

# **SURVEY OF HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

## **ORIGINAL TOWN PLAT**

### **CITY OF TALENT, OREGON**

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The following survey of historic and cultural resources was prepared under contract for the City of Talent, Oregon during the period March to July 1995. Intended as an intensive survey of the Original Town Plat area, plus selected adjacent areas along Gibson and Talent avenues, as well as those previously identified historic resources located outside the study area, project roughly encompasses that area of the city bounded by North First, Talent Avenue [from Main to the Wagner Creek bridge], Wagner Avenue, and "West" streets, extending north to Colver Road along Gibson Avenue. Generally all properties facing the right-of-way have been surveyed. The Historic Context for Talent was prepared by the surveyor, George Kramer, in June 1994. That document provides the historic framework for analysis and evaluation of identified resources.

#### SURVEY ORGANIZATION:

The Original Town Plat Survey area consists of the nineteen (19) irregular blocks identified on the "Plat of the Town of Talent" as filed with the Jackson County Commissioners in June 1889. This irregularly shaped area was augmented by the Gibson and Shidler additions, to the north, the Wagner Butte Addition, to the south, and the McCloud Addition, along Talent Avenue. Other areas with concentrations of historic properties identified by the Talent Land Development Ordinance [Article 13, Section 7] extended the study area outside the above limits to include unplatted additions to the City along Talent Avenue and the south side of Wagner. Three additional resources outside this area but previously identified as historic, are also included.<sup>1</sup>

The Original Town Plat survey area contains a total of 216 individual tax lots. At the beginning of the survey process each was assigned a "*Talent Survey Number*," or "TALNO." Numbers were arbitrarily assigned in sequential order by Map Identification and Tax lot number. The three additional resources mentioned above were simply added at the end of the listing. *The Talent Survey Number [TALNO] serves as the organizational framework for this survey and all properties are arranged in accordance with that numbering system.*

#### METHODOLOGY:

Following analysis of computerized data obtained from Jackson County Assessor's Office, all buildings located with the survey were flagged for field study. Vacant or

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<sup>1</sup> These are TALNO 428.0, 429.0 and 430.0, all located along Wagner Creek Road, south of the Original Town Plat area.



Parking lots were identified in the "ranking" field as "NONE and dropped from study. This created a base of 196 remaining built resources. Properties identified by the Assessors office as having been built later than 1945, the end of Historic Period, were arbitrarily identified as "Non-Historic\Non-Compatible" in the ranking field and also dropped from review.<sup>2</sup>

The remaining 120 resources were field surveyed by Hugh Davidson in April 1995, documented architecturally, and preliminarily flagged or removed from further review pending archival study at the Jackson County Archives and Recorder's offices. Working photographs, sketches, informant data and other materials were a part of this phase. Field data was also cross-checked with Assessor's data and selected buildings clearly mis-dated as later than 1950 were re-added into the study pool. Properties identified as having been built during the historic period but no longer retaining sufficient integrity in exterior appearance to effectively relate that history were identified as "Non-Contributing [H]" and dropped from review. As a result of this continued winnowing process, a base group of approximately 85 resources remained under study following the correlation of Mr. Davidson's fieldwork.

Each of these resources was assessed against known historical data and further researched at the Jackson County Assessor's office. Ownership pattern and other information as contained in Jackson County Deed records was also reviewed. Where fieldwork had revealed multiple historic properties upon a single tax lot, TALNO's were reassigned to reflect that character and numbered accordingly as XX.1, XX. 2., adding to the study group.<sup>3</sup> Ultimately 70 resources were identified within the study area as meriting inclusion in the final survey. Augmented by the three previously identified resources, the following inventory contains a total of 73 properties, including roughly 30% of all tax lots within the project study area. In June 1995 each indentified resource was photographed by Brian C. Prechtel for inclusion in the final inventory.

Following the documentation of the historic development of each identified resource was evaluated and ranked for significance as per the standards of the *Handbook to Preservation Planning in Oregon*, as prepared by the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office. The evaluation process reviewed the "integrity," "condition" and "significance" of each resource within the Talent contextual

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<sup>2</sup> Not individually field surveyed, many of these resources, although clearly "non-historic" may well be constructed in a style and manner that is consistent with the historic character of the Original Town Plat area.

<sup>3</sup> An example of this situation are the properties identified as TALNO 407.1 and 407.2.



framework. The "Significance" component individually assesses identified resources against the following criteria.

#### HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Significance through association with a *person, group, organization or event* that has made a significant contribution, or is illustrative of the broad *pattern* of cultural, social, political, economic, or industrial history, of the community, region, state or nation.

#### ARCHITECTURAL DISTINCTION

Significance as an exemplar of a particular architectural *style or building type*, as having *design or artistic quality*, utilizing a *particular material or construction*

#### RARITY

Significance as a *rare or unique surviving example* of a type or association within the context

#### ENVIRONMENTAL

Significance as a *visual landmark*, in setting or as an element in *continuity or character* of the street, neighborhood or community.

Following evaluation, all resources built within the historic period were assigned a "Ranking" from one of the following four categories.

#### PRIMARY

Historic or cultural resources of high associative or architectural significance and integrity that play a substantial individual role in the historic landscape of the study area. Resources designated as "primary" are those that significantly contribute to the understanding of the broad patterns of the historical development of the area, are excellent examples of a specific period or type of architecture or building, or are strongly associated with notable figures or groups that played an instrumental role in the development of the area.

#### SECONDARY

Historic or cultural resources of some associative or architectural significance that play a lesser but still important role in the historic landscape of the study area. These properties are often virtually intact architecturally or display minor modifications but represent less important aspects of, or are lesser examples of particular broad patterns in the development of the area. Resources that have not yet attained





sufficient antiquity, but are exemplary of an uncommon architectural style may also be included in this category.

#### CONTRIBUTING

Historic resources that have little associative value or architectural significance yet provide a valuable contextual element within the historic landscape of the study area. Buildings considered as "contributing" are generally those that have been modified from their appearance during the period of significance yet do not diminish from the historic continuity of the study area.

#### QUANTIFICATION:

Having assigned an evaluatory ranking to each identified tax lot within the study area, a breakdown of the Original Town Plat area of Talent provides an indication of the concentration of resources that continue to relate the community's historic development. Please refer to the project map for localized concentrations of significance.

RANK	TOTAL RESOURCES	% OF STUDY AREA
Primary	25	11.57%
Secondary	20	9.26%
Contributing	28	12.96%
Non-Contributing [H]	27	12.50%
Non-Historic Non-Contributing	95	43.98%
None	21	9.72%



#### USING THE INDEXES:

The following indexes of the Original Town Plat survey area intended to provide easy access to the surveyed properties. Information has been arranged by TALNO [which correlates to map and tax lot identification numbers] Street Address, and Historic Name. Specific indexes, each color coded, are:

1. By Street Address [BLUE]  
all 216 tax lots located within the study area.
2. By Street Address [GREEN]  
73 inventoried resources only
3. By Historic Name [PINK]  
73 inventoried resources only
4. By Talent Survey Number [BUFF]  
73 inventoried resources only.

The documented resources that follow are presented in ascending Talent Survey Number [TALNO] order. Each inventory form consists of three parts: Part 1, containing current ownership, location and architectural information, Part 2, a narrative "Statement of Significance" documenting the historical information regarding the property ownership and known alterations, and Part 3, containing a current photograph, annotated tax lot, and locational maps.

The entire Original Town Plat survey, with the exception of the Part 2 Statements of Significance, was generated in Alpha4, v.3, a dBase-compatible database program. All data has been exported into proper format for addition to the State Inventory of Historic Places as required by the State Historic Preservation Office. Final survey output as contained in this report was formatted in R & R Report Writer, Xbase Edition v 1.0. Statements of Significance and all other text materials were generated in Microsoft Word for Windows, v. 6.0 and printed in the Revival 565 font as available from Bitstream Incorporated.



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Tal ##	Historic Name	Address	Ranking
268.0	U S Post Office, Bldg		Non-Historic Non-Compat
269.0	Right of Way land		None
374.0	n/a	BAIN ST	None
335.0	n/a	202 BAIN ST	Non-Contributing [H]
337.0		204 BAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
336.0	Myrtle Jacobs House	206 BAIN ST	Non-Historic Compatible
334.0	Klimek, Marcel & Julie Hse	207 BAIN ST	Contributing
355.0	n/a	208 BAIN ST	Non-Contributing [H]
333.0		209 BAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
358.0		300 BAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
329.0	Combine w/TL 1500	206 FIRST ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
249.0		FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
257.0	Small Strip of land	FIRST ST N	None
312.0	Sm. Garage/See TL 300	FIRST ST N	None
317.0	Small Strip of land	FIRST ST N	None
339.0		102 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
313.0		105 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
253.0	n/a	106 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Compatible
315.0		107 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
346.0		107 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
252.0	n/a	108 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Compatible
344.0		109 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
251.0	Early Ranch home	110 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Compatible
319.0	n/a	111 FIRST ST N	Non-Contributing [H]
345.0		111 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
250.0	n/a	112 FIRST ST N	Non-Contributing [H]
248.0	Unknown/Alford Rental Hse	114 FIRST ST N	Non-Contributing [H]
258.0		117 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
239.0		120 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
259.0	n/a	121 FIRST ST N	Non-Contributing [H]
261.0	Hip roof cottage	123 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Compatible
246.0	Forest & Neta Jennings	124 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
260.0	Early Ranch house	125 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Compatible
245.0		126 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
385.0		302 FIRST ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
318.0		109 FIRST ST S	Non-Historic Non-Compat
326.0	Willard & Evelyn Sargent House	113 FIRST ST S	Non-Contributing [H]
338.0	Tryor-Denham Hse	104 FIRST ST N	Primary
256.0	Jewell, Etta Hse	113 FIRST ST N	Secondary
247.0	Morrison, Alfred & Maude Hse	118 FIRST ST N	Secondary
241.0	Wicha, Frank Hse	122 FIRST ST N	Secondary
328.0	Methodist Parsonage	204 FIRST ST N	Primary
330.0	Methodist Episcopal Church	206 FIRST ST S	Primary
231.0		101 FRONT ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
233.0	n/a	105 FRONT ST N	Non-Contributing [H]
234.0	Maxson, E.W. and Lucy Hse	107 FRONT ST N	Non-Historic Compatible
236.0		109 FRONT ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
235.0	small strip of land	111 FRONT ST N	None
237.0		111 FRONT ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
238.0	Gable front cottage	113 FRONT ST N	Non-Historic Compatible



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240.0		115 FRONT ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
242.0		117 FRONT ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
244.0	Ralph & Delila Jennings House	125 FRONT ST N	Non-Historic Compatible
320.0	Sm. Shed, See TL 600	FRONT ST S	None
314.0	Hazel Fern House	102 FRONT ST S	Non-Contributing [H]
316.0	J. S. Crawford House	104 FRONT ST S	Non-Contributing [H]
323.0		110 FRONT ST S	Non-Historic Non-Compat
232.0	Hearing, John & Laura	103 FRONT ST N	Primary
243.0	Estes, Roy L. Hse	121 FRONT ST N	Contributing
321.0	Talent, A.P. House	108 FRONT ST S	Primary
419.0	n/a	GANGNES DRIVE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
141.0	Lot Partition	GIBSON ST	None
142.0	Lot Partition	GIBSON ST	None
157.0	Small strip of land	GIBSON ST	None
200.0	n/a	201 GIBSON ST	Non-Contributing [H]
199.0	n/a	203 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Compatible
184.0		204 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
198.0		205 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
181.0		206 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
197.0	Burnett-Davidson Hse	209 GIBSON ST	Secondary
185.0	n/a	210 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
188.0	Way-Mitchell Hse	211 GIBSON ST	Contributing
186.0	n/a	212 GIBSON ST	Non-Contributing [H]
187.0		213 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
144.0	Mason, J. C. House	214 GIBSON ST	Non-Contributing [H]
145.0	n/a	215 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
143.0	Crosby, W. R. Hse	216 GIBSON ST	Secondary
146.0	n/a	217 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
147.0	Unidentified House #1	219 GIBSON ST	Contributing
148.0		221 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
149.0	Hazen, Clarence A. Hse	223 GIBSON ST	Secondary
150.0	n/a	225 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
151.0		227 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
140.0		228 GIBSON ST	None
152.0	n/a	229 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
139.0	Campbell, James W. Rental 2	230 GIBSON ST	Contributing
153.0	Bell, T. J. "Jeff" Hse	231 GIBSON ST	Secondary
138.0	Campbell, James W. Rental 1	232 GIBSON ST	Contributing
154.0	Roberts, Emma Hse	233 GIBSON ST	Contributing
137.0	Barrett, Jonas & Minnie Hse	234 GIBSON ST	Contributing
155.0	Reynolds, Alfred B. Hse	235 GIBSON ST	Primary
136.0	n/a	236 GIBSON ST	Non-Contributing [H]
156.0	n/a	237 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
135.0	Jones, Robert H. House	238 GIBSON ST	Contributing
158.0	n/a	239 GIBSON ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
134.0	Overholser, L.B. & P. Hse	240 GIBSON ST	Contributing
133.0	Carpenter, Mary J. Hse	242 GIBSON ST	Secondary
132.0		244 GIBSON ST	None
425.0	Holiday Gardens	220 HOLIDAY LANE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
207.0	Root-Ager House	0 HOME ST	Contributing





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205.0	n/a	100 HOME ST	Non-Contributing [H]
204.0	Netherland-Sowash Hse	102 HOME ST	Contributing
203.0		104 HOME ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
210.0	Talent Fire Station	107 I ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
227.0		I STREET	None
218.0		103 I STREET	Non-Historic Non-Compat
212.0	Sleppy-Withrow Hse	104 I STREET	Primary
219.0	Bell, Thomas Jefferson Hse	104 I STREET	Primary
211.0	Nininger-Norman Hse	108 I STREET	Contributing
267.0	Post Office land	JOHN ST	None
224.0		105 JOHN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
225.0	Helms-Hanson Hse	109 JOHN ST	Contributing
226.0		111 JOHN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
202.0	Orville & Hazel Carver House	113 LAPREE ST	Non-Contributing [H]
397.0	Oatman, F.B. & Nida Hse	201 MADISON ST	Primary
270.0	So Pacific Depot [SITE]	MAIN ST	None
271.0	Right of Way Land	MAIN ST	None
378.0	n/a	MAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
310.0	Small House	103 MAIN ST	Non-Contributing [H]
255.0	M. J. Inman House	106 MAIN ST	Non-Contributing [H]
223.0		201 MAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
343.0	n/a	202 MAIN ST	Non-Contributing [H]
222.0	n/a	203 MAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
351.0		204 MAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
353.0		207 MAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
350.0	n/a	208 MAIN ST	Non-Contributing [H]
363.0		300 MAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
361.0	n/a	301 MAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
213.0		302 MAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
214.0		304 MAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
369.0	H. S. Walker House	304 MAIN ST	Non-Contributing [H]
377.0	Early Ranch house	307 MAIN ST	Non-Historic Compatible
370.0	Lacy, John House	310 MAIN ST	Non-Contributing [H]
340.0		203 MAIN ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
208.0	Bahr-Brown House	202 MAIN ST E	Primary
209.0	Talent Elementary School	204 MAIN ST E	Primary
221.0	Gedlick-Kirkpatrick Hse	205 MAIN ST E	Secondary
220.0	Dickey, Anna Hse	209 MAIN ST E	Contributing
215.0	Talent Baptist Church	303 MAIN ST E	Primary
309.0	Talent Hotel/Ellis Beeson Hse	101 MAIN ST W	Primary
230.0	Hart, Benj. & Ethel Hse	102 MAIN ST W	Contributing
254.0	Carey-Alford Hse	104 MAIN ST W	Primary
311.0	Nyswaner-Furrer Hse	105 MAIN ST W	Contributing
342.0	Alford, Albert & Katherine	200 MAIN ST W	Contributing
341.0	Spitzer, J.S.Hse	201 MAIN ST W	Contributing
352.0	Clark-Hayman Hse	205 MAIN ST W	Secondary
362.0	End gable cottage #1	303 MAIN ST W	Contributing
372.0	End gable cottage #2	305 MAIN ST W	Contributing
429.0	Weidner, Andreas Hse	361 MAIN ST W	Secondary
201.0	n/a	115 NORTH ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat



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428.0	Oregon Irrigation Mrkr	RAPP & WAGNER CRK RD	Primary
183.0		201 ROY AVE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
182.0		205 ROY AVE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
262.0		SECOND ST N	None
364.0		107 SECOND ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
349.0		108 SECOND ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
348.0		110 SECOND ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
365.0		111 SECOND ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
368.0	Minimal ranch type	113 SECOND ST N	Non-Historic Compatible
265.0		114 SECOND ST N	Non-Historic Non-Compat
264.0	n/a	116 SECOND ST N	Non-Contributing [H]
263.0		118 SECOND ST N	Non-Historic Compatible
360.0	End Gable House	104 SECOND ST S	Non-Historic Compatible
359.0	n/a	106 SECOND ST S	Non-Contributing [H]
347.0		112 SECOND ST S	Non-Historic Non-Compat
332.0	Camp White House?	203 SECOND ST S	Non-Historic Compatible
356.0	James Barrett House	206 SECOND ST S	Non-Contributing [H]
354.0	Burnett, Laurence & Ella	103 SECOND ST S	Contributing
357.0	Quackenbush, P. & D. Hse	110 SECOND ST S	Secondary
331.0	Hart-Adamson Hse	204 SECOND ST S	Secondary
427.0	Wagner Creek Bridge	TALENT AT WAGNER CRK	Primary
298.0	n/a	TALENT AVE	None
410.0		TALENT AVE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
417.0	n/a	0 TALENT AVE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
420.0	n/a	0 TALENT AVE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
421.0	n/a	0 TALENT AVE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
288.0		101 TALENT AVE	Non-Historic Compatible
216.0		102 TALENT AVE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
217.0	Hill-Stearns Building	106 TALENT AVE	Primary
296.0	Malmgren Garage	111 TALENT AVE	Primary
228.0	Edith Cochran Bldg	114 TALENT AVE	Secondary
407.1	Bates Service Station	200 TALENT AVE	Primary
297.0	Hanscom Hall	201 TALENT AVE	Primary
407.2	Wolters, C.W. & Amanda Hse	202 TALENT AVE	Secondary
408.0	Wolters Rental Hse	204 TALENT AVE	Secondary
409.0	Carl, Marcus & Marg. Hse	206 TALENT AVE	Secondary
299.0	Manning-Nyswaner Hse	207 TALENT AVE	Primary
411.0	Rhodes, L. M. Hse	213 TALENT AVE	Contributing
412.0	Works, Mary E. Hse	215 TALENT AVE	Secondary
413.0	n/a	217 TALENT AVE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
414.0	Hartley-Rush Hse	219 TALENT AVE	Contributing
415.0	Estes, Chas. & Martha Hse	221 TALENT AVE	Contributing
416.0	Witte, Gust W./Hattie Hse	223 TALENT AVE	Non-Historic Compatible
424.0	Mc Mahan-Foxall Hse	226 TALENT AVE	Primary
418.0	Burgan-Wells Hse	227 TALENT AVE	Contributing
425.1	Old Pacific Mobile	232 TALENT AVE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
422.0	n/a	233 TALENT AVE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
426.2	Centers, Eliz & F.M. Hse	236 TALENT AVE	Primary
426.0	n/a	237 TALENT AVE	Non-Historic Non-Compat
430.0	Sherman, John & Mary Hse	400 WAGNER CRK RD	Secondary



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322.0	Combined with TL 902	WAGNER ST	None
325.0	Lot partition, land only	WAGNER ST	None
324.0	William Carey Property	106 WAGNER ST	Non-Contributing [H]
403.0	n/a	109 WAGNER ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
327.0	Hip roof cottage	110 WAGNER ST	Non-Contributing [H]
266.0		153 WAGNER ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
384.0	Christian Church	207 WAGNER ST	Contributing
229.0	n/a	301 WAGNER ST	Non-Historic Compatible
376.0		304 WAGNER ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
373.0	Smith-Terrill House	308 WAGNER ST	Primary
375.0	Small strip of land	308 WAGNER ST	None
405.0	Pellett-Malster Hse	104 WAGNER ST E	Secondary
406.0	Barclay-Wolters Hse	110 WAGNER ST E	Primary
404.0	Clayton House	109 WAGNER ST W	Contributing
367.0		110 WEST ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat
366.0		116 WEST ST	Non-Historic Non-Compat



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334.0	Klimek, Marcel & Julie Hse	207 BAIN ST	Contributing
338.0	Tryor-Denham Hse	104 FIRST ST N	Primary
256.0	Jewell, Etta Hse	113 FIRST ST N	Secondary
247.0	Morrison, Alfred & Maude Hse	118 FIRST ST N	Secondary
241.0	Wicha, Frank Hse	122 FIRST ST N	Secondary
328.0	Methodist Parsonage	204 FIRST ST N	Primary
330.0	Methodist Episcopal Church	206 FIRST ST S	Primary
232.0	Hearing, John & Laura	103 FRONT ST N	Primary
243.0	Estes, Roy L. Hse	121 FRONT ST N	Contributing
321.0	Talent, A.P. House	108 FRONT ST S	Primary
197.0	Burnett-Davidson Hse	209 GIBSON ST	Secondary
188.0	Way-Mitchell Hse	211 GIBSON ST	Contributing
143.0	Crosby, W. R. Hse	216 GIBSON ST	Secondary
147.0	Unidentified House #1	219 GIBSON ST	Contributing
149.0	Hazen, Clarence A. Hse	223 GIBSON ST	Secondary
139.0	Campbell, James W. Rental 2	230 GIBSON ST	Contributing
153.0	Bell, T. J. "Jeff" Hse	231 GIBSON ST	Secondary
138.0	Campbell, James W. Rental 1	232 GIBSON ST	Contributing
154.0	Roberts, Emma Hse	233 GIBSON ST	Contributing
137.0	Barrett, Jonas & Minnie Hse	234 GIBSON ST	Contributing
155.0	Reynolds, Alfred B. Hse	235 GIBSON ST	Primary
135.0	Jones, Robert H. House	238 GIBSON ST	Contributing
134.0	Overholser, L.B. & P. Hse	240 GIBSON ST	Contributing
133.0	Carpenter, Mary J. Hse	242 GIBSON ST	Secondary
207.0	Root-Ager House	0 HOME ST	Contributing
204.0	Netherland-Sowash Hse	102 HOME ST	Contributing
212.0	Sleppy-Withrow Hse	104 I STREET	Primary
219.0	Bell, Thomas Jefferson Hse	104 I STREET	Primary
211.0	Nininger-Norman Hse	108 I STREET	Contributing
225.0	Helms-Hanson Hse	109 JOHN ST	Contributing
397.0	Oatman, F.B. & Nida Hse	201 MADISON ST	Primary
208.0	Bahr-Brown House	202 MAIN ST E	Primary
209.0	Talent Elementary School	204 MAIN ST E	Primary
221.0	Gedlick-Kirkpatrick Hse	205 MAIN ST E	Secondary
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341.0	Spitzer, J.S.Hse	201 MAIN ST W	Contributing
352.0	Clark-Hayman Hse	205 MAIN ST W	Secondary
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429.0	Weidner, Andreas Hse	361 MAIN ST W	Secondary
428.0	Oregon Irrigation Mrkr	RAPP & WAGNER CRK RD	Primary
354.0	Burnett, Laurence & Ella	103 SECOND ST S	Contributing
357.0	Quackenbush, P. & D. Hse	110 SECOND ST S	Secondary
331.0	Hart-Adamson Hse	204 SECOND ST S	Secondary





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427.0	Wagner Creek Bridge	TALENT AT WAGNER CRK	Primary
217.0	Hill-Stearns Building	106 TALENT AVE	Primary
296.0	Malmgren Garage	111 TALENT AVE	Primary
228.0	Edith Cochran Bldg	114 TALENT AVE	Secondary
407.1	Bates Service Station	200 TALENT AVE	Primary
297.0	Hanscom Hall	201 TALENT AVE	Primary
407.2	Wolters, C.W. & Amanda Hse	202 TALENT AVE	Secondary
408.0	Wolters Rental Hse	204 TALENT AVE	Secondary
409.0	Carl, Marcus & Marg. Hse	206 TALENT AVE	Secondary
299.0	Manning-Nyswaner Hse	207 TALENT AVE	Primary
411.0	Rhodes, L. M. Hse	213 TALENT AVE	Contributing
412.0	Works, Mary E. Hse	215 TALENT AVE	Secondary
414.0	Hartley-Rush Hse	219 TALENT AVE	Contributing
415.0	Estes, Chas. & Martha Hse	221 TALENT AVE	Contributing
424.0	Mc Mahan-Foxall Hse	226 TALENT AVE	Primary
418.0	Burgan-Wells Hse	227 TALENT AVE	Contributing
426.2	Centers, Eliz & F.M. Hse	236 TALENT AVE	Primary
430.0	Sherman, John & Mary Hse	400 WAGNER CRK RD	Secondary
384.0	Christian Church	207 WAGNER ST	Contributing
373.0	Smith-Terrill House	308 WAGNER ST	Primary
405.0	Pellett-Malster Hse	104 WAGNER ST E	Secondary
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256.0	Jewell, Etta Hse	113 FIRST ST N	Secondary
247.0	Morrison, Alfred & Maude Hse	118 FIRST ST N	Secondary
241.0	Wicha, Frank Hse	122 FIRST ST N	Secondary
328.0	Methodist Parsonage	204 FIRST ST N	Primary
330.0	Methodist Episcopal Church	206 FIRST ST S	Primary
232.0	Hearing, John & Laura	103 FRONT ST N	Primary
243.0	Estes, Roy L. Hse	121 FRONT ST N	Contributing
321.0	Talent, A.P. House	108 FRONT ST S	Primary
197.0	Burnett-Davidson Hse	209 GIBSON ST	Secondary
188.0	Way-Mitchell Hse	211 GIBSON ST	Contributing
143.0	Crosby, W. R. Hse	216 GIBSON ST	Secondary
147.0	Unidentified House #1	219 GIBSON ST	Contributing
149.0	Hazen, Clarence A. Hse	223 GIBSON ST	Secondary
139.0	Campbell, James W. Rental 2	230 GIBSON ST	Contributing
153.0	Bell, T. J. "Jeff" Hse	231 GIBSON ST	Secondary
138.0	Campbell, James W. Rental 1	232 GIBSON ST	Contributing
154.0	Roberts, Emma Hse	233 GIBSON ST	Contributing
137.0	Barrett, Jonas & Minnie Hse	234 GIBSON ST	Contributing
155.0	Reynolds, Alfred B. Hse	235 GIBSON ST	Primary
135.0	Jones, Robert H. House	238 GIBSON ST	Contributing
134.0	Overholser, L.B. & P. Hse	240 GIBSON ST	Contributing
133.0	Carpenter, Mary J. Hse	242 GIBSON ST	Secondary
207.0	Root-Ager House	0 HOME ST	Contributing
204.0	Netherland-Sowash Hse	102 HOME ST	Contributing
212.0	Sleppy-Withrow Hse	104 I STREET	Primary
219.0	Bell, Thomas Jefferson Hse	104 I STREET	Primary
211.0	Nininger-Norman Hse	108 I STREET	Contributing
225.0	Helms-Hanson Hse	109 JOHN ST	Contributing
397.0	Oatman, F.B. & Nida Hse	201 MADISON ST	Primary
208.0	Bahr-Brown House	202 MAIN ST E	Primary
209.0	Talent Elementary School	204 MAIN ST E	Primary
221.0	Gedlick-Kirkpatrick Hse	205 MAIN ST E	Secondary
220.0	Dickey, Anna Hse	209 MAIN ST E	Contributing
215.0	Talent Baptist Church	303 MAIN ST E	Primary
309.0	Talent Hotel/Ellis Beeson Hse	101 MAIN ST W	Primary
230.0	Hart, Benj. & Ethel Hse	102 MAIN ST W	Contributing
254.0	Carey-Alford Hse	104 MAIN ST W	Primary
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342.0	Alford, Albert & Katherine	200 MAIN ST W	Contributing
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137.0	Barrett, Jonas & Minnie Hse	234 GIBSON ST	Contributing
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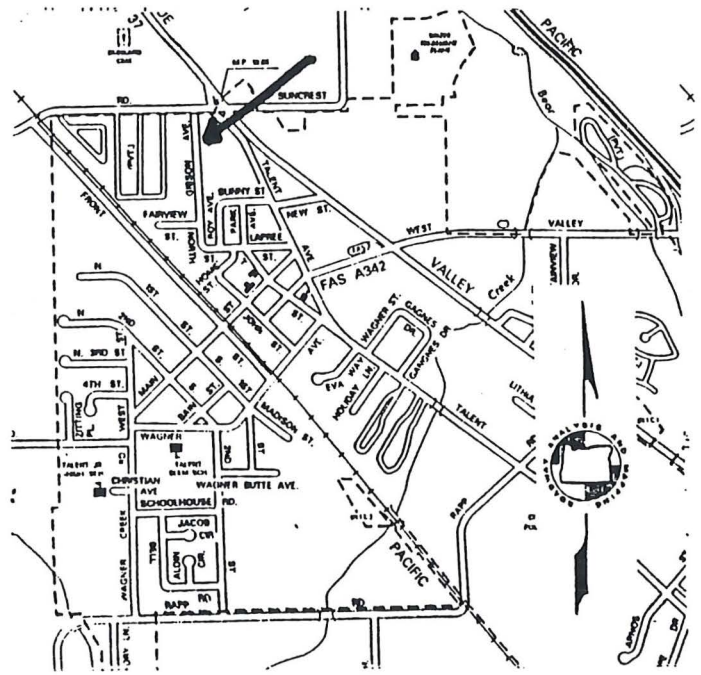
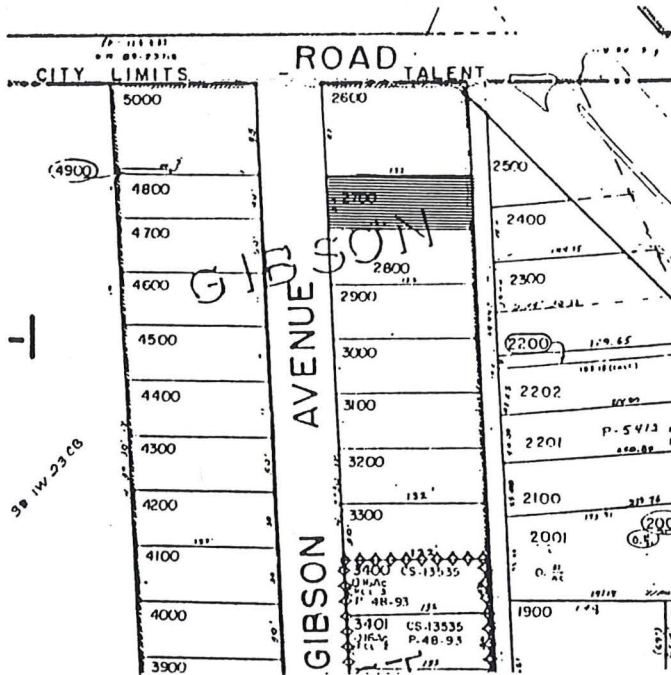
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 City of Talent, Oregon  
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Historic Name: Carpenter, Mary J. Hse  
 Location: 242 GIBSON ST

Common: Same  
 Date of Construction: c1911



Photo Roll: BP5 Frame: 29A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: Secondary

Talent Survey No. 133.0  
 SHPO NO:



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City of Talent, Oregon  
Original Town Plat Survey, 1995  
[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Carpenter, Mary J. Hse**  
Location: **242 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **MC COLGAN JOHN C/NORMA**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 653**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Gibson Tract**  
Block: Lot: **16** Taxlot: **2700**  
T/R/S **381W23CA** Acct# **10275006**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1911**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.5**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Multiple** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **paired and single 1/1 & 2/2 double hung sash windows**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **corner boards; projecting gable roof entry porch; gable wall dormers; wide eaves;**

Other:

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Large trees, lilacs**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting:

**Mid-block, facing west, in residential section of 1 and 1 1/2 story single family dwellings**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Photo Roll: **BP5** Frame[s]: **29A**  
Date Recorded: **03/31/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **133.0**  
SHPO NO:

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Original Town Plat Survey, 1995

TALNO: 133.0  
MARY J. CARPENTER HOUSE  
242 GIBSON ST  
Built: c1911

381W23CA-2700

Secondary

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This one and one-half story front facing gable dwelling was built c.1911, almost certainly by Louis P. Overholser. In June 1912 the house was sold to Mary J. Carpenter along with a 50' wide tract of land for \$1050. (JCD 101:624) A comparatively large structure for the immediate Gibson Avenue area, the Carpenter House is notable for its front facing porch and twin wall dormers. Large trees and other mature plantings are present, adding to the property's character.

Overholser, who was born in Indiana, listed his occupation in the 1910 census as "Carpenter, Dwelling House" and was apparently involved with at least two other structures in James C. Gibson's unplatted addition to the booming Town of Talent.<sup>1</sup> Overholser, his wife, Pauline, and the couple's two sons lived in a house adjacent to the subject dwelling, having sold a portion of their own land to Carpenter following the construction of the house. The Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes show the Mary Carpenter house on the subject site in 1912, with an appraised value of \$600.

No biographical information regarding Mary J. Carpenter was located for this study and she does not appear in either the 1900 or 1910 Jackson County census records. Carpenter remained in the house at least through 1918 according to Assessor's Fieldnotes. By 1920 local real estate speculator and businessman, Albert Alford, had acquired the property as an investment or rental. Later owners include Mildred Klum, who sold the property to Edwin C. and Gladys Gardner in March 1946. (JCD 267:494)

The Mary J. Carpenter House is an architecturally intact example of the early 20th century development that coincided with the rapid expansion of the Talent and the Gibson Avenue area following the incorporation of the town. Its high integrity to its original design, with original windows, siding, and other detailing, accurately reflect both its original construction and the associations for which it is significant.

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<sup>1</sup> Overholser lived next door (TALNO 134.0) and there is some indication that he was connected with a no longer standing dwelling that stood just north of the Mary Carpenter House.







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Historic Name: **Overholser, L.B. & P. Hse**  
Location: **240 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **COHEN GARY S**  
MailAdd **240 GIBSON**

**TALENT**, OR **97540**  
Addition: **Gibson Tract**  
Block: Lot: **17** Taxlot: **2800**  
T/R/S **381W23CA** Acct# **10275014**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1911**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Multiple**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Windows: **sliding replacement aluminum sash;**

No. of Stories **1.5**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Other:T-111 Scored Vertical Sheet**

Decorative Features: **cut-away porch entry; wood shingles in upper end gables; gable roof dormer with exposed rafters**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Lower portion resided with T-111 sheet goods [n.d.],**

Landscape Features: **Pampas grass in front, large trees along south lot perimeter**

Associated Structures: **Nonw**  
Setting:

**Mid-block facing west in residential section of one and one and one story single family dwellings.**

Sources

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Photo Roll: **BP3** Frame[s]: **20A**  
Date Recorded: **03/31/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey Number: **134.0**  
SHPO NO:

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TALNO: 134.0  
LOUIS & PAULINE OVERHOLSER HOUSE 381W23CA-2800  
240 GIBSON ST  
Built: c1911 Contributing

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This one and one-half story wood frame dwelling was constructed c.1911, probably by Louis P. Overholser, and apparently was used as the family residence for a short period of time. Similar in design to the adjacent Carpenter House (TALNO 133.0), also built by Overholser, the subject dwelling was a part of the rapid expansion of Talent and the construction of James C. Gibson's unplatted addition to the town that occurred in the 1910-1912 period.

Louis Overholser was born in Indiana and the 1910 census lists his occupation as "carpenter, Dwelling House." Various information indicates his involvement with at least three houses in the Gibson Avenue area, including the subject structure.<sup>1</sup> The Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes for 1912 show this building on the site with a value of \$600.

In November 1914 Louis and Pauline Overholser sold the property to local real estate speculator and businessman, Albert Alford, who owned a large number of properties throughout the Talent area in the first part of this century. (JCD 102:366) This deal was apparently undertaken on the behalf of Alford's granddaughter, Eva Pellett.<sup>2</sup>

Mr. and Mrs. James Pellett have recently moved from the McFadden ranch to their home bought some time ago from Mrs. L. Overholser. (*Ashland Tidings*, 14-January-1915, 3:4)

Later owners include Ralph and Emma Koozer, who sold the property to Charles W. and Lovella M. Longs in 1943. (JCD 255:561) In 1958 the property was sold to Rudy and Ida May Conner. (JCD 460:42-4)

While retaining its essential volume and general appearance, various exterior alterations, including replacement windows and siding, limit the integrity of the Overholser House and reduce its ability to effectively relate its original appearance.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the Carpenter House and the subject property, there is some indication that Overholser was also connected with a dwelling that originally stood at the NE corner of Gibson and what is now Colver Road.

<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Pellet was the daughter Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Wolters, Mrs. Wolters being one of Alford's daughters.

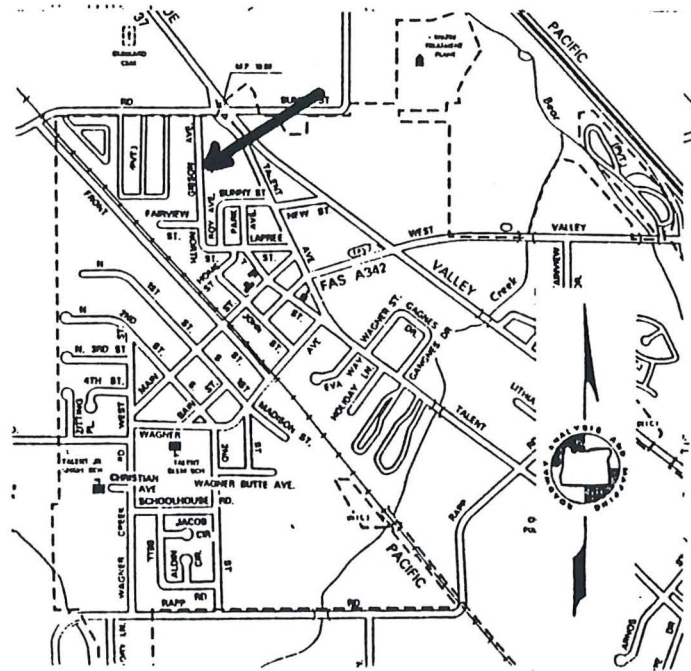
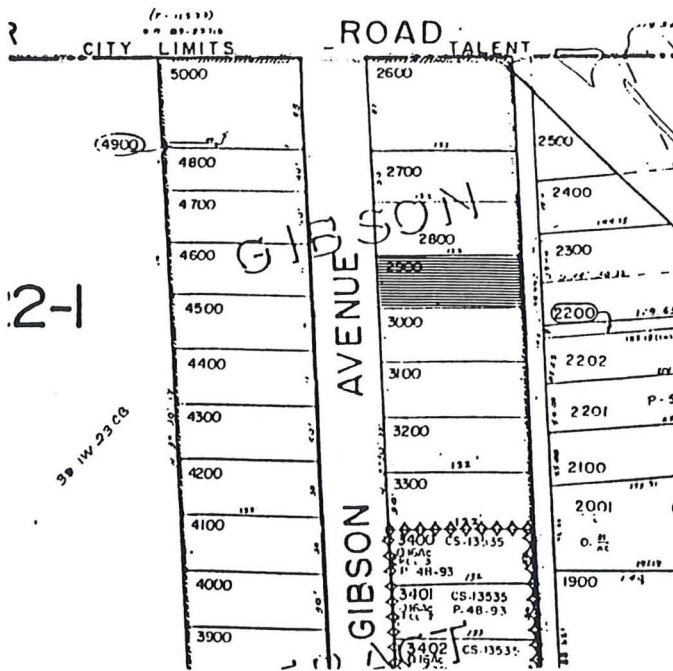
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Historic Name: **Jones, Robert H. House**  
 Location: **238 GIBSON ST**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **1911**



Photo Roll: BP3 Frame: 19A



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[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Jones, Robert H. House**  
Location: **238 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **ROGERS WARD B/IRIS J**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 236**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Gibson Tract**  
Block: Lot: **18** Taxlot: **2900**  
T/R/S **381W23CA** Acct# **10275022**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1911**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash; fixed plate glass picture window**

Exterior Surface: **Other:T-111 Scored Vertical Sheet**

Decorative Features:

Other: **Central 3-part brick chimney**

Alterations/Additions: **Exterior siding replaced with T-111, replacement windows; imitation half-timb**

Landscape Features: **Grassy\dirt parking area driveway at south**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting: **Mid-block facing west in residential section of one and one and one half story single family dwellings.**

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Date Recorded: **03/31/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey Number: **135.0**  
SHPO NO:

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TALNO: 135.0  
ROBERT JONES HOUSE  
238 GIBSON ST  
Built: c1911

381W23CA-2900

Contributing

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This small one-story dwelling was apparently constructed in 1911 as the home of Robert H. Jones. Jones purchased the property from James and Ellen Gouley for \$210 in July of that year. (JCD 92:539) The 1912 Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes show the dwelling on the site.

Robert Jones, was born in Wales in 1858 and had arrived in Talent sometime prior to 1910. The census of that year shows he, his wife, Jennie, (b.1873, in Kansas) and their three children living elsewhere in Talent. Jones' occupation is listed as "teamster."

By 1918, Jennie Jones is listed as the sole owner of the property, likely indicated Robert's death. By 1940 the property had been transferred to Winifred and [John] Victor Mason. (JCD 288:365) John Mason worked as a carpenter for the Talent Irrigation District.<sup>1</sup> In 1959 the Gibson Avenue property was apparently transferred to Mrs. Mason's children, Lois Maxine Coghill, William Leslie Mason, and Alta LaVelle Ricks. (JCD 480:518)

The Jones House is one of the earlier structures built on Gibson Avenue. Despite its relative consistency to its historic volume, the alterations to the exterior obscure its original design to a large degree. In its present condition the Robert Jones House only minimally relates its original period of construction.

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<sup>1</sup> *Polk's Medford and Ashland City Directory* 1942-43. (R.L. Polk & Co., Portland, Oregon), 134.

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Historic Name: **Barrett, Jonas & Minnie Hse**  
 Location: **234 GIBSON ST**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **1911/12**

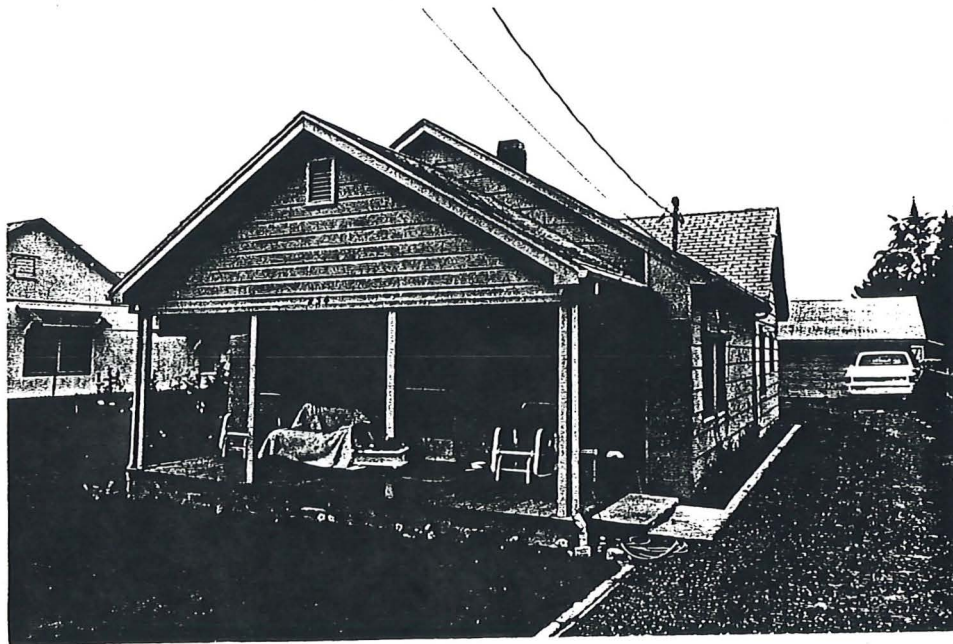
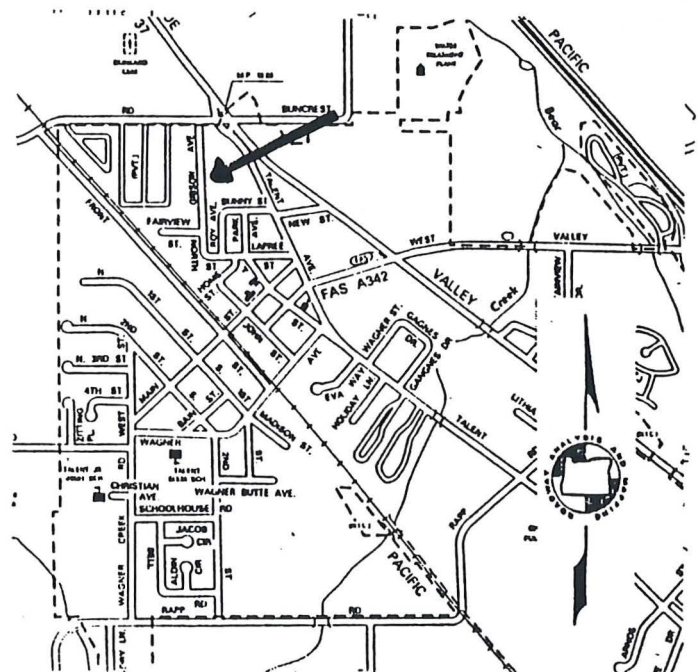
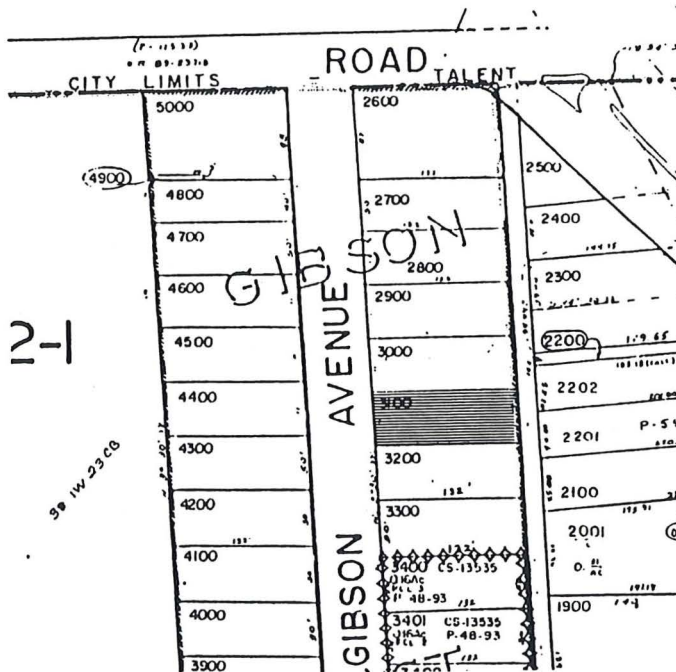


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Ranking: **Contributing**

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Historic Name: **Barrett, Jonas & Minnie Hse**  
Location: **234 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **ROBERTS WILLIAM F/AVALON M**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 215**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Gibson Tract**  
Block: Lot: **20** Taxlot: **3100**  
T/R/S **381W23CA** Acct# **10275049**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1911/12**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Irregular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Intersect**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash window**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Shingle; 1940s-Era Scored**

Decorative Features: **upper gables feature horizontal drop cladding; facade gable roof porch**

Other: **Central brick chimney with battered concrete crown**

Alterations/Additions: **Serial additions to rear [c.pre-WWII], Siding altered [c.140s],**

Landscape Features: **None**

Associated Structures: **Gable garage to rear**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing west, in residential section of one and one- and one-half story single family dwellings.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Ranking: **Contributing**

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TALNO:	137.0	
JONAS AND MINNIE BARRETT HOUSE		381W23CA-3100
234	GIBSON ST	
Built:	1911/12	Contributing

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Some confusion surrounds the history of this one-story wood frame dwelling. The house was apparently constructed in 1911-12 as an element in the initial development of Gibson Avenue shortly after the acquisition of the property by Jonas and Minnie Barrett.<sup>1</sup> According to the 1910 Census, Barrett was born in Canada and listed his occupation a logger. The 1912 Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes show the family at this site, although sometime prior to September 1913 the property had been sold to James and Ellen Gouley, who were also involved financially with other Gibson Avenue properties. The Gouley's sold the house to James Ward Campbell who retained ownership at least through 1920. (JCD 101:512) Campbell, probably a Medford real estate agent and investor, owned a number of lots and properties on this side of Gibson, presumably for investment.<sup>2</sup>

By 1940, the Assessor's Fieldnotes show the Barrett House as having been acquired by Jackson County. The County retained ownership at least through 1945. In 1948 William F. and Avalon M. Roberts purchased the property and continue to reside here at this writing.

Although re-sided with scored wood shingles and subjected to a series of rear additions, the primary facade of the Barrett House retains substantial integrity to its original appearance in volume and character. The structure retains its original window sash and other elements and effectively conveys its original period of construction.

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<sup>1</sup> The Barretts purchased the lot from Thomas Jefferson Bell for \$250 on 10-September-1910 (JCD 89:187), approximately five months after Gibson dedicated what has since become Gibson Avenue to Jackson County. (See JCD 80:171)

<sup>2</sup> A "James Campbell, Real Estate & Loans" is listed at 136 W Main in Medford. (see *Polk's Jackson County Directory* 1910. (R.L. Polk & Co., Portland, Oregon), 107) See TALNO 138.0 and 139.0 for other properties known to be associated with Campbell.

