

# Oregon Historic Site Form

Sears, Flora, House  
326 Jackson  
Hillsboro, Washington County

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 326 NE Jackson ☐ apprx. addr

historic name: Sears, Flora, House

Hillsboro ☐ vcnt Washington County

current/  
other names: Sears House

### Optional Information

assoc addresses:  
(former addresses, intersections, etc.)

location descr:  
(remote sites)

block nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ tax lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_

township: 1N range: 2 W section: 31 1/4: \_\_\_\_\_

zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: building height (# stories): 1

total # eligible resources: 2 total # ineligible resources: ☐

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: \_\_\_\_\_

primary constr date: 1918 (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: LATE 19TH/20TH AMER. MVMTS: Other

prim style comments: \_\_\_\_\_

secondary style: Vernacular

sec style comments: \_\_\_\_\_

primary siding: Horizontal Board

siding comments: \_\_\_\_\_

secondary siding: Wood:Other/Undefined

plan type: \_\_\_\_\_

architect: \_\_\_\_\_

builder: \_\_\_\_\_

comments/notes: EC garage

## GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project  
name or other  
grouping name Hillsboro Local Inventory Update 2008 2008

Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name: \_\_\_\_\_

external site #: 3  
(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)



North façade

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## ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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

### Architectural Description:

The Sears House is a one-story, wood-framed house resting on a post and beam foundation. It is sided with shiplap, finished with cornerboards and a plain frieze. The north and east gable ends feature decorative barge boards with spool and spindle ornamentation.

It is built in a gable front configuration. The two main gables meet to form a "T". A very unusually roofed attachment is on the south elevation: an addition with a double-gabled roof, i.e. two gables arranged and attached side by side. This addition appears in the 1912 Sanborn map, and is probably original.

The façade features double-hung windows in various sizes. The main living spaces are lighted by generously proportioned windows with diamond and lozenge leaded glass windows in the upper sashes. The windows are capped with a projecting headmold. The entry features a hardwood door with one light and two panels, and a wooden slat screen door. The porch roof is hipped and the lumber posts are set on three groupings of three posts placed on a half wall.

### Contextual Description:

The house is located in a residential district on the south side of NE Jackson between NE Third and NE Fourth Avenues.

## HISTORY

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

### Historical Significance:

Flora Sears purchased this property in 1908, and probably had the house built soon after. Though she was married, only her name appeared on the deed. Flora was from Missouri. When the 1910 Census was taken she was 24, and had been married 6 years to Robert. They had one child, Waldo, who was 3 years old in 1910.

Robert Sears was a general repairman, in partnership with Harry Schaffter in 1910. They operated the Sears and Schaffter Auto Company located on the east side of Third between Main and Washington. Apparently there wasn't enough automobile business for them, so they repaired bicycles as well.

Robert went into partnership c.1915 with his brother Mark and the Hartrampf brothers. They operated the Hillsboro Automobile Garage. They repaired bicycles, automobiles, and farm machinery. By 1921 they limited their service to automobiles and farm machinery.

The residence is significant due to its associations with Flora and Robert L. Sears, and for its interpretive value to the history of Hillsboro.

## RESEARCH INFORMATION

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Title Records               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Census Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps     | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources      | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files           | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries                  | <input checked="" 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:

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Ownership Directory, Northwest Oregon, Heald Map and Directory Co., Inc. Portland, OR c.1915.

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Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, City of Hillsboro, 1892, 1902, 1912.

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