

Oregon Historic Site Form

McDonald, Malcolm, House
22180 Birch St
Hillsboro, Washington County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 2218 NW Birch St apprx. addr

historic name: McDonald, Malcolm, House

Hillsboro vcnt Washington County

current/ other names: _____

Optional Information

assoc addresses: 22200 NW Birch
(former addresses, intersections, etc.)

location descr:
(remote sites)

block nbr: _____ lot nbr: _____ tax lot nbr: _____

township: 1N range: 2 W section: 35 1/4: _____

zip: _____

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: building height (# stories): 2.5

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources:

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: _____

primary constr date: 1912 (c.) secondary date: _____ (c.)
(optional--use for major addns)

NR date listed: _____ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)

primary orig use: Single Dwelling

orig use comments: _____

secondary orig use: _____

primary style: Arts & Crafts / Craftsman

prim style comments: _____

secondary style: _____

sec style comments: _____

primary siding: Shingle

siding comments: _____

secondary siding: Standard Brick

architect: _____

plan type: Bungalow

builder: _____

comments/notes: CR-J

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name: Hillsboro Local Inventory Update 2008 2008 Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name: _____ external site #: 186/711
(ID# used in city/agency database)

SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: _____

ILS survey date: _____

RLS survey date: 7/1/2008

Gen File date: _____

106 Project(s)



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ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Include expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings, and alterations)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The McDonald residence is the most massive one-and-one-half-story Arts and Crafts style building in Orenco. The overall massing is rectangular, with a central hipped gable and several hipped and gabled roof extensions. The roof is covered with composition shingle. The eaves feature massive curved knee braces with purlins. There are four massive brick chimneys, a characteristic of the Arts and Crafts style. The north façade features a one-and-one-half-story gable with a palladian window, and a lower one-story gable shelters the entry porch. The porch rests on massive brick posts which that feature bricks of two different bonding patterns. The east elevation has a porte-cochere supported by coupled brick posts upon brick piers, a hipped roof dormer with coupled six-over-one double-hung windows, and a square window bay on the first floor. The west elevation has a hipped dormer, side exterior chimney, and a variety of multi-paned windows, including coupled nine-paned casements under the eave. The house is sided with wood shingles and rests on a brick foundation.

CONTEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

This residence is situated east of Orenco, now surrounded by the Orenco Woods Golf Course. It has been divided into a multifamily dwelling, and at one time was the residence of the golf course owners.

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period [preferably to the present])

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Malcolm McDonald constructed this residence in 1912. McDonald had boardwalks run from his house to the main street of town, as he was known not to wear boots. He and Archibald McGill purchased the Oregon Nursery Company of Salem, Oregon, in 1892, moving the company to Orenco in 1909. McDonald was the first mayor of Orenco. McDonald came from West Middlesex County, Ontario, Canada, where he was engaged in the nursery business. A large, tall man, he was community-minded and implemented a profit-sharing plan for his employees. His concerns for a strong community are reflected in his involvement in the Orenco Presbyterian Church, Orenco Mercantile Company, and his program of selling company land for workers' homes. This fine example of an Arts and Crafts style residence has been used for several different purposes since McDonald was owner. It remains a testimonial to the early, thriving Oregon Nursery Company town.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library | |

Local Library: _____ University Library: _____

Historical Society: _____ Other Repository: _____

Bibliography: SOURCES CONSULTED

Rich, Samuel; Oral History Interview. Washington County Museum, 1978
Oregon Historical Society, MSS 1669, McDonald Manuscripts
Orenco Presbyterian Church Records
Ticor Title Company Records
Salem and Marion County Directory, 1893 and 1908