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Historic Name: **Campbell, James W. Rental 1**

Common: **Same**

Location: **232 GIBSON ST**

Date of Construction: **c1913**

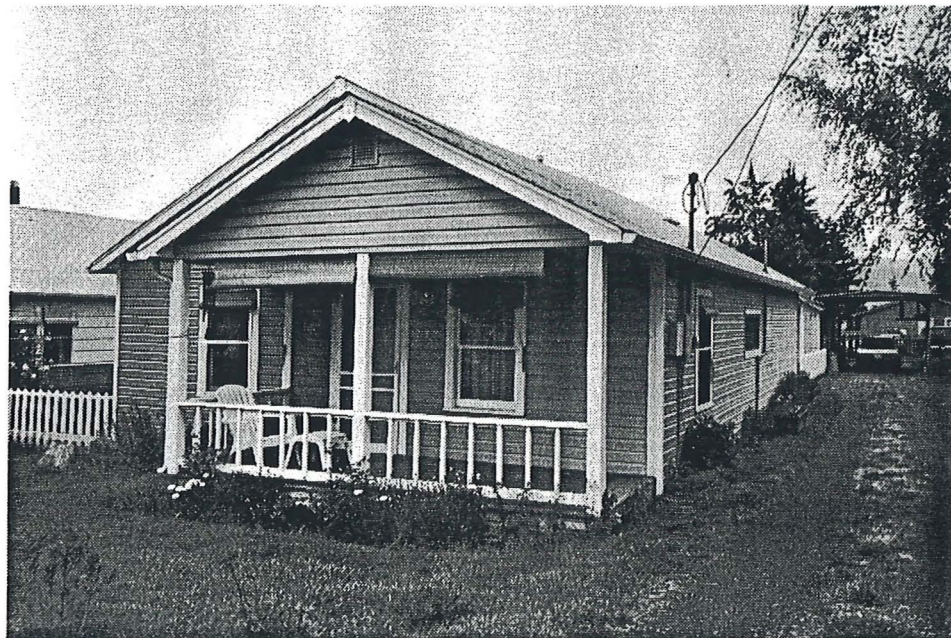
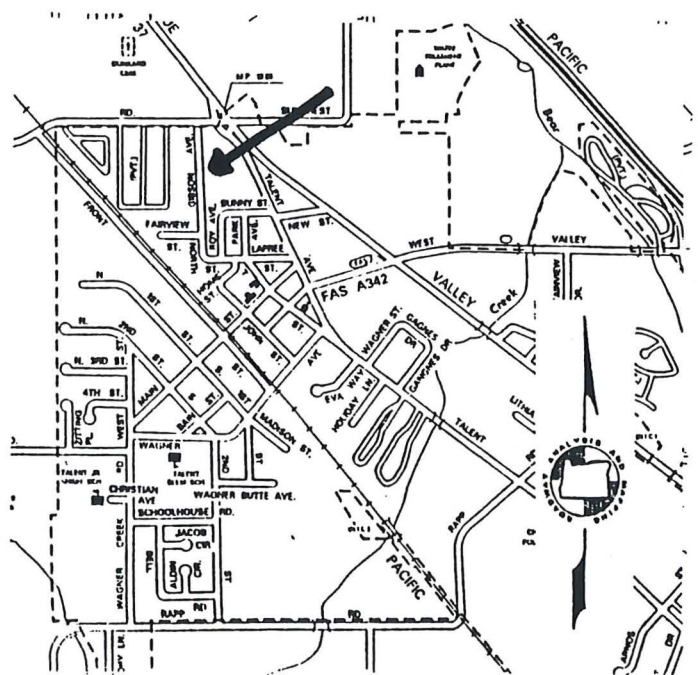
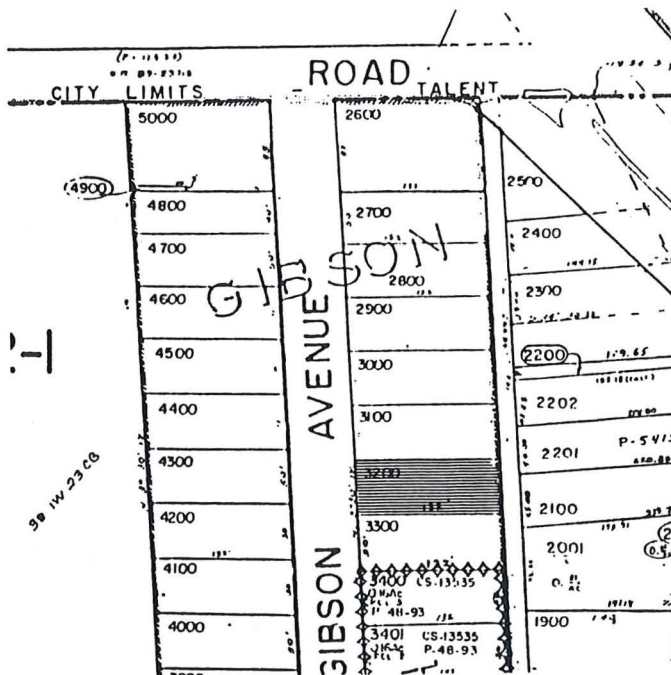


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Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey No. **138.0**  
 SHPO NO:



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Historic Name: **Campbell, James W. Rental 1**  
Location: **232 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **LEAHY, ROSEMARY M.A.**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 1112**

**Talent**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Gibson Tract**  
Block:            Lot:        **21**        Taxlot:   **3200**  
T/R/S **381W23CA**        Acct#   **10275055**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1913**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Other**

Decorative Features: **Projecting gable roof entry porch, partial width.**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Vinyl\metal siding over original materials**

Landscape Features: **Small yard, dirt alley\drive to south.**

Associated Structures: **Deatched gable roof, wood sided shed to rear of property**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing west, in residential area north of city center**

Sources **Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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TALNO: 138.0

JAMES W. CAMPBELL RENTAL #1

381W23CA-3200

232 GIBSON ST

Built: c1913

Contributing

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One of the many resources owned on this side of Gibson Avenue by James Ward Campbell, no ownership prior to Campbell's 1913 acquisition, when he purchased lots 20 to 22 from James and Ellen Gouley, was determined. (JCD 101:512, please see TALNO 137.0 and 139.0) A citation in the 1924 Assessor's Fieldnotes report a pending sale to a "W.A. Smedley," however, no record of this transaction was located.

By 1940, all of James Ward Campbell's holdings on Gibson Avenue had been acquired by Jackson County, presumably for back taxes. In 1945 Lots 21 and 22, including the subject property, were purchased by W.J. and Elizabeth Lindstrom. (JCD 238:513)

The James Ward Campbell Rental House #1 retains essential integrity to its historic appearance. Somewhat modified by the application of modern siding, the building remains a contributing feature to the character of Gibson Avenue.

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Historic Name: **Campbell, James W. Rental 2**  
 Location: **230 GIBSON ST**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1913**

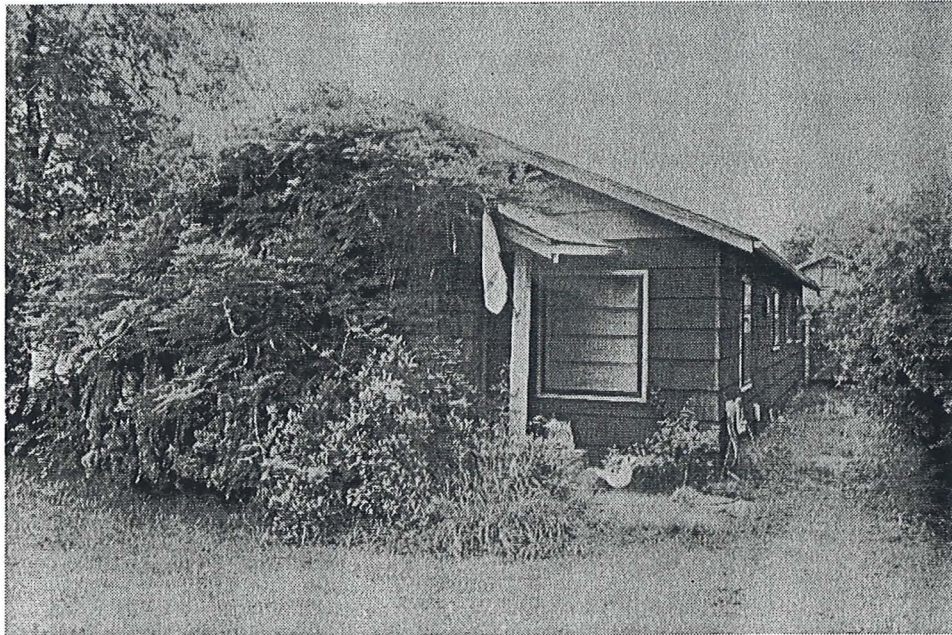
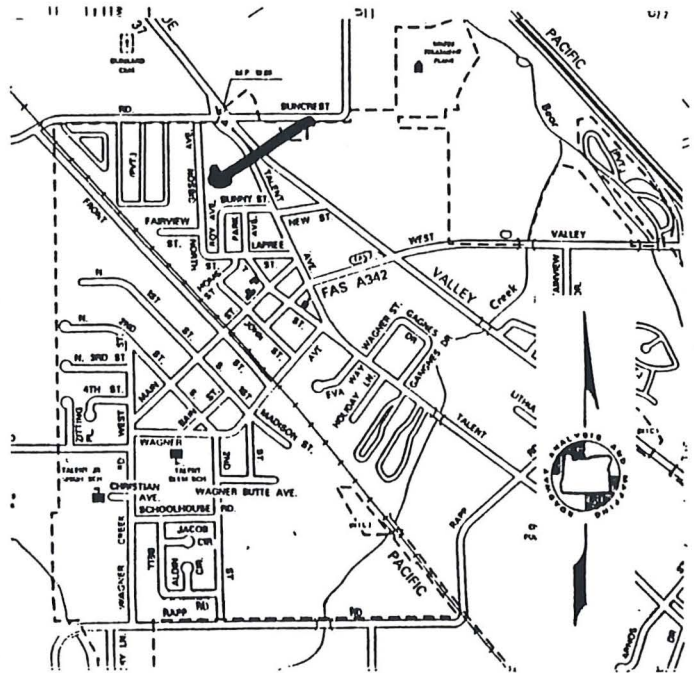
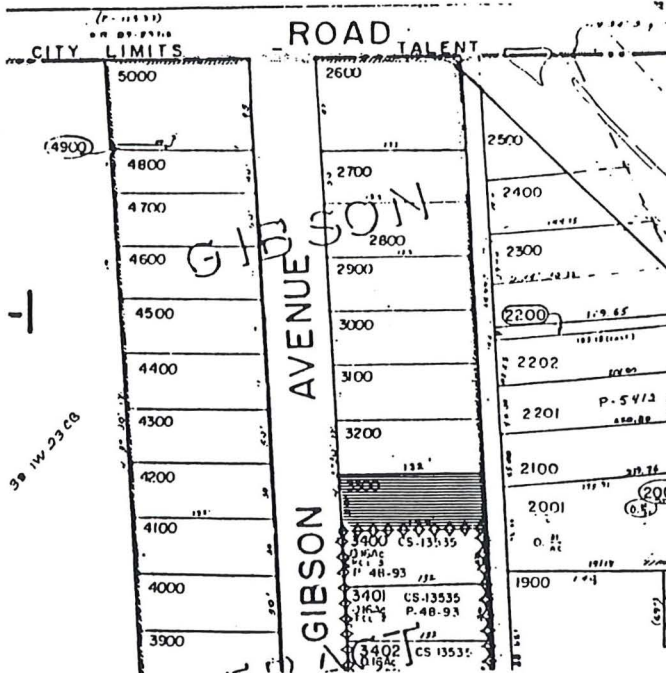


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Historic Name: **Campbell, James W. Rental 2**  
Location: **230 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **JUAREZ ORIAN L**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 642**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Gibson Tract**  
Block: Lot: **22** Taxlot: **3300**  
T/R/S **381W23CA** Acct# **10275063**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1913**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Fair**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **2/2 double hung sash**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Shingle; 1940s-Era Scored**

Decorative Features: **Gable roof entry porch**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Siding replaced [c.1940s], storm windows installed over original panes**

Landscape Features: **Overgrown shrubs, established trees**

Associated Structures: **Gable garage to rear**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing west, in residential section of one and one and one-half story single family dwellings.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Contributing**

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TALNO: 139.0

JAMES W. CAMPBELL RENTAL #2

381W23CA-3300

230 GIBSON ST

Built: c1913

Contributing

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One of the many resources owned on this side of Gibson Avenue by James Ward Campbell, no ownership prior to Campbell's 1913 acquisition, when he purchased lots 20 to 22 from James and Ellen Gouley, was determined. (JCD 101:512, please see TALNO 137.0 and TALNO 138.0)

By 1940, all of James Ward Campbell's holdings on Gibson Avenue had been acquired by Jackson County, presumably for back taxes. In 1945 Lots 21 and 22, including the subject property, were purchased by W.J. and Elizabeth Lindstrom. (JCD 238:513) By 1950 the ownership of the two lots had been separated and Donald R. Axel is listed the owner of the subject property. (See JCD 329:170) In 1955 the property was again sold, to W.J. and Florence Berkheimer. (JCD 404:339)

A modest structure, likely intended from construction for rental use, the James Ward Campbell Rental House #2 retains essential integrity to its historic appearance. While clad in c.1940s shingle siding, the building remains a contributing feature to the character of Gibson Avenue.

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Historic Name: Crosby, W. R. Hse  
 Location: 216 GIBSON ST

Common: Same  
 Date of Construction: 1914

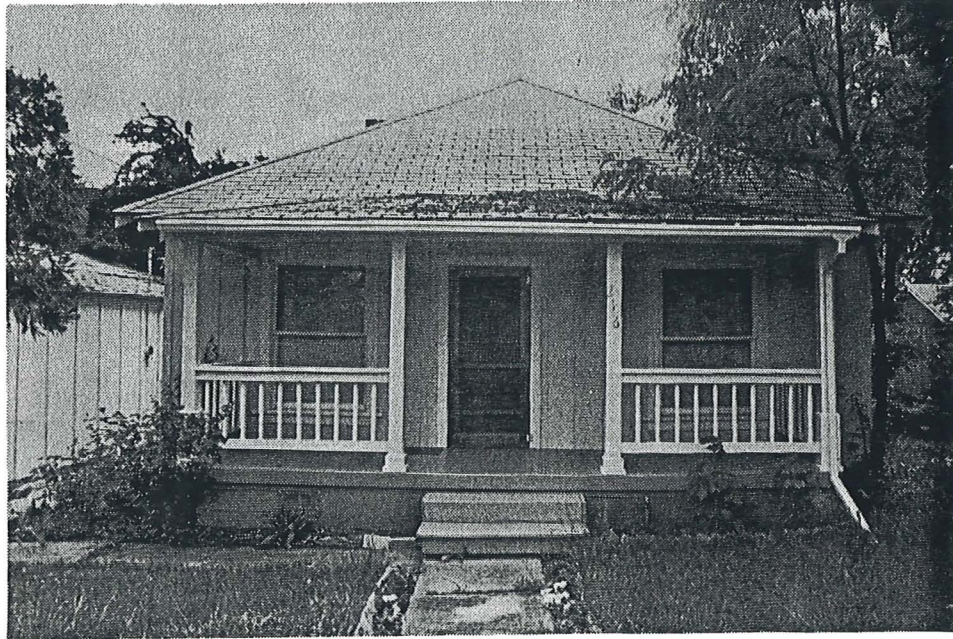
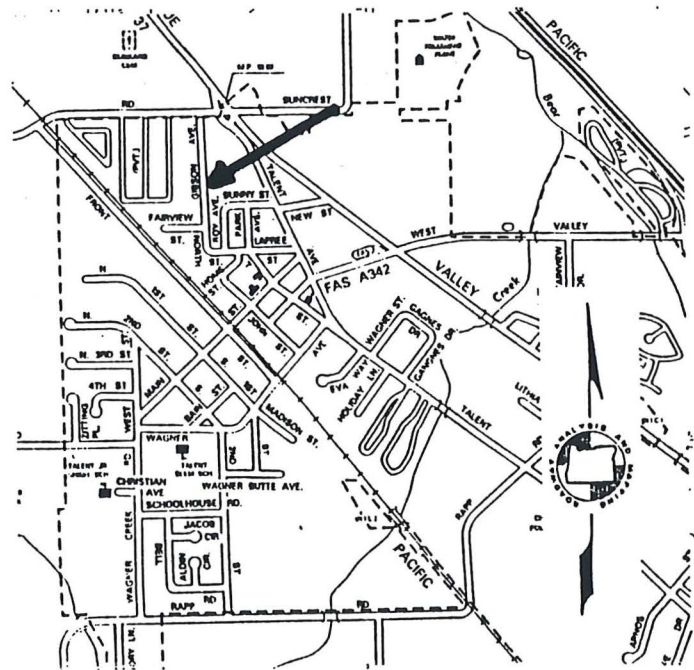
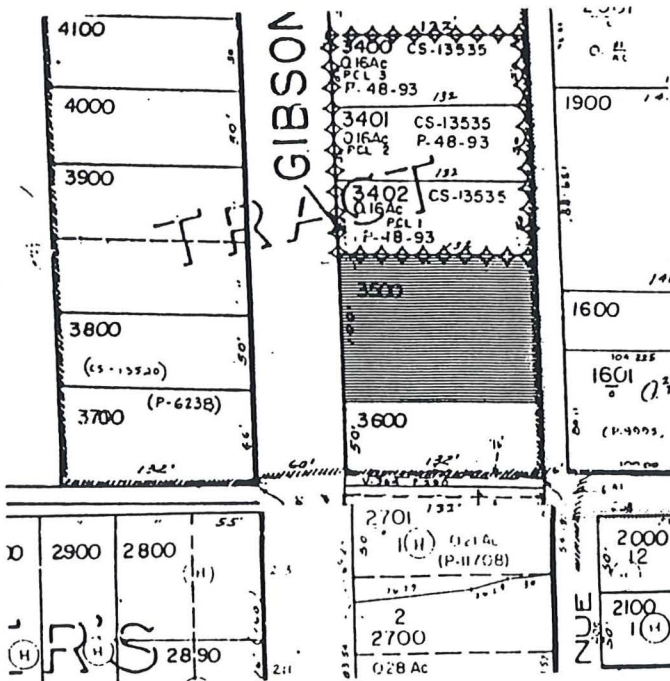


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Ranking: Secondary

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 SHPO NO:



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[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Crosby, W. R. Hse**  
Location: **216 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **SOMMERS ALAN/PHYLLIS NORRIS**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 55**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Gibson Tract**  
Block: Lot: **26-27** Taxlot: **3500**  
T/R/S **381W23CA** Acct# **10275080**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1914**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition:

Plan: **Square**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Hipped**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Vertical Board/Batten**

Decorative Features: **Half-hip facade porch with balustrade; exposed rafter tails below eaves**

Other: **Brick chimney,**

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Two large conifers dominate front of property.**

Associated Structures: **Gable roof garage to north; vertical wood weatherboard gable roof shed to rear**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing west, in residential area of mixed one and one and one-half story single family dwellings.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Secondary**

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TALNO: 143.0  
WILLIAM R. CROSBY HOUSE  
216 GIBSON ST  
Built: 1914

381W23CA-3500

Secondary

This single story hipped-roof volume was apparently constructed in 1914 by William R. Crosby, offspring of an early Jackson County family. Census information for 1900 shows that Margaret Crosby, a widow, and her five children [including William] were living in the Talent area although it is not clear where. Margaret Crosby, of Missouri, was born in 1853 and had arrived in Oregon by way of Kansas, sometime between 1874 and April 1879. While not entirely clear, Mrs. Crosby was likely related to members of the Crosby family that settled in the Jacksonville area in the last quarter of the 19th century and then relocated to Talent, possibly following her husband's death.<sup>1</sup>

By 1910 only two of Mrs. Crosby's children, her sons John J. and William, still resided with her. John listed his occupation as "laborer" in the 1910 census and William, the youngest child at 24, was employed as a section hand by the railroad. In 1914 the *Ashland Tidings* reported;

Lumber has arrived for the W. Crosby House and the work on it will commence immediately. (*Ashland Tidings*, 20-April-1914, 3:3)

Six months later, rather a long construction time by period standards, the house was apparently nearing completion. "Will Crosby's home on Gibson Street is progressing rapidly." (*Ashland Tidings*, 4-October-1914, 8:3) In 1918 Jackson County Assessor's data documents William as the owner of the property, which he continued to occupy at least through 1925, if not longer. By 1940 Charles C. and H. Harper had purchased the house. Mrs. Harper, known as Maud, continued to live in the house after her husband's death, remaining here at least through the mid-1960s.<sup>2</sup>

The William Crosby House remains essentially unaltered from its original design. The building retains its vertical board and batten siding, original window sash, and other architectural detailing. Sited among mature trees, the Crosby House accurately reflects its period of construction and effectively conveys the associations for which it is significant.

<sup>1</sup> Various title transactions listed in Jackson County Deed indexes show a J.J. Crosby purchasing land in the Jacksonville area in the late 1870s. It is considered likely that this J.J. Crosby was married to Margaret and that her eldest son, *John J.*, was named after his father.

<sup>2</sup> *Ashland City Directory [Including Phoenix and Talent]*, 1964. (R.L. Polk & Co., Portland, Oregon), 64.

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Historic Name: **Unidentified House #1**  
 Location: **219 GIBSON ST**

Common:  
 Date of Construction: **c1911**

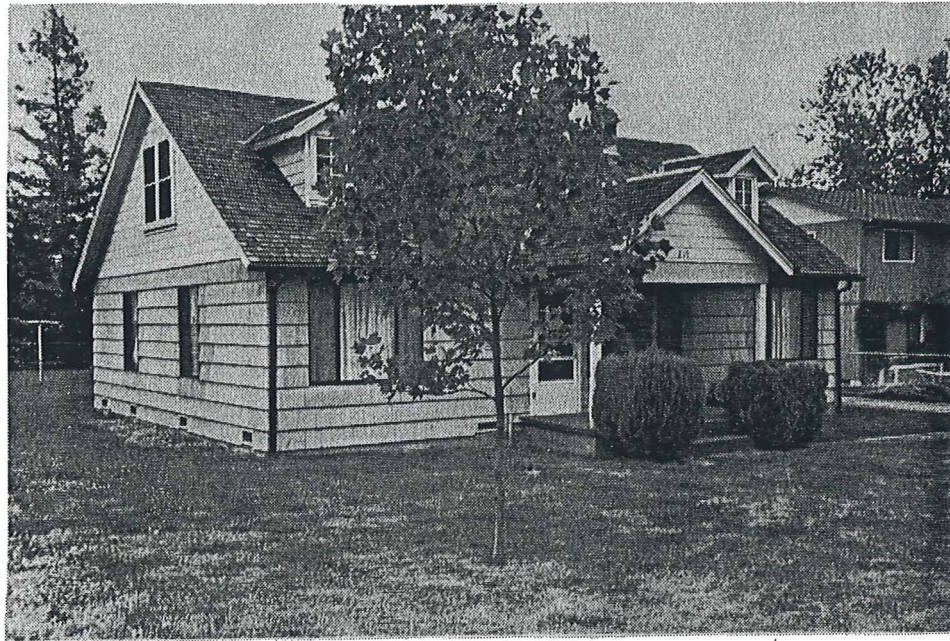
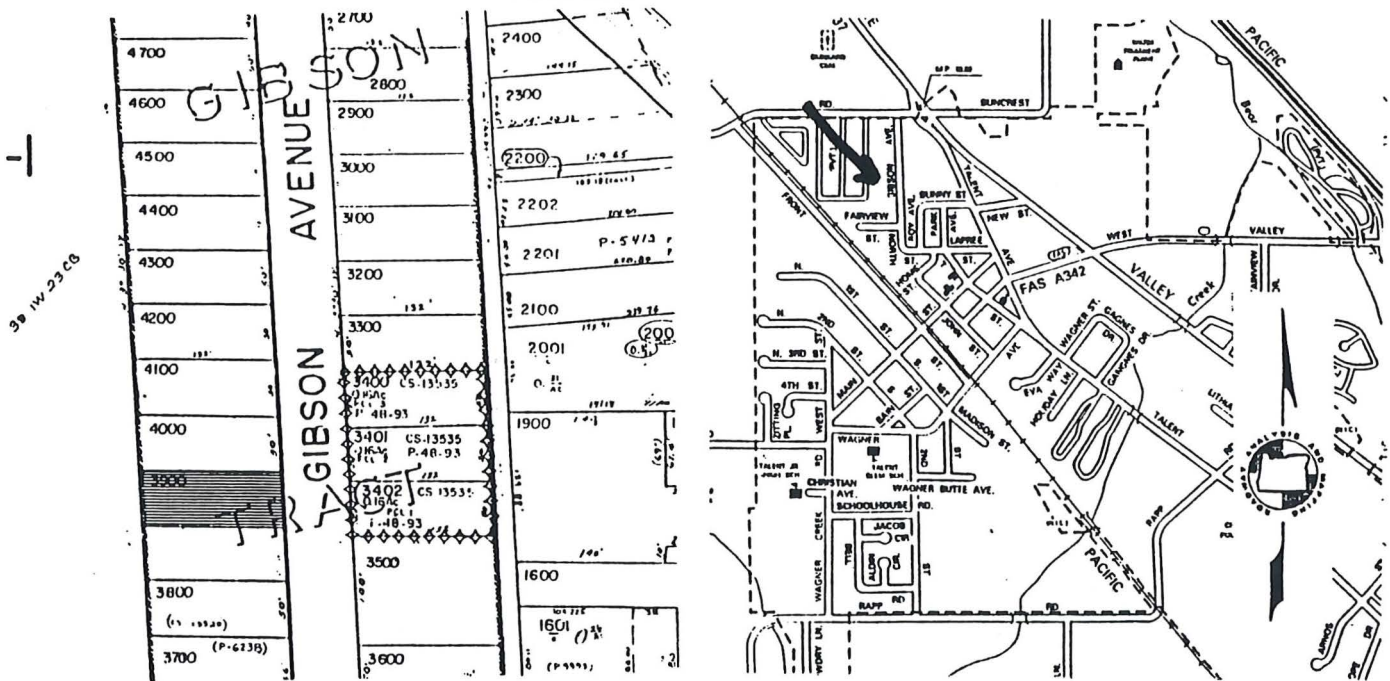


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Ranking: **Contributing**

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Historic Name: **Unidentified House #1**  
Location: **219 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **MC GARITY ETHEL E**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 145**

**TALENT**, OR **97540**  
Addition: **Gibson Tract**  
Block: Lot: **11** Taxlot: **3900**  
T/R/S **381W23CA** Acct# **10275120**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common:  
Date of Construction: **c1911**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style:  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.5**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable** Roof Material: **Wood;Shingle**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window **replacement aluminum sash and picture windows**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Shingle; 1940s-Era Scored**

Decorative Features: **Projecting gable porch; two gable dormers;**

Other: **V-groove shiplap in gable ends, 6-light casement in dormer, chimney**

Alterations/Additions: **Siding replaced, windows repla ced,**

Landscape Features: **Large lot, concrete driveway, young trees**

Associated Structures: **Clapboard garage to NW, open shed to SW**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing east, in residential area of one and one and one-half story single family dwellings.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1900 and 1910  
Jackson Cty Census, Jackson Cty Directories 1910-1942, Ashland/Talent  
Directories 1964-, and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Ranking: **Contributing**

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TALNO: 147.0  
UNIDENTIFIED HOUSE #1  
219 GIBSON ST  
Built: c1911

381W23CA-3900

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This large one and one-half story wood frame dwelling was probably first built during the 1911-1912 initial development of the Gibson Avenue area. There is some indication that the house may have been owned by Albert Alford and served as his residence prior to the family's move to West Main Street.

By 1926 the house was owned by Henrietta and James Walker, who sold to Lawrence and Mary Lush. (JCD 161:143-4) In 1929 the house was sold to Dick and Helen Verloop, who in turn sold to Walter C. Krug. (JCD 178:30 and 187:410) By 1946 William John and Elizabeth Lindstrom has purchased the home and in 1947 they sold the property to Roy D. and Ethel McGarity, the present owners.

Substantially modified in both siding and first floor windows, this structure remains a compatible element within the Gibson Street area. It retains sufficient historic character in general mass, gable end treatment, and upper story window detail to relate its original period of development.

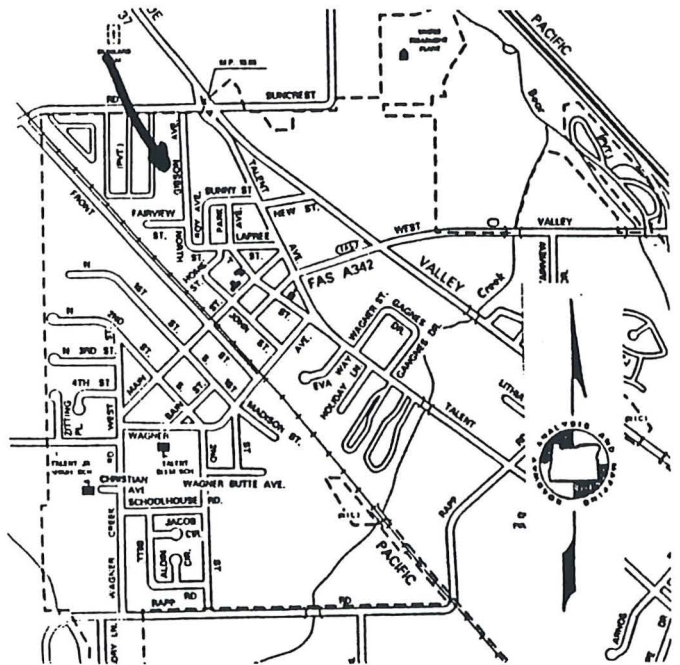
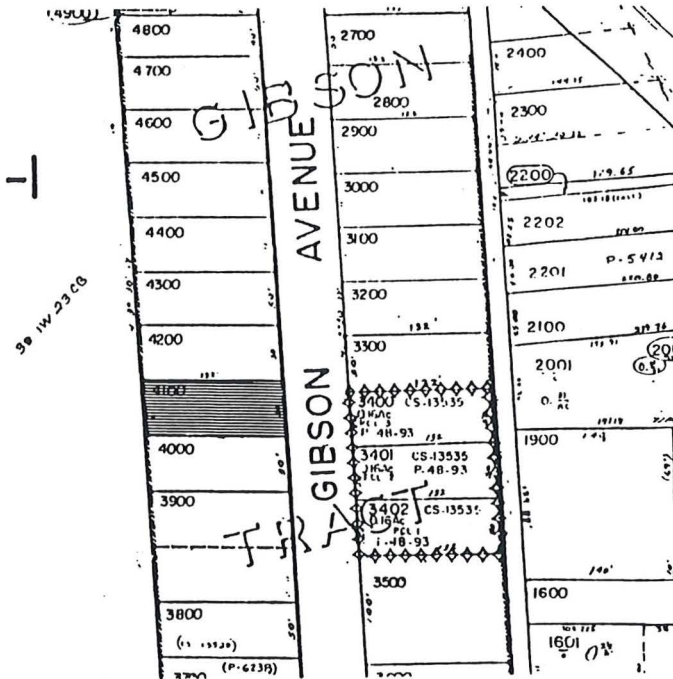
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Historic Name: Hazen, Clarence A. Hse  
 Location: 223 GIBSON ST

Common: Same  
 Date of Construction: 1912



Photo Roll: BP6 Frame: 32A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: Secondary

Talent Survey No. 149.0  
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Historic Name: **Hazen, Clarence A. Hse**  
Location: **223 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **LOVELACE ELLIOTT H/MARY E**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 1106**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Gibson Tract**  
Block: Lot: **9** Taxlot: **4100**  
T/R/S **381W23CA** Acct# **10275146**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1912**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Excellent**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.5**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash; small picture window; replacment aluminum sash**

Exterior Surface: **Other:Horizontal "Cottage" Sheet**

Decorative Features: **Half-hip facade porch with simple balustrade, broad eaves,**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Re-sided [c.1980s], windows replaced. Large upper story picture window add**

Landscape Features: **Large trees, small lawn area to front.**

Associated Structures: **None.**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing east, in residential area of one and one and one-half story single family dwellings.**

Sources

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Date Recorded: **03/31/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **149.0**  
SHPO NO:

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City of Talent, Oregon  
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TALNO: 149.0

CLARENCE A. HAZEN HOUSE

381W23CA-4100

223 GIBSON ST

Built: 1912

Secondary

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This one and one-half story gable roof dwelling was constructed in 1912 following the sale of the lot from James C. Gibson, the developer of the Gibson Avenue area, to Clarence A. and JoAnna Hazen. (JCD 92:90) Hazen, born in Wisconsin in 1876, listed his occupation as a "house painter" in the 1910 census and regularly advertised his services as a "painter and paperhanger" in the *Ashland Tidings*. (*Ashland Tidings*, 24-February-1913, 3:4)

A little more than a year after Hazen's purchase, the house was sold to Elizabeth Smith for \$1000, indicating construction of the dwelling. (JCD 98:7) Smith retained the property for many years, living here at least through 1930. Sometime prior to 1943 the property had been acquired by Jackson County, possibly for back taxes. In 1943 the County sold to Samuel J. and Lily M. Welburn, who retained ownership through 1972.

Although somewhat modified with replacement siding and window alterations, the Hazen-Smith House retains its essential historic volume and overall character and accurately conveys its basic original appearance.

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Historic Name: Bell, T. J. "Jeff" Hse  
 Location: 231 GIBSON ST

Common: Same  
 Date of Construction: 1914

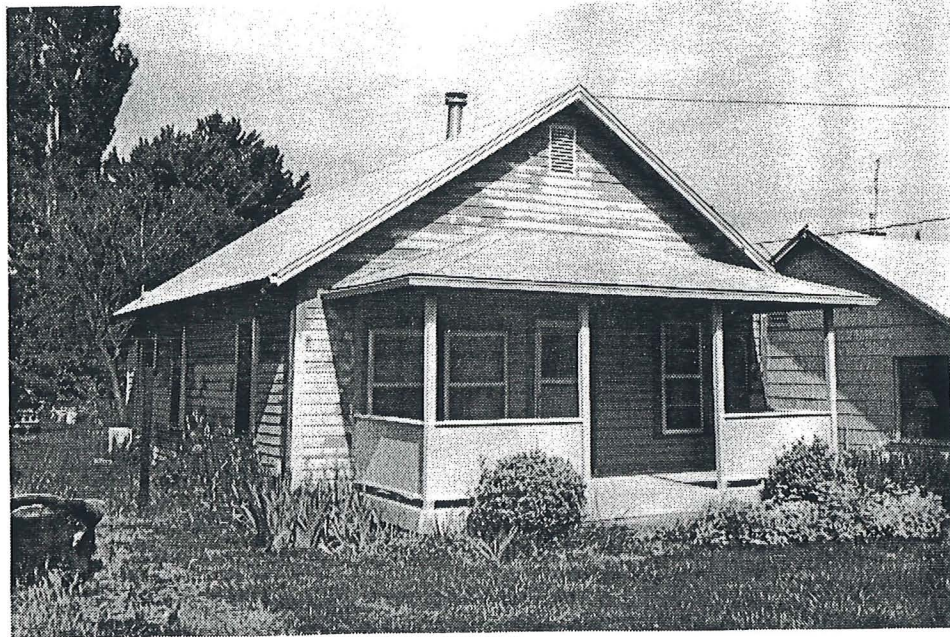
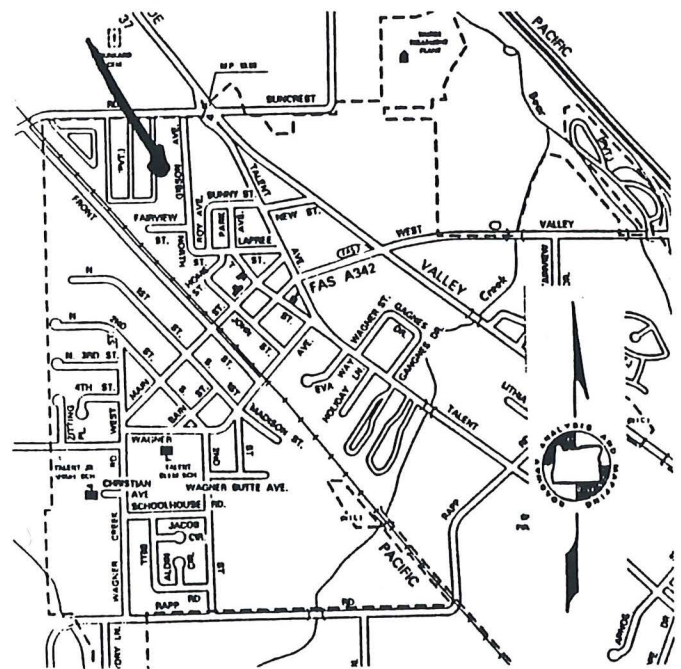
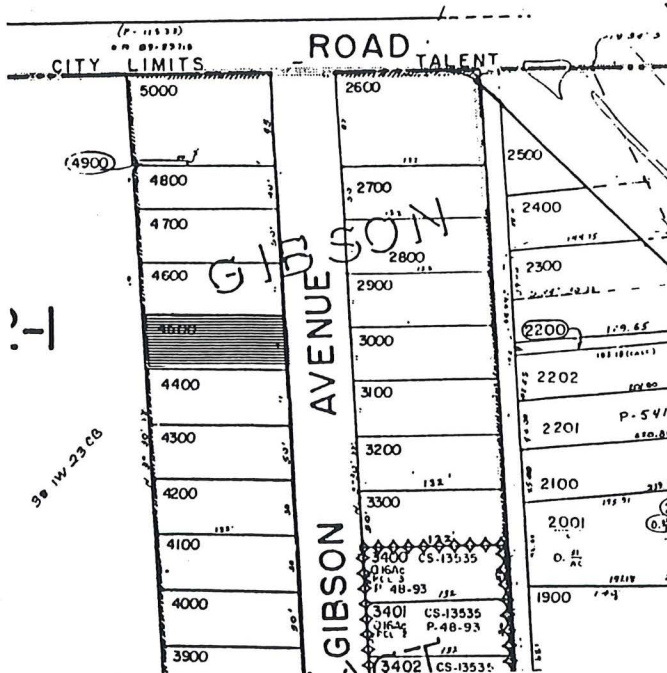


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Ranking: Secondary

Talent Survey No. 153.0  
 SHPO NO:





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City of Talent, Oregon  
Original Town Plat Survey, 1995  
[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Bell, T. J. "Jeff" Hse**  
Location: **231 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **GRAY PATRICIA R**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 945**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Gibson Tract**  
Block: Lot: **5** Taxlot: **4500**  
T/R/S **381W23CA** Acct# **10275187**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1914**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash; replacement aluminum sash**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **Half-hip facade porch on end gable, cornerboards, broad overhanging eaves.**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Small shed addition to rear [pre-WWII]**

Landscape Features: **Perimeter plantings, small grassy area. Gravel\ Dirt drive to south.**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting:

**Mid-block, facing east, in residential area of one and one and one-half story single family dwellings.**

Sources

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Date Recorded: **03/31/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **153.0**  
SHPO NO:

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City of Talent, Oregon  
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TALNO: 153.0  
T. J. "JEFF" BELL HOUSE  
231 GIBSON ST  
Built: c1914

381W23CA-4500

Secondary

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Although somewhat unclear due to the numerous properties owned by the Bell family in the Gibson Street area, this one-story bungalow is apparently that referred to in the following.

Jeff Bell has sent for plans for his new bungalow to be built [in] the Gibson Addition. He expects to have it started in a month or two. (*Ashland Tidings*, 30-March-1914, 3:3)

Jeff Bell was the son of Thomas Jefferson Bell, Sr., a prominent pioneer and large landowner in the Talent area. (See TALNO 219.0) The younger Bell was born in Oregon in 1873 and married his wife, Evilina, in 1896. The couple had two children, Floyd and Angie E. In census records for both 1910 and 1910 Jeff Bell lists his occupation as a farmer.

Bell purchased the lot, along with the parcel to the north, from area developer James C. Gibson in October 1910, as an element of a multi-part land transaction between the two. (See JCD 89:375 and 89:376)<sup>1</sup> Both parcels were long jointly owned and share similar histories up through the World War II era.

Bell retained ownership through the early 1920s, although by 1925 the property had been purchased by Emma Roberts, who apparently built the adjacent dwelling [TALNO 154.0] and converted the Jeff Bell House into a rental.

The Jeff Bell House remains essentially unchanged from its original design, retaining original siding, windows, and other architectural detailing that accurately convey its original design. Of simple design, with high integrity, the Jeff Bell House gains additional significance through its connection with the prominent Bell family of Talent.

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<sup>1</sup> See JCD 89:375 and 89:376. The transfer of these properties is rather complicated by the lack of an reference to a Bell, Sr. or Bell, Jr. throughout the process. The elder Bell seems to have gone by his full name or initials and the assumption is that the son was, outside of legal documents, known as "Jeff."

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Historic Name: **Roberts, Emma Hse**  
 Location: **233 GIBSON ST**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1925**

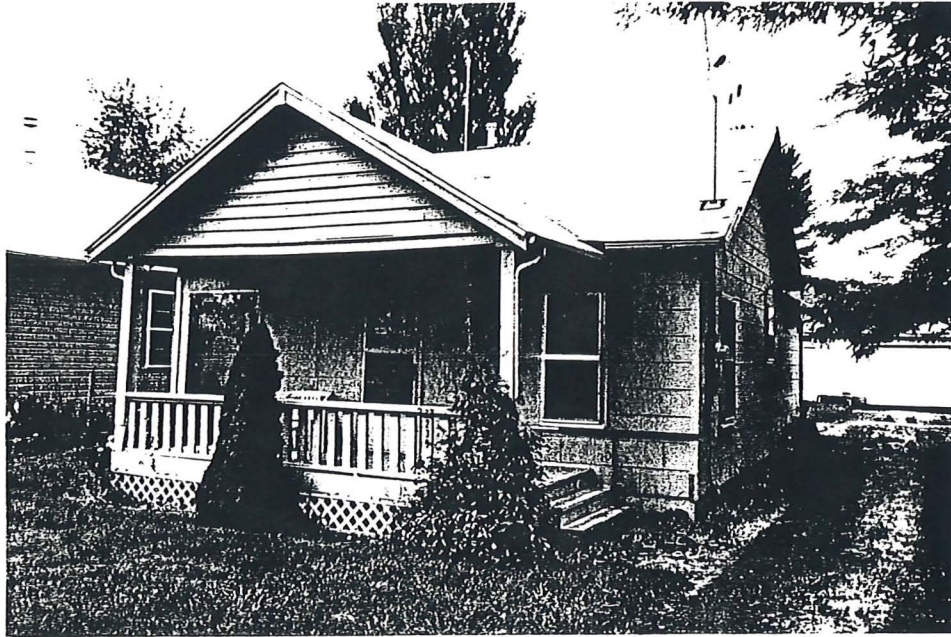
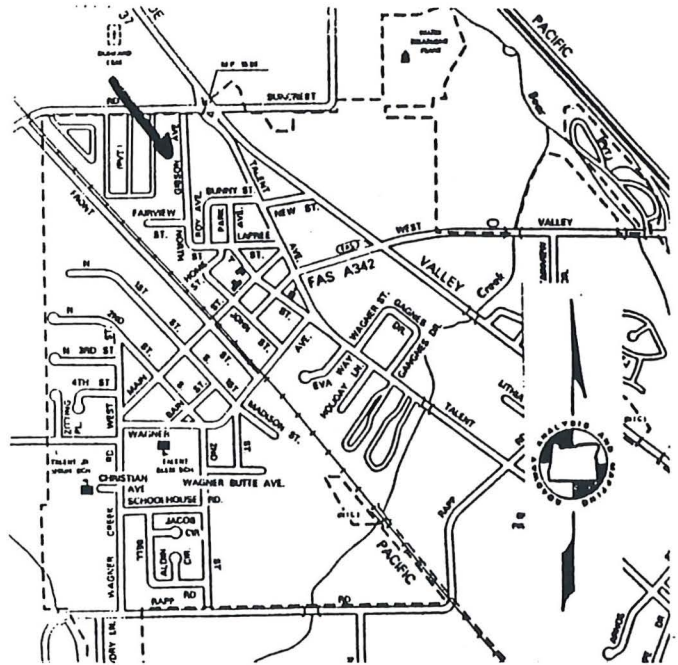
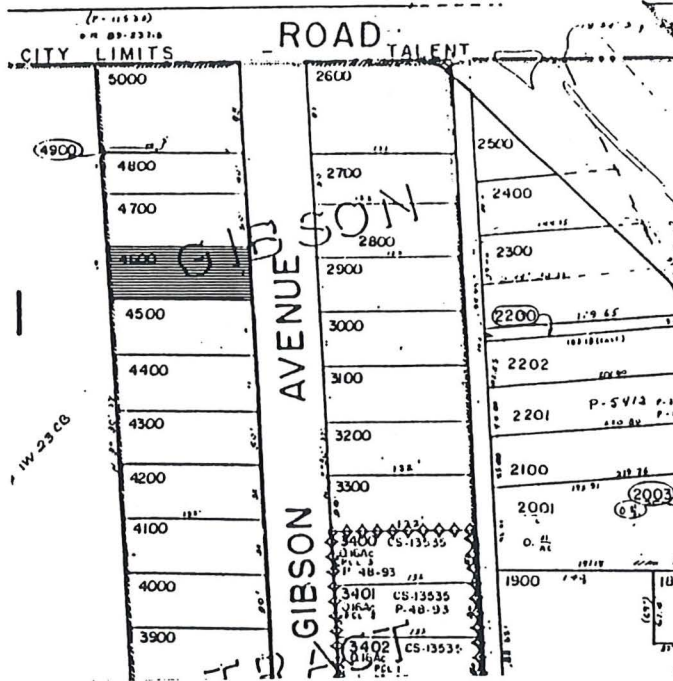


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Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey No. **154.0**  
 SHPO NO:



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[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Roberts, Emma Hse**  
Location: **233 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **POST HENRY J/KATHLEEN**  
MailAdd **3041 COLEMAN CREEK ROAD**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1925**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**MEDFORD**, OR 97501  
Addition: **Gibson Tract**  
Block: Lot: **4** Taxlot: **4600**  
T/R/S **381W23CA** Acct# **10275195**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung wood sash, fixed plate glass picture**

Exterior Surface: **Asbestos Shingle;Straight Edge**

Decorative Features: **Large gable roof facade porch; catslide extension on rear elevation side gable**

Other: **Central brick chimney, front facing porch gable is horizontal wood siding.**

Alterations/Additions: **picture windows incised into facade southeast corner; aluminum replacement s**

Landscape Features: **Modest perimeter plantings, evergreens, grassy lawn area. Dirt driveway to north.**

Associated Structures: **Hipped garage to rear.**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing east, in residential area of one and one and one-half story single family dwellings.**

Sources

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Date Recorded: **03/31/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey Number: **154.0**  
SHPO NO:

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City of Talent, Oregon  
Original Town Plat Survey, 1995

TALNO: 154.0  
EMMA ROBERTS HOUSE  
233 GIBSON ST  
Built: c1925

381W23CA-4600

Contributing

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Long owned in conjunction with the Jeff Bell House, located to the south, this one story Bungalow residence was apparently constructed c1925, following purchase of the property by Emma Roberts. No specific documentation regarding its construction could be located.

Roberts remained at the property at least through the mid-1930s but specific information on her life was not located.<sup>1</sup> By 1940 the property had been acquired by Ethel Summers. Later owners include Lillian and Ray Hendrickson, who purchased the house in 1947. (JCD 281:322) The 1964 Polk City Directory lists the house as being rented by Quinton B. Jordon.

The Emma Roberts House has been somewhat modified from its original design by the application of asbestos shingle siding and the installation of a large "picture" window at the SE corner. Nevertheless, the structure retains its original volume, essential massing, and appearance.

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<sup>1</sup> Personal communication with former Talent Police Chief Charles "Chuck" Roberts indicate no connection to Mrs. Roberts. Attempts to contact Wm. F. Roberts, who has lived on Gibson since the 1940s and continues to reside at 234 Gibson were unsuccessful.

