bank of Corvallis, serving as president of this institution until his death in 1925. M.S. Woodcock was also owner and editor-in-chief of the Corvallis Gazette from 1881 to 1908. From 1901 to 1903, he served as the Mayor of Corvallis. After his death in 1925, Mrs. Woodcock continued to live in the house until 1936 when she took up occupancy at the Corvallis Hotel. At this time, her son, M.E. Woodcock, and his wife moved into the house. The Woodcock Family occupied the house until the 1970s. In 1975 the house was purchased by Rose Kraft. The house was sold in an oral bid with the stipulation that the house be moved because the Law Enforcement building was to be built on this site. Rose and Walter Kraft had the house moved to their land on Pilkington Ave. north of Corvallis. The Kraft Family continues to occupy the house today.</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>Anon, "Portrait and Bibliographical Record of the Willamette Valley, Oregon", Chapman Publishing Co., Chicago, Illinois, 1903. Gazette-Times, Corvallis, Oregon, March 3, 1925. Fagan, David D., "History of Benton County, Oregon", David D. Fagan and A.G. Walling, Portland, Oregon, 1885. "Stately Woodcock Home is Corvallis Landmark", Gazette-Times, Corvallis, Oregon, Feb. 27, 1968. "Woodcock House Leave Town", Gazette-Times, Corvallis, Oregon, August 14, 1975.</p>			