

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	20650 SW Kinnaman Rd Aloha, Washington County	historic name:	Masters, Andrew Jackson and Sarah Jane, House
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		tnwshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	1S 2W 14
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	2.0
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	1
prim constr date:	1853	NR Status:	Individually Listed
	second date: c.1960	date indiv listed:	09/17/2015
primary orig use:	Single Dwelling	orig use comments:	Education: Research facility; Recreation: Museum
second orig use:	Education-Related	prim style comments:	
primary style:	Classical Revival: other	sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	
primary siding:	Horizontal Board	architect:	
secondary siding:	Wood:Other/Undefined	builder:	John Kuykendall
plan type:	Side Passage/Entry		
comments/notes:			
Box constructed house sited on large open lot. 1960s garage addition . Condition good, integrity fair to good. Building retains original massing and eave details. Original window sash have been replaced, porch altered, external end chimney added.			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:	Type of Grouping	Date Listed	Date Compiled
Settlement-era Dwellings, Barns & Farm Groups the the Willamette Valley, Oregon	Survey & Inventory Project		2013
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	09/17/2015	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:		Special Assess Project(s):	None
RLS survey date:	01/02/2013	Federal Tax Project(s):	None
Gen file date:	05/15/2012		
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>The Andrew Jackson and Sarah Jane Masters House is a single-family residence located at 20650 SW Kinnaman Road in Aloha, Washington County, Oregon. The Classical Revival style house was built by John Kuykendall for A.J. and Sarah Jane Masters in 1854. Constructed with a hand-hewn heavy timber frame, the two-story house originally had a central hall plan. The Masters family moved into the new residence on their Donation Land Claim ten years after traveling from Missouri on one of the earliest wagon trains. With a well-documented builder, the Masters House stands as a surviving example of early settlement construction in Oregon. Careful examination of the house beginning in 2012 has revealed that the original house and materials lie beneath 161 years worth of additions and alterations to the house. The current owner, Hillsboro Parks, has committed to restoring the house to its 1854 appearance while using the restoration process as an educational tool. By peeling back the layers, integrity of design, workmanship, and association are returning to the house. There has been considerable suburban encroachment on the site, and while the Masters House is now surrounded by single family dwellings on small lots, its two acre lot sets it apart and still manages to convey and impression of openness. Given the large lot size, integrity of location and feeling are high. The house is a unique and irreplaceable example of early settlement architecture in Oregon.</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>Under the Multiple Property Document "Settlement-era Dwellings, Barns and Farm Groups of the Willamette Valley, Oregon," the Andrew Jackson and Sarah Jane Masters House meets the Registration Requirements for listing under Criterion A in the areas of Exploration/Settlement. Within the Area of Significance of Exploration/Settlement, the Masters House stands as an excellent example of a Classical Revival dwelling constructed during Oregon's settlement period by overland emigrants. Built primarily in 1853 and completed in 1854, the house is one of only about 200 remaining from the pioneer period in the Willamette Valley. This number accounts for less than 5% of the houses that likely existed in the Willamette Valley by the mid-1860s, which is widely considered to be the end of the early settlement period for this region. The house is one of approximately 18 such dwellings remaining in Washington County. Physically, the house displays the characteristics of early Oregon buildings in its form, materials, construction methods, and architectural details, and retains sufficient integrity to convey its period of construction and historic appearance. As outlined in the "Settlement-era..." Multiple Property Documentation Form, the Masters House illustrates significance under Criterion A through its embodiment of "...the physical characteristics and limitations of frontier construction..." as well as its "...structural and stylistic makeup, and other embodied characteristics, [which reflect the] physical and social circumstances of life in mid-nineteenth century Oregon." The Masters House embodies the characteristics of many timber frame buildings constructed by the overland emigrants during the settlement period in Oregon. The house illustrates common earlier building construction techniques, with hewn structural members, rough sawn utility lumber, and planed finish materials. During the initial period of habitation encompassing the period of significance, there were relatively few alterations, primarily the expansion of the porch and some rear utility spaces, reflecting a fairly wealthy family's substantial initial construction budget. The Period of Significance for the house is 1854, when construction of the Masters House was complete, to 1896, when Andrew Jackson Masters' widow Sarah Jane died. It is significant at the local level.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> Title Records <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs
Local Library:		University Library:	University of Oregon
Historical Society:	Oregon Historical Society	Other Respository:	
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