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Historic Name: Reynolds, Alfred B. Hse  
 Location: 235 GIBSON ST

Common: Same  
 Date of Construction: 1913

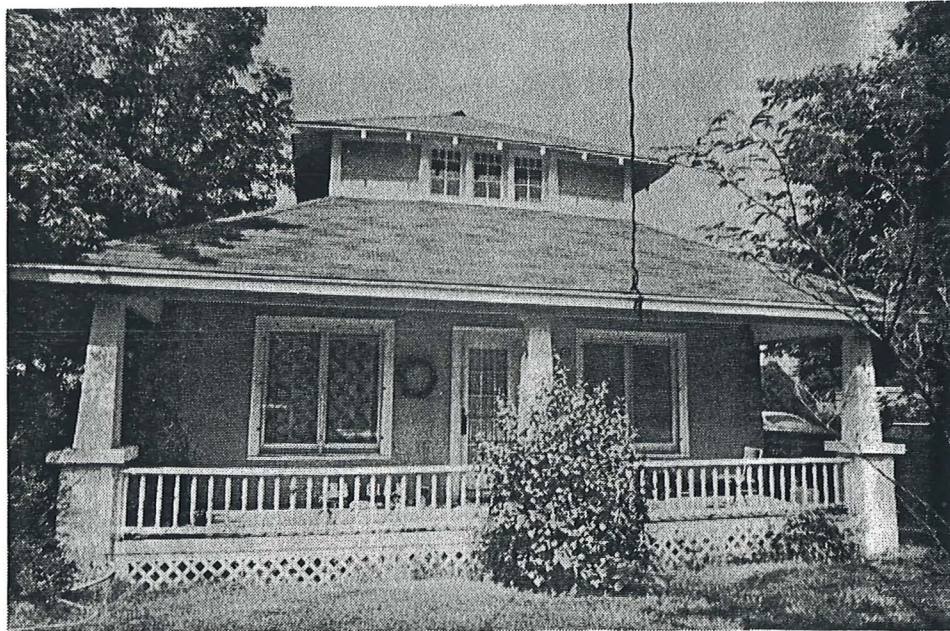
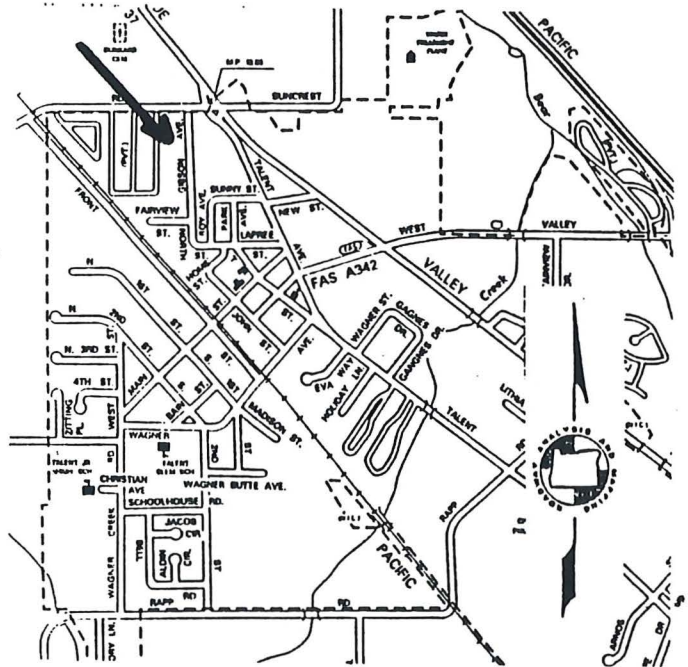
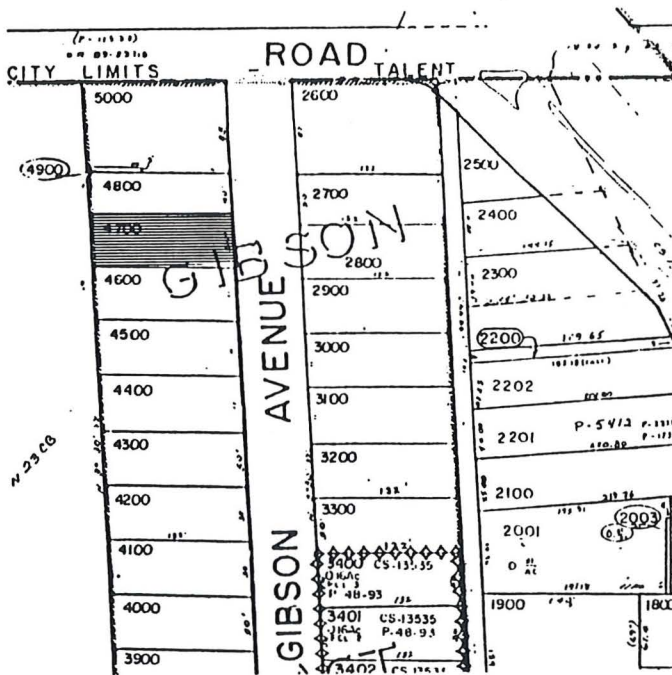


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Ranking: Primary

Talent Survey No. 155.0  
 SHPO NO:





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City of Talent, Oregon  
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[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Reynolds, Alfred B. Hse**  
Location: **235 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **DAWSON TIMOTHY G/MICHELE G**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 295**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1913**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **GOOD**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Gibson Tract**  
Block: Lot: **3** Taxlot: **4700**  
T/R/S **381W23CA** Acct# **10275201**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.5**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Hipped;Multiple** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **single and paired 8/1 double hung sash; triple band multi-lite windows under monitor roof**  
Exterior Surface: **Asbestos Shingle;Straight Edge**

Decorative Features: **Hipped-roof pent, full-width hip roof porch on facade with battered porch columns**

Other:

**Exposed rafter tails, broad overhanging eaves.**

Alterations/Additions: **Replacement siding, [n.d.]**

Landscape Features: **Perimeter plantings, scattered large tress.**

Associated Structures: **Gable roof garage to rear.**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing east, in residential area of one and one and one-half story single family dwellings.**

Sources

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Date Recorded: **03/31/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **155.0**  
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Original Town Plat Survey, 1995

TALNO: 155.0

ALFRED B. REYNOLDS HOUSE

381W23CA-4700

235 GIBSON ST

Built: 1913

Primary

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Architecturally unique within the Talent Survey area, the Alfred B. Reynolds House is an excellent example of the Bungalow style as used in the development of Gibson Avenue during the first years of the 20th century. The structure's idiosyncratic use of a hipped pent and high degree of integrity add substantially to its local significance.

The subject parcel was acquired from area developer James Gibson by local real estate investor Thomas Jefferson Bell, who would purchase a number of other properties on the west side of Gibson during this period. (JCD 89:375) Bell later sold the property to Alfred B. Reynolds. (JCD 98:256)

A. B. Reynolds of Ashland recently purchased a building lot of Jeff Bell's and will erect a small residence thereon in the near future. (*Ashland Tidings*, 25-September-1913, 3:4)

No biographical information regarding Reynolds could be located. He retained ownership of the property at least through 1919 according to Assessor's information but apparently did not reside long in the new structure.

A. B. Reynolds has rented his home to Mr. Walker and son and he will soon leave for Southern California. (*Ashland Tidings*, 10-September-1914, 3:4)

By 1925 Reynolds had sold the property and that year the owner is listed as R. E. Henson. By 1930 the property had again been sold, this time to C. A. and M. E. Maharru, who sold to R. E. and Ida May Conner in November 1937. (JCD 214:601) The Connor's retained ownership for many years. The 1942 Polk Directory lists Rudy Connor as an "orchardist" and both he and his wife Ida M. continued to live here at least as late as 1964. The couple's son Ralph, who ran the Talent Chevron Station, resided across the street at 240 Gibson Street. [TALNO 134.0]

The Alfred B. Reynolds house exhibits many of the elements typically associated with the popular Bungalow Style, including the full width front porch, exposed rafter ends, tapered [or "battered"] front porch pillars, and broad roof eaves. Although re-sided with asbestos shingle, likely in the post-WWII era, the Reynolds House retains substantial integrity to its original design and is considered one of the finest examples of its style in the study area.

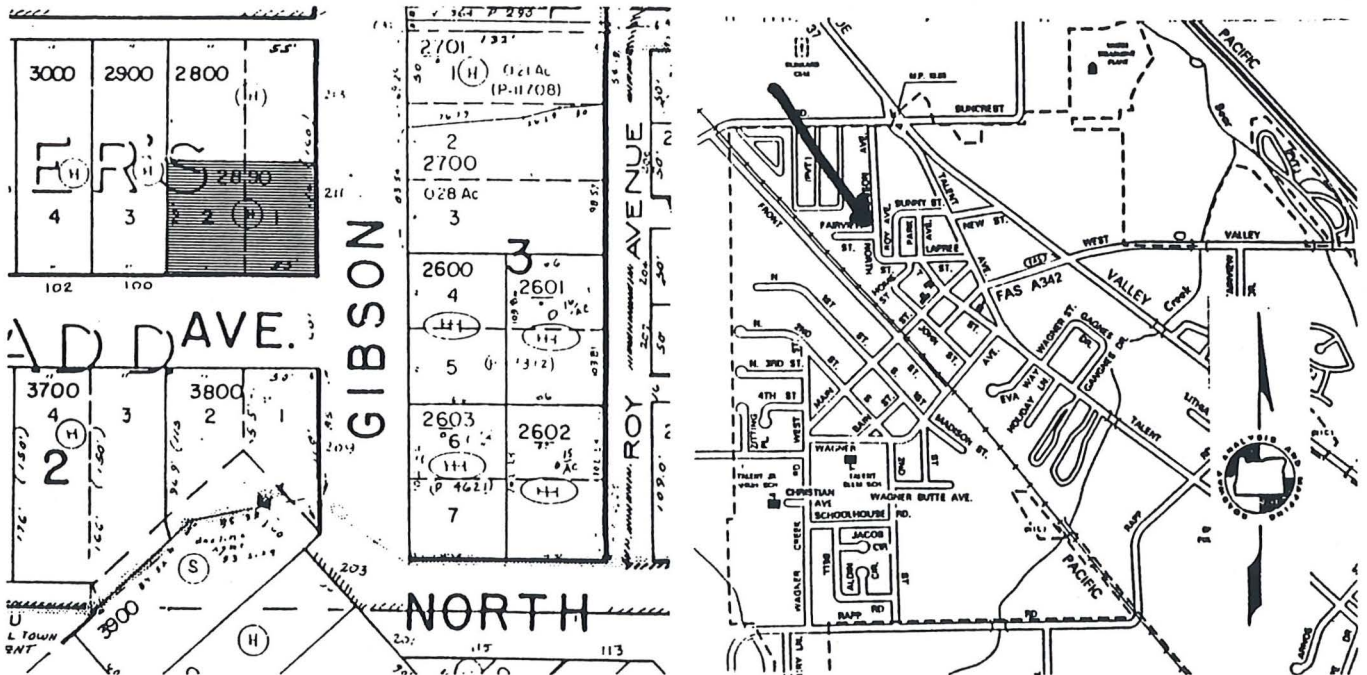
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Historic Name: **Way-Mitchell Hse**  
 Location: **211 GIBSON ST**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1913**



Photo Roll: BP3 Frame: 06A



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Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey No. **188.0**  
 SHPO NO:



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[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Way-Mitchell Hse**  
Location: **211 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **ROBERTSON FRED L**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 717**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1913**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **No Style**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**TALENT**, **OR 97540**  
Addition: **Shideler's Addition**  
Block: **3** Lot: **2-3** Taxlot: **2890**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10275868**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Multiple** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **replacement aluminum sliding windows; multi-lite fixed picture window**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Bevel**

Decorative Features: **Stained wood treatment; shed roof facade porch**

Other: **Concrete central chimney**

Alterations/Additions: **Windows and siding replaced [n.d.]. shed porch added to south.**

Landscape Features: **Large hedge along dirt\gravel drive at south, scattered conifers.**

Associated Structures: **Small gable garage\shed to SW.**

Setting: **Facing southeast at NW corner of the intersection of Gibson and Fairview in area of small single family dwellings.**

Sources

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Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Contributing**

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TALNO: 188.0

WAY-MITCHELL HOUSE

381W23CD-2890

211 GIBSON ST

Built: c1913

Contributing

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This single story wood frame dwelling was probably constructed sometime between April 1912, when the property was transferred to G.H. Way (JCD 92:320) and December 1913, when it was sold to Charles S. Mitchell for \$500. (JCD 98:450) G.H. Way was a prominent minister in the Talent area according to various newspaper accounts.<sup>1</sup>

Although modified in appearance through the application of modern siding and replacement windows, the Way-Mitchell House retains its essential gable volume, central brick chimney, and other features consistent with its original period of construction.

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<sup>1</sup> See "Talent and Vicinity," *Ashland Tidings*, 30-May-1912, 8:3-4.

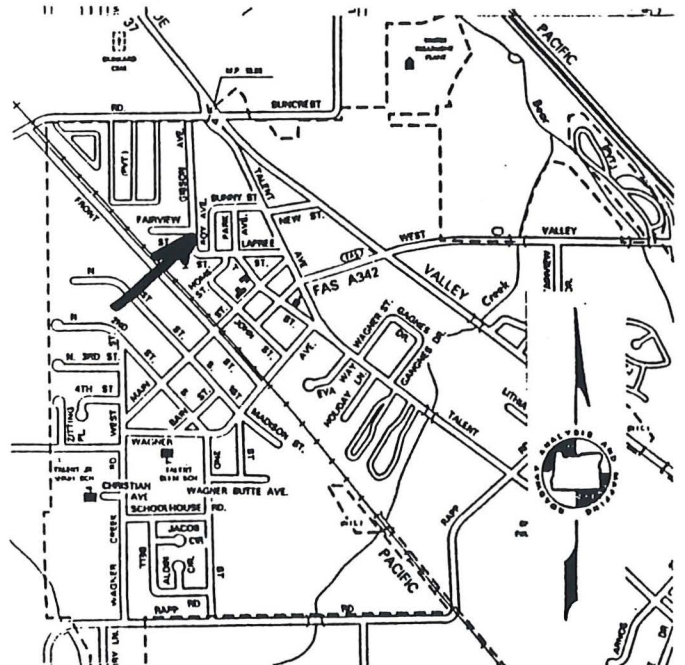
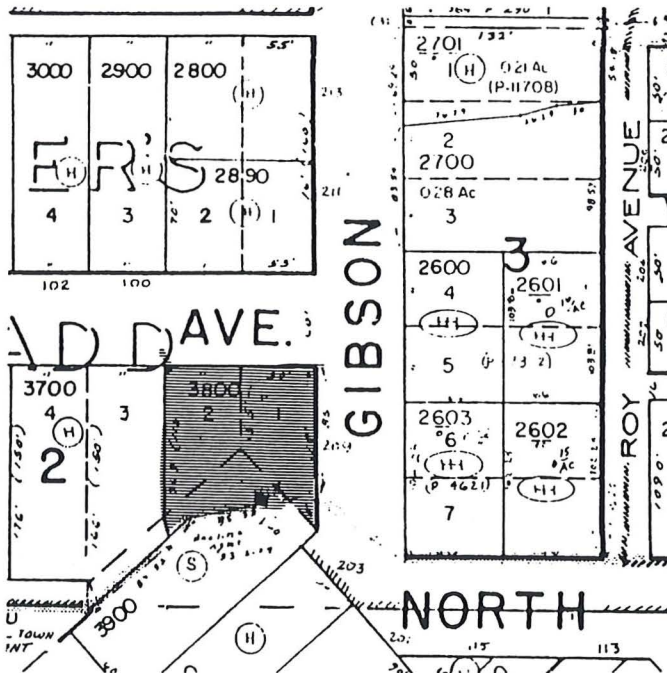
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Historic Name: **Burnett-Davidson Hse**  
 Location: **209 GIBSON ST**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **1912**



Photo Roll: BP5 Frame: 26A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey No. **197.0**  
 SHPO NO:





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City of Talent, Oregon  
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Historic Name: **Burnett-Davidson Hse**  
Location: **209 GIBSON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **J C F S/L ASSN**  
MailAdd **1225 CRATER LAKE AVE**  
**ATTN UNA**  
**MEDFORD**

Addition: **Shideler's Addition**

Block: **2** Lot: **1-2**

T/R/S **381W23CD**

Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

, **OR 97504**

Taxlot: **3800**

Acct# **10275965**

Common: **Same**

Date of Construction: **1912**

Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**

Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**

Architect: **Unknown**

Builder: **Unknown**

Style:

Resource Type: **Building**

Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**

Condition:

Plan: **Rectangular**

Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**

Roof Form: **Hipped**

Wall Construction: **Wood**

Primary Window: **1/1 double hung wood sash**

No. of Stories **1.0**

Basement: **No**

Roof Material: **Asphalt;Deco Shingle**

Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **Front facing split gable, full width shed porch, stepped fretwork eave decoration, cornerboards, porch balustrade.**

Other:

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Two huge conifers, overgrown perimeter plantings**

Associated Structures: **horizontal stack wood construction on metal roof gable roof structure with swing doors; second drop sided wood gable roof structure with rolled asphalt roof**

Sources **Facing east, on irregularly shaped lot at SW corner of the intersection of Gibson and Fairview, in an area of small single family dwellings.**

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Photo Roll: **BP5** Frame[s]: **26A**  
Date Recorded: **03/31/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **197.0**  
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City of Talent, Oregon  
Original Town Plat Survey, 1995

TALNO: 197.0

BURNETT-DAVIDSON HOUSE

381W23CD-3800

209 GIBSON ST

Built: 1912

Secondary

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The Burnett-Davidson House is an unusual one and one-half story dwelling with a partial gable roof forming a vertical window plane that provides light to the upper story. A full front porch, wide eaves, and other details are reminiscent of the Bungalow Style although the overall effect of the design is more typical of earlier 19th century vernacular dwellings.

The social history of the property is somewhat confusing. Beginning with John H. Shideler, the area's developer, Lots 1 and 2 were first transferred to George A. Gardner in May 1911 (JCD 87:347) for \$75 each. Gardner in turn sold both lots to John Calvin for \$100 each a week later. (JCD 87:379) Calvin sold them to David Davidson, for \$225, in June 1911 (JCD 90:95) The Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes show the structure standing on this lot in 1912, owned by an "H. Burnett" and valued at \$400, providing the basis for dating the construction.

Henry C. Burnett [b. July 1880 in Oregon] was the offspring of a large family headed by Wm. T. Burnett, that had arrived in the Talent vicinity at least as early as 1900. The Burnett family had been in Oregon since the mid-1870s.<sup>1</sup> The elder Burnett was a large landowner in the Gibson Avenue area and members of the family sold portions of the family holdings to James C. Gibson as he began to assemble the tract for development. (See JCD 75:397, G. W. Burnett to Gibson. George Burnett was Henry's elder brother.) By 1914 the property was again owned by David Davidson, for reasons unclear, and he remained here at least through 1919. In 1925 Clifford Garvin is shown as the owner.

The Burnett-Davidson House is a relatively intact example of the dwellings built on Gibson Avenue during its initial period of development. The resource retains its original siding, windows, trim, and other detailing that allow it to effectively convey its original construction and the associations for which it is significant.

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<sup>1</sup> Lacy and Childers, *Jackson County, Oregon: 1900 Census*, 228.

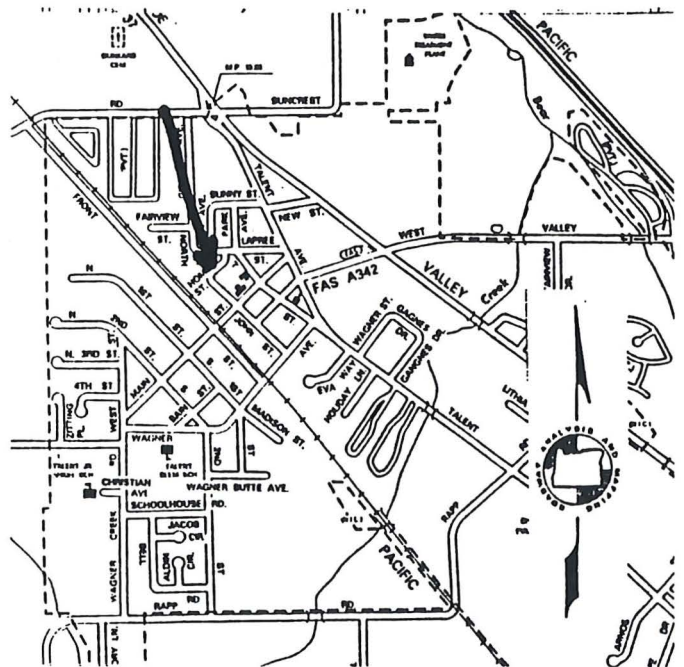
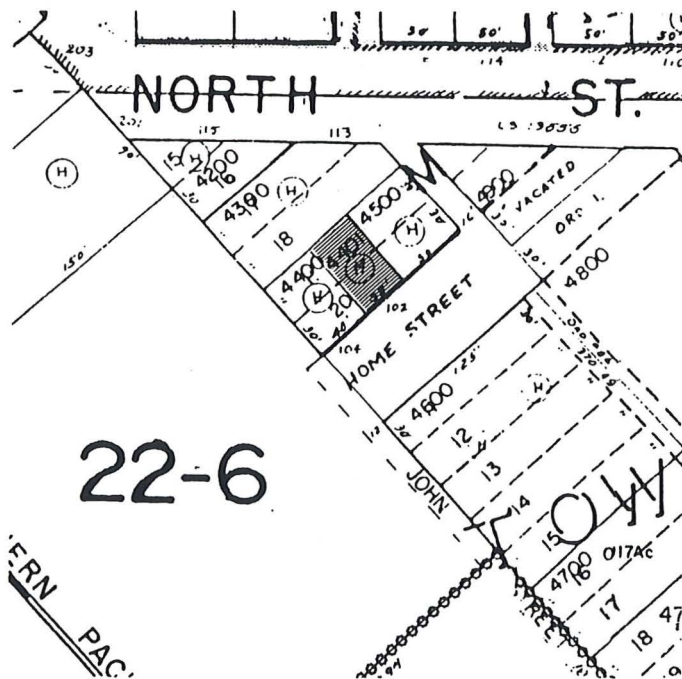
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Historic Name: **Netherland-Sowash Hse**  
 Location: **102 HOME ST**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1890**



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Ranking: **Contributing**

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City of Talent, Oregon  
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[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Netherland-Sowash Hse**  
Location: **102 HOME ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **AMERICAN EQUITIES INC**  
MailAdd **502 W MAIN ST**

**MEDFORD**, OR 97501  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **M** Lot: **por. 20** Taxlot: **4401**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276037**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1890**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Period:Colonial Revival**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Fair**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;with shed addn**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window:**2/1 double hung wood sash**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Other:T-111 Scored Vertical Sheet**

Decorative Features: **Projecting entry vestibule with flanking scored pilasters,**

Other: **Original horizontal siding visible in gable ends**

Alterations/Additions: **Re-sided, substantial renovation to present style [c.1940s]**

Landscape Features: **Overgrown trees and shrubs**

Associated Structures:

Setting: **Mid-block, facing south, on dirt street in mixed area of public and residential uses. Railroad right-of-way to west.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Ranking: **Contributing**

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TALNO:	204.0	
NETHERLAND-SOWASH HOUSE		381W23CD-4401
102	HOME ST	
Built:	c1890s	Contributing

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Although somewhat modified, the Netherland-Sowash House is one of the older dwellings standing in the Talent Study area. A one-story volume with a traditional vernacular "I-House" type floorplan, the house was apparently constructed for Frank D. Netherland, who purchased four lots in Block M from Mrs. Laura Edwards in November 1897. (JCD 36:406)

Six years later Netherland and his wife, Meda, sold the lots, and apparently the house which now stood upon them, to Susanna Sowash for \$200. (JCD 54:99) Susanna Sowash was born in Ohio in 1829 and apparently migrated to Oregon with her daughter and son-in-law, Mary J. and William Estes, who also lived in the Talent area. The 1900 Census shows Sowash living with her daughter prior to the purchase of the subject property. It is not certain that Mrs. Sowash actually lived in the subject dwelling.<sup>1</sup>

In 1906 Mary J. Estes deeded her interest in the subject property, including Lots 17-20, to Ferguson Sowash, either her brother or her uncle, following Susanna's death.

The interest conveyed in this deed being the undivided one-fourth thereof, which Mary J. Estes inherited as one of the heirs of the late Susanna Sowash, deceased. (JCD 72:532)

The Sowash family apparently retained ownership through the 1930s. By 1940, however, the property had been acquired by Jackson County and in 1945 was sold to Orville and Hazel Carter.

At some unknown point, the exterior of the Sowash House was modernized to its present modest "Colonial Revival" appearance with the construction of the projecting entryway and its twin pilasters. Various rear additions also augment the original vernacular volume and somewhat detract from the resource's ability to relate its late 19th century construction period. Nevertheless, the simple I-House appearance and various original elements, such as the siding of the gable ends, remain.

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<sup>1</sup> Lacy and Childers, *Jackson County, Oregon: 1900 Census*, 226.

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Historic Name: **Root-Ager House**  
 Location: **0 HOME ST**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1890**

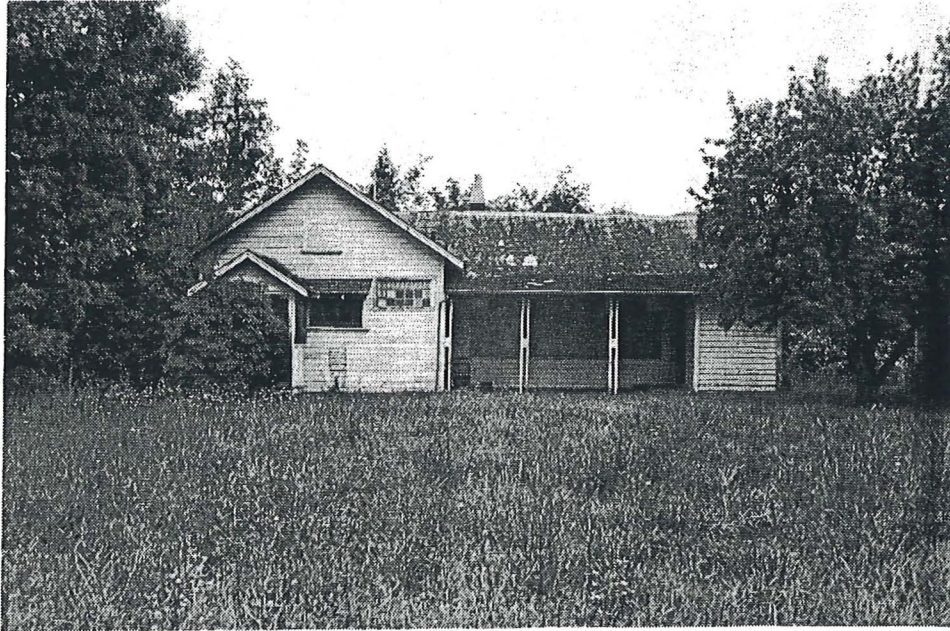
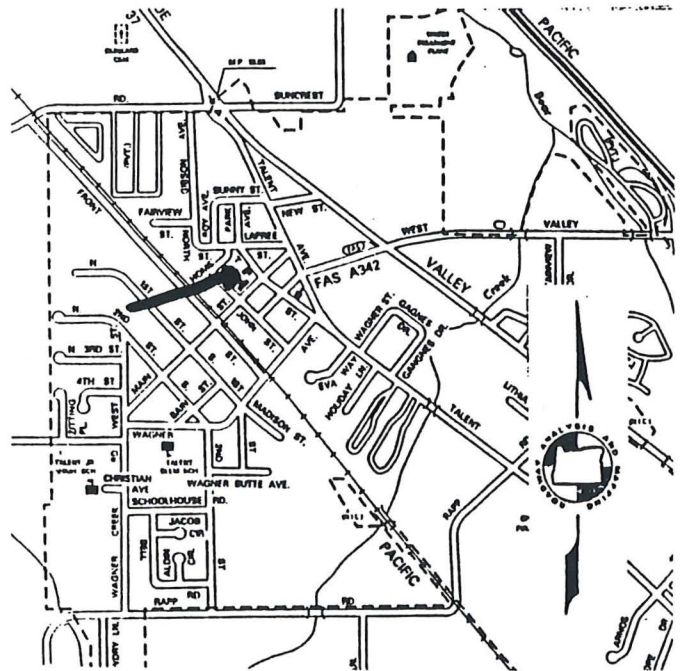
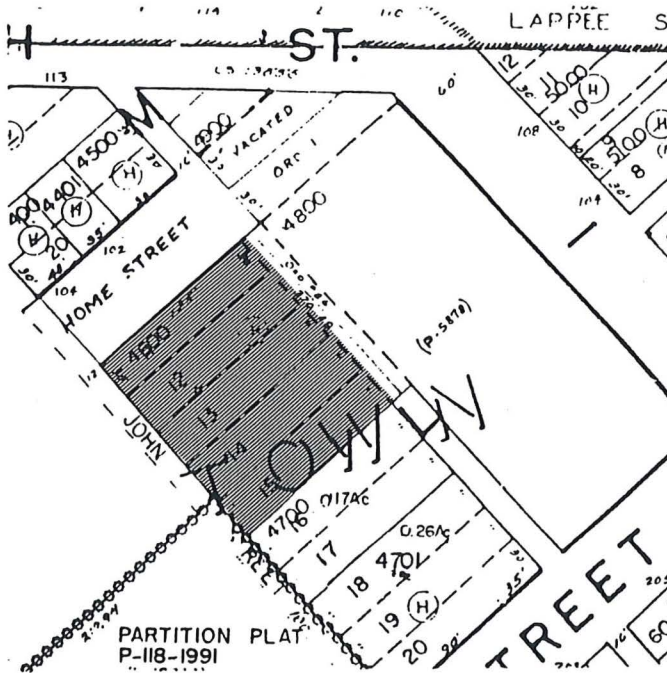


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Historic Name: **Root-Ager House**  
Location: **0 HOME ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **OHARRA DALE G/OLIVE C**  
MailAdd **3788 PIONEER RD**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1890**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Vacant/Not in Use**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:19th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Fair**

**MEDFORD**, OR 97501  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **L** Lot: **11-15** Taxlot: **4600**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276051**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **L-Shaped** No. of Stories **1.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Intersect** Roof Material: **Wood;Shingle**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **Boarded up, some 1/1 double hung wood sash**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **Recessed porch, gable entry vestibule [east], brick exterior chimney**

Other: **Built up porch supports**

Alterations/Additions: **Glass block window added [n.d.], boarded up approximately 5 years**

Landscape Features: **Deep set back from Home street with fencing on large lot, unkempt mature plantings, trees**

Associated Structures: **Small early garage to NW, c.1950s ranch house on lot to west is also**  
Setting: **vacant/boarded.**

Sources **Facing north in mixed area of public and residential uses. Occupies half block, dirt Home Street and railroad right-of-way to west, city part/library and city hall to east.**

**Jackson County deed records, Assessor's fieldbooks, 1900 and 1910 Jackson Cty Census,**

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Ranking: **Contributing**

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TALNO: 207.0  
ROOT-AGER HOUSE  
202 MAIN ST  
Built: c1890

381W23CD-4700

Contributing

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This large vernacular farmhouse was first owned by Christian and Mary Root and probably constructed in the early 1890s. Built around a L-shaped plan, the Root-Ager House is typical of the late 19th century housing styles associated with the Talent's pre-incorporation period.

In 1910, Mary Root, by then a widow, along with her various children, granted a power of attorney to John Shideler (developer of the nearby Shideler's Addition) with the express purpose of selling "Lots 11, 12, 13, and 14 of Block L in the Town of Talent." (JCD 83:434-6) Mrs. Root's title was clarified with Jackson County Certificate of Title #643, filed on the subject property in January 1911. In June 1912, G.W. and Bessie Ager became the owners. Ager is listed as residing in Talent in the 1910 census, employed as a schoolteacher.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Ager, a native of Worthington, Minn., was graduated with a degree in education from the University of Oregon in 1918. He later served as Superintendent of the Bend, Oregon schools for many years. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 15-January-1980)

In 1913 the Ashland Tidings reported that "G.W. Ager is preparing plans for his new residence, which he expects to erect shortly." While unclear, and at least theoretically referring to this structure, the subject dwelling is dated as it is based entirely on design and the sales price of previous transactions. (*Ashland Tidings*, 10-July-1913, 3:2) Further review may clarify this issue and lead to the conclusion that the structure was in fact constructed in 1913. Sometime prior to 1940, the property was purchased by Axel Amundson, a local orchardist. In the early 1940s Mrs. and Mrs. Dale O'Harra became the owners, purchasing from a family named Quakenbush so that Mrs. O'Harra would be able to walk to work at the Talent Irrigation District during the gas-rationed years of World War II.<sup>2</sup> The O'Harra's retain ownership at this writing.

Although currently unoccupied, the Mary and Christian Root House retains high integrity to its original design, exhibiting only minimal changes in exterior trim, detail, and openings. Located upon a large lot, the house is typical of the early vernacular style as used in Talent and represents one the better examples of the late 19th century farmhouse type in the study area.

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<sup>1</sup> Lacy and Childers, *Jackson County, Oregon: 1910 Census*, 517. The Census lists Ager as "Walter G." although deed and Assessor's records are consistent in the use of G.W., which is accordingly assumed to be correct.

<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Dale O'Harra, personal communication with the Author, 17-May-1995.

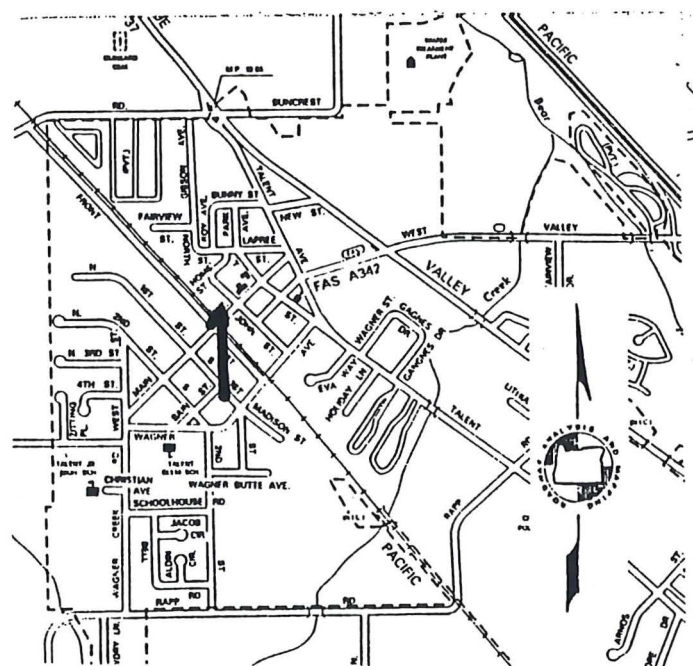
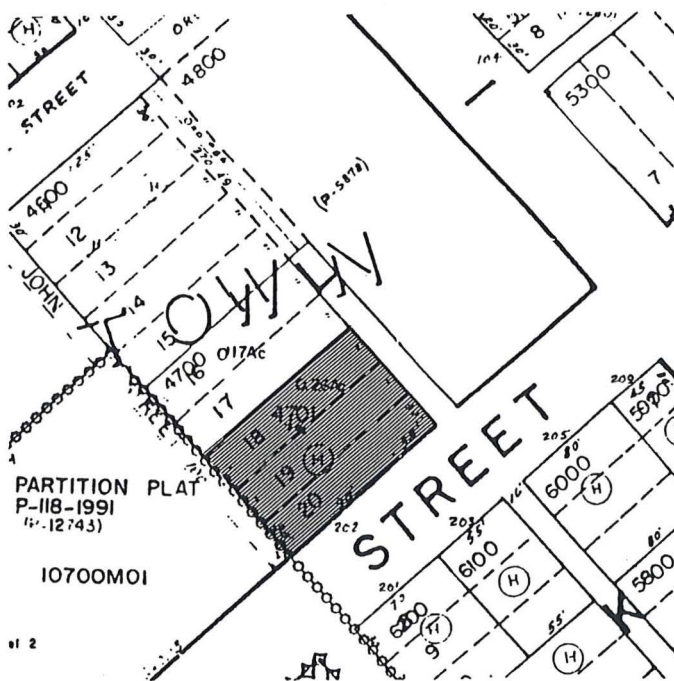
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Historic Name: **Bahr-Brown House**  
 Location: **202 MAIN ST E**

Common: **Brown, O.Z. House**  
 Date of Construction: **1902**



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Ranking: **Primary**

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Historic Name: **Bahr-Brown House**  
Location: **202 MAIN ST E**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **DIAMOND ELIOT/ELLEN**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 963**

**ASHLAND**, OR 97520  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **L** Lot: **18-19** Taxlot: **4701**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10801565**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Brown, O.Z. House**  
Date of Construction: **1902**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Hipped**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash windows**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **Shed roof front porch, plain board fascia, cornerboards,**

Other: **Staggered height fencing, central brick chimney, gable volume to rear**

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Large trees, well-maintained lot**

Associated Structures: **gable roof structure, possible house, now storage and garage to immediate rear.**

Setting:

**Mid-block, facing south, in mixed residential\public area. Unpaved alley to east, unpaved Home Street and RR right-of-way to west.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Primary**

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TALNO: 208.0  
BAHR-BROWN HOUSE  
202 MAIN ST N  
Built: 1902

381W23CD-4701

Primary

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This early hipped-roof dwelling was apparently constructed shortly after the turn of the century, probably following the sale of Lot 19 and 20 from James Helms to Jacob and Nancy Bahr in May 1902. (JCD 45:274)

Four years after purchase, the Bahr's sold the property to Ozro T. and Roxanna E. Brown. (JCD 56:345) As near as can be determined, sometime after this point the parcel was split to create two lots both fronting onto Main Street and an additional structure was built to the east of the Bahr-Brown House. This dwelling stood at least as late as 1930 and it is not clear at what point it was raised. Sanborn Fire Maps indicate that this second dwelling was not the structure which now stands to the rear of the Bahr-House.

By 1945 W. and Cleo Kenyon purchased the subject house and remained here for many years. Following Cleo's death, Mr. Kenyon remarried and continued to reside here.<sup>1</sup> He remained at least as late as the mid-1960s.

The Bahr-Brown residence retains high integrity to its original design and effectively conveys its period of construction. The large fenced lot includes large trees and other features that add to the building's appearance. The Bahr-Brown accurately relates its significant association with early 20th century residential development in Talent.

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<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Dale O'Harra, personal communication with the Author, 17-May-1995.

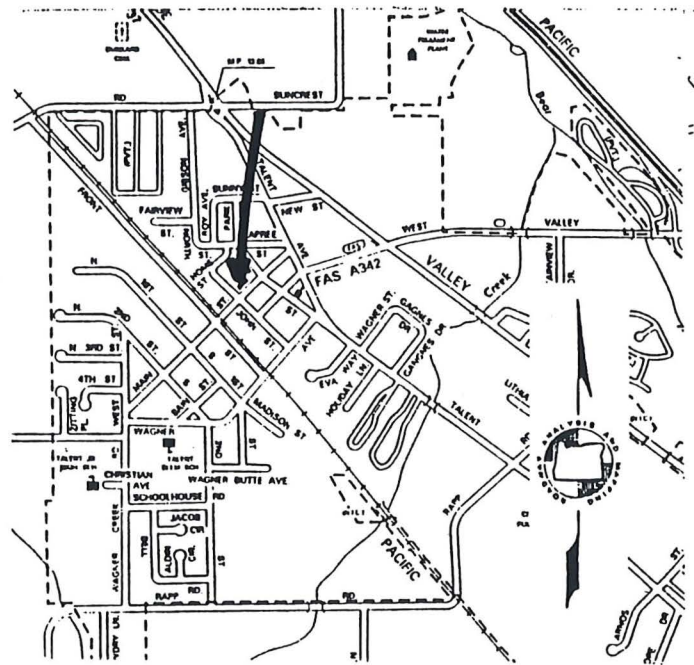
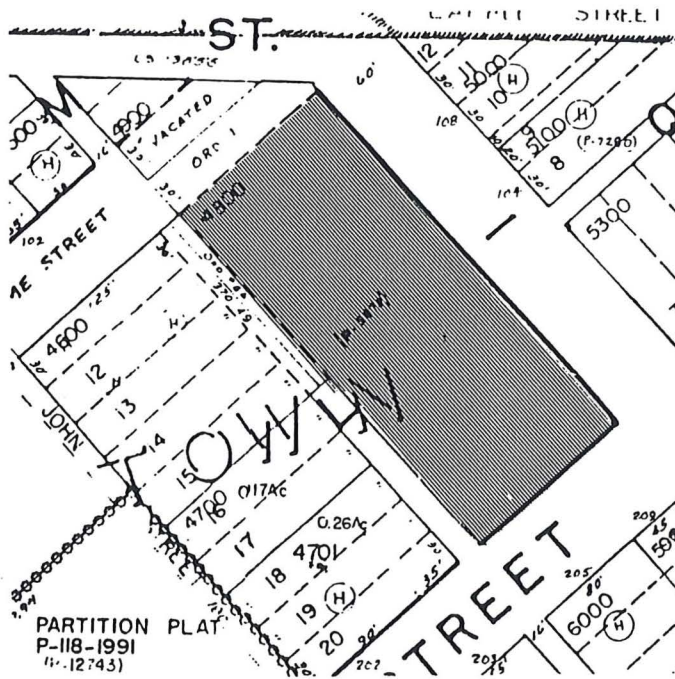
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Historic Name: **Talent Elementary School**  
 Location: **204 MAIN ST E**

Common: **Talent Community Center**  
 Date of Construction: **1899**



Photo Roll: BP5 Frame: 20A



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Historic Name: **Talent Elementary School**  
Location: **204 MAIN ST E**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **TALENT CITY OF**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 445**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **L** Lot: **1-10** Taxlot: **4800**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276078**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Talent Community Center**  
Date of Construction: **1899**  
Original Use: **Educ:School**  
Present Use: **Social:Civic**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Government:Local\_City**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Irregular**  
Foundation: **Stone;**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Multiple**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash window**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **Daylight**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **transom lites; wide fascia boards; cornerboards; clipped gables; open belfrey; gable on hip roof axis**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Addition to SE corner c.1950s, original rear volume to rear [n.d.], front porch**

Landscape Features: **Deep setback from street with memorials etc., parking to rear.**

Associated Structures: **c.1960s conc blk bldg to west used as Talent City Hall., Fire Station and Public library to north on same Tax Lot.**

**Faces south on entire half block in mixed residential\public use area.**

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Ranking: **Primary**

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TALNO: 209.0  
TALENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 381W23CD-4800  
204 MAIN ST  
Built: 1899 Primary

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One of the dominant visual landmarks in the Talent area, the wood framed Talent Elementary School building, commonly known as the Talent Community Center, has been an area focal point for almost 100 years. First used by School District 22, the building served as Talent's first City Hall following incorporation and, most recently, as a frequently used public and fraternal meeting facility.

Construction of the one-story schoolhouse began in the late 1899, following a reorganization of School District 22.

The reorganization of the Talent school district will result in the erection of three new school buildings, one in South Wagner Creek, one in Anderson Creek...and the other in Talent... *The Talent building, which will cost about \$1500, will be constructed as soon as the details can be arranged.* (Ashland Tidings, 13-July-1899, 3:3, emphasis added)

In September 1899 C. K. Klum, a local real estate investor and businessman, sold the subject lots [Lots 1-10, Block I] at the corner of I and Main streets to the District for \$200. (JCD 36:425) By December construction of a "fine new building" was to start shortly. (Ashland Tidings, 4-December-1899) The building was apparently completed on schedule and remained in use by the School District for the next 12-13 years. Then, following completion of the new brick Talent school building, located on the site of the present Talent Elementary, the future of the subject building was unclear.

What is to be done with the old school house just vacated for the new one? This is a question that comes to some of the citizens of the district. Many are in favor of turning the grounds and buildings over to the Town of Talent, to be used for public purposes, and the grounds to be parked and the buildings to be painted and put in good condition...(Ashland Tidings 26-February-1912, 6:3-4)

It apparently took some time to clarify the fate of the building and arrange the transfer from the School District to the newly incorporated town. In April 1914, almost two years after the idea had first been raised, the building was finally sold to the City.

At the special school election held Saturday afternoon to decide as to the sale of the old school property, it was decided almost unanimously to sell the property to the City for a Town Hall....It is the intention of the authorities to put the building in first class condition and the Community Club is considering the beautifying of the grounds. (Ashland Tidings, 16-April-1914, 3:3-4)

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Following its acquisition of the building, the City undertook some modest renovation to convert the old school to its new purpose.

Two rooms of the Town Hall have been redecorated. One will be used by the Commercial Club and the other by the Town Council. (*Ashland Tidings*, 8-February-1915, 3:4)

As the Town Hall, the subject building the primary focus of public activities in the Town of Talent for the next five decades. The space was used by the town government, rented to community groups such as the Grange, the Community Club, and others for meetings, dances, and various other functions. In 1933, during the height of the so-called "Jackson County Rebellion," the Talent Council voted to permit the Good Government Congress to rent the hall. (Talent Council Minutes, 7-February-1933 and 7-March-1933)

With the 1960s construction of the present City Hall building, located immediately west of the schoolhouse, on the same tax lot, the larger facility ended its role as the primary site of local governmental activity. Certain insensitive alteration, notably blocking off the windows and modifying the interior character of the building, again reduced the integrity of the subject structure. By the mid-1970s, as much of America geared up for the nation's bicentennial by recognizing and celebrating historic places, the Talent Community Center became the focus of a local restoration effort.

The old building has been in need of repairs for some time, according to Talent city employee George Gleim. Plans for its restoration will start with 'tearing off the old kitchen part' at the back of the community hall. It was condemned for more than a year because of bad flooring. (*Ashland Daily Tidings*, 24-March-1976)

Renovation work on the Community Center proceeded throughout the summer, including work on the front entry steps. Contractor for this project was the Progressive Remolding Company, of Medford, and was funded by \$6500 in private donations. The culmination of the effort was on July 4th. Plans called for the strengthening of the bell tower and the ringing of the building's bell, however, this does not appear to have taken place.<sup>1</sup> Additional work, including the welding of a crack in the bell, was funded by Talent Councilman Jim Walker in 1980. The bell was finally rung on December 9th, 1980.

Nearly everyone was glad to have the bell back in working order. But even so, the bell's recent debut wasn't what a person would call a great musical experience. In fact, as one listener described the burst of sound, it was more like the dull thong of a boat moving through the fog than the high soprano of singing angels or the rich tenor of bells in a cathedral....It was never what you'd call a fine bell [said longtime resident Mae Lowe], adding that the bell's voice hasn't changed much with time. (*Ashland Daily Tidings*, 17-December-1980, 1:6-8)

In the past few years, renewed appreciation of the Talent Elementary School has resulted in renewed interest in its restoration and the City Council has formed a committee to oversee

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<sup>1</sup> See *Ashland Daily Tidings* 5-June-1976, 3:1-2 referring to the plan to ring the bell.

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the project. Interior renovation, the installation of new wheelchair access, and the re-opening of long-closed windows have all taken place, correcting various changes to the building's fabric and slowly returning the building to its original character. This process is continuing at this time.

The Talent Elementary School building has been a focal point of the Talent community since its construction in 1899. In varying roles the building has served as a school, a City Hall, polling site, meeting place and a wide variety of other functions that typify life in a small agricultural-based town. Although somewhat modified by additions that compromise its facade and no longer set amidst its original "park-like" setting, the Talent Elementary School retains sufficient integrity to its original design in siding, window sash and trim, exterior detail, and other elements to effectively relate both its original construction and the prominent role that it has played in the history of Talent.

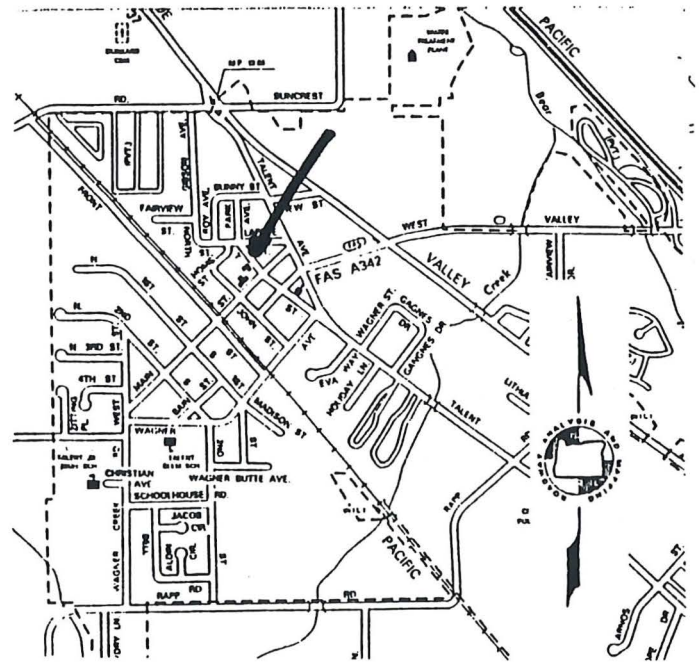
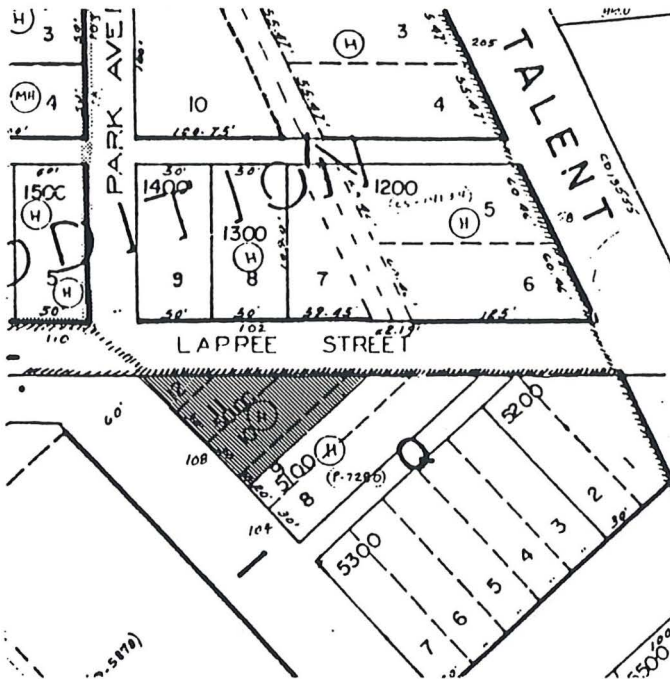
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Historic Name: **Nininger-Norman Hse**  
 Location: **108 I STREET**

Common:  
 Date of Construction: **1909**



Photo Roll: BP6 Frame: 06A



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Ranking: **Contributing**

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[Jackson County 029]

Historic Name: **Nininger-Norman Hse**  
Location: **108 I STREET**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **BENCH LILLIE**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 38**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **Q** Lot: **10-12** Taxlot: **5000**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276094**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common:  
Date of Construction: **1909**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.5**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **paired and single 1/1 & 6/6 double hung sash**

Exterior Surface: **Other**

Decorative Features: **Shed roof with gable facade porch; polychrome shingles; gable dormer; 3-part brick chimney with corbeled cap.**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Metal siding covers original materials [n.d.], small shed addition to rear**

Landscape Features: **Dirt drive\parking area to north, perimeter plantings**

Associated Structures: **Small drop sided gable roof structure with chimney flue**  
Setting:

**Faces west on irregularly shaped corner lot at SE of "I" and Home streets. Surrounding uses area mixed commercial, residential and public, with library, park and fire station to west.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Contributing**

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TALNO: 211.0	
NININGER-NORMAN HOUSE	381W23CD-5000
108 I STREET	
Built: 1909	Contributing

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A one and one-half story wood frame dwelling, the Nininger-Norman House was constructed between August and October 1909, following a series of property transactions that ended with the sale of Lots 9-12 of Block Q to C.E. Nininger. (JCD 73:448)<sup>1</sup> Nininger in turn sold the property to J. F. Norman in May 1913. (JCD 102:123) Norman remained here at least through the 1920s.

John F. Norman was born in Arkansas in 1872 and owned and operated a barber shop in Talent after settling in Oregon by way of Oklahoma. In 1911, following the disastrous fire that destroyed his first shop, *The Medford Sun* reported;

J.F. Norman is making plans to erect a barber shop on I Street, across from the Bell House. It will be a frame building.<sup>2</sup>

The Nininger-Norman House retains its basic volume, augmented by the addition of a shed portion to the north. The unusual gable of the front porch may also be an indication of an alteration from the original design. Although now clad with non-historic siding, the Nininger-Norman House retains sufficient integrity to convey its historic appearance.

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<sup>1</sup> In August, S. G. and M.A. Netherland sold Lots 9-12 to Jared Colbert for \$110 (JCD 73:103) and less than two months later, on 30-October-1909, Colbert sold the same lots to CE. Nininger for \$700 with the sharp rise in value indicating construction of the house.

<sup>2</sup> *Medford Sun*, 1-April-1911, 3:1. This would have been on the present site of the Talent Laundromat, still opposite the Bell House, TALNO 219.0.



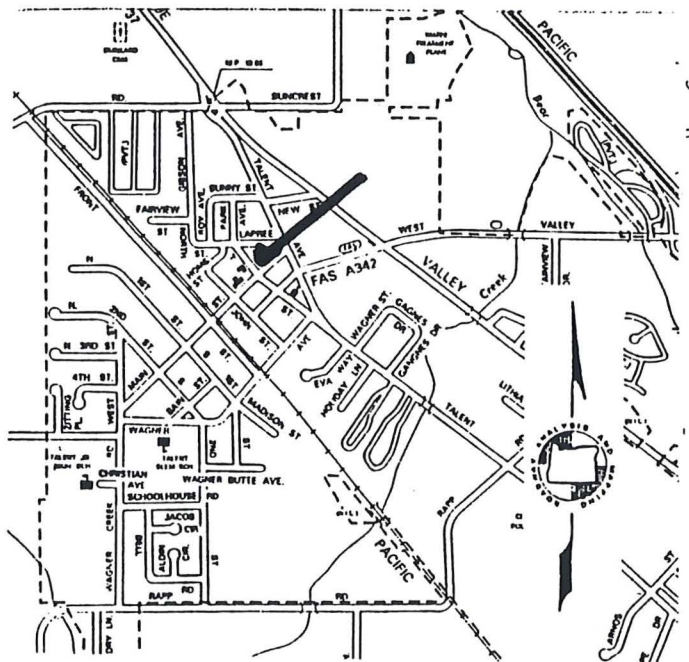
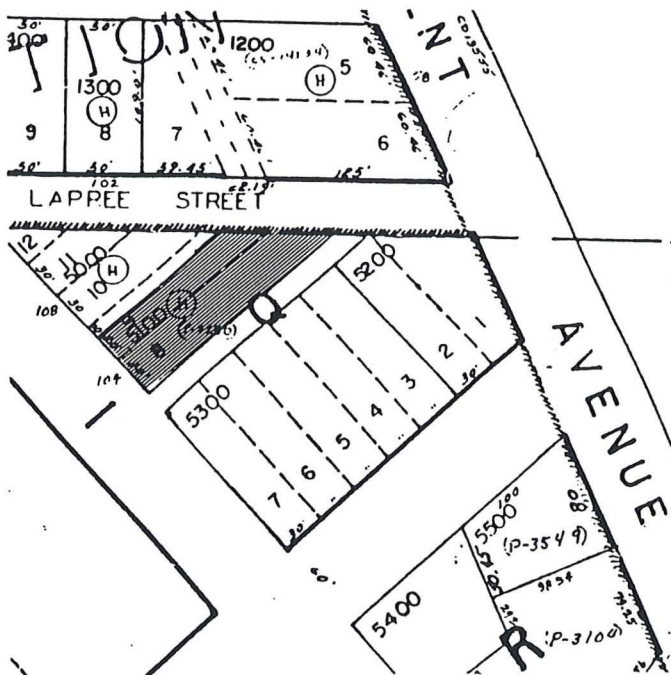
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 City of Talent, Oregon  
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Historic Name: **Sleppy-Withrow Hse**  
 Location: **104 N. I STREET**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **1910**



Photo Roll: BP6 Frame: 07A



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Historic Name: **Sleppy-Withrow Hse**  
Location: **104 I STREET**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **JACKSON, DANIEL D/LINDA M**  
MailAdd **338 TERRACE ST**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1910**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**ASHLAND**, OR **97520**  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **Q** Lot: **8-9** Taxlot: **5100**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276100**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **2.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window **single and paired 1/1 double hung sash windows**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **half-hip facade porch; wide eaves with brakets; shed wall dormer; corner boards; brick flue**

Other: **Original window trim with crown moulding.**

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Large lot is open to rear, sm. perimeter fence at front**

Associated Structures: **Gable garage to rear**

Setting:

**Facing west in area of mixed commerical, residential and public uses.  
Asphalt alleyway lines southern lot, open to Talent Ave at rear [east]**

Sources

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Date Recorded: **03/31/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **212.0**  
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TALNO: 212.0

SLEPPY-WITHROW HOUSE

381W23CD-5100

104 I STREET

Built: 1910

Primary

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Prominently located opposite the public library and community center, the Sleppy-Withrow House is a visually important feature within the downtown Talent area. Its steeply pitched two-story volume is among the taller houses in the study area and, sited closely to the street, it serves as a visual landmark in the vicinity. The building gains additional significance through its association with both the Sleppy and Withrow families, early residents of both Jackson County and the Talent area.

In 1924 Fred Lockley, noted staff writer of the *Oregon Journal*, interviewed Mrs. Lorenzo Sleppy as a part of his series on Oregon Pioneers.

I was 76 years old on the 23rd of last June. My maiden name was Mary Jane Wells but friends always called by Jennie, or Jen. My husband, Lorenzo J. Sleppy, was born in Pennsylvania in 1847...His father came to Oregon in 1852 and went down to Jacksonville to try his luck. He went back to the east and ...stayed until 1860 when he decided to go back to Oregon. My husband was 13 years old when he came with his folks across the plains. They settled, in the fall of 1860, a mile east of Talent. Later they moved to Gassburg, as they called Phoenix then. ...My husband and I came here [to Talent] in 1878. (*Oregon Journal*, 29-August-1924)

It is unclear when the Sleppy's acquired the subject parcel although they had purchased portions of Block Q [Lots 1 and 2] from Aaron Talent in 1889. (JCD 20:298) Through other purchases, both jointly and under Jennie's name alone, the couple eventually owned all of Block Q except lots 8 and 9. The present house was apparently built in Summer 1912 as period newspaper accounts noted that "L. J. Sleppy has his new home on I Street almost completed." (*Ashland Tidings*, 27-June-1912, 3:4) The 1912 Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes show the subject structure on site, valued at \$400. Sleppy owned a variety of property, somewhat confusing this issue, but the house on I Street may also be that referred to in May 1912;

J.L. (sic) Sleppy has started the foundation for a new house. It is said he had thirteen applications to rent the building the first day it was started. There isn't a vacant house in town. (*Ashland Tidings*, 23-May-1912.)

Lorenzo Sleppy, apparently known as "Ren," served at least one term on the Talent Town Council, following incorporation.<sup>1</sup> Upon his death, at age 80, the *Ashland Tidings* noted;

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<sup>1</sup> H. W. Rothermel, *The Jackson County Directory, 1916*. (Rothermel & Fee, Publishers: Medford, 1916), 185.

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Mr. Sleppy had been a resident of Jackson County for many years and was widely known among the old-time residents. Those who knew him best said he was a splendid neighbor; a man who always stood ready to aid those in distress. (*Ashland Tidings*, 27-July-1926, 1:1)

In 1920 the Sleppy's sold the property to J. H. and Florence M. Withrow, members of another longtime Talent area family, for \$1500. (JCD 162:234) The Withrows sold the house to Glen D. and Mary E. Withrow, Mr. Withrow's brother and sister-in-law, in 1926. (JCD 162:235) Glen Withrow, born in Ashland in 1892, was a longtime Postmaster in the city of Talent. He died in 1964. The Withrow family remained in the house for more than fifty years, until Mary Withrow's death in November 1981. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 8-November-1981) The couple's children sold the property to the present owner, thus ending more than sixty years of Withrow family ownership.<sup>2</sup>

The Sleppy-Withrow House retains high integrity to its original appearance in exterior volume, use of materials, detailing, and other features. Sited on a large and prominent lot in the center of the city, and long associated with members of two pioneer families, the Sleppy-Withrow House is an important visual element within the city core of Talent. The Sleppy-Withrow House effectively and accurately conveys the historic associations that make it significant.

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<sup>2</sup> Hazel Withrow and Mrs. Harry Withrow, personal communication with the Author, 19-May-1995.



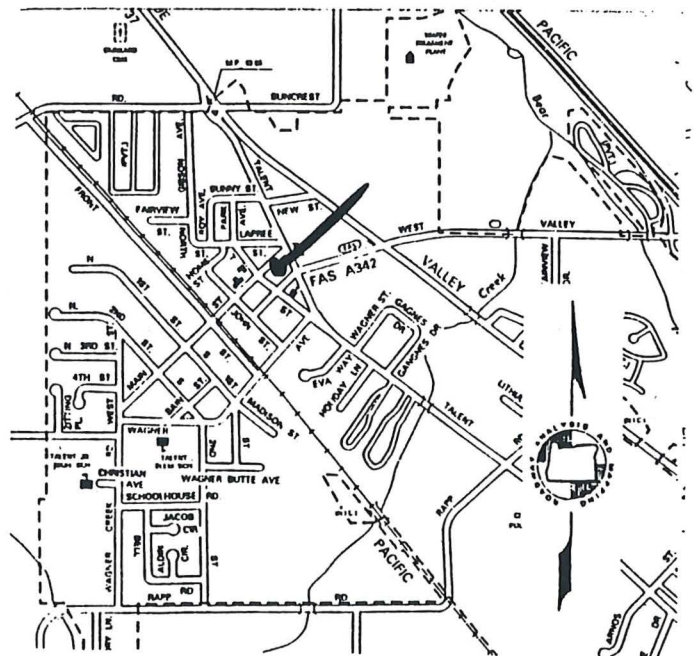
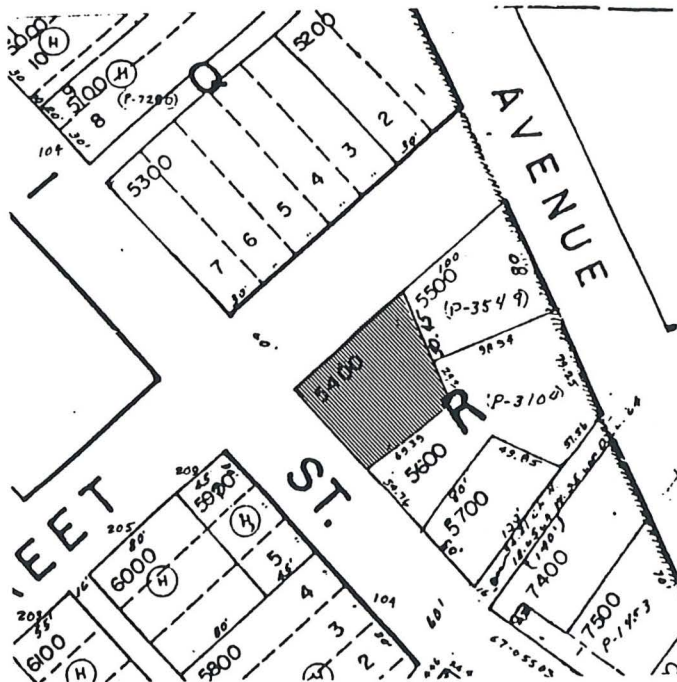
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Historic Name: **Talent Baptist Church**  
 Location: **303 MAIN ST E**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1871**



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Ranking: **Primary**

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Historic Name: **Talent Baptist Church**  
Location: **303 MAIN ST E**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **TALENT BIBLE MEETINGS INC**  
MailAdd **520 WAGNER CREEK RD**

**TALENT**, OR **97540**  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **R** Lot: Taxlot: **5400**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276134**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1871**  
Original Use: **Religion:Church**  
Present Use: **Religion:Church**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Altered**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.5**  
Foundation: **Wood;Post&Pier** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **4/4 double hung wood sash window, aluminum upper story sash**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Bevel, Stucco**

Decorative Features: **Pyramidal bell tower with louvered sides, arched panels in side elevation windows.**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **facade two-story addition with entry vestibule; large window added to facade,**

Landscape Features: **Columnar evergreen shrubs at front, small grassy area to east. Paved parking lot at west.**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting: **Facing north on corner lot in area of commerical uses. Small residential to west, near major intersection of Talent Ave and Main Street, traditional**

Sources **core of community.**

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Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **215.0**  
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TALNO: 215.0  
TALENT BAPTIST CHURCH  
303 MAIN ST  
Built: c1871

381W23CD-5400

Primary

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This two-story wood frame building is likely the oldest structure standing in the Talent vicinity, having reportedly been built in 1871, long before the existence of the town itself. The oldest Baptist Church in southern Oregon, the church is reportedly the second oldest such structure in the state.

In the 1850s, forty years before the first plat of the Town of Talent was filed, the area of the city was the focus of a widespread agricultural community known as "Wagner Creek." Centered around the Donation Land Claim filed by Jacob Wagner in 1852, the majority of the Wagner claim was purchased by Horace Root, another area pioneer in 1865. One of the first lot-sized parcels to be deeded off from that large tract was sold by Horace and Eliza Root for "Ten dollars in gold coin" to the Trustees of the Wagner Creek Baptist Church in 1871. (JCD 5:493) The Trustees included Joseph Ritter, Joseph N. Woody, and Horace Root himself.

When Aaron P. Talent purchased the majority of the land Root had purchased from Wagner, and began to lay out what would eventually become the Town of Talent, the Wagner Creek Baptist Church still owned a prominent block along the main wagon road through the valley. Talent's plat, filed in 1889, designated the church's holdings as Block "R" and Horace Root and Jesse W. Adams, the Trustees of the church at the time, signed the plat along with Talent, E.K. Anderson, and others. (JCD 19:230-33 and 312)

The actual construction date of the Talent Baptist Church is unrecorded and there is at least the possibility that the present structure replaced an earlier building. However the church is generally considered to date from sometime shortly following the original transaction between Root and the Trustees in 1871. This is supported by a 1911 newspaper account which report in a listing of Talent's many religious institutions that, "...The Baptist church was built over forty years ago,....." indicating a pre-1872 construction. (*Ashland Tidings*, 16-March-1912 1:2) In a lengthy article published in 1965, Alice Burnette, a long-time Talent writer, documented the history of the building, noting construction began by the congregation shortly after the Valentines' Day 1871 transfer of the property.

...Ministers and members, some of whom were good carpenters, started construction of the little white church....The building contained one room with a platform...[and] there was a dividing wall through the middle. The women sat on the left side and the men on the right. (*Medford Mail Tribune* 18-August-1965)

As originally built, the Talent Baptist Church faced what is now Talent Avenue and in that orientation is clearly visible in a variety of early photographs of the city. The steeple has long served as a easily recognizable landmark for the area.

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In the mid 1920s Tom Hill wanted to build a store on the church site. The Trustees agreed to deed him enough property to build a store. In exchange, he agreed to move the church to its present location and to re-roof the building. (*Medford Mail Tribune* 18-August-1965)

Apparently the Baptist Congregation in the vicinity dwindled as other cities developed their own churches. By the 1940s the building was leased to the Friends Church in exchange for maintenance. "They paneled the walls, covering the original wallpaper, lowered the ceilings, and added a room to the front of the building..."(*Medford Mail Tribune* 18-August-1965)

By 1965, the Baptists had again taken back the building and the front was substantially modified by the construction of a two story addition, essentially creating all the space now north of the steeple.<sup>1</sup> It was likely at that time the original horizontal wood siding was replaced with stucco.

In both 1958 and 1967 the trustees of the church sold portions of the lot to other commercial uses. By 1972 the Church had sold the building itself to Verne and Antonio Beebe who in turn sold it to the present owners.<sup>2</sup>

The oldest identified building in Talent, pre-dating the community itself by over fifteen years, the Talent Baptist Church is important both visually and historically within the downtown Talent area. Although somewhat modified by post-1960s modernizations, the building continues to relate its historic associations and construction. Recent restoration efforts have returned wooden siding to the east elevation, enhancing the building's integrity. Today, 124 years after its construction, the Talent Baptist Church continues to serve its original purpose and remains a highly significant element within the Talent community.

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<sup>1</sup> A construction photograph published along with the Burnette article cited above shows the new addition, as well as clarifying the c.1940s Friends addition to the front that was encompassed by the latter alteration.

<sup>2</sup> Elliot Lovelace, personal communication with the Author, April 1995.



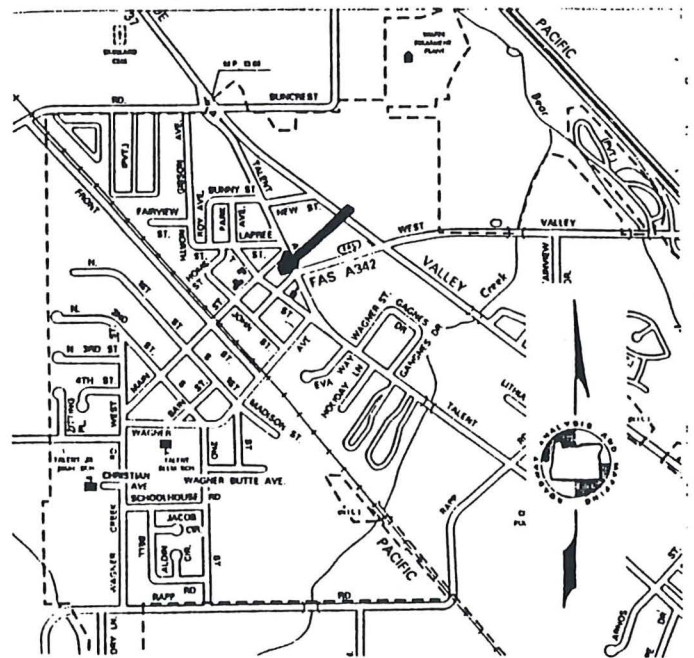
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Historic Name: **Hill-Stearns Building**  
 Location: **106 TALENT AVE**

Common: **Jittery Joe's**  
 Date of Construction: **1923**



Photo Roll: BP5 Frame: 13A



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Ranking: **Primary**

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Historic Name: **Hill-Stearns Building**  
Location: **106 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **LAMONT THEDA F**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 57**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **R** Lot: Taxlot: **5600**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276159**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Jittery Joe's**  
Date of Construction: **1923**  
Original Use: **Commerce:Business**  
Present Use: **Commerce:Spec Store;Other**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Arch Truss**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **commercial plate glass display windows**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Metal;Corr.Sheet**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Mixed Surfaces;Wood Predominate**

Decorative Features: **Arched falsefront facade, canted front porch,**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Various siding materials [asbestoes, metal, T-111, other] cover structure, shed**

Landscape Features: **Small planter boxes at NE, dirt parking area to south**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting: **Facing east on Talent Avenue in core commerical area of Talent. Surrounding uses are small scale commerical structures of mixed construction.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Primary**

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TALNO: 217.0

HILL-STEARN'S BUILDING

381W23CD-5600

106 TALENT AVE

Built: 1923

Primary

This one-story, arched roof, commercial building was constructed circa 1923 by Thomas and Flora Hill on the original site of the Talent Baptist Church. A portion of the land deeded to the church prior to the founding of Talent, the site facing the Pacific Highway logically proved attractive for commercial development and Hill was able to negotiate a mutually beneficial agreement with the Church trustees to secure the location.

In the mid 1920s Tom Hill wanted to build a store on the church site. The Trustees agreed to deed him enough property to build a store. In exchange, he agreed to move the church to its present location and to re-roof the building. (*Medford Mail Tribune* 18-August-1965)

Hill and wife, Flora, signed the deed with the Church in October 1923 and the construction of this building likely began shortly thereafter. (JCD 146:229, see also correction deed 156:525) In 1925 Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes show the Hills as the owners and document the property as including a "service station and store." The 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map shows the building much as it stands today, with the southern two-thirds in use as a "general store" and the northern portion uses both as Talent's Post Office and a residence. The store was long operated by J. J. Tryon and it is as "Tryon's Store" or "Tryon's Mercantile" that the building is most commonly known.

[Next] is Tryon's Mercantile where the Talent Post Office is in a small addition on the north side. Mr. Tames is the postmaster. In the main part of the store, Mr. Tryon has everything in stock from ribbons to horse collars and hardware.<sup>1</sup>

By 1930 the building had been purchased by H. A. and Mable Stearns, although Tryon apparently continued to lease the space. In 1935 Talent was successful in securing a new Post Office building, the first structure designed specifically for that purpose in the city.

Talent folks have been said to be favorable to the new post office location...the local office now being located in the Stearns Building. [L. W.] Tames, acting Postmaster...will [soon] start construction of the new building...( *Southern Oregon Miner*, 12-April-1935, 1:2)

Stearns retained ownership at least through 1940 and in 1948 the property was purchased by Fred and Louise J. Combest. (JCD 308:119-21) In 1964 the building was occupied by the Talent Hardware company, managed by Cedric G. Scharff.

The Hill-Stearns Building is an intact example of the highway-inspired development that characterized Talent's second major growth period in the 20th century. Sited specifically to take advantage of the newly opened Pacific Highway, the Hill-Stearns Building represents the

<sup>1</sup> See John W. Childers, *A History of Talent*. Talent Historical Society Newsletter.



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culmination of the shift away from the railroad focus of the early 20th century to the automobile as Talent's major commercial corridor. Although modified slightly in siding and window detail, the Hill-Stearns Building retains substantial connection to its original design, most notably in the arched false parapet that mimics the arched roof system and the angle canopy of the front entry. The Hill-Stearns Building effectively relates both its original period of construction and its significance as a longtime commercial structure within the core commercial area of Talent.



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Historic Name: **Bell, Thomas Jefferson Hse**  
 Location: **104 I STREET**

Common: **Bell House**  
 Date of Construction: **1897**

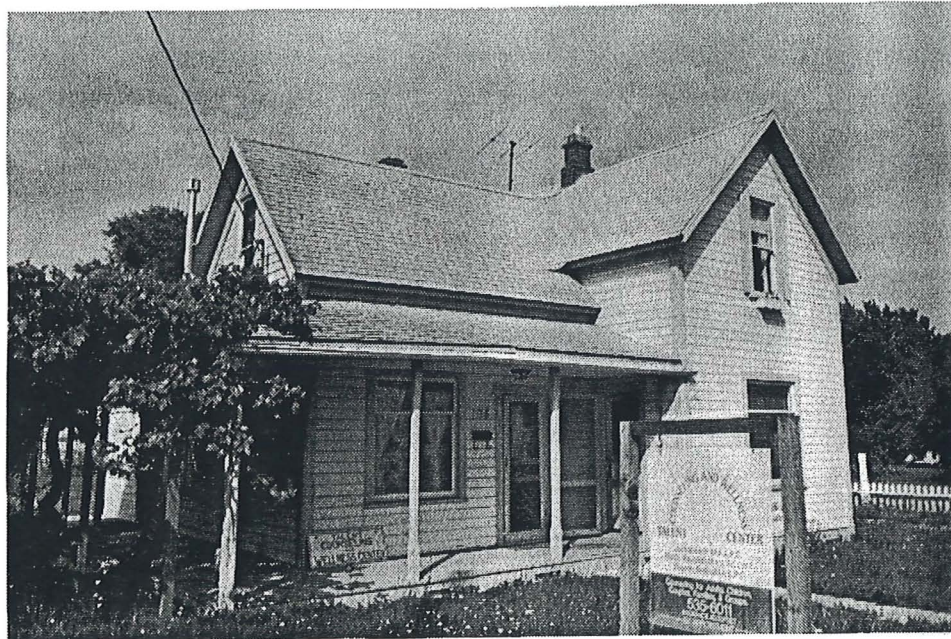
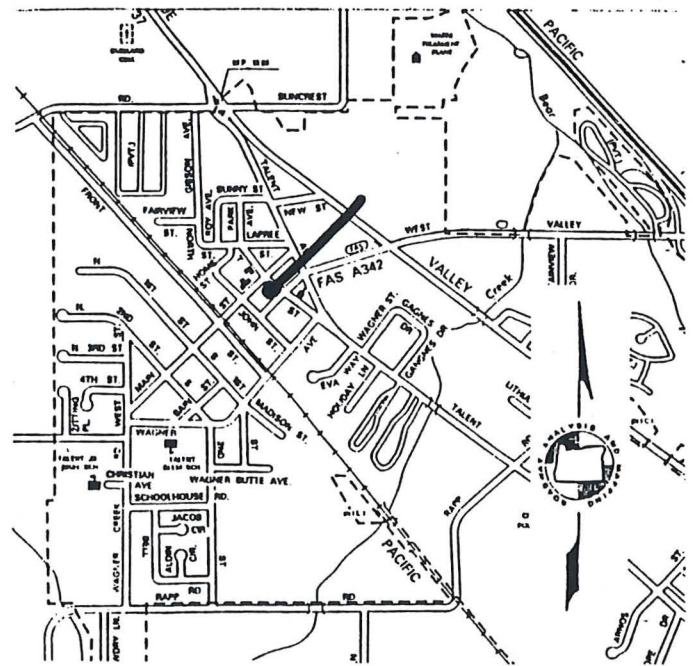
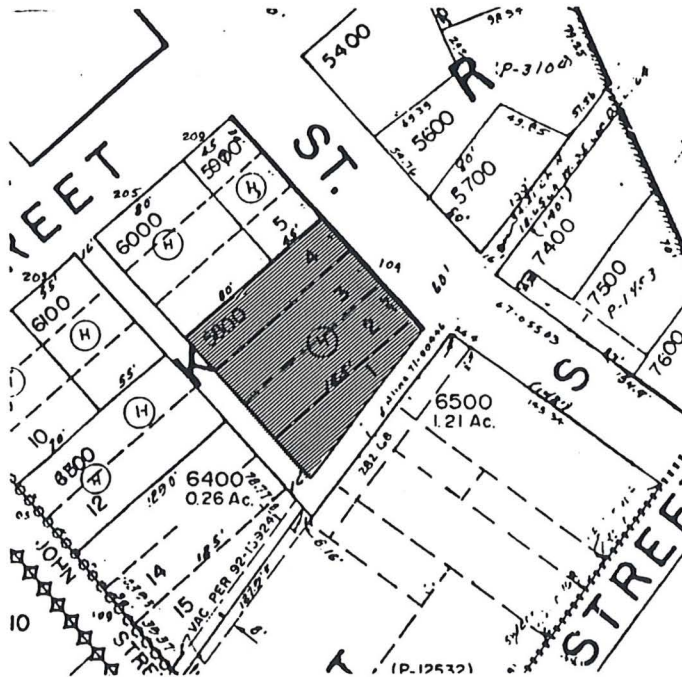


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Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey No. **219.0**  
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Historic Name: **Bell, Thomas Jefferson Hse**  
Location: **104 I STREET**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **MAYFIELD PAUL TRUSTEE FBO**  
MailAdd **985 CLAYTON ST**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94117**  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **K** Lot: **1-4** Taxlot: **5800**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276175**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Bell House**  
Date of Construction: **1897**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Commerce:Professional**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **L-Shaped**  
Foundation: **Wood;Post&Pier**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Multiple**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash windows**

No. of Stories **1.5**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal V-Groove S/Lap**

Decorative Features: **cottage style windows of unequal panes; corner boards; porch in ell;  
wide fascia boards**

Other: **Central brick chimney with corbeled cap**

Alterations/Additions: **False shutters added**

Landscape Features: **Gigantic grape and arbor to south, large unkept grassy lot with driveway  
access to rear**

Associated Structures: **Small gable shed to rear**

Setting: **Facing east is mixed residential\commerical area of central Talent business  
district. Surrounding uses include small residential to west and north,**

Sources **modern commerical structure to south.**

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Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty  
Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **219.0**  
SHPO NO:

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TALNO: 219.0  
THOMAS JEFFERSON BELL HOUSE 381W23CD-5800  
104 I STREET  
Built: 1897 Primary

This one and one-half story wood frame dwelling is of the once common vernacular "ell" type, a modification of the I-house with the addition of a second gabled volume constructed at a right angle, forming a generally L-shaped floorplan. This particular example, located within the heart of the downtown Talent area, facing what was the main north route through the Rogue River Valley [later the Pacific Highway] was probably constructed in 1897 following acquisition of the lots by Daniel and Maggie Hanscom.<sup>1</sup>

Daniel Hanscom, born in Iowa in 1868, listed his occupation in the 1900 census as a blacksmith. He married Lydia Margaret Hanscom in 1888 and the couple had three sons. It is clear that Hanscom built upon the lots he purchased in 1896 for \$56 since they were considerably more valuable, at \$700, when the Hanscoms sold the same lots to Maria M. Wright in 1902. In 1907 Wright sold Lots 1-4 to Thomas Jefferson Bell. (JCD 60:62)

Thomas Jefferson Bell was born in Missouri in 1842 and was an early Oregon pioneer. Following the death of his first wife, Bell married Amanda Lewis McDonald, a widow with two children who joined Bell's own six offspring.<sup>2</sup> Bell, who apparently arrived in the Talent area in the late 1880s or early 1890s, listed his occupation as "farmer" in the 1900 census. By 1910, having purchased the subject dwelling, Mr. and Mrs. Bell were operating the "Bell House," a lodging and rooming house and Bell's occupation was listed as "hotel keeper." The census of that year shows the elderly couple living in the subject property with Ossie Carnahan, a "hired girl," seven lodgers (all single men), and one son. An indication of the Talent economy of the period is evident in the employment of the majority of the lodgers in various farm or orchard positions.

"The Bell," has the facility became known, was frequently mentioned in local newspaper accounts and the Bell family apparently improved the facility and its grounds.

Landlord Bell of the Bell House is fencing the lot upon which the Talent Hardware Company's shop formerly stood and will make a handsome flower garden of it. (*Ashland Tidings*, 20-March-1913, 3:3)

Bell Hse is having a rose garden and park put in...Wagner Creek Nursery is furnishing the shrubs. (*Ashland Tidings* 19-April-1913, 3:3)

Bell continued to operate "The Bell" at least through 1916 although it is unclear to what extent the facility was in operation after that. Bell sold the property in 1927 to Thomas and Cora Lamb. (180:503) Lamb, another area pioneer and farmer, apparently lived in the house

<sup>1</sup> The Hanscoms purchased Lots 1-6 plus a portion of Lot 7 from Laura V. Edwards on 10-December-1896 for \$56.

<sup>2</sup> See Fred Lockley, "Impressions and Observations of the Journal Man," *Oregon Journal*, 29-August-1924.

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for many years. In 1942, following Cora's death, Thomas Lamb sold the house to his daughter Katie Estes "with love and affection." (JCD 236:498)<sup>3</sup> Following Roy's death, Katie Estes remained in the subject property at least through the late 1970s. By the 1980s the building had become a professional office, a use which remains at this writing.

The Hanscom-Bell House retains high integrity to its historic appearance in design, use of materials and detailing. Sited upon a large open lot, the building accurately conveys its 19th century development, its long-term role in the center of the Talent downtown area, and its significant associations with both the Bell and Lamb-Estes families.

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<sup>3</sup> For more on Katie Lamb Estes see TALNO 243.0.





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Historic Name: **Dickey, Anna Hse**  
 Location: **209 MAIN ST E**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1940**

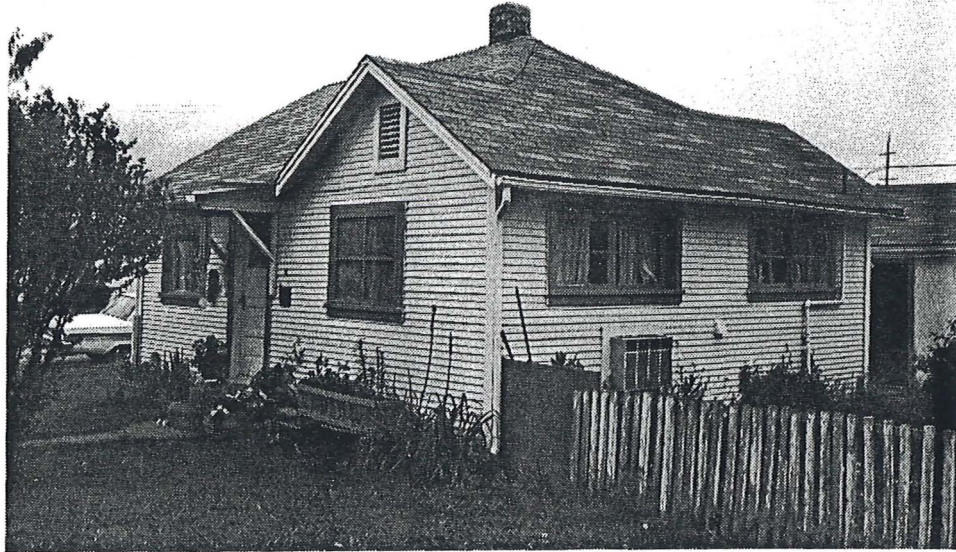
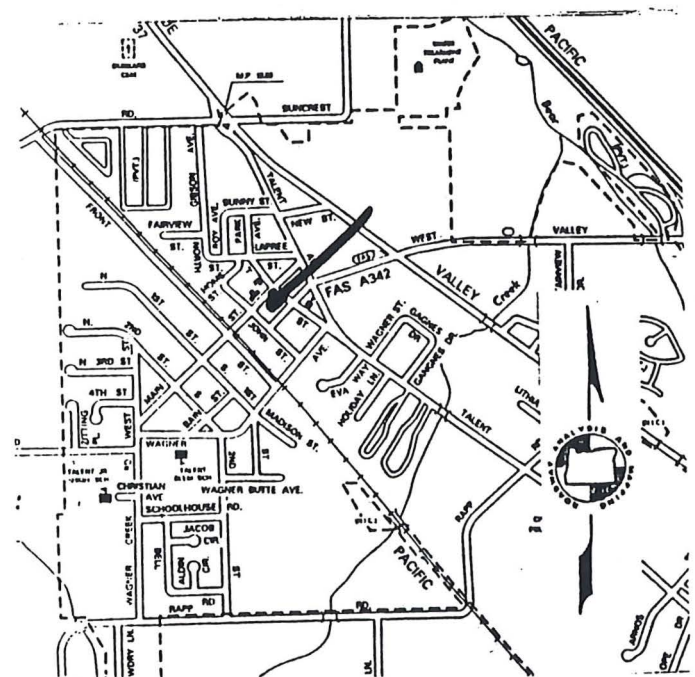


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Ranking: **Contributing**

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Historic Name: **Dickey, Anna Hse**  
Location: **209 MAIN ST E**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **ALLEN ALDURA ANN**  
MailAdd **1221 E CYPRESS #101**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1940**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**REDDING**, CA 96002  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **K** Lot: **E1/3 5-7** Taxlot: **5900**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276183**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Block** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Hipped;Multiple** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window **multi-lite fixed windows; four pane windows**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **small shed roof entry porch with diagonal brace support; small brick flue**

Other:

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Large bushes to north, grassy lawn**

Associated Structures: **Gable garage\unit to south**  
Setting:

**Corner lot at SW corner of Main and I streets in area of mixed residential, commercial and public uses.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey Number: **220.0**  
SHPO NO:

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TALNO: 220.0  
DICKEY, ANNA HOUSE HSE  
209 MAIN ST  
Built: c1940

381W23CD-5900

Contributing

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Little definite information regarding this modest L-shaped dwelling could be located. Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes indicate that the land was long owned by the International Order of Oddfellows [IOOF] but that as late as 1925 no structure was present on the site. By 1930 local merchant Marion F. Tryer and his wife, Anne, owned the lot valued at \$40 with a structure of equal value. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps done in June 1930 show a building of similar dimension as that presently standing in use as a "Shoe and Harness Shop" but it is not clear if this building is the same as the present dwelling. In 1935 the lot was owned by M. W. and Lillian Maxwell, with \$50 of improvements. In 1940, however, a substantial jump in valuation is present, with the improvement valued at \$130 and the owner listed as Anna Dickey. This likely indicates either the construction or remodeling of the building to its present configuration. Mrs. Dickey is not listed in the 1942 Polk's Jackson County Directory and it is not clear if she resided here or owned the shop building as a rental. By 1950 the property had been transferred to Clenna F. and Bernice E. McNutt. (JCD 332:264)

Despite the lack of documentary information regarding this property, its architecture indicates it to have been built prior to World War II and may well prove to be somehow connected to the earlier commercial use. As presently configured, the Dickey House is a typical example of the modest dwelling types erected in Talent during the first half of the 20th century and as such contributes to the general character of the downtown area.

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Historic Name: **Gedlick-Kirkpatrick Hse**  
 Location: **205 MAIN ST E**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1935**

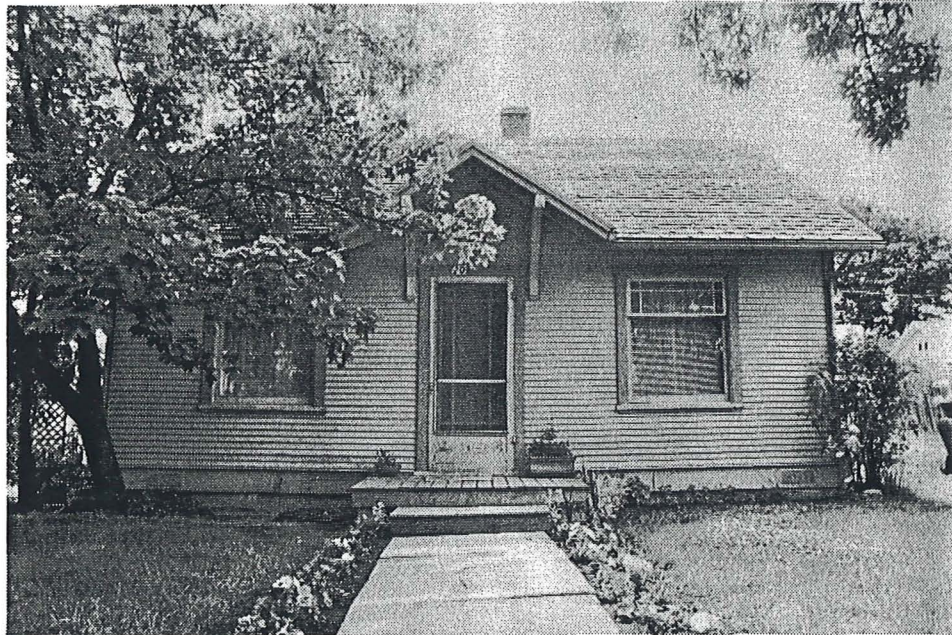
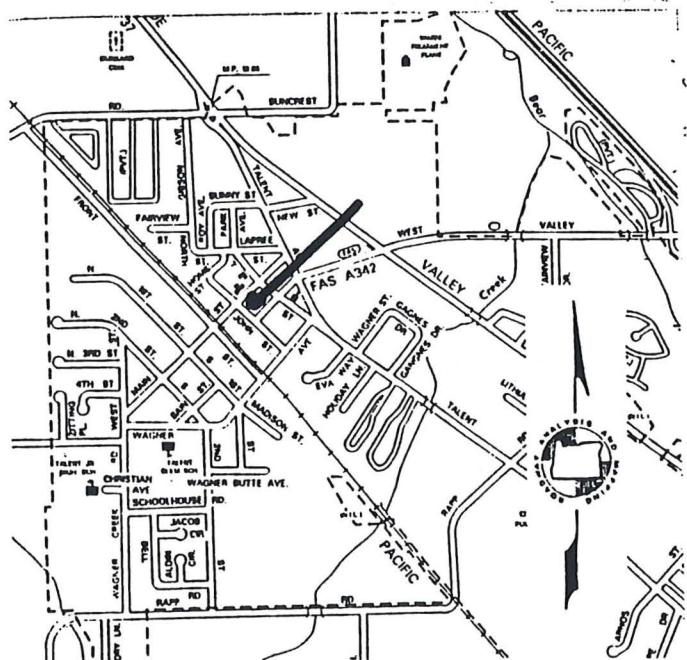
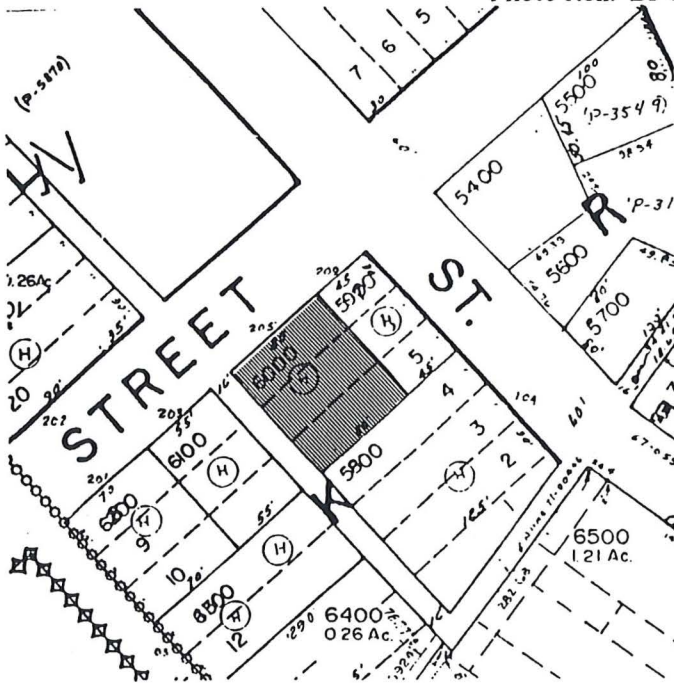


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Historic Name: **Gedlick-Kirkpatrick Hse**  
Location: **205 MAIN ST E**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **ALLEN RICKY J/VIRGINIA E**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 243**

**TALENT**, OR **97540**  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **K** Lot: **W2/3 5-7** Taxlot: **6000**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276191**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1935**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash window**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **gable roof entry porch with cut-out bracket supports; brackets on eaves;  
brick chimney with cap**

Other:

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Large trees, mature plantings,**

Associated Structures: **Garage to rear with drop siding gable roof and sliding track door**  
Setting:

**Mid-block, facing north, in area of mixed residential and public uses.  
Unpaved alleyway to west.**

Sources

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Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty  
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Date Recorded: **03/28/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **221.0**  
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TALNO:	221.0	
GEDLICH-KIRKPATRICK HOUSE		381W23CD-6000
205	MAIN ST	
Built:	c1935	Secondary

A one-story wood frame dwelling in the Bungalow style, the Gedlich-Kirkpatrick House was either built upon or moved to this site sometime between June 1930 and 1935. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated June 1930, show the site as vacant and Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes for the same year indicate the area was owned by a "Harry Maultby" and valued at \$110 without any taxable improvements. Assessor's notes from 1935 document land of the same value but now with an \$640 improvement, presumably the subject house.

In May 1938 Erick Gedlich sold the house to P. J. and Elizabeth Kirkpatrick. (JCD 217:250) By the late 1940s, Elizabeth Kirkpatrick was in sole possession through a Life Estate, with Jason C. and Gertrude Ottinger, who apparently owned the house following Elizabeth's death, retaining possession until after Gertrude's death in 1986. The Ottinger's may have used the residence for rental purposes as the 1964 directory lists Iver E. Bergren at this address. In the late 1980s the house was owned and occupied by Bertha I. Hayman.

Architecturally, the Gedlich-Kirkpatrick House is consistent in design with the elements of the popular Bungalow Style, a common early 20th century residential form. The narrow "double-drop" siding, brackets, cornerboards, corbelled brick chimney, and plain window trim are all common in houses built during an earlier period than the c1935 date at which this structure is known to first appear on this site. This leads to the conclusion that the building has been relocated to this property from elsewhere, however, no indication of such a move has been located.

Although indistinct in terms of its social history, the Gedlich-Kirkpatrick remains virtually "as built" from the standpoint of materials and exterior appearance. Its high integrity accurately relate its original period of construction and the stylistic associations which make the dwelling a significant element within the Talent context.



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Historic Name: **Helms-Hanson Hse**  
 Location: **109 JOHN ST**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1896**

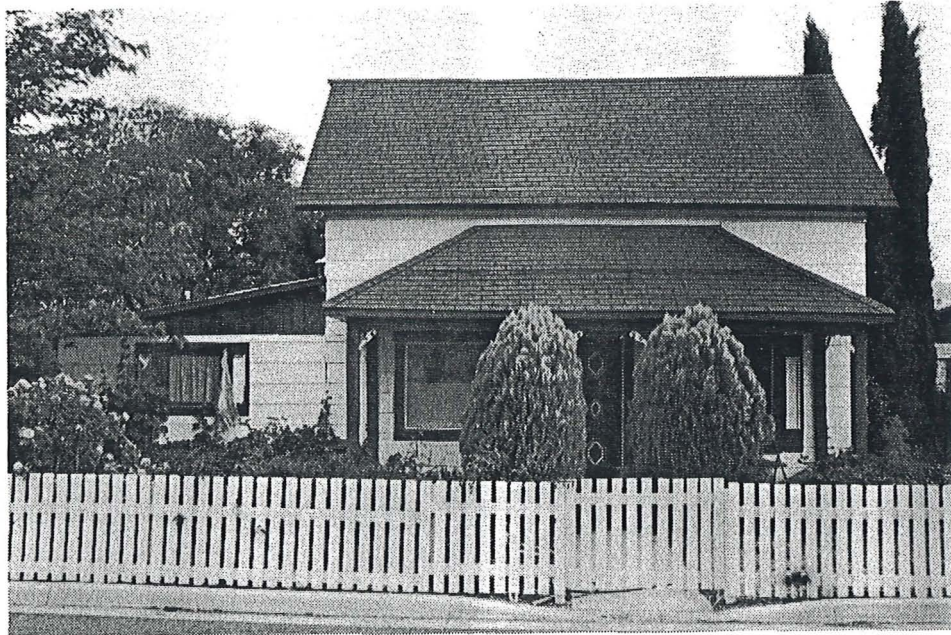
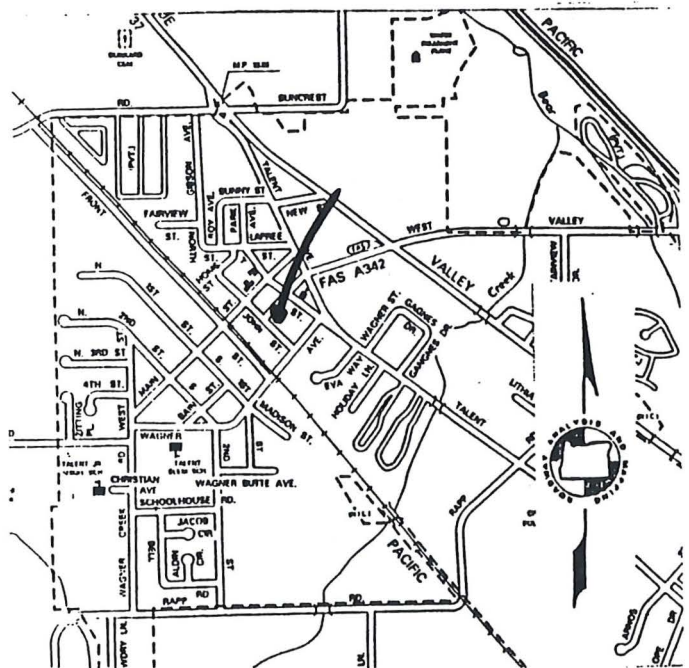
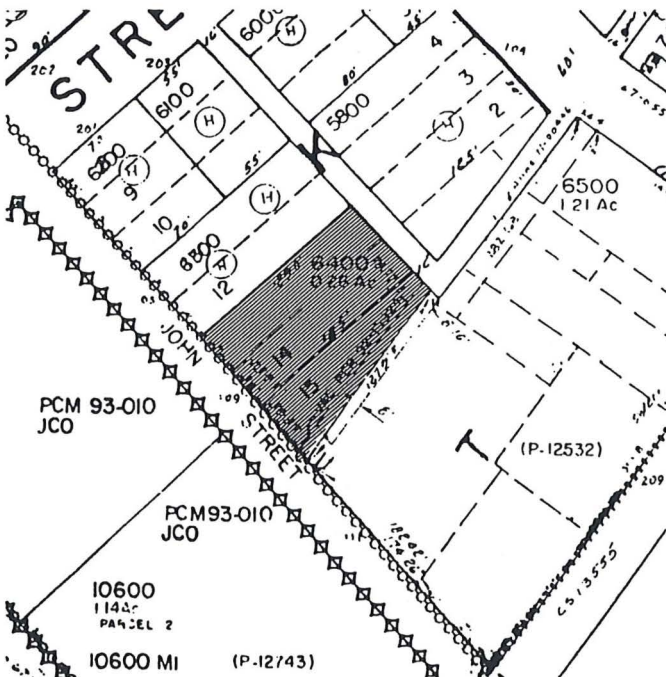


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Ranking: **Contributing**

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Historic Name: **Helms-Hanson Hse**  
Location: **109 JOHN ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **KRAMER HARRY GEORGE**  
MailAdd **7252 DARK HOLLOW**

**MEDFORD**, OR 97501  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **K** Lot: **13-15** Taxlot: **6400**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276231**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1896**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **good**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.5**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash; fixed plate glass window**

Exterior Surface: **Asbestos Shingle;Straight Edge**

Decorative Features: **half-hipped facade porch, scrolled brackets on porch posts,**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **large shed roof addition built on north and east elevation gable roof volume to r**

Landscape Features: **Large well-landscaped lot of mature trees and shrubs. Fenced yard along John Street.**

Associated Structures: **Conc. Blk storage building to SE**  
Setting:

**Mid-block facing west in mixed area of commercial and residential uses.  
Faces modern Post Office on former RR right-of-way to west.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey Number: **225.0**  
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TALNO: 225.0  
HELMS-HANSON HOUSE  
109 JOHN ST  
Built: c1896

381W23CD-6400

Contributing

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Among the oldest identified structures still standing in the Talent study area, the main volume of the Helms-Hanson House consists of a one and one-half story wood frame vernacular structure of the so-called "I-House" type. This common 19th century building style was once quite common in the Talent area according to surviving historic photographs.

Although possibly built earlier, the Helms-Hanson House was almost certainly standing in January 1897 when the property was sold by James and Elizabeth Helms to C. Nininger of Ashland for \$225, a fairly high sales price in Talent at that time. (JCD 33:333)<sup>1</sup> The Helms and Nininger families were both prominent pioneers in the southern Bear Creek Valley and it is unclear, and doubtful, that they ever actually lived in this location. James and Elizabeth Helms were among the original landowners who, with A.P. Talent, signed the Original Town Plat in 1889.

In 1903 Nininger sold the house to J.W. and Eva M. Harvey, realizing \$350, or \$125 more than he had paid six years earlier. (JCD 47-277) In 1904, a little less than a year later, Wm. H. and Nora S. Clark purchased the house for \$350. (JCD 51:334) Three years later, in the midst of the beginnings of the Rogue Valley's phenomenal growth as a result of orchard development, Horace Hansen[or Hanscom] bought the property from the Clark's for \$450, apparently remaining here at least into the 1930s. (JCD 56:233) In 1940 Benjamin B. and Olive S. Clark purchased the property from the Jackson County Sheriff, following tax foreclosure. (JCD 206:292) At some point after 1930, likely in the 1960s, a large single-story shed volume was added to the north elevation, detracting from the symmetry of the main volume.

Although still recognizable as an early element in the downtown Talent area, the combination of the exterior re-siding and the major addition to the north reduce the ability of the Helms-Hanson House to accurately reflect its 19th century development history.

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<sup>1</sup> The relatively high sales price, as compared with other transactions of the period in the Talent area, indicate the structure to have been standing. This is further supported by the moderate increases in subsequent sales of the subject property documented as a part of this project.

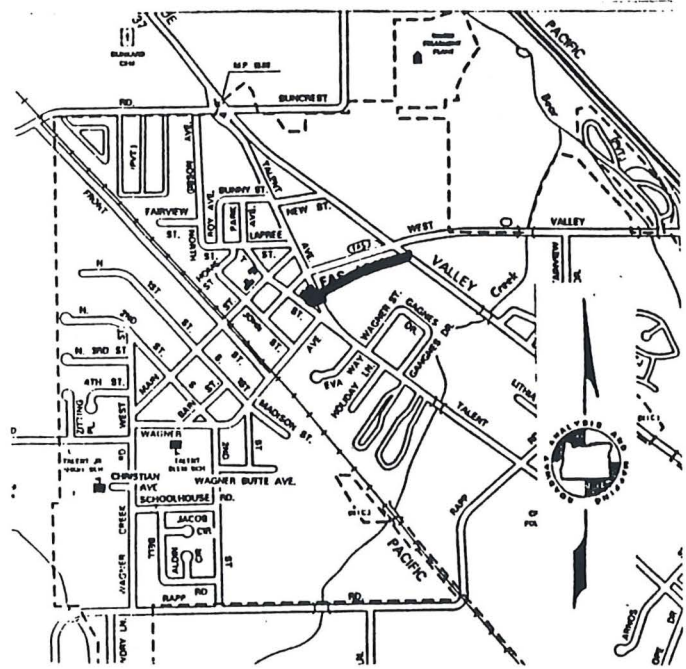
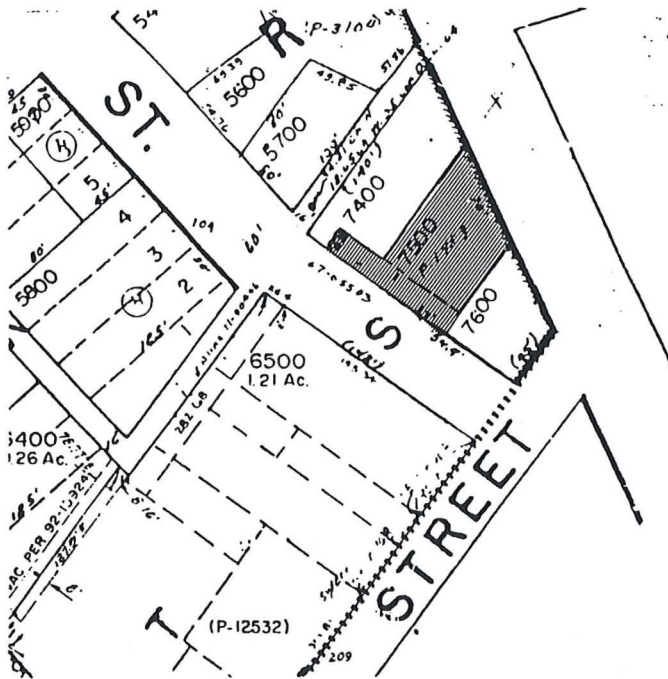
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Historic Name: **Edith Cochran Bldg**  
 Location: **114 TALENT AVE**

Common: **Willie's Talent Club**  
 Date of Construction: **c1925/45**



Photo Roll: BP5 Frame: 11A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: **Secondary**

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[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Edith Cochran Bldg**  
Location: **114 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **OSBORNE WILLIAM C**  
MailAdd **9480 WAGNER CR RD**

**TALENT**  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **S** Lot:  
T/R/S **381W23CD**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

**, OR 97540**

Taxlot: **7500**  
Acct# **10276339**  
**10276321**

Common: **Willie's Talent Club**  
Date of Construction: **c1925/45**  
Original Use: **Commerce:Tavern**  
Present Use: **Commerce:Tavern**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **No Style**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **Fixed commercial multi-lite windows**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Asbestos Shingle;Straight Edge**

Decorative Features: **False front above gable roof; full width facade porch**

Other: **Early neon sign at SE corner, canted front porch canopy**

Alterations/Additions: **T-111 siding covers facade [n.d.], asbestoes siding not original [c.1940s]**

Landscape Features: **Parking area to north**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting: **Mid-block facing east in central Talent business district. Located along former Pacific Highway,**

Sources

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Ranking: **Secondary**

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TALNO: 228.0

EDITH COCHRAN BUILDING

381W23CD-7500

114 TALENT AVE

Built: c1925/45

Secondary

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This one-story commercial building was apparently constructed in the early 1920s during the ownership of Orlie Harold Powers. Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes for 1925 show the structure on the lot with an appraised value of \$500. In 1929 Edith Cochran purchased the parcel from Powers' parents, Nelson and Lydia Powers, for \$1000 and the deed notes that Orlie, also known as Harold O. Powers, died in October 1917, leaving his estate to be administered by his mother. (JCD 178:572-3) Long known as "Edith Cochran's" the assumption here is that Cochran was logically involved with this building from its construction through some agreement with the Powers estate, and thus the building is most appropriately known as the Edith Cochran Building.

The 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map shows the Cochran Building at the corner of the Pacific Highway and Wagner Creek Road, described as "S. D. and Pool," presumably referring to the sale of soft drinks and pool hall use.<sup>1</sup> A history of Talent in 1934 describes this building as follows;

...the pool hall ...which is simply known locally as "Long's" — it is operated by Charley Long, a gruff man with a heart of gold who hung a sign on the back bar that said plainly "if your kids need shoes, don't buy booze" and a pair of children's shoes were attached to the sign...he also had several slot machines, pool tables and punch boards for the adventurous who could afford to gamble...<sup>2</sup>

By 1942, Long had moved his business east, onto the new Pacific Highway and the subject building had apparently become the "Talent Pool Hall," under the management of G. Bert Simmons. Near the end of WWII, circa 1945, the business name was changed to the Talent Club and the club was apparently substantially remodeled. A citation on the Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes for that year state "building rebuilt, 1945." The small neon sign, at the southern edge of the facade, also reportedly dates from this period.<sup>3</sup> The Cochran Building remains the location of the Talent Club, now approaching its 50th year under that name, at this writing.

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<sup>1</sup> What is now TL 7600, south of the Cochran Building, was a part of the street right of way in 1930.

<sup>2</sup> See "Some Interesting Tidbits of Talent History from the Newsflashes." *Talent Historical Society Newsletter*, January 1995.

<sup>3</sup> Mrs. E. J. [Ralph] Ellis, personal communication with the Author, 25-March-1991. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis owned and operated the Medford Neon Company for many years.



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The Edith Cochran Building retains substantial integrity in volume and general character to its appearance following the 1945 remodeling. Various modern siding materials, particularly on the upper facade, somewhat detract from its ability to relate its historic design, however, the building remains an important element with the Talent downtown area and adequately conveys both its period of construction and the associations for which it is significant.



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Historic Name: **Hart, Benj. & Ethel Hse**  
 Location: **102 MAIN ST W**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **1940**

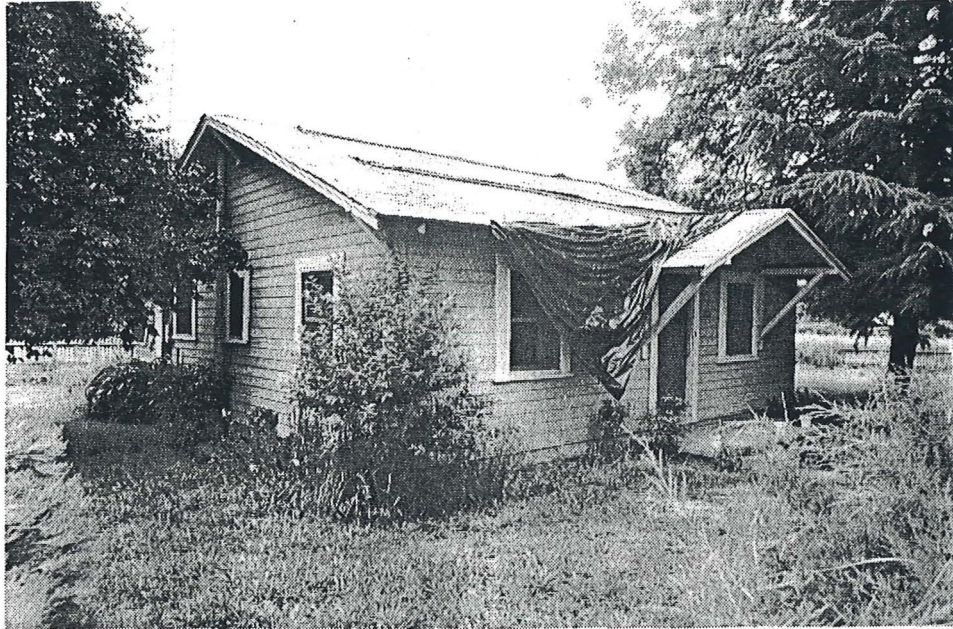
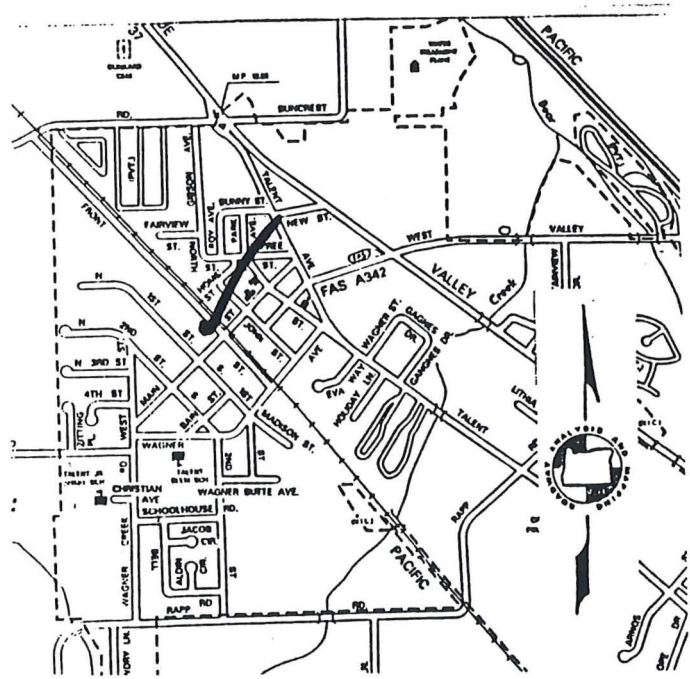
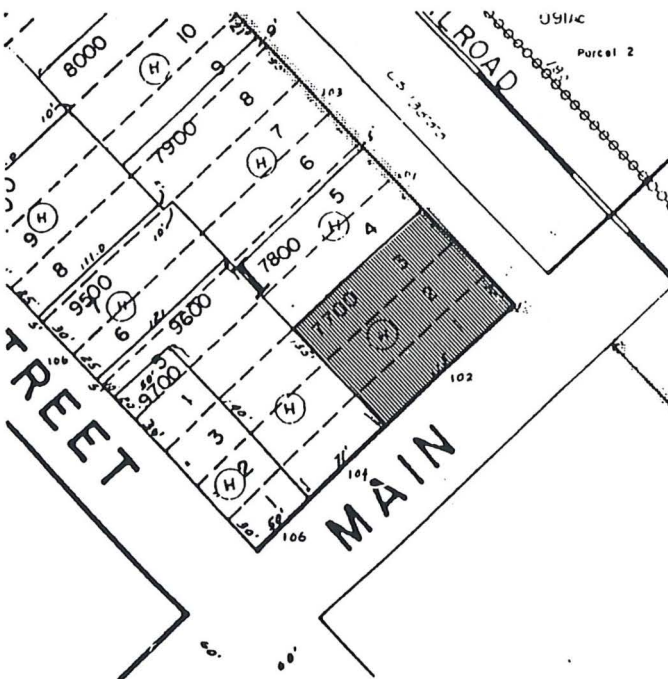


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Ranking: **Contributing**

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Historic Name: **Hart, Benj. & Ethel Hse**  
Location: **102 MAIN ST W**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **CARPER JAMES P/JUDITH I**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 26**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **I** Lot: **1-3** Taxlot: **7700**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276353**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1940**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Fair**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 a & 6/1 (orig.) double hung sash windows**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **gable roof entry porch with supporting cut-out brackets; exposed rafter tails, wide plain board window trim.**

Other:

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Large tree to SE, mature shrubs etc.**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting:

**Corner lot, facing south, in area of small one and one and one-half story single family residential uses.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Contributing**

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BENJ. & ETHEL HART HOUSE

102 MAIN ST

Built: 1940

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Historic photographs show this corner location to have been occupied by a wood-frame falsefront commercial structure in the early 1910 period. Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes document that property as owned by John Franklin Cameron. It is unclear at what point this structure was lost, although by 1935 the improvement on the site was valued as only \$100. The small house now standing was apparently either constructed or relocated to this site between 1935 and 1940 at which time Benjamin and Ethel Hart were the owners. Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes for that year show an improvement valued at \$450.

Architecturally undistinguished and presently in only fair condition, the Hart House remains essentially as built, retaining its original siding, use of materials, and other exterior elements.

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Historic Name: **Hearing, John & Laura**  
 Location: **103 FRONT ST N**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **1909/43**

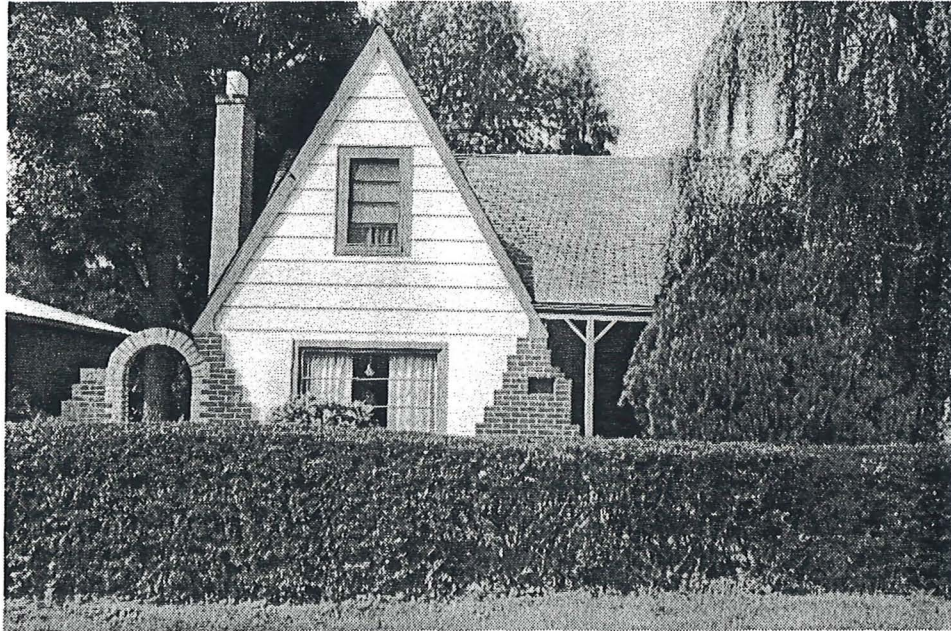
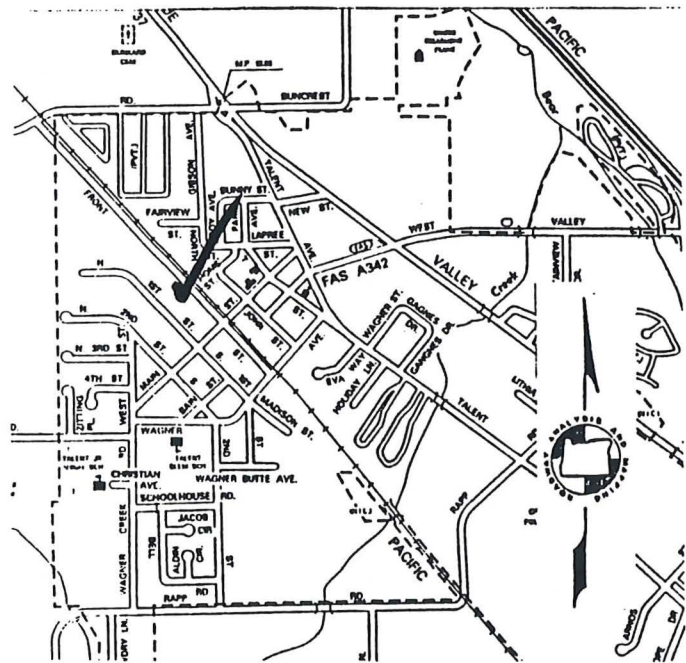


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Ranking: **Primary**

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Historic Name: **Hearing, John & Laura**  
Location: **103 FRONT ST N**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **HANSON EDWIN C**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 162**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **I** Lot: **6-8** Taxlot: **7900**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276370**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1909/43**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Period:Norman Farm**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Irregular** No. of Stories **1.5**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Intersect** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **2/2 double hung sash; multi-pane fixed picture window**

Exterior Surface: **Stucco**

Decorative Features: **stucco finish on lower story, wood shingles on upper story,  
polychromatic brick treatment on entry porch, brick chimney with corbel  
cap, brick quoins on corners**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **current owner says current house remodeled in 1943 from previous appearanc**

Landscape Features:

Associated Structures: **detached single portal gable roof garage to northwest of house**

Setting:

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire  
Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty  
Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Date Recorded: **03/29/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **232.0**  
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TALNO: 232.0

JOHN & LAURA HEARING HOUSE

381W23CD-7900

103 FRONT ST N

Built: 1909/43

Primary

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The development history of this one and one-half story dwelling is somewhat confused but indicates that the original volume was constructed circa 1909 for John and Laura Hearing. Between January and November of that year the Hearings were involved in a series of transfers that likely relate to a mortgage assumed to have been taken to fund construction of the dwelling.<sup>1</sup>

In 1913, Mrs. Hearing took over the management of the Talent Hotel, located at the corner of Front and Main.<sup>2</sup>

The Talent Hotel will re-open June 1, under the management of Mrs. Hearing, to whom Mrs. Lacey (sic) has rented the building and furniture. (*Ashland Tidings*, 26-May-1913, 3:4)

Mr. and Mrs. Hearing, who have leased the Talent Hotel, are putting it in up-to-date shape and will install a good ladies parlor.... (*Ashland Tidings*, 9-June-1913, 3:4)

The Talent Hotel venture was not successful and by 1916 Hearing listed his occupation in city directories as a "teamster."<sup>3</sup> The Hearings appear to have left Jackson County by the early 1940s and little information regarding them or subsequent owners was located. In 1951 the present owners purchased the house from C. H. and Eva Pendleton. (JCD 348:158)

Aerial views of Talent taken circa 1910-11 show what appears to be the Hearing House as typical one and one-story vernacular volume, with its ridge running parallel to Front street. At some point, reportedly in 1943, the house was substantially modified to its present quasi-Norman Farmhouse style appearance by the addition of the front-facing volume.<sup>4</sup> This likely encompassed, or replaced, an earlier front porch. Typical elements of the Norman Farmhouse style include the steeply pitched front facing gable, the tall brick chimney with projecting flue, and the arched gate entry at the SE corner.

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<sup>1</sup> See JCD 71:564 and 75:220, involving the Hearings, Mrs. Lulu Hahn and Cynthia and Martin Markeson. These transactions are somewhat unclear and involve more property than that now associated with the dwelling.

<sup>2</sup> See TALNO 309.0 for more information the Talent Hotel.

<sup>3</sup> The family name was mis-spelled "Harring" in this source.

<sup>4</sup> Edwin Hanson, personal communication with Hugh Davidson, 29-March-1995.

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While no longer representative of its original design or early development history, the John and Laura Hearing House, as remodeled, represents an excellent example of the Norman Farmhouse style within the Talent area. As such, it is one of the few structures to employ one of these so-called "period" revivals and thus constitutes an important visual element within the city.



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Historic Name: Wicha, Frank Hse  
Location: 122 FIRST ST N

Common: Same  
Date of Construction: c1907

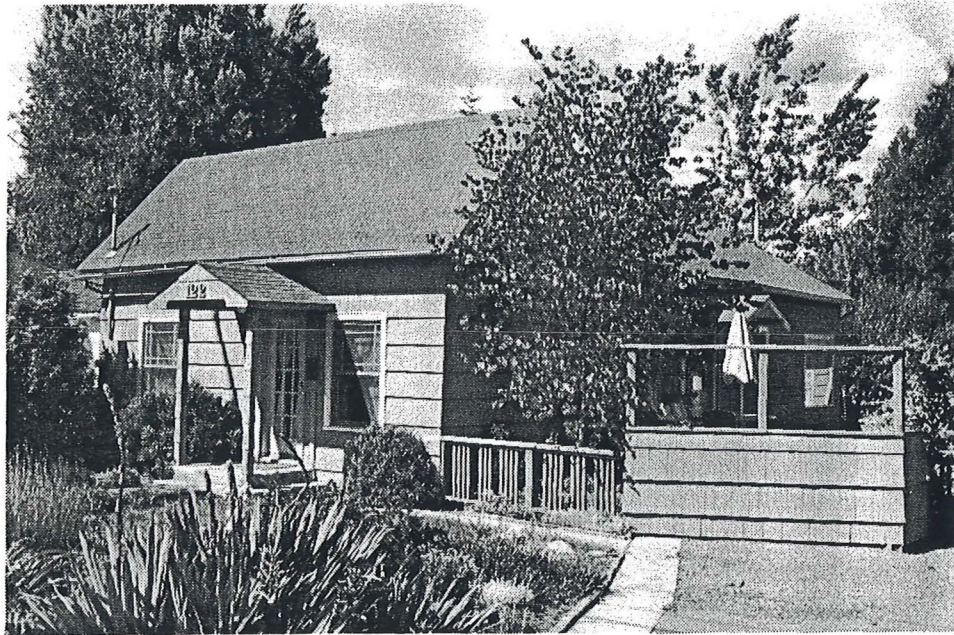
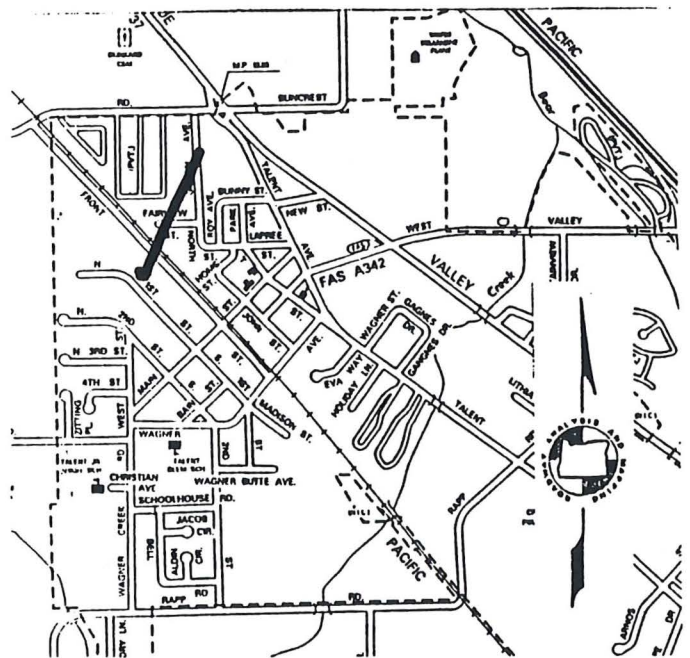
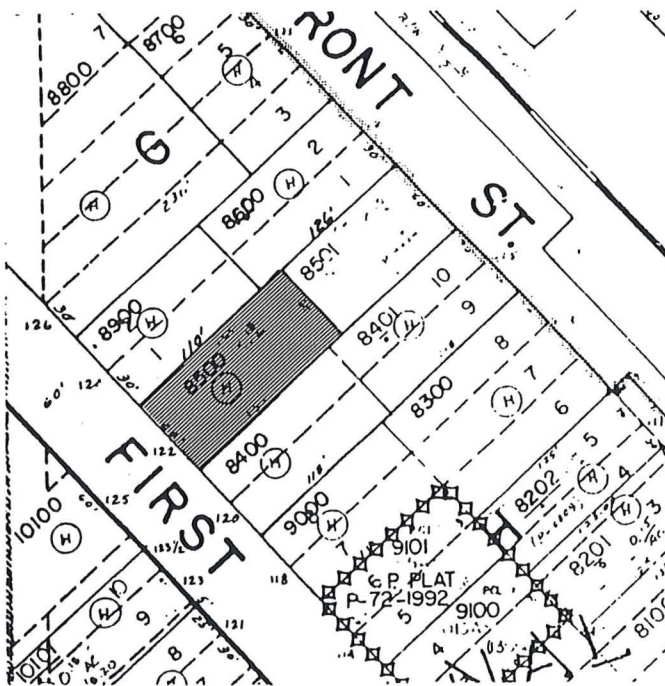


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Historic Name: **Wicha, Frank Hse**  
Location: **122 FIRST ST N**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **CATES MARLA KAYE**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 537**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1907**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Excellent**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: - Lot: **VAC STREET** Taxlot: **8500**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276442**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **T-Shaped** No. of Stories **1.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Intersect** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash with cottage-type upper sash**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Shingle; 1940s-Era Scored**

Decorative Features: **Small gablet porch entry,**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Re-sided, [late 40s], deck added, garage remodeled**

Landscape Features: **Established front landscaping, perimeter plantings**

Associated Structures: **Single portal gable roofed garage to rear with upper office area**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing west, in residential area of one and one and one-half single family dwellings.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Date Recorded: **03/30/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **241.0**  
SHPO NO:

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TALNO: 241.0  
FRANK WICHA HOUSE  
122 FIRST ST N  
Built: c1907

381W23CD-8500

Secondary

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This one-story volume was built c1910, following the sale of as “large tract of land from Main to West Fork” from R.J. Edwards to Frank Wicha in July 1907. (JCD 60:243)<sup>1</sup> The 1910 Jackson County Census lists Wicha as residing in this area of Talent and by 1912 the Jackson County Assessor’s Fieldnotes document a \$200 improvement on the site.

Frank Wicha was born in December 1853 in Austria (Bohemia) and was living in the Talent area as early 1900 according to census information. Unmarried, Wicha was living alone in his own home and listed his occupation as “farmer.” In 1910 his occupation was listed as “laborer, farm” and the 1916 directory shows his occupation as “gardener.” It does not appear Wicha ever married. Wicha retained the property until his death, sometime prior to 1935, at which point Linnie E. Rapp, as adminstrix of estate, sold the land to the State Land Board. (JCD 202:35) Four years later, in 1939, the State sold the property to Bert F. and Jean Simmons for \$275. Bert Simmons is listed in the 1939 Polk’s Jackson County Directory as Talent’s “Marshall and Fire Chief.” In 1942 the Simmons’ is listed as residing on “First near Main,” possibly referring to the subject dwelling which the couple clearly owned. In 1945 the Simmons’ sold the property to Ruth and Harold J. Strauss in a deed that included the notation “...it being the intent to convey that portion of Mai[n] Street lying between West Front and First.” (JCD 274:547)<sup>2</sup>

As originally designed, the Wicha House was likely a small, t-shaped volume consistent with common “I-House” type that appears frequently in the Talent area. Historic photographs of the city taken c.1910-11 show the house standing. Somewhat modified by the application of scored wood shingles, presumably in the 1940s, it also appears the original shed porch canopy has been replaced by the present gable form. Neither alteration substantially alter the basic character of the property or effect its ability to relate the associations for which it is significant.

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<sup>1</sup> “Fork” street apparently refers to the now-vacated right-of-way that divided Blocks G and H on the official *Plat of the Town of Talent* as filed in 1889. This plat, somewhat confusingly, identifies that right-of-way as “Main” although today’s Main Street is also present, thus creating two “Main Streets” on the Talent plat. The subject tax lot, 8500, comprises what forms the western half of the “Main Street” right-of-way.

<sup>2</sup> At this point the property included all of what are today TL 8500 and 8501, the latter being split off in 1983. Please see the above footnote for a discussion on the duplicative use of “Main” street in regard to this location.



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Historic Name: **Estes, Roy L. Hse**  
 Location: **121 FRONT ST N**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **1921**

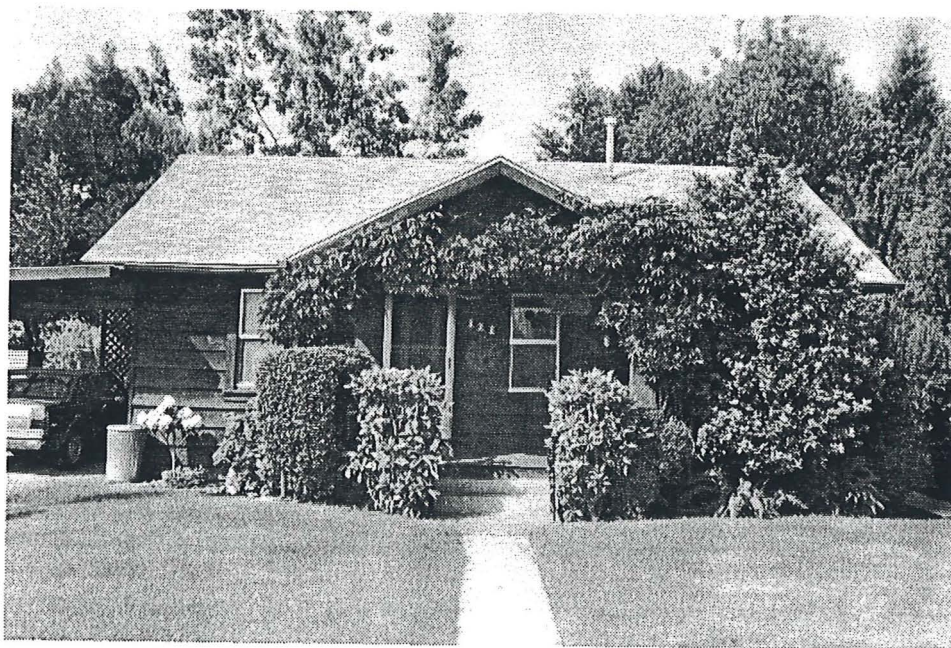
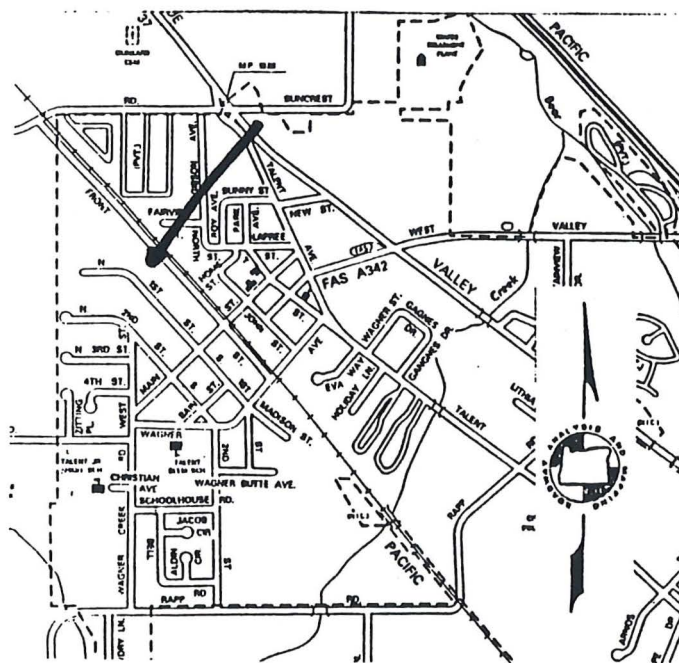
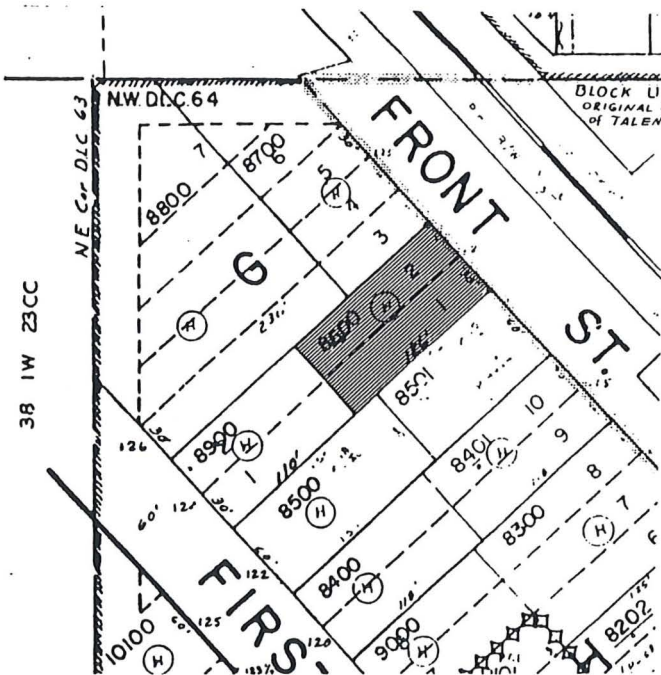


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Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey No. **243.0**  
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Historic Name: **Estes, Roy L. Hse**  
Location: **121 FRONT ST N**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **PUDDY NETA J/VILAS A**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 198**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1921**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Excellent**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **G** Lot: **E1/2 1-2** Taxlot: **8600**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276459**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 replacemnt aluminum sash**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Board**

Decorative Features: **Gable end decorative boards; large gable roof entry porch;**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Re-sided to present appearance [n.d.], open carport attached to south elevatio**

Landscape Features: **Established mature plantings, well maintained lawn.**

Associated Structures:

Setting: **Mid-block, facing east, in residential area of one and one and one-half story single family dwellings, RR right-of-way to east.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Contributing**

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TALNO: 243.0

ROY L. ESTES HOUSE

381W23CD-8600

121 FRONT ST N

Built: 1921

Contributing

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Construction of this one-story bungalow occurred in 1921, following the sale of the land to Roy Estes. (JCD 128:528) In October of that year the *Medford Mail Tribune* reported:

..Several new bungalows are to be erected yet this fall, among them Roy Estes will build a new home on West Front Street. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 21-October-1921, 7:6)

Roy L. Estes was the son of the prominent Talent residents William and Mary Estes. He was born in Missouri in July 1887, and grew up in Talent.<sup>1</sup> In 1910 Roy was living as a boarder in the house owned by Mrs. Mary Works and listed his occupation as an "orchard laborer" in the census of that year. In 1933, Estes married Katie Lamb Mason, daughter of Thomas Lamb and the widow of Harry Mason. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 8-June-1968) While it is not entirely clear if the newly married couple lived in this house or not, they clearly had moved from the structure by the early 1940s when, following the death of Mrs. Estes' father, the couple inherited the T.J. Bell House on I Street. (See TALNO 219.0) Directories show the couple living at the I Street address in 1942. In 1944 the Estes' sold the house on West Front Street to Forest and Neta Jennings. (JCD 249:444)

Although resided and somewhat modernized from its early appearance by installation of aluminum windows, the Roy L. Estes House retains its basic historic volume and mass. Compatible in scale and general character, it remains a contributing feature within the study area.

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<sup>1</sup> See TALNO 204.0, 219.0 and 415.0 for other properties connected with either the Estes family or with Katie Lamb Estes, Roy's spouse.

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Historic Name: Morrison, Alfred & Maude Hse  
 Location: 118 FIRST ST N

Common: Same  
 Date of Construction: c1908

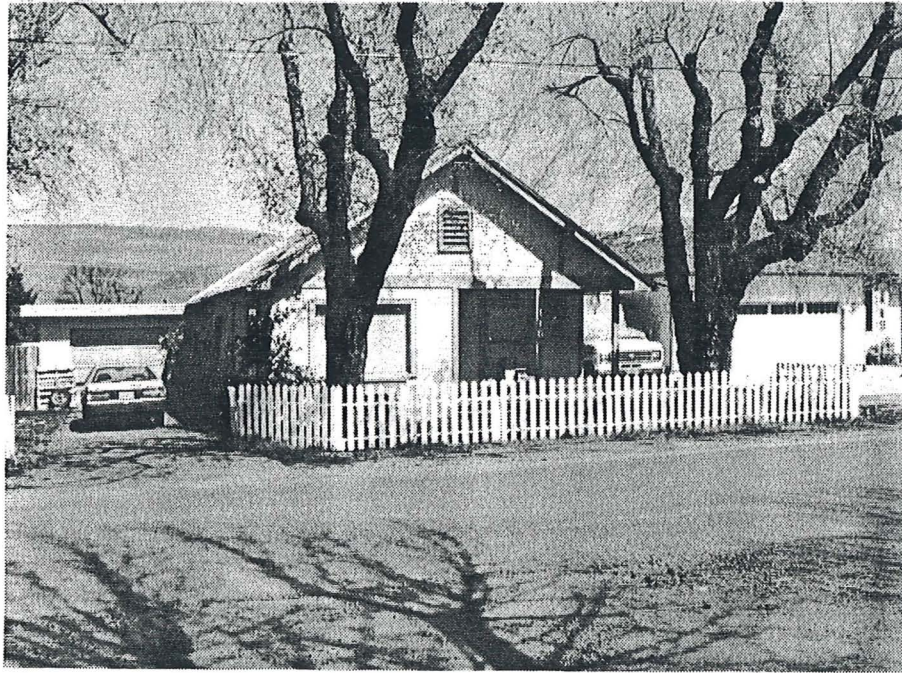
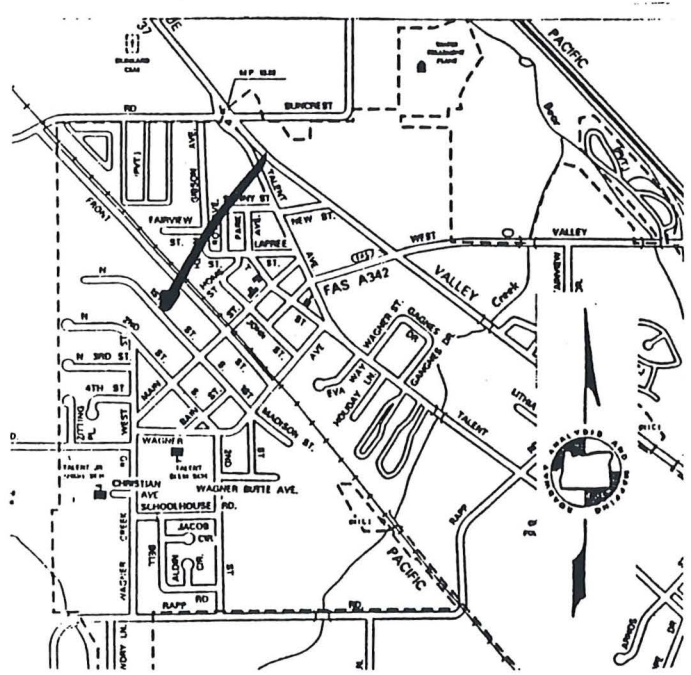
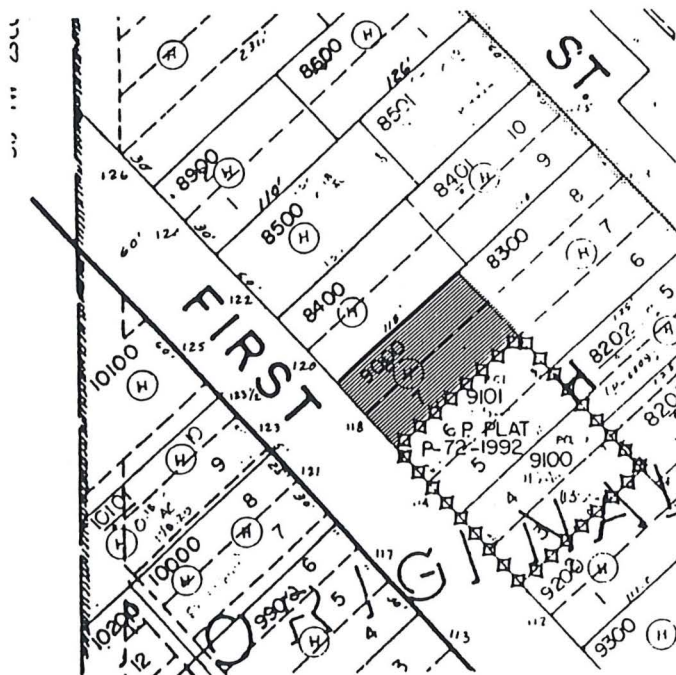


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Ranking: Secondary

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 SHPO NO:



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Historic Name: **Morrison, Alfred & Maude Hse**  
Location: **118 FIRST ST N**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **HUNKINS J R/K A HOLDEN**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 141**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **H** Lot: **W1/2 6-7** Taxlot: **9000**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276491**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1908**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **l/l double hung sash; plate glass picture**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **broad eave overhang with brackets, small panels at raking cornice ends, recessed entry porch, shingle work on gable field**

Other:  
**Louvered vent centered on open gable**

Alterations/Additions: **Picture window added\altered to facade,**

Landscape Features: **Three large trees on lot front, perimert wood fencing along street,**

Associated Structures: **Shed roof rear garage**  
Setting:

**Mid-block, facing west, in residential area of one and one and one-half single family dwellings.**

Sources

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Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **247.0**  
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TALNO: 247.0

ALFRED AND MAUDE MORRISON HOUSE

381W23CD-9000

118 FIRST ST N

Built: c1908

Secondary

This one-story Bungalow Style dwelling was constructed sometime between 1908, when the land was purchased by Alfred C. and George W. Morrison,<sup>1</sup> and 1909, when Alfred and Maude Morrison sold Lots 7-10 of Block H to W. D. and Ella Holdridge for \$750. (JCD 73:128)<sup>2</sup> Two years later the Holdridges divided the parcel and sold lots 7-8 to J.M. and Ida B. Kerby. (JCD 98:60)<sup>3</sup>

No biographical information regarding the Morrison family could be located and Alfred and Maude appear to have left Jackson County sometime prior to the 1910 census. Joseph M. Kerby was born in Oregon in 1868 and like many Talent residents of the period listed his occupation as a farmer. He and Ida (also spelled Ada, born in 1874) were married in 1889 and had three children.

Sometime prior to 1946 the property was acquired by Hazel I Ferns, presumably of the prominent Wagner Creek family, although it does not seem that she resided here. In 1946 her estate, administered by Ashland real estate agent Fred S. Engle, sold the house to Vera and Donald Montgomery. (JCD 271:344) Montgomery, married to Donald A., a logger with Skeeters Logging Company, had been living in Talent previously, possibly in this dwelling. Donald and Vera Montgomery remained here at least through 1964, with Donald still employed by the Skeeters firm.

The Alfred and Maude Morrison House retains integrity to its original design in volume and exterior siding. Typical elements of the Bungalow style, including cornerboards, wide eaves, and brackets survive, effectively conveying the original period of construction and accurately relate the associations for which the structure is significant in the early 20th century residential development of the Talent area.

<sup>1</sup> The Morrisons purchased 111' of Lots 7-8 from Fred Rapp in December 1908. They had owned other property in this immediate area as early as 1903.

<sup>2</sup> The relationship between George W. and Alfred Morrison (i.e. father/son or two brothers) is not clear. The high sales price in 1909 is taken as an indication that the improvement was constructed during the Morrison ownership period.

<sup>3</sup> The Kerbys apparently mortgaged the property to Louis and Teresa Hilty for \$400 in 1913, reassuming full ownership the following year, complicating the chain of title. (See JCD 98:60 and 102:114)



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Historic Name: **Carey-Alford Hse**  
 Location: **104 MAIN ST W**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **1910**

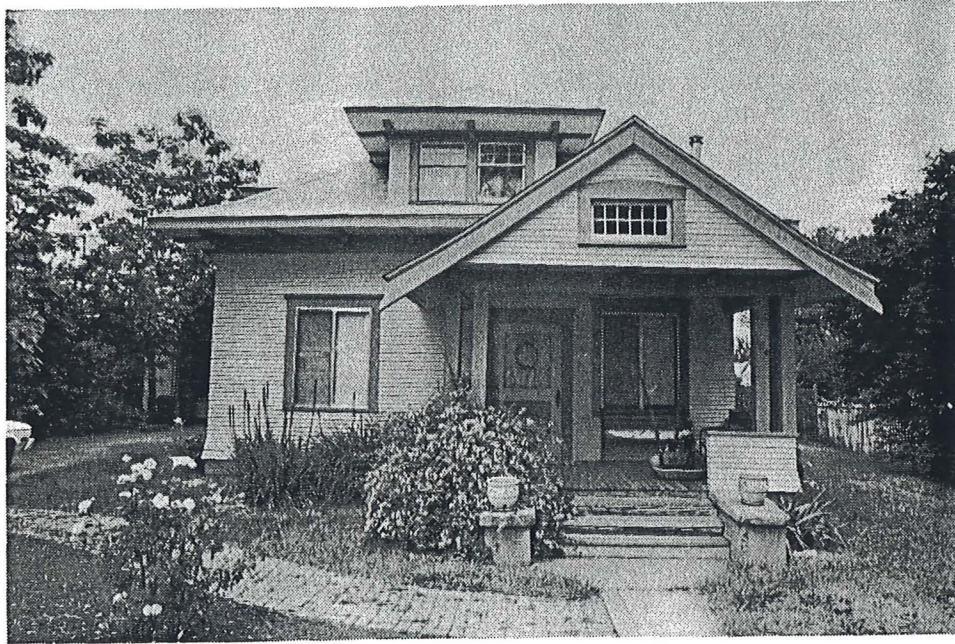
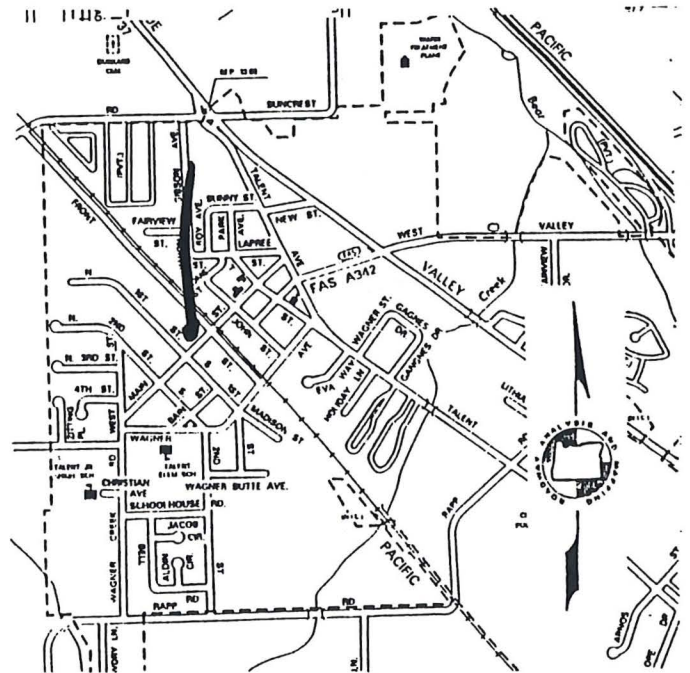


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Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey No. **254.0**  
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Historic Name: **Carey-Alford Hse**  
Location: **104 MAIN ST W**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **SPERRY VALERIE J**  
MailAdd **104 N MAIN ST**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1910**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Craftsman**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **I** Lot: **POR 1-5** Taxlot: **9600**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276556**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.5**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Hipped** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **6/1 double hung sash (orig.); aluminum sash replacments**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **Flared foundation skirting, large eaves with project decorations, extended raking cornices with sawn profile ends, partial front porch**

Other: **Hipped roof dormer, hipped wall dormer to west**

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Perimeter plantings, small concrete walkway\steps**

Associated Structures: **Garage to west of house has been converted to extra unit, attached to Setting: main volume with a covered walkway**

**Mid-block, facing south, in area of one and one and one-half story single family residential uses.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **254.0**  
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TALNO: 254.0  
CAREY-ALFORD HOUSE  
104 MAIN ST W  
Built: 1910

381W23CD-9600

Primary

One of the better examples of the Bungalow Style within the Talent study area, the William Carey House was apparently constructed prior to 1910-1911 and is clearly visible in early photographic views of the Talent downtown area. The one and one-half story hipped-roof volume is notable for its expressive raking cornices or bargeboards that flare out from the wide eaves and give the house the vaguely "Japanese" character that was often associated with the early Bungalow style.

William Carey was born in New York in 1836 and married Alpha B. Cary in 1877. In 1910 Carey listed his occupation as a poultry farmer. The social history of the Carey House is substantially complicated by its association with prominent local pioneer and investor Alfred Alford. In April 1910 Carey sold the subject property, then a portion of a parcel that extended considerably north and including much of the western half of Block I and portions of Block H, for \$2350. (JCD 82:329) Shortly thereafter the local press reported,

A. Alford is moving the house where Wm. Carey used to live onto another lot and will erect a nice new house of larger dimension. (*Ashland Tidings*, 23-June-1910, 1:5)

Although confused, this move does not appear to have taken place and Alford apparently built a dwelling similar to that of Carey's to the west of the subject parcel for his own use.<sup>1</sup> Historic photographs document both the subject dwelling and the Alford residence as having appearance virtually identical and it is possible that the subject dwelling was in fact built by Alford for use a rental. Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes for 1912 show the subject dwelling on the site, valued at \$1050 and Alford retained ownership through the early 1920s. Later owners include Stephen Lunak and Floyd and Leta F. Goin. In the early 1960s the property was owned by D. B. Tibbet.

Although the exact ownership and construction history of the Carey-Alford House remains uncertain, the building retains high integrity to its original design in materials, setting, workmanship, and overall appearance. It effectively conveys its period of construction and remains one the single best examples of its style within the study area.

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<sup>1</sup> See TALNO 342.0.

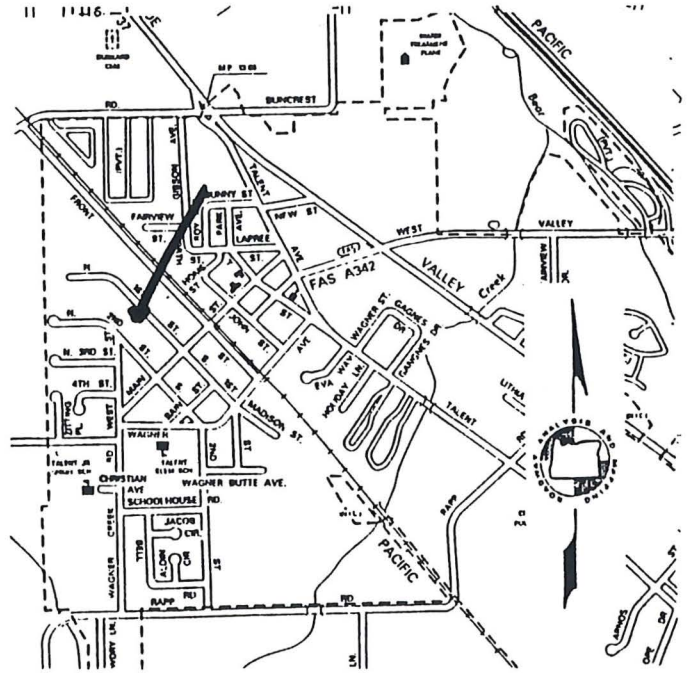
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Historic Name: **Jewell, Etta Hse**  
 Location: **113 FIRST ST N**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1900**



Photo Roll: HD3 Frame: 14



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey No. **256.0**  
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Historic Name: **Jewell, Etta Hse**  
Location: **113 FIRST ST N**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **MOSSER RUTH**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 182**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1900**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Fair**

**TALENT**, **OR 97540**  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **F** Lot: **1-3** Taxlot: **9800**  
T/R/S **381W23CD** Acct# **10276572**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.5**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Multiple** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash; plate glass fixed picture windows; aluminum sliding**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal V-Groove S/Lap**

Decorative Features: **half-hip roofed porch; single story extensions to south and north of main volume, cornerboards, wide plain fascia**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Gable ext. to rear,**

Landscape Features: **Perimeter plantings, trees, large lot**

Associated Structures: **garage to rear of property has concrete foundation, rectangular plan,**  
Setting: **horizontal wood siding, sliding track door, asphalt singled gable roof**

Sources **Mid-block, facing east, in residential area of one and one and one-half story single family dwellings.**

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Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **256.0**  
SHPO NO:

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TALNO: 256.0  
ETTA JEWELL HOUSE  
113 FIRST ST N  
Built: c1900

381W23CD-9800

Secondary

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A one and one-half story wood frame dwelling, the Etta Jewell House was standing as early as 1912 when the property was owned Jasper Helms [Lots 1 and 2] and Miss Etta Jewell [Lot 3], the latter being the site of the subject structure. (See JCD 36:3 and 92:582) Although not specifically documented, the present dwelling was likely built sometime around the turn of the century.

By 1918 Miss Jewell had been declared a "County Charge" and the lots were later acquired by Andrea Weidner, a prominent early Talent landowner. (JCD 106:88) In the mid-1920s James Barnett acquired the property. The present owner has been associated with the house since 1953. (JCD 388:163)

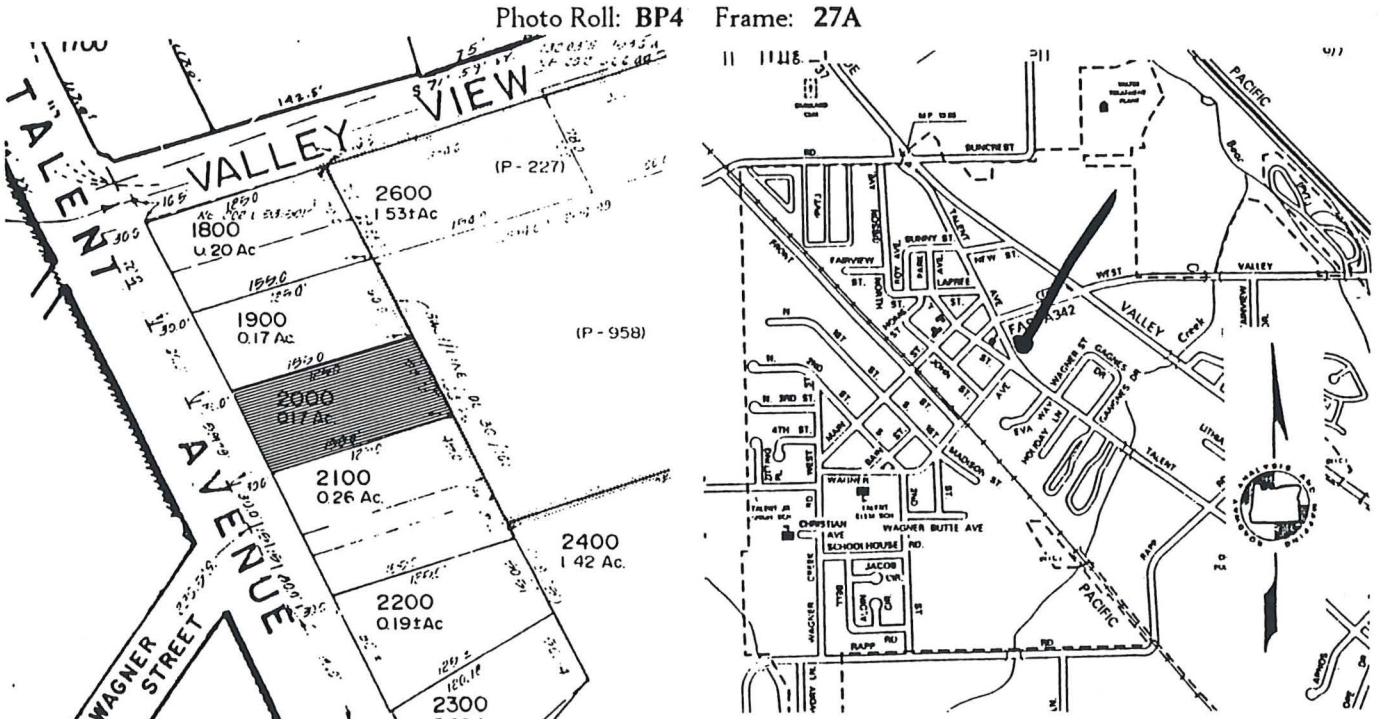
At some undetermined point the major volume of the Etta Jewell House, an example of the typical I-House type of vernacular dwelling, was augmented by matching wings that extend each side of the structure. Detailed in matching horizontal wood siding and compatible roof pitch, these one-story volumes are compatible with the historic volume and do not seriously detract from its ability to convey its original construction and design. Various window alterations, while not compatible, slightly diminish the Jewell House's integrity but the building remains a significant element within the Talent study area.



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Historic Name: **Malmgren Garage**  
 Location: **111 TALENT AVE**

Common: **So. Oregon Pottery**  
 Date of Construction: **c1925**



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey No. **296.0**  
 SHPO NO:



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Historic Name: **Malmgren Garage**  
Location: **111 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **MORGAN WILLIAM M**  
MailAdd **650 ASHLAND ST**

**ASHLAND**, OR **97520**

Addition:  
Block: Lot:  
T/R/S **381W23DC**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Taxlot: **2000**  
Acct# **10276921**

Common: **So. Oregon Pottery**  
Date of Construction: **c1925**  
Original Use: **Commerce:Auto-Related;Repair**  
Present Use: **Commerce:Spec Store;Other**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style:  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Concrete**  
Primary Window: **fixed 6/3 display; 2/2 dble hung; fixed 6-lite**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Metal;Corr.Sheet**  
Stuct. Frame: **Masonry:Concrete**

Exterior Surface: **Concrete:Rough Form-Finish**

Decorative Features: **stepped parapet false front with sign block; facade cast sills and lintels; half-glass facade entry door**

Other:  
**roll-up garage door [wood]**

Alterations/Additions: **Metal roof, some minor exterior alterations, windows on north elev. replaced.**

Landscape Features: **Scored conc. sidewalk\drive to front. Open grassy area to north.**

Associated Structures: **None**  
Setting:

**Mid-block, facing west, in core commerical area of Talent. Surrounding uses of mixed modern and historic commerical structures.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **296.0**  
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Original Town Plat Survey, 1995

TALNO: 296.0  
MALMGREN GARAGE  
111 TALENT AVE  
Built: c1925

381W23DC-2000

Primary

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This one-story concrete structure was probably constructed in the mid-1920s, apparently as an investment by early Phoenix physician, Theodore J. Malmgren, who purchased the land from J. S. Spitzer in January 1924. (JCD 148:290)<sup>1</sup> The building was likely intended, and initially used, to house an automobile service facility along the Pacific Highway, as Talent Avenue was then known. At least one story reports that Malmgren, who traveled extensively in his automobile throughout the Talent and Phoenix areas visiting his patients, required a skilled mechanic in the Talent area and so built this building as a way of encouraging one to locate here.<sup>2</sup> The June 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Talent shows the building in use as a "Repair Shop and Garage" capable of holding ten vehicles.

In 1931, following Dr. Malmgren's death, L. I. "Mose" and Belle Crawford entered into a lease with the Associated Oil Company of California, agreeing to operate the building as an Associated station for a three year period. The lease included "...all buildings, improvements, tanks, pumps and equipment" located on the parcel. (JCD 188:495) A 1934 history of Talent notes,

North of Boyd's we can see the cement building where Mose Crawford has a repair shop... (*Talent Historical Society Newsletter*, January 1995)

It is uncertain what happened to Crawford's business or to what use the building was put in the late-1930s. By 1945 the building had been acquired by Jackson County for back taxes and in 1945 it was sold to George M. Davis for \$2310. (See JCD 238:499 and 270:503) A variety of small businesses have occupied the Malmgren Garage over the past five decades.

The Malmgren Garage is one of the second phase of 20th century commercial structures to have been built in the downtown Talent area, a period that occurred during the early 1920s as the opening of the Pacific Highway brought new customers streaming through the center of the community. The major north-south route was shifted east in 1938, with the opening of what is now Highway 99, and the "Old Pacific Highway" (what is now Talent Avenue) ceased its role as the primary commercial corridor in the Talent area. The Malmgren Garage was the most substantial of Talent's second generation commercial structures and remains one of the few concrete structures in the city. The building remains essentially unaltered from its original construction and accurately and effectively relates its original development.

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<sup>1</sup> Born in Sweden, Dr. Malmgren was a highly regarded Rogue Valley physician in the early years of this century. His family home and office, the later built of stone, still stand at First and Church streets in Phoenix and are listed as local landmarks within the Comprehensive Plan of that city.

<sup>2</sup> Elroy McGrew, personal communication with the Author, 5-February-1992.

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Historic Name: **Hanscom Hall**  
 Location: **201 TALENT AVE**

Common: **Ceramic Studio**  
 Date of Construction: **1906**

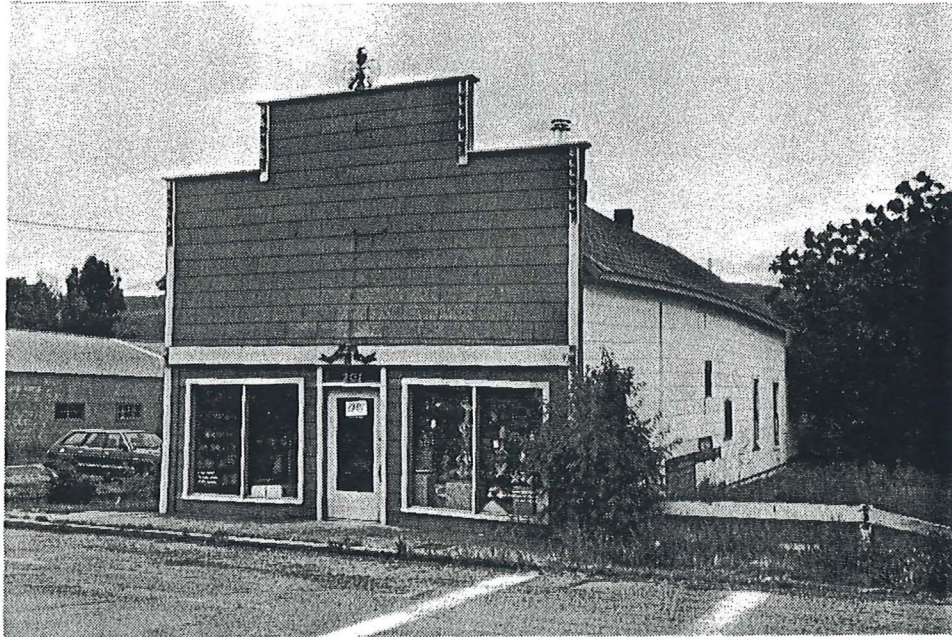
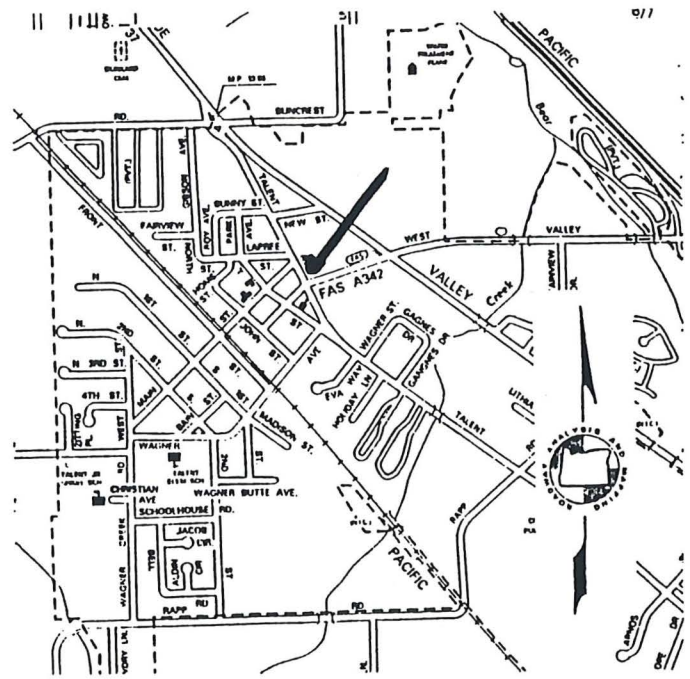
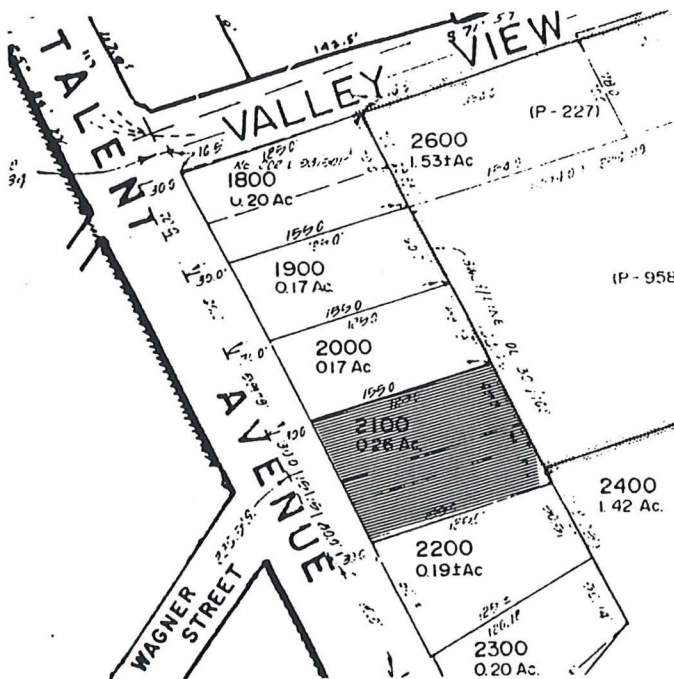


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Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey No. **297.0**  
 SHPO NO:



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Historic Name: **Hanscom Hall**  
Location: **201 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **MORGAN WILLIAM M/BONNIE K**  
MailAdd **650 ASHLAND ST**

**ASHLAND , OR 97520**

Addition:  
Block: Lot:  
T/R/S **381W23DC**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Taxlot: **2100**  
Acct# **10276939**

Common: **Ceramic Studio**  
Date of Construction: **1906**  
Original Use: **Commerce:Spec Store;Other**  
Present Use: **Commerce:Spec Store;Other**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Fair**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window **large facade display windows; 1/1 dbl wood sash**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Asbestos Shingle;Straight Edge**

Decorative Features: **false front above gable roof, samll recessed entry,**

Other: **Two brick chimneys toward rear, wide fascia boards on side elev. Modern ceramic ornamentation.**

Alterations/Additions: **Entry altered, siding not original,**

Landscape Features: **Open dirt parking area to west, small trees and shrubs**

Associated Structures: **None**  
Setting:

**Mid-block facing west in central commerical core of Talent. Surrounding uses of mixed commerical and residential.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Primary**

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TALNO: 297.0

HANSCOM HALL

381W23DC-2100

201 TALENT AVE

Built: 1906

Primary

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While not entirely clear, it appears that this one and one-half story wood frame commercial building is the structure built in 1906 by brothers Charles and Daniel George Hanscom.

...The Hanscome [sic] Hall, which is 24 x 62 feet, fronts on Main Street, the county road in Stone's Addition. It is about completed and will be used as a lodge hall and for all other purposes. The 'Kandy Kitchen' is the most convenient business in the whole place, where one can get a meal or a dish of ice cream or bakery supplies any time in the day or night. The wide awake proprietor of the Kandy Kitchen will move his business to the first floor of the Hanscome Hall this week. (*Ashland Tidings*, 28-May-1906, 1:4)<sup>1</sup>

The subject parcel was purchased by the Hanscom brothers from Jacob and R. C. Stone in April 1906. (JCD 55:540) Following various transactions, the property was acquired by Horace Hanscom, apparently an older brother, and his wife, Lydia. (JCD 56:341) Following Horace and Lydia's divorce in 1910 the building was sold to Charles W. and Amanda Wolters. Eventually the building came in the ownership of Eva and J. J. Pellet, Eva being the Wolters' daughter. (See JCD 86:179-8, 117:308 and 173:225) The Wolters family, prominent landowners throughout Talent, particularly in the area of the intersection of Wagner Creek and what is now Talent Avenue, retained the property until the late 1920s. Later owners include J. R. Maxedon, Charles Skeeters, and Lilah V. Parker.

As one of the few wood frame buildings in the Talent commercial core to survive the disastrous fire of January 1911, the Hanscom Hall was used for a variety of purposes during the rebuilding period that followed. The Methodist Church reportedly met in the building while their new church was being constructed. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 31-March-1911) The building may also have been used by the local chapter of the IOOF, pending completion of their own lodge at Main and Front streets, although this is unclear.<sup>2</sup>

The "Kandy Kitchen" apparently was replaced by La Belle's Bakery, operated by a Mr. LaBelle. Under Wolters ownership, the building was substantially remodeled and improved during the 1912 era.

An addition is being built to the C. W. Wolters building occupied by La Belle's bakery. When completed, Mr. La Belle will add an ice cream parlor to his place of business. He is building up an exceptionally fine trade in his baker's goods and the addition of a line

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<sup>1</sup> Despite the reference to "Main Street," the site referred to, on both the "County Road" and in "Stone's Addition" clearly relate to the subject area on what is now Talent Avenue.

<sup>2</sup> The subject building is locally known as "The IOOF Building" although little evidence of that use was located in the course of this study.



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of confectionery and ice cream will do much to supplement this. (*Ashland Tidings*, 20-February-1912, 3:4)

E. La Belle is getting his bakery in good shape and will have an ice cream parlor in his place this coming summer. The building has been remodeled, lined and papered, with new linoleum on the floor, making quite a change in its general appearance. (*Ashland Tidings*, March 18, 1912, 6:3-4)

There is also strong indication that Hanscom Hall served Talent as its Post Office during the pre-1920 period. A 1913 reference to the construction of the Manning-Nyswaner House (207 Talent Ave, TALNO 299.0) notes that structure is "...just south of the Post Office" (*Ashland Tidings*, 3-July-1913, 3:1) and later that same year another newspaper report stated that "Mrs. Wolters is having a new floor put in the post office building," presumably in reference to the subject structure. (*Ashland Tidings*, 13-November-1913, 3:4)<sup>3</sup>

The 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Talent shows the subject building in use as a "Lunch-Confectionery and Ticket Office." In the early 1930s the building was apparently in use as Boyd's Market, operated by Bill Boyd, who strongly opposed the re-route of the Pacific Highway away from the downtown.<sup>4</sup> In recent years the building has been used as a second hand store, an antique store and, at present, a pottery studio.

Hanscom Hall is significant within Talent as one of the few identified business structures to pre-date the January 1911 fire and, as a result, one of the oldest commercial buildings standing on what is now Talent Avenue. Although somewhat modified by 90 years of renovation and use, most notably in the application of asbestos shingle siding and modifications to the storefront, Hanscom Hall retains substantial integrity to its historic character. The stepped parapet of the facade, the falsefront of the design, and the general volume clearly convey its original period of development and serve to make the building a highly significant element within the study area.

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<sup>3</sup> Obviously this reference could also refer to any of the other buildings owned by the Wolters family during the period. By the mid-1920s the Talent Post Office was clearly located elsewhere. See TALNO 217.0.

<sup>4</sup> See "Some Interesting Tidbits of Talent History from the Newsflashes." *Talent Historical Society Newsletter*, January 1995.



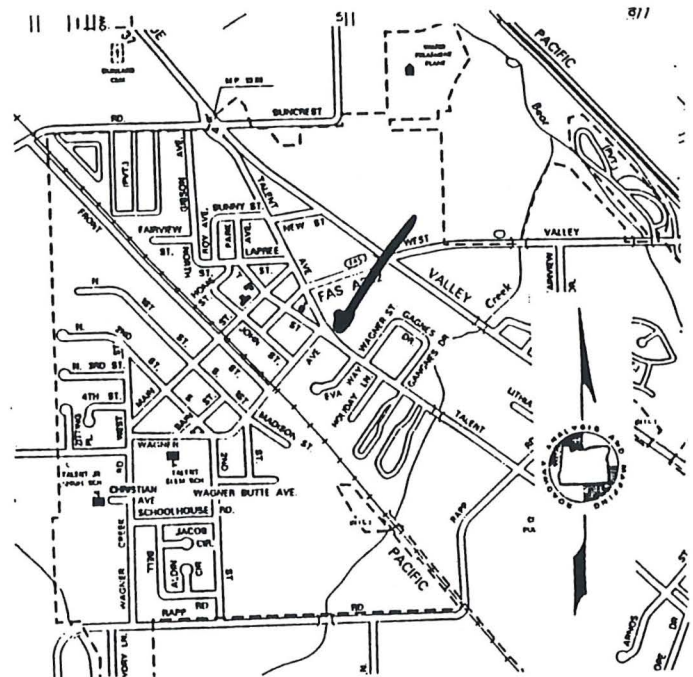
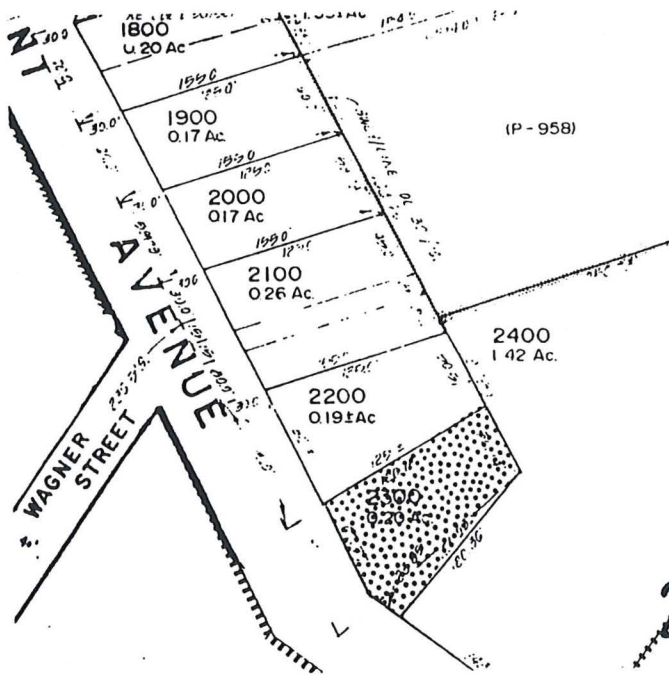
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Historic Name: Manning-Nyswaner Hse  
 Location: 207 TALENT AVE

Common: Lunsford House  
 Date of Construction: c1906



Photo Roll: BP4 Frame: 28A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: Primary

Talent Survey No. 299.0  
 SHPO NO:



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Historic Name: **Manning-Nyswaner Hse**  
Location: **207 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **BOTT ROBERT ALAN**  
MailAdd **76 ASHLEY AVE #A**

Common: **Lunsford House**  
Date of Construction: **c1906**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**CHARLESTON , SC 29401**

Addition:  
Block: Lot: Taxlot: **2300**  
T/R/S **381W23DC** Acct# **10276953**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **2.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Hipped** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash window; large fixed cottage style windows**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **turned porch supports on square plan hip roof veranda; gablet on hip roof; cornerboards, wide plain board fascia, boxed soffit**

Other: **Single central chimney**

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Large and mature trees, roses and other plantings**

Associated Structures: **small hip roof addition to house rear; double portal frame garage to rear**

Sources **Mid-block, facing west, at edge of traditional commerical core of Talent. Surrounding uses are commerical to north and opposite, residential to south.**

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Ranking: **Primary**

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TALNO: 299.0  
MANNING-NYSWANER HOUSE  
207 TALENT AVE  
Built: c1906

381W23DC-2300

Primary

This substantial two-story volume, prominently sited near the head of Wagner Creek Road on the former main wagon route through the Rogue River Valley, was apparently constructed c1906 as an element in the residential and commercial development in what was referred to as the "Stone Tract," southeast of the Original Town Plat area. From 1913 to 1938 this route was a part of the famed Pacific Highway, the major north-south automobile corridor of the west coast.

The development history of the house begins in 1906 with a series of transfers of parcels from Jacob and R.C. Stone, through the ownership of William Bruin, an unmarried man who was involved with many properties in this vicinity, to J. M. and Emma O. Manning for \$400. (JCD 55:370-71, 71:174 and 75:425) The Mannings presumably built the structure as the 1910 census lists them as residing in this general area. James Manning was born in Oregon in 1871 and married Emma in 1896. His occupation in both the census and the 1910 Polk Directory is listed as "blacksmith." In 1911 the Mannings sold the house to Emmett Beeson, of the prominent pioneer Beeson family. (JCD 92:53)

Emmett Beeson, eldest son of Welborn Beeson, one of the Rogue River Valley's earliest residents, was born on the family homestead in 1867, southwest of the Town of Talent.<sup>1</sup> Beeson acquired the subject property for investment purposes and in 1913 rented it to the A. A. Ames family.

A. A. Ames has rented the residence owned by Emmett Beeson, just south of the Post Office. Mr. Beeson is having the lot fixed up and the city water put into the building for his new tenant. (*Ashland Tidings*, 3-July-1913, 3:1)

Beeson continued his improvements for Ames and by late summer newspaper accounts applauded his efforts and commented that the house was now "...one of the most up-to-date in the village!" (*Ashland Tidings*, 4-August-1913)

Emmett Beeson retained the property for many years, presumably renting it out to a series of individuals. By 1930 it had been acquired by W. R. and Elizabeth Nyswaner, both members of longtime Talent families.<sup>2</sup> The couple resided in the house for many years and the 1942 directory shows Elizabeth, by now widowed, still residing on the "Old Highway."

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<sup>1</sup> The Beeson Homestead was located along Wagner Creek Road, in the vicinity of what is now Beeson Lane. Two properties standing near that intersection have strong connection with the family, including the Emmett Beeson House (442 Beeson Lane), as included in the Jackson County Inventory of Historic and Cultural Resources, Site 323.

<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Works Nyswaner was the daughter of Orville and Mary E. Works. See TALNO 411.0. Nyswaner and Works were married on 18-July-1913. (*Ashland Tidings*, 21-July-1913, 3:1)

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By 1946 the house was owned by William V. and Harriet A. Bates, possibly the Nyswaner's daughter. In February of that year it was sold to Hugh and Ada E. Bouldin. Ed Lunsford, a longtime Talent resident and City Council member, purchased the property in 1954. (JCD 392:48) He operated a garage and engine repair facility in the adjoining gable-roof garage.

The Manning-Nyswaner House retains high integrity to historic appearance in materials and volume. Simply detailed, with a plain wide frieze, cornerboard, window trim, and siding, the building accurately and effectively relates its original design and period of construction. The Manning-Nyswaner House gains additional significance through its long associations with members of both the Beeson and Nyswaner families and remains an important element within the southern approach to the central Talent area.





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Historic Name: **Talent Hotel/Ellis Beeson Hse**  
 Location: **101 MAIN ST W**

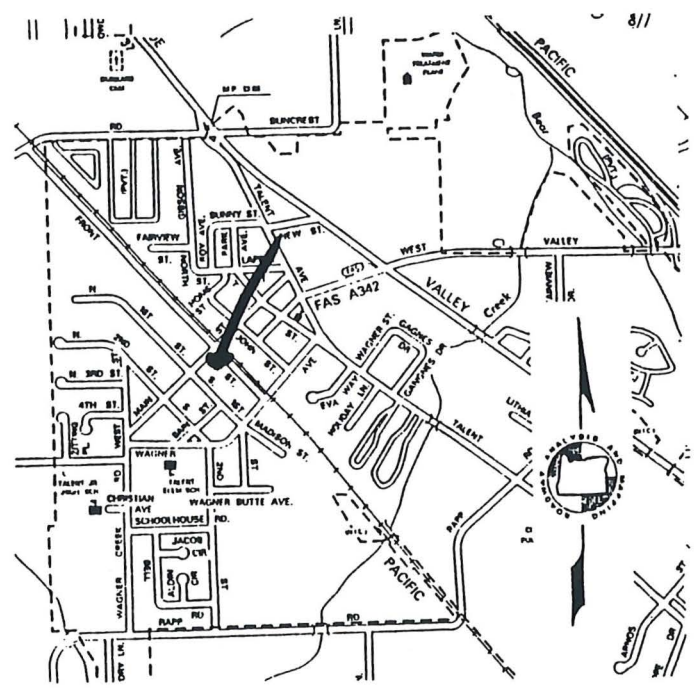
Common: **Talent Hotel**  
 Date of Construction: **1910**



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Ranking: **Primary**

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Historic Name: **Talent Hotel/Ellis Beeson Hse**  
Location: **101 MAIN ST W**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **TOON CHARLOTTE M TRSTE FBO**  
MailAdd **711 EAST MAIN ST STE 24**

Common: **Talent Hotel**  
Date of Construction: **1910**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Hotel**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Mixed**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**MEDFORD**, OR 97504  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **J** Lot: **POR 1-4** Taxlot: **100**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10279499**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **2.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Hipped;Multiple** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window:**6/1 fixed picture window; 4/1 dbl hung wood**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **Mult roof lines with steep gables projecting through main hip, projecting shed entry canopy, wide fascia, cornerboards,**

Other: **Concrete chimney**

Alterations/Additions: **Modified to multi-residential, stairwell\fire escape to east.**

Landscape Features: **Large trees, shrubs on lot**

Associated Structures: **rear drop sided, jerkinhead gable roof garage**

Setting: **Corner lot, facing north, in area of small residential uses. Open RR right-of-way to east.**

Sources

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Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Primary**

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TALNO: 309.0  
TALENT HOTEL/ELLIS BEESON HOUSE 381W26BA-100  
101 MAIN ST W  
Built: 1910 Primary

With its unusually complicated roofline and prominent corner location opposite the original Talent Depot site, the Talent Hotel/Ellis Beeson House is a well-known local landmark. The subject dwelling was apparently constructed sometime just before or after November 1910 when David Gibson sold the parcel to J. H. and Emma Lacy for \$1800. Gibson had purchased the parcels three years earlier from A. W. Sturgis for \$750 and the dramatic rise in value serves as an indication of not only Talent's booming economy of the period but, presumably, the construction of the dwelling. (JCD 60:244 and 84:314)<sup>1</sup>

Little biographical information regarding the Lacys could be located but they do not seem to have been in Talent long when they purchased the property from Gibson and are not included in the 1910 census. In early 1913 the *Ashland Tidings* noted Lacy's activities.

J. H. Lacy will open the hotel opposite the Talent Mercantile Company's store about the first of March. (*Ashland Tidings*, 27-Jan-1913, 3:3)<sup>2</sup>

J. H. Lacy has opened a hotel near the depot. (*Ashland Tidings*, 13-Feb-1913, 3:4)

The Talent Hotel which opened its doors to the public a few days ago is proving successful. Mrs. Lacy is an excellent cook and the traveling public seem to appreciate the fact that the hotel is newly refitted and refurbished. Mr. Lacy is fitting up commercial sample rooms for the use of the traveling men, the first ever fitted up in Talent. (*Ashland Tidings* 17-Feb-1913, 3:4)<sup>3</sup>

Unfortunately, the hotel was short-lived, and within a few months it was reported that "Mr. Lacy has decided to quit the service of meals because of the poor health of Mrs. Lacy and the hotel will be turned into a rooming house." (*Ashland Tidings*, 14-April-1913, 3:5) Mrs. Lacy, born in 1859 and having arrived in Oregon in 1874, died at age 56 less than two years later. (*Ashland Tidings*, 1-February-1915)

John Lacy retained the property through the mid-1920s but by 1930 it was owned by W. F. and Esther Hart. William F. Hart served at least one term as Talent's Mayor in the early 1940s. He was possibly a part of the family that ran Hart's Hatchery, a large Talent area

<sup>1</sup> Historic views of Talent, taken c.1910, show the Talent Depot clearly, with no buildings located on the subject corner of Front and W. Main streets. There is some indication that Mrs. Mary Works operated a hotel at this location prior to the Lacy purchase. See *Ashland Tidings* 23-January-1913, 3:2.

<sup>2</sup> The mercantile stood at the NW corner of Front and Main streets.

<sup>3</sup> Some confusion surrounding the name "Talent Hotel" occurs due to the use of that title by what apparently was a separate establishment operated by John Hearing a short time following the Lacy venture. See TALNO 232.0.

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business of the WWII period. The present owner has been associated with the property since 1948. (See JCD 309:355)<sup>4</sup> Ellis Beeson, a third generation member of the prominent Talent/Wagner Creek pioneer family, lived here as late as 1986. In 1964 city directories list the property as Beeson's residence, as well as the site of "Carmen's Ceramics Studio," operated by Mrs. Carmen Beeson.

The Talent Hotel\Ellis Beeson House is architecturally significant within the Talent context for its rather idiosyncratic, almost gothic, rooflines as applied to a basic rectangular volume. Steeply pitched, pent-like surfaces form a front-facing gable and extend the small canopy over the front door, creating a generally elaborate appearance, and disguising the main hipped roof that actually covers the structure. Original siding, window and door trim, brackets, and other details, as well as established trees and large plantings, all remain, yielding a high degree of integrity that effectively conveys the original design and period of construction. The structure, one of the few surviving commercial buildings to relate Talent's post 1910-11 boom, gains added significance through its long association with both the Lacy and Beeson families.

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<sup>4</sup> Charlotte M. Toon, the present owner, and both Ellis and Carmen Beeson, are parties to this transaction which refers to a "Tract A and Tract B" that are not described. The exact relationship between these individuals is unclear.



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Historic Name: Nyswaner-Furrer Hse  
 Location: 105 MAIN ST W

Common: Same  
 Date of Construction: c1914

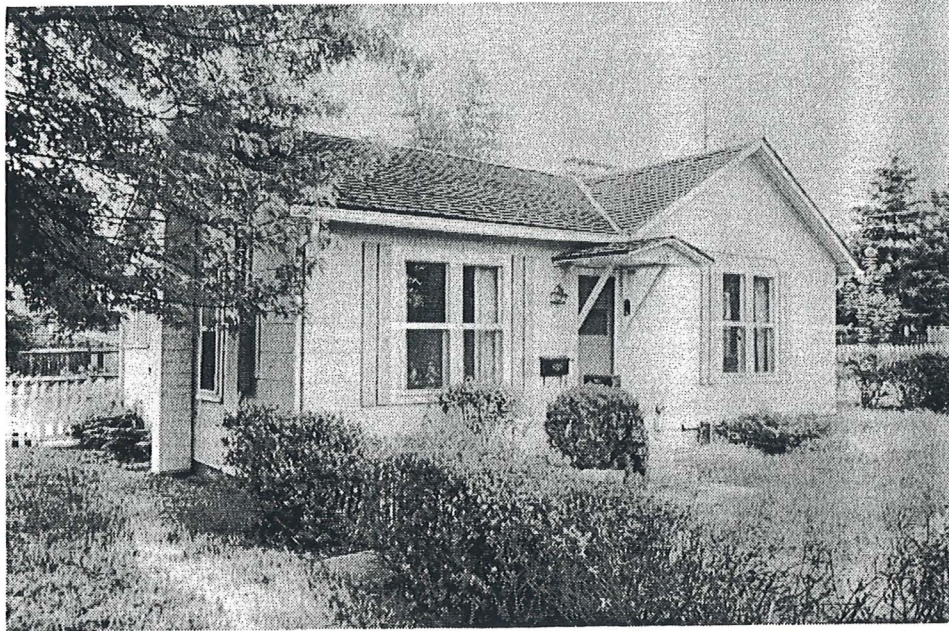
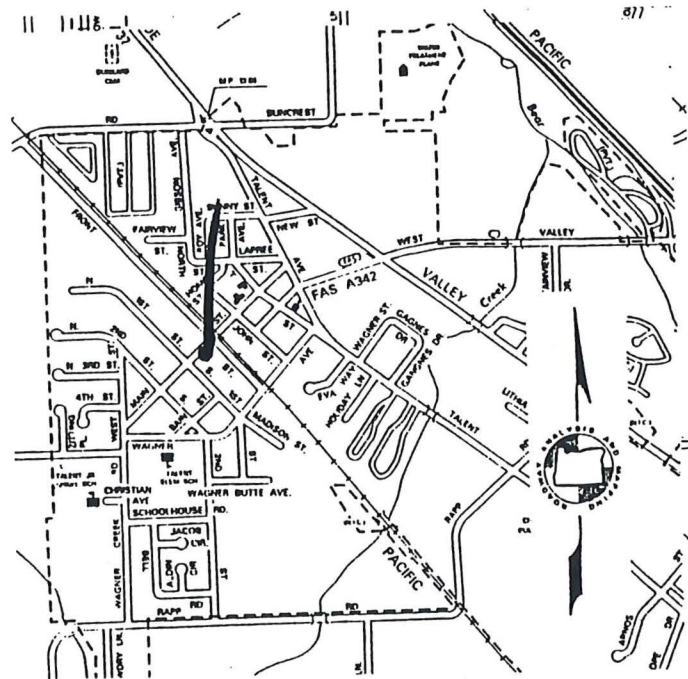


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Ranking: Contributing

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Historic Name: **Nyswaner-Furrer Hse**  
Location: **105 MAIN ST W**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **FURRER MARIE ELIZABETH**  
MailAdd **105 WEST MAIN ST**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **J** Lot: **PO4 1-4** Taxlot: **300**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10279512**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute** **10279539**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1914**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Modern:Revival Ranch**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **T-Shaped**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Intersect**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash windows**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Wood;Shingle**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Asbestos Shingle;Straight Edge**

Decorative Features: **gable roof facade entry; wide eaves**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Unknown modifications to current appearance based on presumed constructio**

Landscape Features: **Garden, grassy area to west.**

Associated Structures: **gable storage shed to rear, gable garage to west**

Setting: **Near corner of Main and First, facing north, in area of small residential uses west of RR Right of Way.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Contributing**

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TALNO:	311.0	
NYSWANNER-FURRER HOUSE		381W26BA-300
105	MAIN ST	
Built:	c1914	Contributing

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This small one-story wood frame dwelling may contain elements constructed at least as early as 1914. Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes for that year show a structure on this site valued at \$75 and owned by Edyth Nyswanner and Mable Cameron. (JCD 60:249) Subsequent Assessor's data reflects Nyswanner's sole ownership by 1918 and a series of transfers, including the re-involvement of Edith Cameron in 1930, all of which show a gradual rise in the value of the improvement from the original \$75 to \$250 in 1930. Reportedly used as a rental, the property was acquired by Mary L. Furrer for her own occupancy in 1939. (JCD 233:324) The family ownership continues at this writing, now spanning more than 55 years.<sup>1</sup>

Somewhat modified, and likely relating a history of incremental development, the Nyswanner-Furrer House retains sufficient connection with its original design and appearance during the historic period to adequately convey the associations for which it is significant.

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<sup>1</sup> Marie Elizabeth Furrer, personal communication with the Author, 5-June-1995.

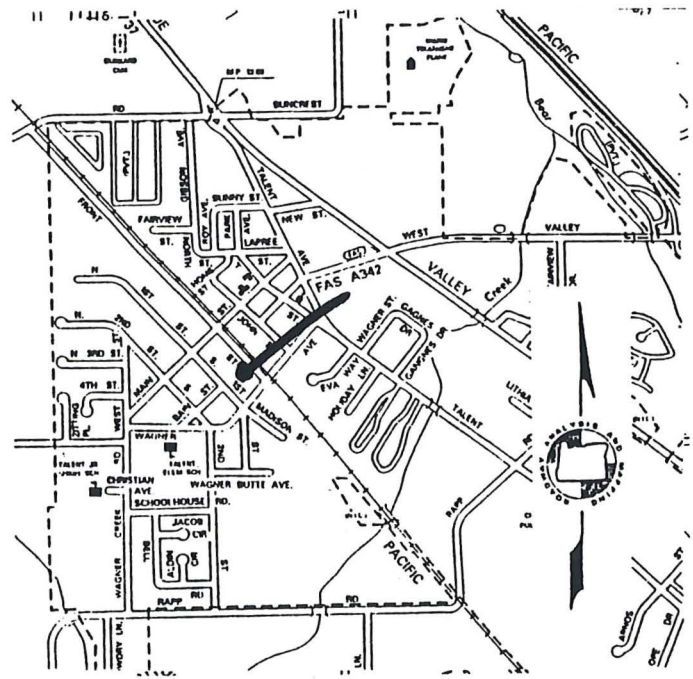
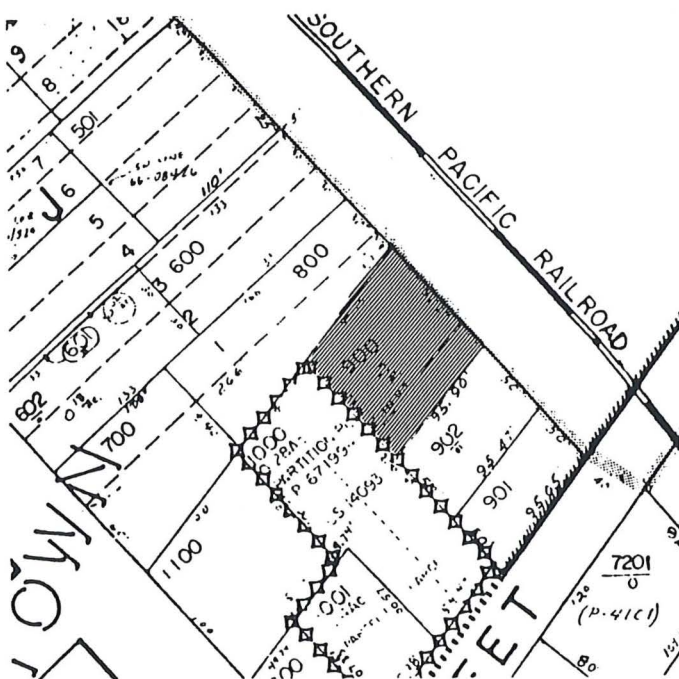
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Historic Name: **Talent, A.P. House**  
 Location: **108 FRONT ST S**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1888**



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Ranking: **Primary**

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 SHPO NO:



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Historic Name: **Talent, A.P. House**  
Location: **108 FRONT ST S**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **RYNNE DIANNE K**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 844**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1888**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **L. Vict:Italinate**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Excellent**

**TALENT**, **OR 97540**  
Addition:  
Block: Lot: Taxlot: **900**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10279636**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Irregular** No. of Stories **2.0**  
Foundation: **Stone;** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Hipped;Multiple** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **1/1 & 2/1 double hung sash; modern replacments; fixed plate glass picture window**  
Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Bevel**

Decorative Features: **Recessed entrant porch; wide projecting boxed soffit, crown moulding on windows, highly detailed entry door with screening.**

Other:

**Cornerboards with small capitals, two-story projecting bays**

Alterations/Additions: **single story hip roof and shed additions to the west of house amin core volume**

Landscape Features: **Elaborate and established modern landscape with mature trees**

Associated Structures: **detached horizontal wood drop sided garage to rear with asphalt shingled gable roof**

Setting:

**Mid-block, facing east, in residential area facing original RR right-of-way**

Sources

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Ranking: **Primary**

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TALNO: 321.0  
A. P. TALENT HOUSE  
108 FRONT ST S  
Built: c1888

381W26BA-900

Primary

One of the largest and most elaborate houses within the Original Town Plat area, this two story structure was apparently constructed sometime prior to June 1887 when Aaron P. Talent sold the property to Mary Packard for the then large sum of \$700. (JCD 15:584) Assessor's records document the structure as constructed in 1880 but not specific information or documentation regarding construction could be located to substantiate this claim.

Aaron P. Talent, born in Tennessee, arrived in the Rogue River Valley in 1875 and settled in the Wagner Creek area. Skilled as a carpenter, Talent was likely involved with the construction of a variety of structures in the valley, a trend that likely benefited from the growth that occurred following the extension of the railroad during the Winter of 1883-84. While not documented, it is probable that Talent built the subject dwelling for his family's home. By 1889, having proven successful in a variety of ventures from carpentry to general merchandising at his "Talent's Store," A.P. Talent had purchased huge tracts of area land from Horace Root and, with a number of others, established and filed the original plat for the town that would bear his name.<sup>1</sup> He long served as the Postmaster of the town he helped found.

The relationship between Mary Packard and A. P. Talent is unclear and it is at least theoretically possible that Talent remained at this site following the sale. He, his wife, Martha, two daughters, and three grandchildren were all still living in Talent as late as 1900. In 1902 Talent moved to Medford, settling on South Central and building a small complex of houses around his own home, along what was then known as "Talent Court."<sup>2</sup> A.P. Talent died in Medford on 29-May-1913.

In 1896 Mary Packard either sold or mortgaged the parcel to George A. Briner and by 1902 it was acquired by V. A. and Laura S. Dunlap. Van A. Dunlap was born in Missouri in 1858 and had migrated to Oregon with his wife sometime prior to 1884. Following the incorporation of Talent in 1910, Dunlap served as the new town's first Mayor.

In 1922, presumably following the death of her parents, Bertha Dunlap sold the family home to Susan Clayton. (JCD 135:613-14) Susan and Thomas Clayton remained in the house for many years. In 1945, following Thomas' death, the ownership was changed to include an F. O. Clayton, probably the couple's offspring. (JCD 259:372) In 1964 the property was owned by Loyal M. and Sylvia Bates.

<sup>1</sup> For more information on the founding the Town of Talent and Aaron P. Talent, see Kramer, *Historic Context Statement for the City of Talent*, June 1994, 6-16.

<sup>2</sup> See Kramer, *Survey of Historic and Cultural Resources, Medford, Oregon, June 1995, Site 341.0, "A.P. Talent Rental House."*

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The A. P. Talent House is highly significant within the Talent area both for its intact architectural quality, complete with the elaborate screen detail of the entry porch, original siding, window and door trim, and other detail. Various additions to the rear, notably a hipped volume at the SW corner, do seriously detract from the property's ability to relate its original period of construction. As the best identified property associated with Talent's founder, Aaron P. Talent (who likely built the house) the A. P. Talent House gains additional significance through that connection, as well as its association with V. A. Dunlap, first Mayor of the community Talent helped found. The A. P. Talent House, for the above reasons of both architectural and associational significance, is considered among the most historically significant single properties within the Talent area.





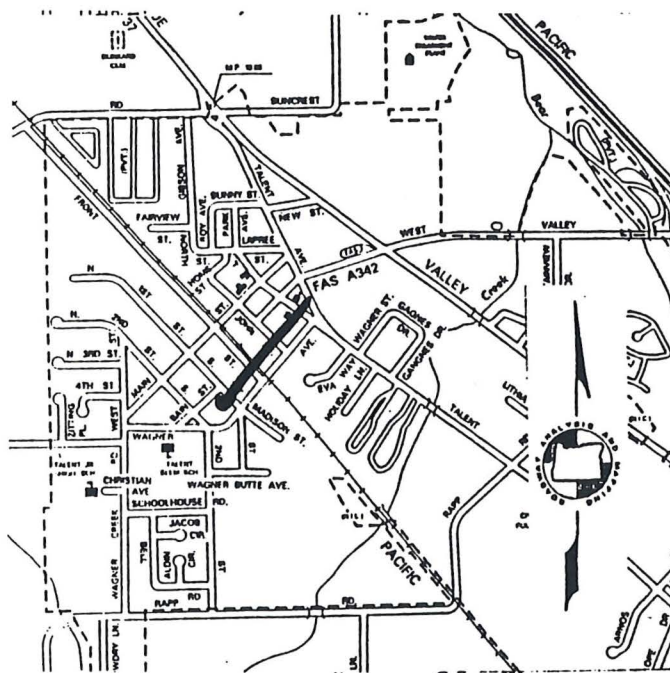
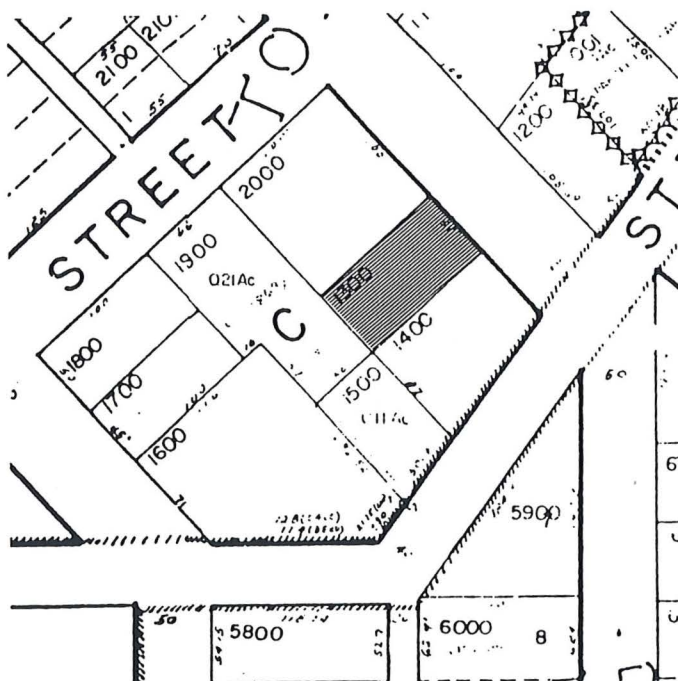
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Historic Name: **Methodist Parsonage**  
 Location: **204 FIRST ST N**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1918**



Photo Roll: BP6 Frame: 13A



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Ranking: **Primary**

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Historic Name: **Methodist Parsonage**  
Location: **204 FIRST ST N**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **MEDINGER RONALD D/STELLA L**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 692**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1918**  
Original Use: **Religion:Structure**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **C** Lot: Taxlot: **1300**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10279693**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 wood sash dbl hung**

No. of Stories **1.5**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **Shingle work in front facing gable end, cornerboards, full width shed porch with solid railing, battered pillars.**

Other: **Central brick chimney**

Alterations/Additions: **Sm. gable addn to rear [c.1920s], porch rebuilt**

Landscape Features: **Perimeter plantings, young trees**

Associated Structures: **None [formerly associated with adjacent Methodist Church, TALNO**  
Setting: **330.0]**

**Mid-block, facing east, in area of small single family dwellings. Large church to south.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Primary**

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TALNO:	328.0	
METHODIST PARSONAGE		381W26BA-1300
204	FIRST ST S	
Built:	c1918 [moved]	Primary

As near as can be determined, this one-story wood frame dwelling was moved to this lot by the adjacent Methodist Episcopal Church congregation for use as its parsonage, probably sometime around 1918 when the Church purchased additional property along South First Street.<sup>1</sup> Later histories of the Methodist Church indicate the subject structure was relocated to this site.

... a lot adjoining the Church on First Street was purchased and a house bought and moved on to the lot. This parsonage was later sold and a new one purchased on Main St. In 1947 this was sold, another lot purchased on Wagner Ave, and a parsonage built there.<sup>2</sup>

This sequence of events is supported by the sale, in 1938, of the subject parcel by the Church to Amos and Margaret Williams. That contract refers to a parcel 150 x 100 and requires the Williams' to "...keep buildings situated thereon insured." (JCD 216:155-6) Amos Williams, employed as a logger, is listed as residing at this address with his wife, Margaret, in the 1942 directory. In 1964 Margaret Williams, now a widow, continued to reside here.

Despite its uncertain construction date, presumably around the turn of the century, and its subsequent relocation to this site, the Methodist Parsonage is significant within the Talent context for its architectural merit. The building retains elaborate gable end detailing, cornerboards, battered porch pillars, and other features that are among the better examples of their type within the study area. Well-maintained, the Methodist Parsonage exhibits high integrity to its original design in workmanship, use of materials, and setting.

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<sup>1</sup> Property transfers in Block C, which was not divided into individual lots as were other blocks of the Original Plat, are somewhat complicated. In JCD 98:584 the Church purchased a tract of land that extended to the corner of Bain and First, seemingly encompassing both modern Tax Lot 2000 (at the corner) and the subject lot, TL 1300.

<sup>2</sup> Foster, Dorothy M., *A History of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Talent*. (unpub ms, 1961)

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Historic Name: **Methodist Episcopal Church**  
 Location: **206 FIRST ST S**

Common: **Methodist Church**  
 Date of Construction: **1912**

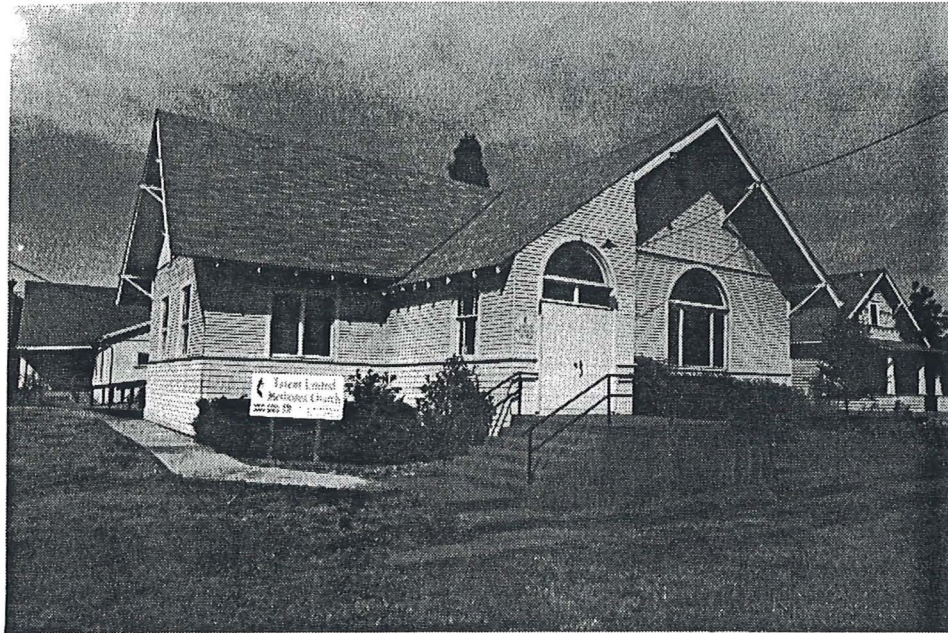
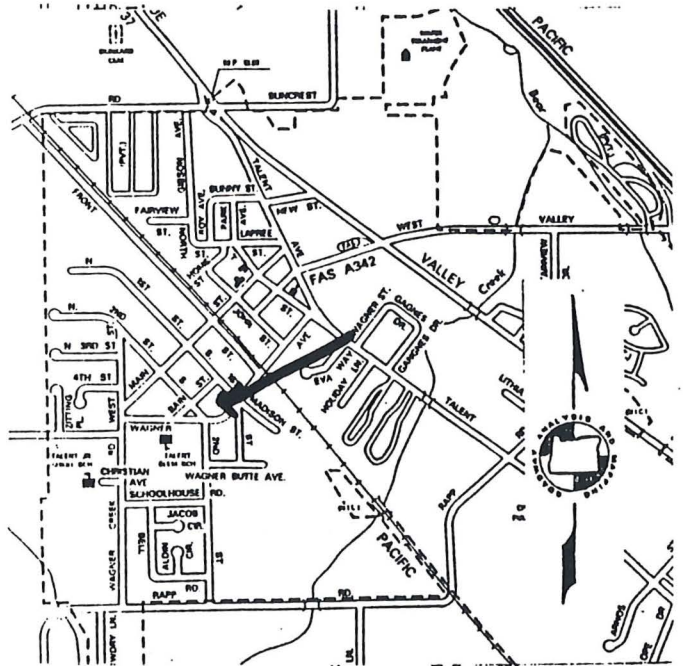


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Historic Name: **Methodist Episcopal Church**  
Location: **206 FIRST ST S**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **FIRST METHODIST CH/TALENT**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 297**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **C** Lot: Taxlot: **1500**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10279715**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute** **10279707**

Common: **Methodist Church**  
Date of Construction: **1912**  
Original Use: **Religion:Church**  
Present Use: **Religion:Church**  
Architect: **Bowen?**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Craftsman**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **L-Shaped** No. of Stories **1.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **Yes**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Intersect** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **round top tripartite, stained glass; single and double sash with stained glass; doorway transom lite**  
Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **shingle wall cladding (upper gable ends; lower walls), heavy watertable, broad eaves with exposed rafter tails, brackets**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **1917, social hall added to rear elevation; 1953, church annex constructed to re**

Landscape Features: **Permitter plantings**

Associated Structures: **Annex to rear, former parsonage to north [See TALNO 328.0]**

Setting: **Corner location, facing east, in otherwise residential area.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Photo Roll: **BP6** Frame[s]: **10A**  
Date Recorded: **03/30/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **330.0**  
SHPO NO:

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TALNO:	330.0	
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH		381W26BA-1500
206	FIRST ST	
Built:	1912	Primary

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Construction of the Methodist-Episcopal Church of Talent was begun in 1911. A large wood framed building with a daylight basement, the church employs elements usually associated with the Bungalow style. The contractor, and likely the designer or architect, was Mr. Fitch, of Ashland.

Built during a huge local boom, the Methodist Church was the largest of the two Talent churches<sup>1</sup> constructed during this period and its development was well documented in the local newspapers.

A new M. E. Church has also been decided upon. Contractor Fitch was the lowest bidder on this edifice and the contract for its erection was closed last week. It is to be a frame structure. (*Ashland Tidings* 27-February-1911, 8:3)

Ground was broken within the month and regular reports documented the progress of the new building.

The M. E. Church is well under way, work now being done on the foundation. It will be the largest and finest church building in this section. (*Ashland Tidings* 16-March-11, 1:2)

The framework for the new Methodist Church is now completed and work on the new building is progressing rapidly. For the present the congregation is holding meetings at Hanscom Hall but the new structure will be finished in a few weeks. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 31-March-1911)<sup>2</sup>

The building was likely completed by late summer or early fall 1911 and was formally dedicated in 1912 by Dr. Homan, the President of Willamette University. (*Ashland Tidings* 27-June-1912, 3:2-3)

As originally designed, the Methodist Episcopal Church had a square tower, rising above the main entry at the SE corner, facing the intersection of South First and Wagner Creek Road. Historic views of the building indicate the design to be somewhat similar to other Methodist Churches in the Rogue Valley.<sup>3</sup> In 1917 a "side room and upstairs classroom were added to the church building."<sup>4</sup> The original parsonage, apparently moved onto its lot, still stands to

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<sup>1</sup> The other church built in this era was the Christian Church, on Wagner. See TALNO 384.0.

<sup>2</sup> Although not entirely clear, Hanscom Hall apparently refers to TALNO 297.0.

<sup>3</sup> The tower was removed sometime prior to October 1959.

<sup>4</sup> Foster, Dorothy M., *A History of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Talent*. (unpub ms, 1961)



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the north of the church itself. (See TALNO 328.0) The education annex, on a separate tax lot to the west, was constructed in 1953 and dedicated on 11-October-1953.<sup>5</sup>

The Methodist Episcopal Church retains substantial integrity to its original design, notably retaining its horizontal and shingle siding, wood sash windows, many with colored glazing, and the wide eaves and brackets that are typical of the Bungalow idiom. Still in use for its original purpose, the Methodist Episcopal Church has seen various alterations that modify its original exterior appearance. Most of these concern the removal of the original tower, mentioned above, and the redesign of the primary entryway. Others, such as the removal of an interior chimney and the alteration to the wide eave overhang, likely date from the most recent roof installation. Neither seriously diminish the ability of the Methodist Episcopal Church to relate either its history, original design, or the significance its gains from more than eighty years of service as the focal point of the Methodist community in the Talent area.

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<sup>5</sup> Foster, op. cit. See also *Medford Mail Tribune*, 4-October-1959.



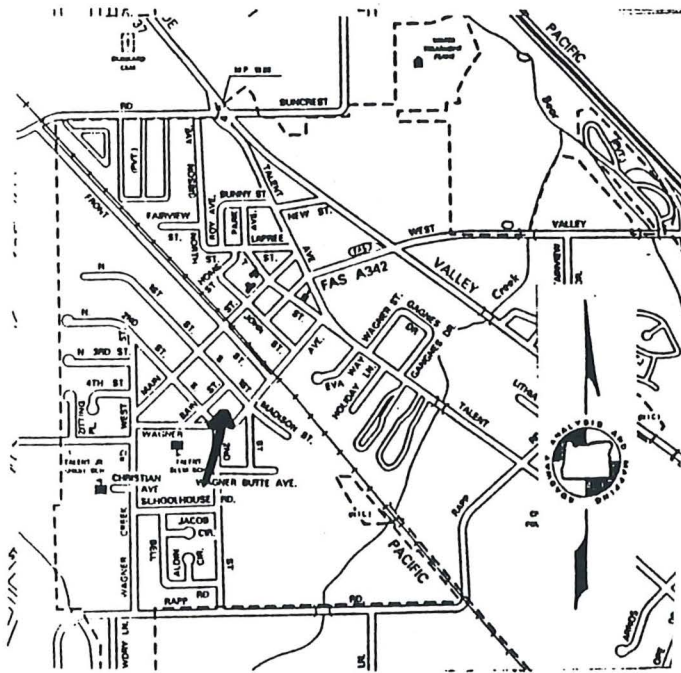
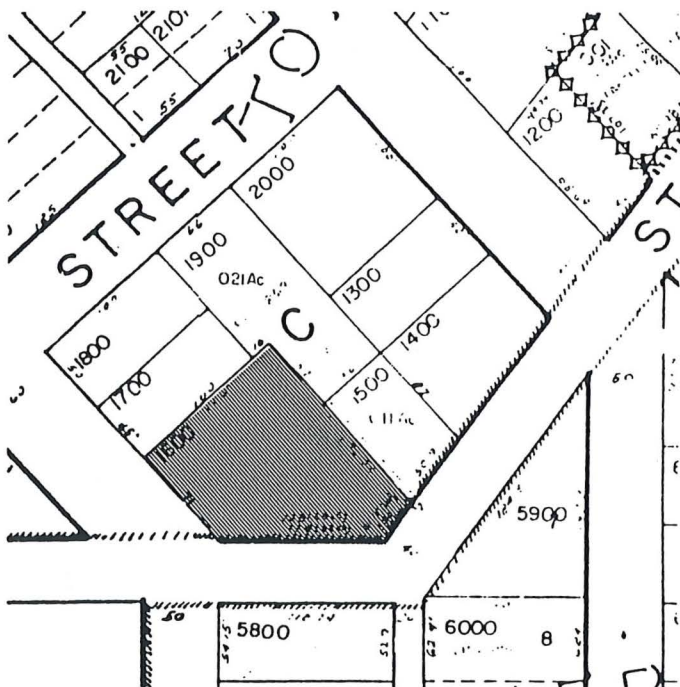
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Historic Name: **Hart-Adamson Hse**  
 Location: **204 SECOND ST S**

Common: **Adamson House**  
 Date of Construction: **c1910**



Photo Roll: BP5 Frame: 24A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey No. **331.0**  
 SHPO NO:



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City of Talent, Oregon  
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[Jackson County 029]

Historic Name: **Hart-Adamson Hse**  
Location: **204 SECOND ST S**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **CONNER ILA N**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 103**

Common: **Adamson House**  
Date of Construction: **c1910**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **C** Lot: Taxlot: **1600**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10279723**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Hipped;Multiple** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash windows; diamond pattern lead muntins**

Exterior Surface: **Asbestos Shingle;Straight Edge**

Decorative Features: **projecting gable roof entry porch; exposed rafter tails; diamond pattern window on north,corbeled brick chimney cap**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Siding altered,**

Landscape Features: **Perimeter edge, large lot**

Associated Structures: **carport attached to rear hip roof extension**  
Setting:

**Large irregular corner lot at NE corner of Second and Wagner in area of mixed residential and community uses.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Date Recorded: **03/29/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **331.0**  
SHPO NO:

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City of Talent, Oregon  
Original Town Plat Survey, 1995

TALNO: 331.0  
HART-ADAMSON HOUSE 381W26BA-1600  
204 SECOND ST S  
Built: c1910 Secondary

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This one-story hipped-roof dwelling was completed sometime prior to 1910 and the first identified occupant was Dr. John Hart, an early physician in the Talent area. The house shows clearly in historic photographs of Talent, recognizable by the diamond window on the north elevation and the small projecting canopy at the SE.

In January 1914, the *Ashland Tidings* reported that "Dr. Hart has moved into J. N. Pace's [new cottage] and E. B. Adamson will move into the home vacated by Dr. Hart. (*Ashland Tidings*, 15-January-1914, 3:3) Less than a month later, Adamson purchased the house. (See JCD 102:7)<sup>1</sup>

E. B. Adamson has purchased the Dr. Hart residence which he recently moved into. Mr. Adamson will modernize the house in the near future and make it into one of the most up-to-date homes in the village. (*Ashland Tidings*, 12-February-1914, 3:4)

Edward B. Adamson arrived in Talent sometime after 1910 and was employed as the cashier of the Talent State Bank, an important local financial institution.<sup>2</sup> Newspaper accounts of the period document his involvement in a variety of speculative ventures, notably an attempt to mine coal up the Wagner Creek drainage. In 1916 he served the town as its Treasurer.

The last definitive connection between Adamson and the dwelling is in the 1920 Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes. The Talent Bank was consolidated with the First National Bank of Ashland in 1927. By 1944 the property had come into the ownership of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan who sold it to Rudy E. and Ida May Conner. (JCD 253:404) Conner, an orchardist, likely rented this building and lived in other Talent properties owned by the family. (See TALNO 155.0)

The Hart-Adamson House retains substantial integrity to its historic appearance in volume, detail, and general character. The circa 1940s application of asbestos siding does not seriously detract from its ability to relate its original period of construction and the associations for which it is significant.

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<sup>1</sup> Hart did not own the property, apparently renting from Earl Briscoe, who had purchased the house.

<sup>2</sup> While C. W. Wolters is generally reported as the President of this bank, one source published in June 1911 states "The State Bank of Talent, recently purchased by C. B. Adamson, is also located in new quarters...." It is not clear if this is a typographical error or whether E. B. Adamson was in fact working for a relative at the bank or if he himself had purchased it from Wolters. (*The Rogue Magazine*, Vol. 3, No. 3, June 1911)

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Historic Name: **Leaming-Klimek Hse**  
Location: **207 BAIN ST**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1937**

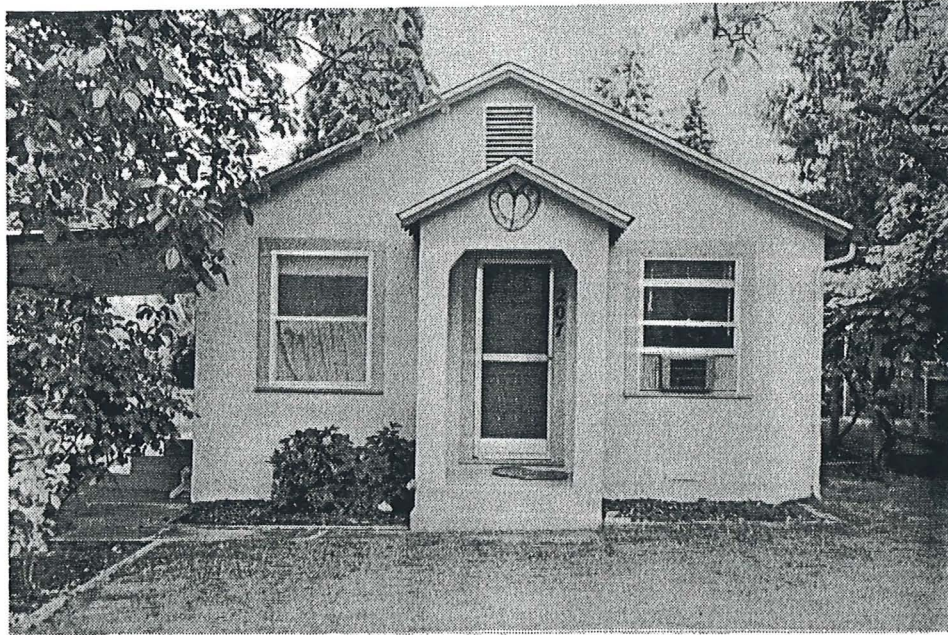
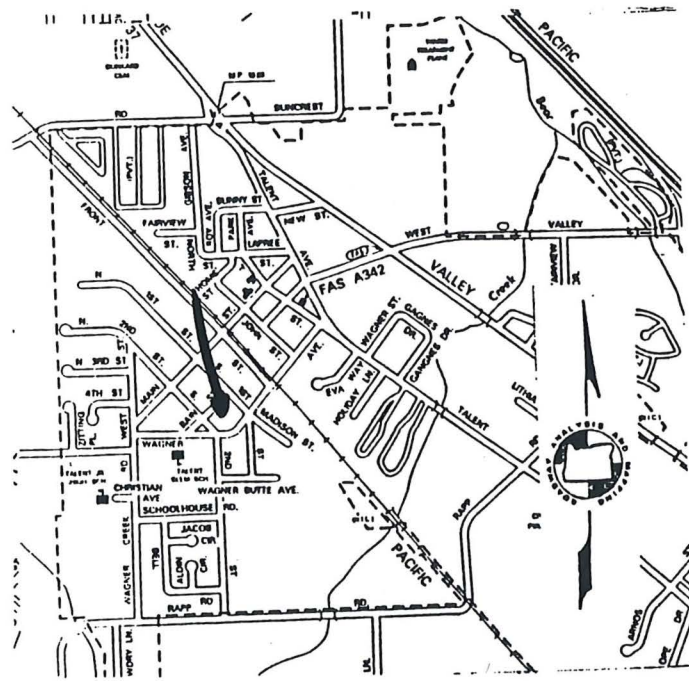
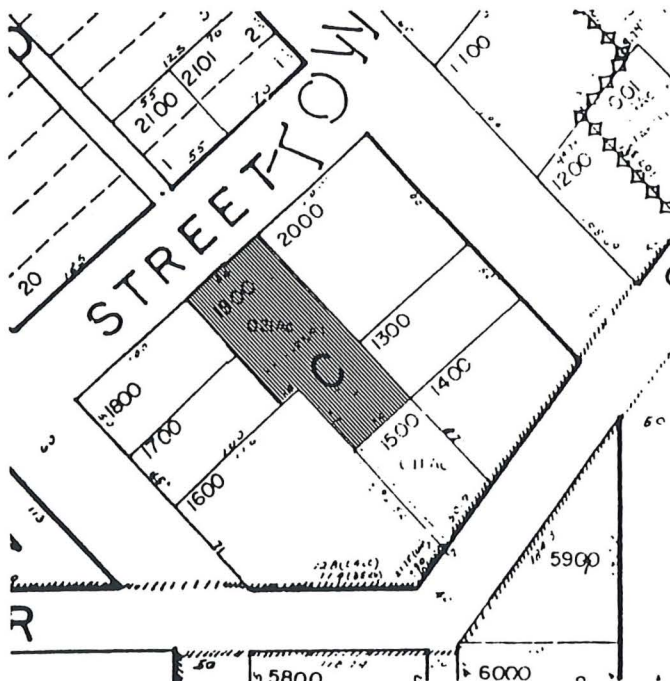


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Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey No. **334.0**  
SHPO NO:





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[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Leaming-Klimek Hse**  
Location: **207 BAIN ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **NASH VICTOR THOMAS/KELLY S**  
MailAdd **684 LIBERTY ST**  
**ASHLAND , OR 97520**  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **C** Lot: Taxlot: **1900**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10279756**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1937**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;with shed addn**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Stucco**

Decorative Features: **small entry porch on facade, center; stuccoed exterior**

Other: **Side entry**

Alterations/Additions: **Carport added to east elevation [n.d.]**

Landscape Features: **Large trees, bushes, lawn to west**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing north, in quiet residential area of single family dwellings.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey Number: **334.0**  
SHPO NO:

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City of Talent, Oregon  
Original Town Plat Survey, 1995

TALNO:	334.0	
LEAMING-KLIMEK HOUSE		381W26BA-1900
207	BAIN ST	
Built:	c1927	Contributing

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This small one-story stucco-clad cottage was constructed sometime between 1925 and 1927 when Elizabeth W. Leaming sold the property to Marcel and Julie Klimek for \$400. (JCD 176:150) Jackson County Assessor Fieldnotes indicates only a minor structure on the site in 1925.<sup>1</sup> By 1946 the house was owned by E. C. and Ruby Lorene, who sold in that year to Leo and Marian E. Bohls. (JCD 276:27)

Little additional information on this property was developed. One of the few historic structures to utilize stucco in the study area, the Leaming-Klimek House retains integrity in setting, use of materials, and general appearance.

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<sup>1</sup> In 1925 the improvement was valued at \$25. As early as 1912, however, a structure valued at \$350 stood on this site, presumably an earlier building that was either razed or burnt. The owner in 1912 was Frank Snook. (See JCD 92:618)

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Historic Name: **Dunlap-Tryor Hse**  
 Location: **104 FIRST ST N**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1910**

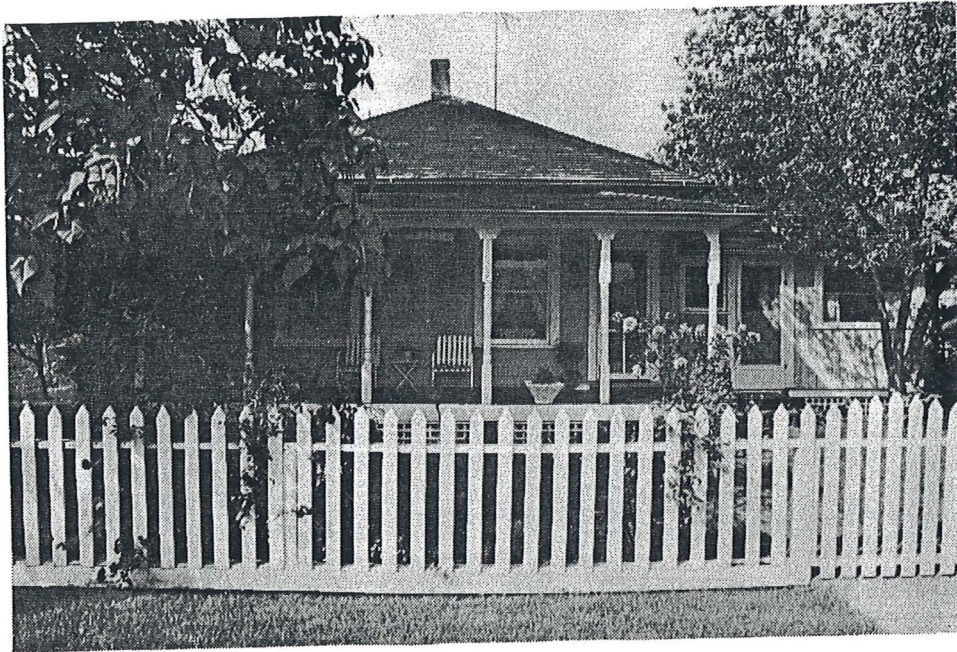
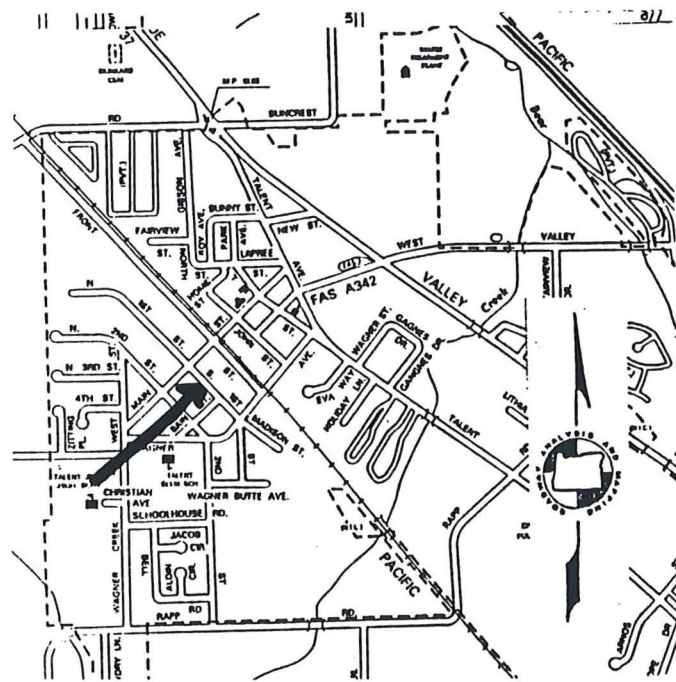


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Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey No. **338.0**  
 SHPO NO:



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Original Town Plat Survey, 1995  
[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Dunlap-Tryor Hse**  
Location: **104 FIRST ST N**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **DUSKI RONALD C/BARBARA J**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 593**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1910**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **L. Vict:Q.A. Cottage**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Excellent**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **D** Lot: **3-6** Taxlot: **2200**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10279799**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Square**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Hipped;Multiple**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash; fixed picture**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Wood;Shingle**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **half-hip porch with turned posts (replacments)**

Other: **Central brick chimney, cornerboards,**

Alterations/Additions: **gable roofed extension on north elevation of original square core volume of ho**

Landscape Features: **Established and mature plantings and trees, perimeter picket fence, well-maintained.**

Associated Structures: **small gable roof frame building to north of house**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing east, in residential area of one and one and one-half story single family dwellings.**

Sources

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Date Recorded: **03/30/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **338.0**  
SHPO NO:

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Original Town Plat Survey, 1995

TALNO:	338.0	
DUNLAP-TRYER HOUSE		381W26BA-2200
104	FIRST ST N	
Built:	c1910	Primary

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This single story hipped-roof volume is among the better examples of its style, that of a vernacular hipped cottage, to survive in the Talent survey area. Historic views of the city show this type to have been present along with the far more popular I-House style as a common housing in the period surrounding Talent's incorporation in 1910.

The subject dwelling was likely constructed following the consolidation of ownership of Lots 3-6 by Nellie and Ira D. Dunlap. Lots 5 and 6 were purchased by Nellie V. Dunlap from J. Weininger in 1902 for \$40. (JCD 46:145) In 1907, after the county had assumed ownership of lots 3 and 4 from an "unknown owner for failure to pay 1903 taxes," Sheriff Joe Rader sold the two lots to Ira Dunlap for the amount owed, sixty cents. (JCD 62:331-2) Ira Dunlap was apparently a blacksmith in the Talent area, operating his own shop, first in Talent and then, after 1910, in Phoenix.

In March 1910, probably after relocating to Phoenix, the Dunlaps sold all four lots to Marion Tryer for \$800, the steep increase serving as an indication of the construction. Marion Tryer, a longtime Jackson County resident, had apparently first settled in the Medford area before relocating to Talent. His hardware store, clearly visible in early commercial views of the city, was a prominent downtown establishment. Tryer served on Talent's first Town Council and later served as Mayor. Tryer apparently mortgaged the subject property to the State Bank of Talent for \$949.66 and eventually lost the house. (JCD 106:232) In March 1916 the bank sold the dwelling to J. F. and Cora Denham. (JCD 111:40) No clear biographical information on Denham could be located — a Frank "Dunham" is listed as a farmer living in Talent in 1916 but it is not clear if these are the same individual.

Denham owned the First Street property through 1925 if not later. Later owners include Charles W. and Iva F. Tuggle, who purchased the house in 1951 (JCD 357:264) and remained here at least through the early 1960s.

The Dunlap-Tryer House is a well-maintained example of its type and retains high integrity to its original design in use of materials, setting, and site features. The building gains added significance through its connection with the Marion Tryer family and accurately conveys the association which make it significant within the development of the Talent area.

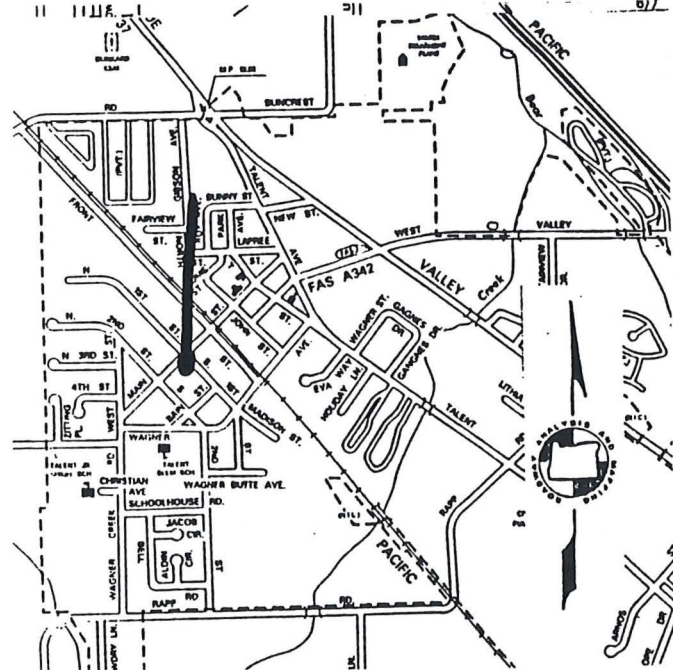
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Historic Name: **Spitzer, J.S.Hse**  
 Location: **201 MAIN ST W**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **1906**



Photo Roll: BP4 Frame: 06A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey No. **341.0**  
 SHPO NO:





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[Jackson County 029]

Historic Name: **Spitzer, J.S.Hse**  
Location: **201 MAIN ST W**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **ZIEMINSKI BERNARD M**  
MailAdd **37 SHAMROCK LN**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1906**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**ASHLAND**, OR 97520  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **D** Lot: **E2/3 9-10** Taxlot: **2401**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10568391**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **T-Shaped**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Multiple**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window:**3/1 double hung sash windows**

No. of Stories **1.5**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Shingle; 1940s-Era Scored**

Decorative Features: **small gable roof entry porched on north and east elevations, wide eaves;  
small hexagonal window on west lights int. stair landing.**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Siding altered [c.1940s],**

Landscape Features: **Chain link fence, some large trees**

Associated Structures: **Gable roof shed/garage to rear [west]**  
Setting:

**Corner lot, facing east, at SW corner of Main and First intersection.  
Residential area of predominately single family dwellings.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative. [T-Shaped volume shows in Birdseye View #1]**

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Date Recorded: **03/28/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey Number: **341.0**  
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TALNO: 341.0  
J. S. SPITZER HOUSE  
201 MAIN ST  
Built: 1906

381W26BA-2401

Contributing

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This two-story wood frame dwelling, an example of the vernacular I-House type that was the dominant building form in Talent during the early years of the 20th century according to historic views, was constructed sometime prior to 1910, probably in 1906 when the land was sold to J. S. Spitzer. (JCD 57:96)<sup>1</sup>

J. S. Spitzer apparently owned and operated the Spitzer and Son Grocery in Talent, with his son, W. C., as his partner.<sup>2</sup> In 1937 a J. S. Spitzer was operating a gas station in Talent, located on "West Pacific Highway." Members of the Spitzer family remained associated with the property at least through the early 1942, when Jonas Spitzer, working as a logger for Skeeters Logging Company, was living here. By 1962 James DeVore, the office manager of Pierce Freight Lines, was living here with his wife, Anna.

The J. S. Spitzer House has been somewhat modified by the application of wood shingles over the original horizontal wood. A small shed addition at the SW corner disrupts the original T-Shaped plan. Nevertheless, the primary elevation of the house retains the basic symmetry of window and door openings typical of the I-House form and the building retains sufficient integrity to convey its original period of construction.

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<sup>1</sup> Considerable confusion regarding Spitzer's name was encountered during research. Deed transactions were found concerning by a "J.S." and a "J.F." Spitzer, neither of whom appear in the 1910 census. J. S. Spitzer, married to Margaret according to 1916 directories, is listed as "Samuel R. Spitzer," also married to Margaret in the 1910 census and "J. S. Spitzer" is noted a large landowner in the 1910 directory.

<sup>2</sup> This is conjectural, based on the 1910 census and 1916 directories, complicated by the confusion mentioned in Note #1, above.

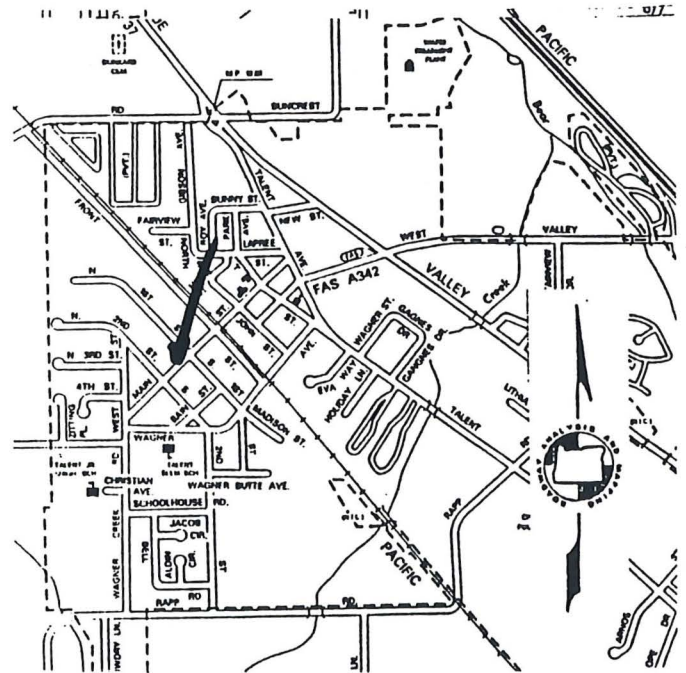
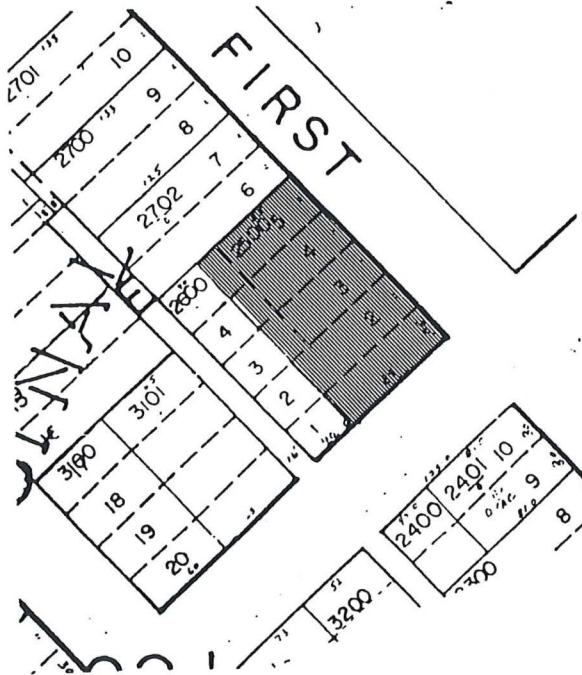
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Historic Name: **Alford, Albert & Katherine**  
 Location: **200 MAIN ST W**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **1911**



Photo Roll: BP2 Frame: 02A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey No. **342.0**  
 SHPO NO:



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City of Talent, Oregon  
Original Town Plat Survey, 1995  
[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Alford, Albert & Katherine**  
Location: **200 MAIN ST W**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **CLARK ALICE R**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 433**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1911**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Craftsman**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Altered**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **E** Lot: **E2/3 1-5** Taxlot: **2500**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10279821**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Irregular** No. of Stories **2.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Hipped;Multiple** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash (replacements); fixed multi-lite windows**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **hip facade dormer, Classic Revival entry with scored pilasters, cornerboards, hooded window trim**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Windows replaced, multiple bays added on east, porch enclosed, multiple add**

Landscape Features: **Established planting, some large trees, pole fencing along street**

Associated Structures: **Gable roof garage features two swing doors, horizontal wood siding**  
Setting: **and wood shingle roof**

**Corner lot, facing south, at intersection of First and Main street in residential area.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey Number: **342.0**  
SHPO NO:

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TALNO: 342.0  
ALBERT AND KATHERINE ALFORD HOUSE 381W26BA-2500  
200 MAIN ST W  
Built: 1911 Contributing

This large two-story wood frame dwelling was apparently constructed in 1911-12 following the acquisition of the corner site by noted Talent pioneers, Albert and Katherine Alford. (JCD 87:458)

Albert Alford, born in Missouri in 1833, migrated to Oregon in 1850, first settling in the Willamette Valley. In 1869 Alford and his wife, Katherine, whom he married in 1853, moved to Central Point in the Rogue River Valley and then, in 1875, to the Talent area. Alford invested heavily in both agricultural and commercial lands, becoming a major property owner in Talent throughout its early development. The family was active politically and Alford served a term as Jackson County Commissioner in 1882, overseeing the construction of the new courthouse built at Jacksonville. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 31-October-1921, 3:1-2) As a leading family in Talent, Alford's children inter-married with other early families, adding to the family impact. Moses Alford, a son, served a Jackson County Sheriff. A daughter, Olive, married C. W. Wolters, another prominent Talent area investor.<sup>1</sup> Albert Alford died in 1921 at the age of 88.

Tracking Alford's numerous property investments is complicated by his apparent penchant to move his own residence throughout the early 20th century period. A number of residential sites likely served as the family home although the subject dwelling at the corner of First and Main seems to be that referred to in the following newspaper references.<sup>2</sup>

A. Alford is going to build a new house on the corner of First and Main, on the property formerly owned by Edward Denham. He has rented his present home. (*Ashland Tidings* 26-June-1911, 3:4)

A. Alford has nearly completed his residence which will be one of the handsomest in town. (*Ashland Tidings*, 14-August-1911, 1:2)

Katherine Alford (also spelled Catherine) continued to live in the subject property until her death at age 86. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 10-October-1925, 4:2) Inherited along with all the remaining Alford family holdings, the surviving of the couple's eight children sold the family home to H. B. and Lillian B. Nye in October 1929. (JCD 181:253-4) By 1944 the property was owned by Roy and Edith D. Coffman. Roy served on the Talent City Council in the early 1940 and Edith was a longtime City Recorder.

Historic views of Talent clearly show the Alford House as it was originally constructed, essentially a square volume with hipped dormers facing both south and west. A projecting

<sup>1</sup> For more on Wolters see TALNO 406.0.

<sup>2</sup> Alford also may have lived in the William Carey House, which is identical in design to the subject dwelling prior to the addition. See TALNO 244.0

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corner porch, located at the extreme SE corner, juts out from the main volume and the combined effect is essentially a duplicate of the house standing at 104 Main Street, the William Carey House. (TALNO 254.0)<sup>3</sup> At some unknown point, a major addition was built to the west of the original volume, creating the basic rectangular footprint of the house as it stands today. The projecting porch was likely enclosed at that time as well. More recent alterations, particularly the construction of a series of bay windows on the First Street elevation, also deviate from the original volume.

Despite its modification, the Albert and Katherine Alford House gains substantial significance through its association with that prominent early Talent family. Although substantially altered from its original appearance, the Alford House remains a contributing feature within the Talent study area.

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<sup>3</sup> The sweeping curve of the porch does not appear to have been a part of the Alford design.





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Historic Name: **Clark-Hayman Hse**  
 Location: **205 MAIN ST W**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **1935**

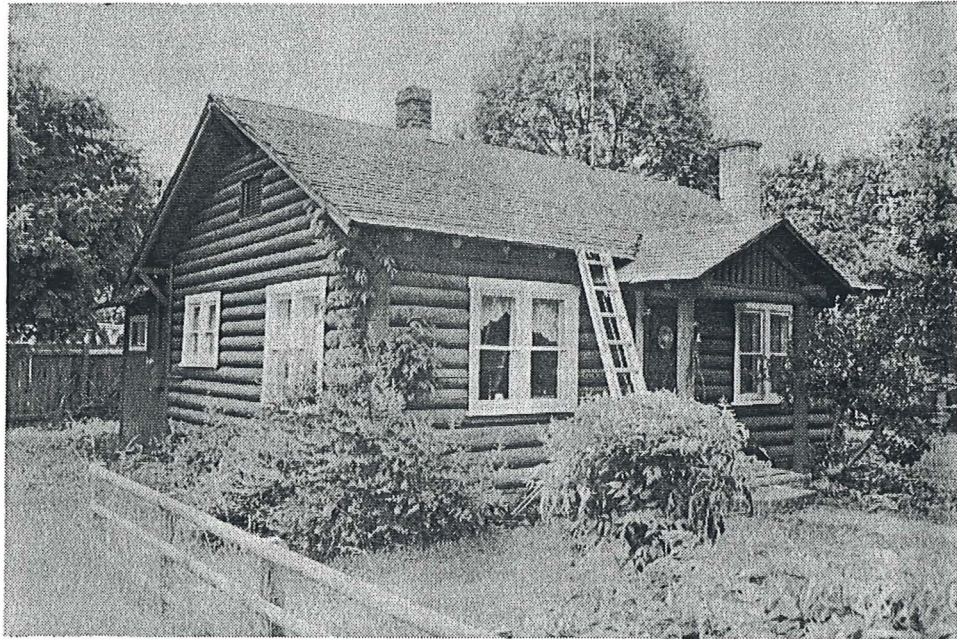
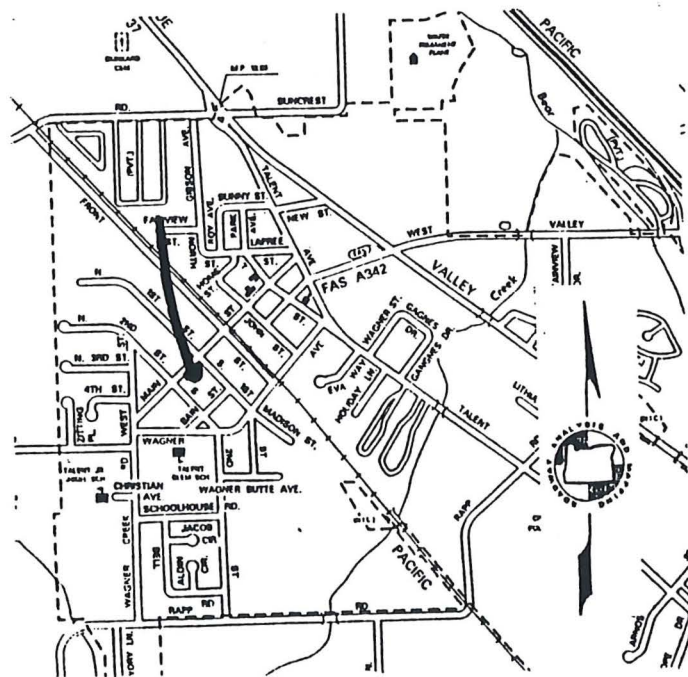


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Ranking: **Secondary**

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 SHPO NO:



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Historic Name: **Clark-Hayman Hse**  
Location: **205 MAIN ST W**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **ZIEMINSKI BERNARD M**  
MailAdd **37 SHAMROCK LN**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1935**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Rustic/Nps**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**ASHLAND**, OR 97520  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **D** Lot: **E1/3 11-12** Taxlot: **3200**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10279928**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 and 3/1 double hung sash window**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Log**

Exterior Surface: **Wood;Peeled Log**

Decorative Features: **log rafter tails; log diagonal corner braces; gable roof entry porch**

Other: **Two brick chimneys**

Alterations/Additions: **rear addition fo T-111 sheathing, shingled upper walls and casement windows,**

Landscape Features: **Partially fenced yard with perimeter plantings and shrubs**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing north, in area of small residential uses.**

Sources **Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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TALNO:	352.0	
CLARK-HAYMAN HOUSE		381W26BA-3200
205	MAIN ST W	
Built:	1935	Secondary

This one-story log home is unique within the Talent downtown as the only identified example of the log "rustic" style that was briefly popular for residential use in the period between the two World Wars.

No specific data regarding the construction of the Clark-Hayman House was located although it was apparently built c. 1935 during the ownership of Allen M. Clark. Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes show the property as vacant throughout the 1920s. By 1940, still owned by Clark, an improvement valued at \$380 was located on the site. No biographical information on Clark was located.

In 1949 the property was sold to Ralph and Bertha Hayman. (JCD 326:382-4) Ralph Hayman, who may have been Bertha's son, was employed as a "boxmaker," in one of the many factories supplying the valley's fruit industry. The family had lived in Talent at least since 1942 when Bertha resided at the corner of "I and Gibson" along with her adult children, Bruce and Ralph, both employed as boxmakers, and daughter, Lorna. Bertha and Ralph both continued to reside at 205 Main through 1964 and Bertha apparently retained ownership and lived here though her death, in July 1988.

The Clark-Hayman House retains high integrity to its original design with the original volume augmented to the rear by an addition that does not detract from the general appearance of the facade. The exposed log wall, along with the simple wood-framed windows, the small projecting porch canopy, and twin chimneys, are all consistent with the rustic style. The Clark-Hayman House, as the sole example of its type, is a well-known area structure and accurately relates both its original construction and the associations for which it is significant.

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Historic Name: **Burnett, Laurence & Ella**  
 Location: **103 SECOND ST S**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1931**

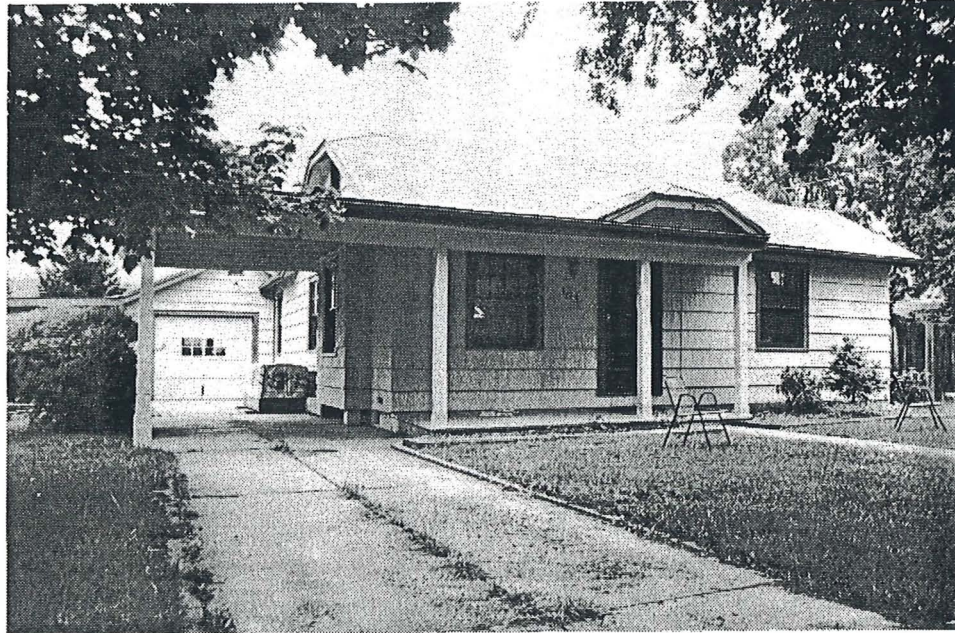
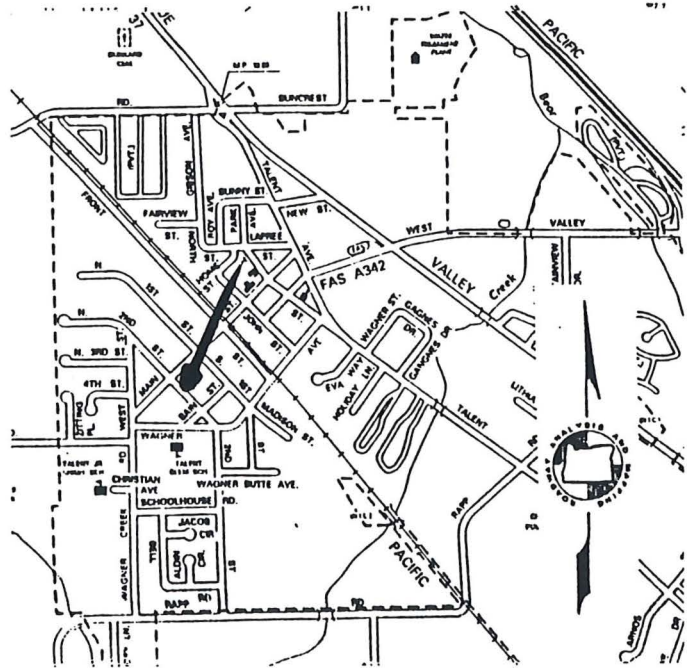


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Ranking: **Contributing**

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Historic Name: **Burnett, Laurence & Ella**  
Location: **103 SECOND ST S**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **WHITMORE J BRIAN**  
MailAdd **103 SECOND STREET**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1931**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Altered**

**Talent**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **D** Lot: **13-15** Taxlot: **3400**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10279944**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Clipped End**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window:**6/1 double hung sash**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Shingle; 1940s-Era Scored**

Decorative Features: **jerkinhead gable ends**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **carport and wrap-around facade porch attached to the north and west elevation**

Landscape Features: **Large perimeter hedge, trees.**

Associated Structures: **gable roof garage with catslide roof extension on northern edge of property**

Setting: **Mid-block facing west in area of small single family dwellings.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Contributing**

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TALNO:	354.0	
LAURENCE & ELLA BURNETT HOUSE		381W26BA-3400
103	SECOND ST S	
Built:	c1931	Contributing

This small single story wood frame dwelling is an example of the simple Bungalow type. Specific architectural features of note include the clipped gable ends, or "jerkinhead" form of the main roof.

According to Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes the vacant parcel, consisting of Lots 13-15 of Block D, was acquired by the City of Talent sometime between 1918 and 1930. In July 1931 the City sold Lots 13 and 14 to Laurence and Ella Burnett. (JCD 186:160) The house was apparently constructed shortly thereafter. In December 1932 the Burnetts sold the house to W.F. and Nancy N. Sullenger, subject to a \$125 mortgage to P. F. Provost, presumably the prominent Ashland contracting and hardware family. (JCD 192:630)<sup>1</sup> In 1935 the Sullengers sold to Harry G. and Nettie Naugle (JCD 203:605) and in 1948 the Naugles purchased Lot 15 from the City of Talent, assembling the property as it exists today. (JCD 289:391-2)

Harry G. Naugle served a series of terms on the Talent City Council, from at least 1939 through 1942 according to the *Oregon Bluebook* and city directories. In 1947-1948 Naugle served Talent as its Mayor. The Naugles sold the property to Floyd M. and Josephine M. Teeter in 1948. (JCD 393-4)

The modest Laurence and Ella Burnett House represents a late example of the Bungalow style as used in Talent prior to World War II. Somewhat modified by the application of exterior wood shingles in the 1940s-era, the house retains its original window sash and remains a contributing feature within the downtown residential district. Additional information on Harry G. Naugle and his role in local elected government may add to the property's significance.

<sup>1</sup> This leads to the possibility that Provost may be the builder of the structure.



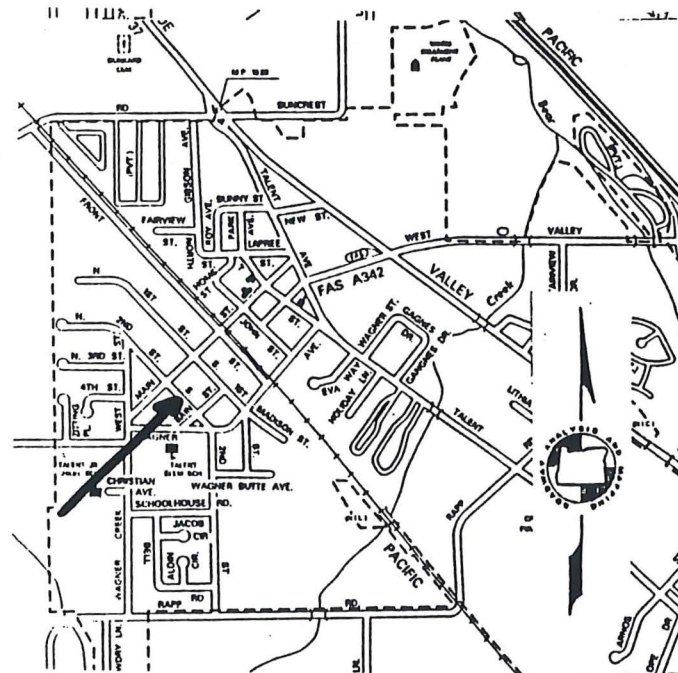
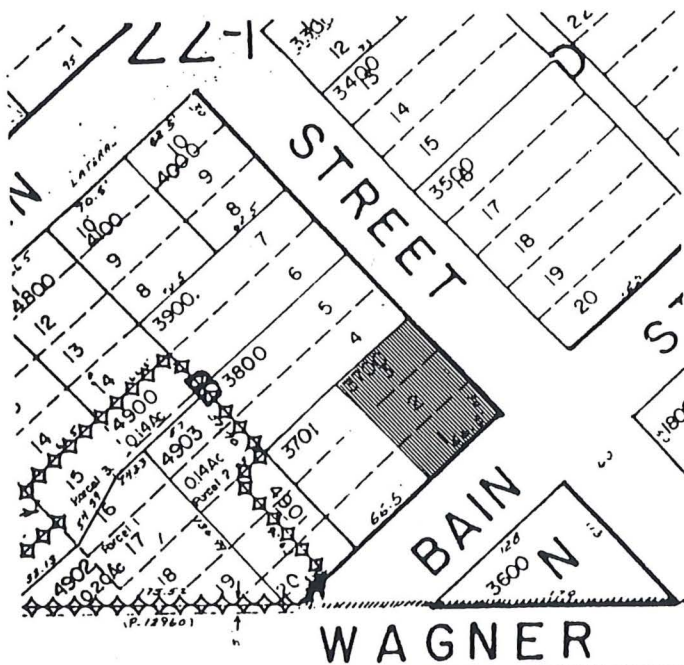
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Historic Name: Quackenbush, P. & D. Hse  
 Location: 110 SECOND ST S

Common: Same  
 Date of Construction: c1923



Photo Roll: BP5 Frame: 23A



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Ranking: Secondary

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Historic Name: **Quackenbush, P. & D. Hse**  
Location: **110 SECOND ST S**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **PREHN ROGER A/ARDEN M**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 46**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1923**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **B** Lot: **E1/2 1-2** Taxlot: **3700**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10279977**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 aluminum replacement windows**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **rounded hood entry porch; gablet gable roof attic vent; cornerboards**

Other:

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Large trees, hedges**

Associated Structures: **Gable roof building to north of house (now finished space)**

Setting: **Corner location, facing east, at intersection of Second and Bain, area of small single family residential uses.**

Sources

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Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Secondary**

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TALNO: 357.0  
P. & D. QUACKENBUSH HOUSE 381W26BA-3700  
110 SECOND ST S  
Built: c1923 Secondary

This one-story wood frame dwelling in the Bungalow style was constructed circa 1923 following Paul and Dorothy P. Quackenbush having obtained a Quit Claim Deed from May Smith Morris, one of the children of James B. Smith. (JCD 136:281)<sup>1</sup> In 1923 Quackenbush also purchased additional interest in Lots 1-3 from Wayland and Hazel Smith, presumably also children of James Smith. It is likely that the present structure was constructed sometime thereafter. (JCD 145:326) It is not clear, but is certainly possible, that either Paul or Dorothy Quackenbush were somehow related to the Smiths as well.<sup>2</sup> The Quackenbush's remained in the house at least through 1940, however, by 1946 the house was owned by Berglioth Amundsen. (Probate Journal 68:333-34)

The Paul and Dorothy Quackenbush House is a well-maintained example of the Bungalow style with modest Colonial Revival influences in the front porch and facade. The house retains its original siding, trim, and other detailing, and the primary modification from the original design is the replacement of the original windows with modern aluminum sash. Nevertheless, the Quackenbush House retains sufficient integrity to relate its original period of construction and adequately relates the associations for which it is significant.

<sup>1</sup> See TALNO 373.0 for more on Smith.

<sup>2</sup> Dorothy Quackenbush was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Spitzer, another pioneer family and the Spitzer's and Smith may have inter-married. Prior to moving to Talent, Paul and Dorothy Quackenbush resided in the Eagle Point area, near Brownsboro where the Terrill family was originally from. Jay Terrill married Parthena Smith and lived in the former James Smith House, around the corner from the subject property. See *Ashland Tidings*, 14-May-1914, 3:3.

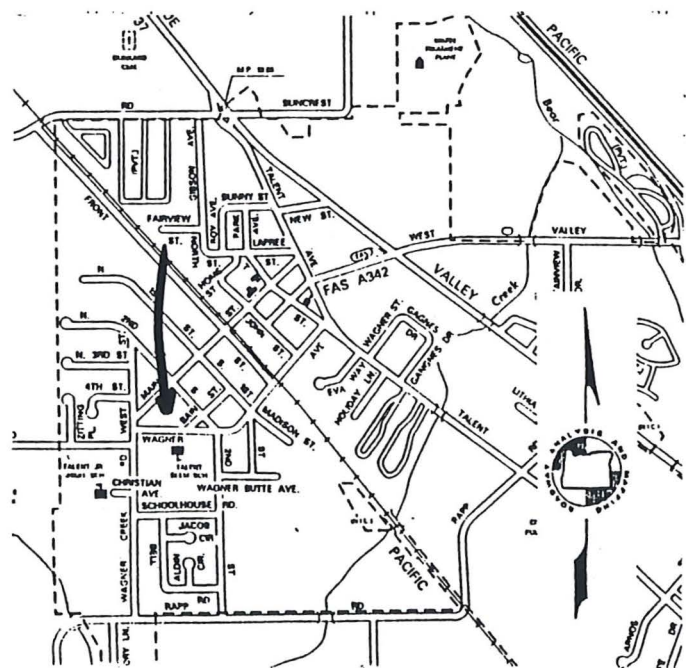
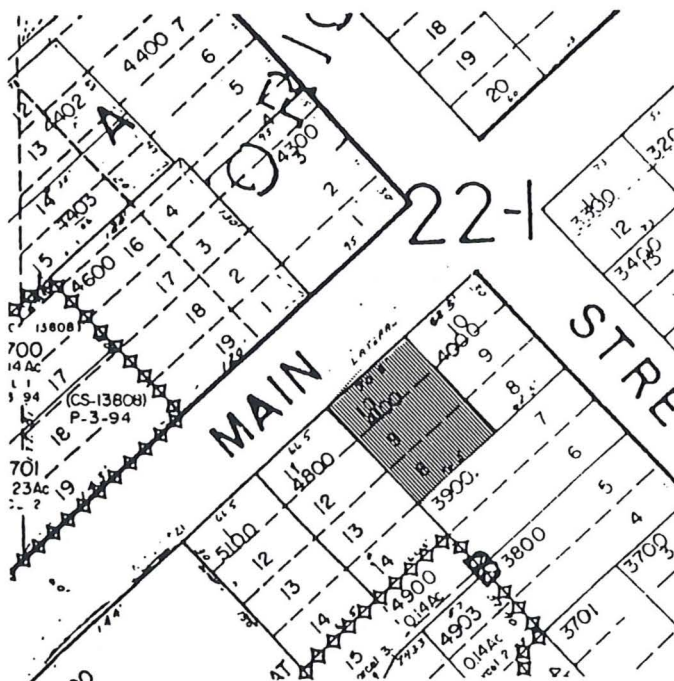
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Historic Name: **End gable cottage #1**  
 Location: **303 MAIN ST W**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1940**



Photo Roll: BP3 Frame: 31A



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Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey No. **362.0**  
 SHPO NO:



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Historic Name: **End gable cottage #1**  
Location: **303 MAIN ST W**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **HILL EDSON C**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 909**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **B** Lot: **W1/2 8-10** Taxlot: **4100**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10280028**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1940**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Poor**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window:**4/1 double hung sash**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **shed roof window hoods; gable roof entry porch, cornerboards**

Other: **textured brick chimney**

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features:

Associated Structures: **Sm. shed at SE**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing north, area of single family residential uses west of the Railroad tracks.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Contributing**

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TALNO: 362.0  
END GABLE COTTAGE #1  
303 MAIN ST W  
Built: c1940

381W26BA-4100

Contributing

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A small one-story gable volume, this simple volume was probably constructed circa 1940 as a part of the growth in the Rogue Valley resulting from the construction of Camp White, east of Medford.

No social history was located regarding early ownership pattern. In 1952 the property was acquired by John A. and Marno O. Arnold. (JCD 363:396) By 1964 it was owned and occupied by Thomas "Perry" and Beatrice Coburn, who operated the Up Town Barber Shop in Phoenix.

The front-facing gable with its small projecting canopy is typical of the simple residential construction type in Talent toward the end of the historic period. Essentially unaltered, the building is a contributing feature to the West Main streetscape.



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Historic Name: **End gable cottage #2**  
 Location: **305 MAIN ST W**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1942**

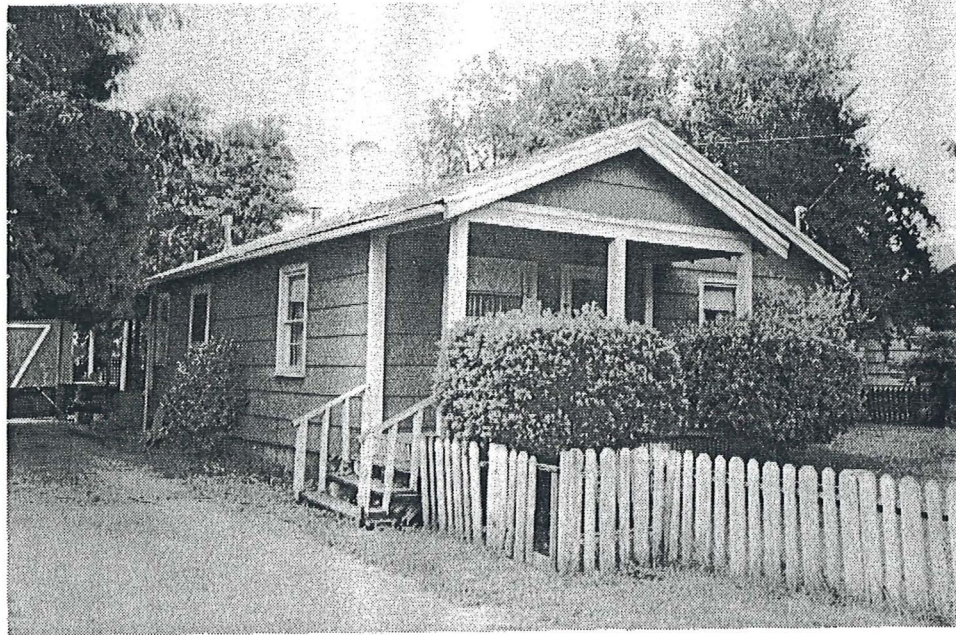
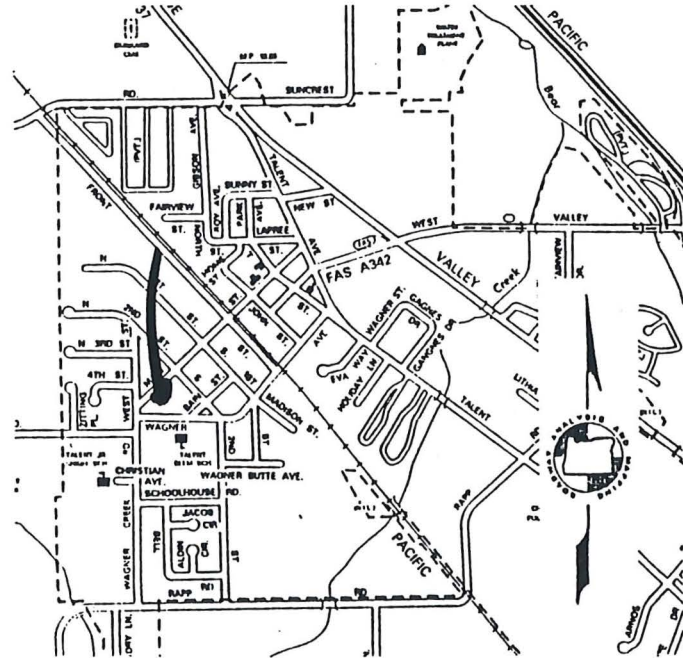
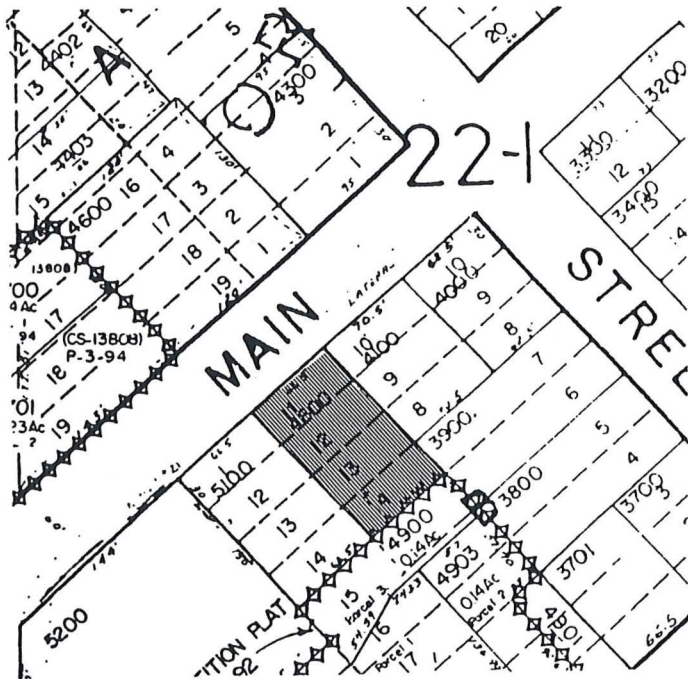


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Ranking: **Contributing**

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Historic Name: **End gable cottage #2**  
Location: **305 MAIN ST W**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **YOUNG LEONA A**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 333**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1942**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use:  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style:  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **B** Lot: **POR 11-14** Taxlot: **4800**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10280117**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window:**cottage style window, 2/2 double hung sash windows**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Shingle**

Decorative Features: **projecting end gable entry porch; three lite half-glass door; exposed rafter tails on eaves**

Other:

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Large trees, perimeter fence**

Associated Structures: **single portal, swing door gable roofed deatched garage to rear**  
Setting:

**Mid-block facing north, in residential district of small one and one and one-half story dwellings.**

Sources

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TALNO: 372.0  
END GABLE COTTAGE #2  
305 MAIN ST W  
Built: c1942

381W26BA-4800

Contributing

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This small single story house is a modest and essentially unaltered example of circa 1940s residential architecture in the Talent area during the last portion of the historic period. Although possibly built earlier, it likely was constructed as an element of the phenomenal growth in the Rogue River Valley following the construction of Camp White, east of Medford in 1942.

Little social history regarding the ownership of this property was developed. In 1952 the house was purchased by John L. and Nina L. Butler. (JCD 366:12) Mr. Butler worked for the City, as Superintendent of the Water and Street Department. The family remained here at least through 1964 according to city directories.

Modest in design, this house appears relatively unaltered and as such represents development in Talent during the latter part of the historic period. Additional research into the property's social history, as well as time, may add to its significance. It constitutes a contributing element within the residential area of downtown Talent.

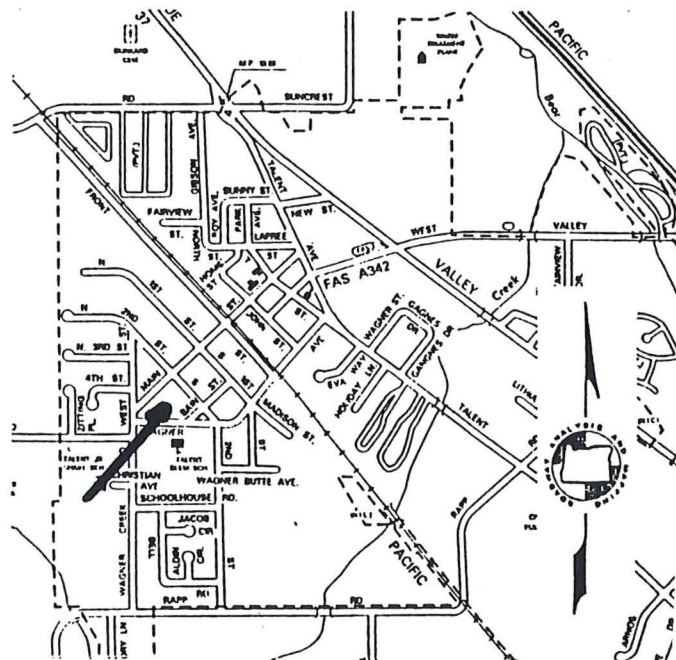
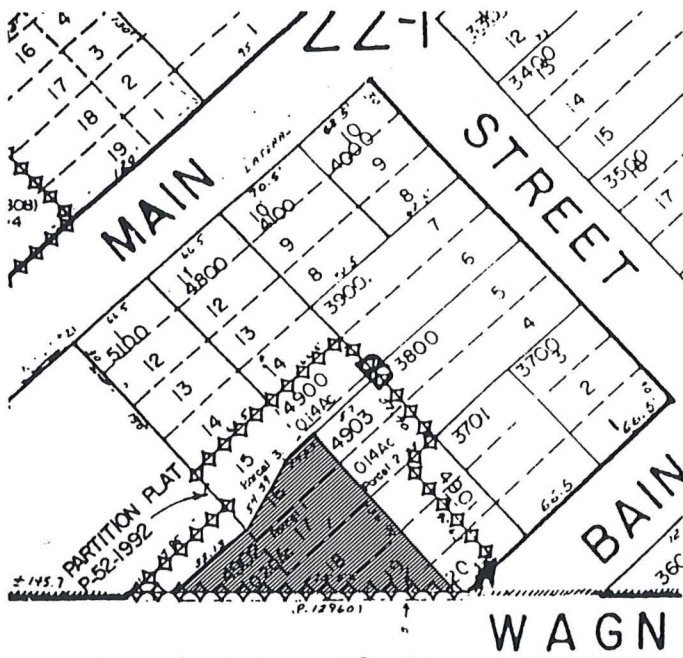
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Historic Name: **Smith-Terrill House**  
 Location: **308 WAGNER ST**

Common: **Terrill House**  
 Date of Construction: **1898**



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Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey No. **373.0**  
 SHPO NO:



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[Jackson County 029]

Historic Name: **Smith-Terrill House**  
Location: **308 WAGNER ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **ANDERSON ANDRE L**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 947**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: **B** Lot: **POR 15-20** Taxlot: **4902**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10280125**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Terrill House**  
Date of Construction: **1898**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **T-Shaped**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Intersect**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **6/1 replacement sash**

No. of Stories **2.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **symmetric window-door-window pattern; paneled door with side lights and transom; full width two story facade porch; drip caps over sash; corbel chimney cap**

Other:

**Corbeled brick chimneys**

Alterations/Additions: **replacement porch elements; replacement windows**

Landscape Features: **Large overgrown landscape of mature trees, shrubs, etc.**

Associated Structures: **small detached brick gable roof structure to immediate rear of house**

Setting: **Irregular shaped lot facing Wagner near intersection of Wagner Creek Road at edge of Original Town. Surrounding uses include residential to east and**

Sources **north, Talent Elementary School to south.**

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Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **373.0**  
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TALNO:	373.0	
SMITH-TERRILL HOUSE		381W26BA-4902
308	WAGNER ST	
Built:	c1898	Primary

This large two-story wood frame dwelling is among the oldest standing structures within the original town plat of Talent. It was almost certainly built for the James B. Smith family in the late 1890s.

James Barnett Smith was born in Georgia in 1856 and married his wife, Marthina, in 1880.<sup>1</sup> The couple had eight children, including four who remained with their parents in the Talent family home as late as 1910. The eldest of these, Parthena Smith<sup>2</sup>, was born in 1888 while the family lived in Tennessee. In 1910 James Smith had his "own income" either from family or other sources and listed no occupation. Two sons worked as laborers in the growing orchard industry and Parthena, then 22 years old, was employed as a school teacher. The youngest child in the family, daughter Annie S., was born in Texas in 1898, meaning the family arrived in Talent sometime thereafter.

By 1912 Smith owned the entire area of Block B. Sometime after 1914, the house was transferred to Jay Terrill and his wife, Smith's daughter, Parthena, who were married on 9-August 1914. (*Ashland Daily Tidings*, 2-January-1945, 4:3) By 1918 the Terrills were clearly in ownership and it is assumed that James Smith had either died or left the Talent area. (See JCD 122:460)

Jefferson Horace "Jay" Terrill was born in Brownsboro, Oregon on 3-August-1882. His parents, H. J. and Lucy Terrill, were early pioneers, having migrated to Oregon from Iowa in 1866. The Terrills moved to Talent in 1893 and lived on what is now Talent Avenue, south of the downtown. The family was long influential and prominent in civic and governmental affairs. Jay Terrill's brother, Charles E. Terrill, served as Jackson County Sheriff from 1919 to 1924 and was widely respected. (Unidentified Clipping, 1939, SOHS MS 432) Jay Terrill served Talent as a member of the School Board, as Postmaster, and as a fruit inspector and Deputy County Assessor. He was elected Talent's City Recorder and held that position for more than twenty years. Jay Terrill died at age sixty-three in 1945.

The Terrills remained in this house through Jay's death, apparently selling off portions of Block B throughout their lives. In the 1950s Barbara Terrill, Jay and Parthena's only child, sold the house to Walter Gale Slocum. (JCD 426:498, see also Probate Journal 117:192) By 1964 the house was owned and occupied by Earl M. and Bertha Robinson.

<sup>1</sup> It is theoretically possible, although not documented here, that Smith was related to the Barnett family of Talent, also large landowners in the vicinity during the period.

<sup>2</sup> Parthena Smith Terrill was also known as "Parthenia," "Partha," and "Party" in various legal documents and newspaper accounts. The correct spelling of her name could not be determined.



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The Smith-Terrill House is one of the best and largest examples of the I-House type of vernacular farm dwelling to remain within the Talent vicinity. The building retains its original siding, cornerboards, central brick chimney, and other features. A separate brick volume to the rear of the main house remains from the early specialized outbuildings that likely once surrounded the dwelling at the turn of the century. Various alterations and modernizations, most notably the replacement of original wood sash windows, somewhat diminish the building's integrity, however, the modern sash utilizes a multi-pane design and compliments the surviving original window trim and hoods. The Smith-Terrill gains substantial significance through its connection with both the Smith and Terrill families, who combined lived on the site for more than half of a century, throughout virtually the entire historic period. In setting, use of materials, and general appearance, the Smith-Terrill House retains the ability to effectively convey its historical associations and original period of development.



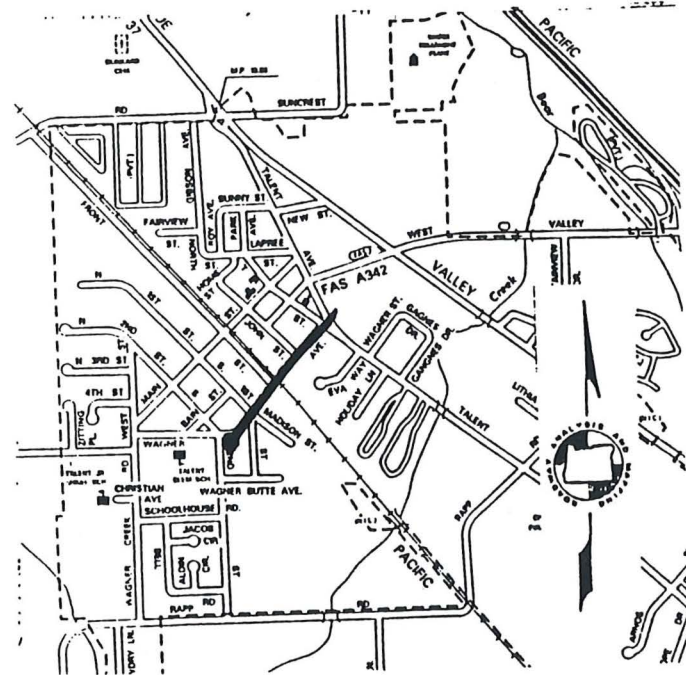
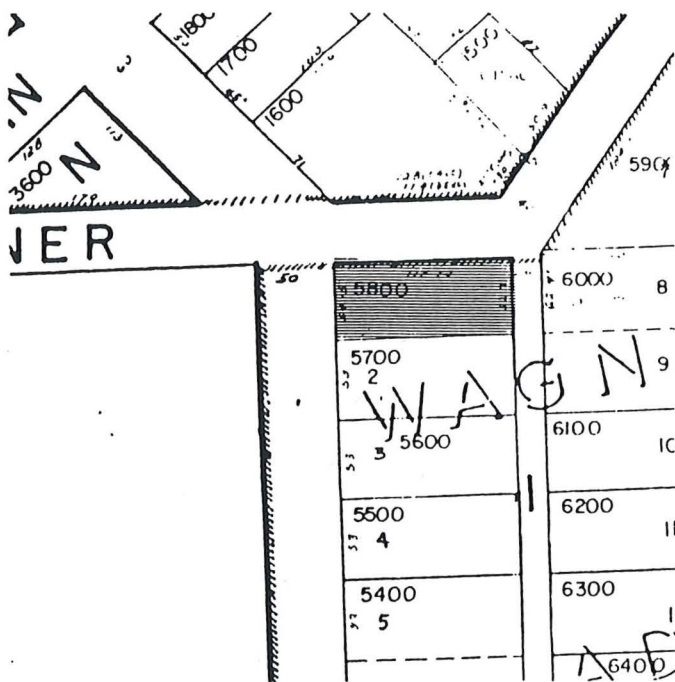
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Historic Name: **Christian Church**  
 Location: **207 WAGNER ST**

Common:  
 Date of Construction: **1912**



Photo Roll: BP2 Frame: 22A



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Ranking: **Contributing**

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City of Talent, Oregon  
Original Town Plat Survey, 1995  
[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Christian Church**  
Location: **207 WAGNER ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **RODRIGUEZ JOSEPH M**  
MailAdd **2911 E MAIN**

**ASHLAND**, OR 97520  
Addition: **Wagner Butte Addition**  
Block: **1** Lot: **1** Taxlot: **5800**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10280222**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common:  
Date of Construction: **1912**  
Original Use: **Religion:Church**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Multiple Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Poor**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;with shed addn**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window:**4/1 double hung sash; 2/2 aluminum replacement sash**

No. of Stories **2.5**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Asbestos Shingle;Straight Edge**

Decorative Features: **Wide eaves with brackets; exposed rafter tails; inset entry porch on north end gable**

Other: **Multiple chimneys, flared foundation skirt**

Alterations/Additions: **Tower altered\removed, shed dormer on east, shed addn to east,**

Landscape Features: **Overgrown and unkept, mature plantings, large tree at NW corner removed. [n.d.]**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting: **Corner location, facing north, at intersection of Wagner and Second. Residential uses, Talent Elementary in immediated area.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Contributing**

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TALNO:	384.0	
CHRISTIAN CHURCH		381W26BA-5800
207	WAGNER ST	
Built:	1912	Contributing

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This building was constructed in 1912 for use by the Talent Church of Christ, or "Christian Church," one of the many denominations that were active in Talent during the early years of the century. In December 1911 the subject parcel, comprising Lot 1 of the Wagner Butte Addition, was sold by Emma and Sheridan Thorton to A. A. Moody and others, serving as Trustees of the "Talent, Oregon Congregation of the Church of Christ." The sales price was \$275 according to county records. (JCD 96:37)

Plans for the new building were drawn and the project was greeted with local enthusiasm, as one of the many construction projects undertaken in Talent during the 1910-1912 period.

There is considerable movement to get the new Christian Church started. There has already been some gravel hauled and the foundation will soon be started. The location will be on the corner lot of the Wagner Butte Addition, east of the new school building, and when completed will be one of the nicest buildings in Talent." (*Ashland Tidings* 17-March-1912, 6:4-6)

Construction apparently was somewhat delayed and it would be almost a year before the building, estimated to have cost \$1200, was completed and ready for dedication. (*Ashland Tidings*, 27-March-1913, 3:3)

In 1916 the Christian Church was one of Talent's four houses of worship, and under the direction of Rev. Matlock, was the only one to have a regular pastor. It is unclear when the Church ceased operation in Talent although by 1925 the property had come into the ownership of J. N., Alice, and J. Pace, along with C. J. and Nora Thompson.<sup>1</sup> By the mid-1930s the building was owned by the First Insurance Company, presumably following a mortgage default. Sometime prior to 1946 the property was purchased by Jove V. and Valma Negles, who operated a local gas station and presumably used this building as a boarding house. Later owners include Ira and May Culver. (JCD 270:161) In 1964 the building was known as "the Holmes Apartments" and contained five units.

While the extent of modification to the original Christian Church design is unclear, the building has undergone substantial alteration, notably the addition of windows and dormers, to accommodate its change in use to a boarding/rooming facility. The building remains one of the larger structures still standing that date from Talent's pre-WWI development period.

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<sup>1</sup> It is at least possible that these individuals were the Trustees of the Church although that could not be determined.

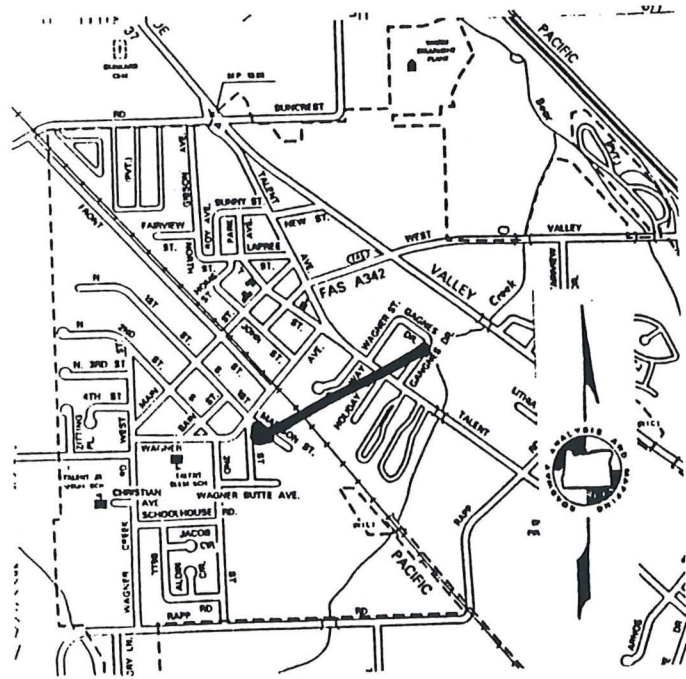
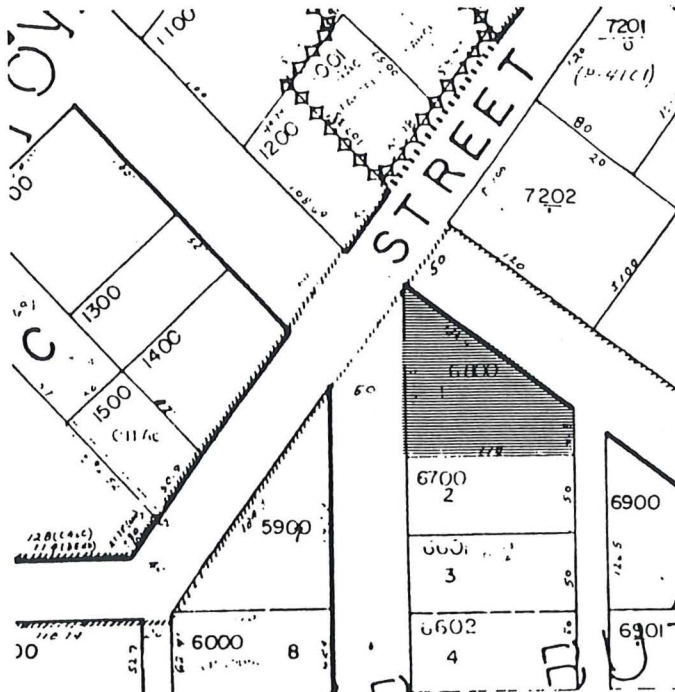
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Historic Name: **Oatman, F.B. & Nida Hse**  
 Location: **201 MADISON ST**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1910**



Photo Roll: BP5 Frame: 33A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: **Primary**

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 SHPO NO:





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Historic Name: **Oatman, F.B. & Nida Hse**  
Location: **201 MADISON ST**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **MESSINGER FLORA D TRUSTEE**  
MailAdd **201 MADISON**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1910**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Fair**

**TALENT**, OR 97540  
Addition: **Wagner Butte Addition**  
Block: **2** Lot: **1** Taxlot: **6800**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10280320**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Multiple**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 & 6/1 double hung sash window**

No. of Stories **1.5**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Metal;Corr.Sheet**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **wide eaves with brackets; shingles in upper gables; internal brick chimney, cornerboards,**

Other: **hooded window trim**

Alterations/Additions: **External concrete chimney added**

Landscape Features: **Large trees on mature, overgrown, lot, picket fence,**

Associated Structures: **Gable garage\shed to SW**  
Setting:

**Corner location, facing NE, on irregular corner lot at intersection of Wagner and Madison outside Original Town Site.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **397.0**  
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TALNO:	397.0	
F. B. & NIDA OATMAN HOUSE		381W26BA-6800
201	MADISON ST	
Built:	c1910	Primary

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This one and one-half story wood frame residence in the Bungalow style was constructed circa 1910 for the family of Frank B. and Nina Oatman. Oatman, apparently the son or grandson of Jackson County pioneer J. H. Oatman, was born in Oregon in 1859 and married the former Nida Sheets in 1901.

Oatman apparently worked on various farms and ranches through his life. He died suddenly at age fifty-eight in 1917.

F. B. Oatman, a valley pioneer and manager of the Dr. McFadden ranch at the outskirts of Talent, passed away suddenly from heart failure last night on the ranch. The attack was sudden and death resulted before a doctor could be called. He leaves a wife, a daughter, and two sons, the children being in school. (*Ashland Tidings* 5-February-1917)

Nida, widowed at age forty-four, never remarried. She raised the couple's children and owned the house at least through the early 1940s although she apparently moved to Medford prior to 1942. Nida Oatman died at age ninety-one after moving to Portland to live with her daughter. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 12-February-1964)

Sometime prior to July 1946 the house had been purchased by Bert and Edith Kenyon who sold it to Harold W. and Billie Kenyon. (JCD 271:286) In 1964 the house was rented to Evon Pennington.<sup>1</sup>

The F. B. and Nida Oatman House is among the better examples of the Bungalow style in the Talent vicinity. The mixed siding, with shingled gable ends above horizontal siding, rarely survives within the study area although such design was typical of the style. Other surviving features, such as cornerboards, original window sash and trim, wide eaves and brackets, all serve to convey the original appearance of the structure. The building gains additional significance through its association with the pioneer Oatman family. Located on a prominent corner at the edge of the original town plat, the F. B. and Nida Oatman House demonstrates high integrity in design, setting, use of materials, and general character, accurately relating both its original design and the associations which make it significant.

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<sup>1</sup> The property was identified as 201 *Wagner* in the 1964 city directory.

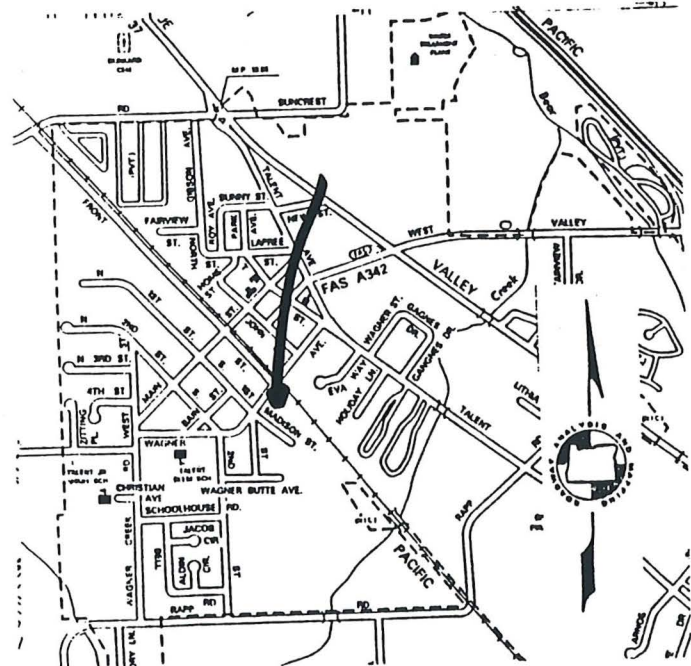
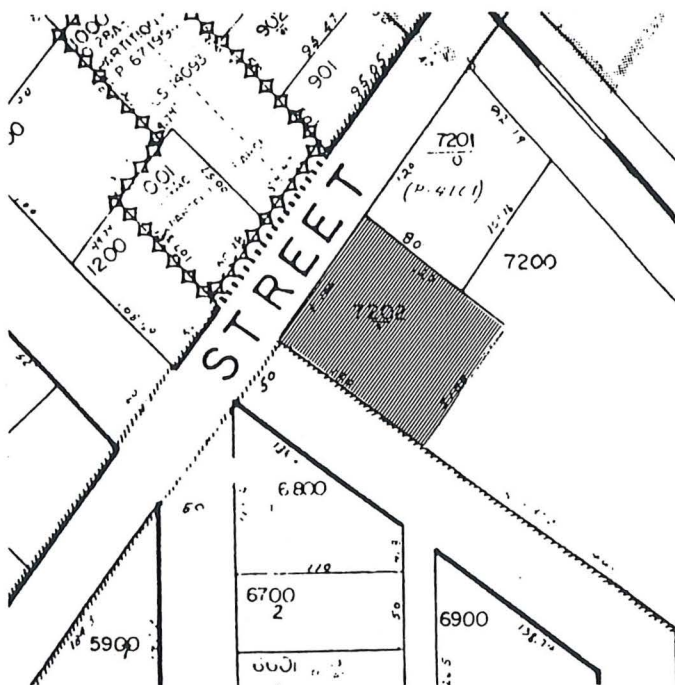
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Historic Name: Clayton House  
 Location: 109 WAGNER ST W

Common: Gable next to Arbor Hse  
 Date of Construction: c1922



Photo Roll: BP2 Frame: 18A



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Ranking: Contributing

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Historic Name: **Clayton House**  
Location: **109 WAGNER ST W**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **CANNON HERMON DARRELL**  
MailAdd **109 WAGNER AVE**

Common: **Gable next to Arbor Hse**  
Date of Construction: **c1922**  
Original Use: **Unknown**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **No Style**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Poor**

**TALENT**, **OR 97540**  
Addition:  
Block: Lot: Taxlot: **7202**  
T/R/S **381W26BA** Acct# **10280395**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.5**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Block** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable** Roof Material: **Asphalt;Deco Shingle**  
Wall Construction: **Concrete** Stuct. Frame: **Masonry:Concrete**  
Primary Window: **1/1 dbl hung wood, 1-light casement and fixed in groups**

Exterior Surface: **Concrete:Conc. Block**

Decorative Features: **Wavy-edge asbestos shingles in gable ends,**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Flat roof carport to west, shed addition to rear [south]**

Landscape Features: **Overgrown with weeds, large lot**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting: **Corner location, facing north, at intersection of Madison and Wagner in area of mixed uses. Restaurant to east, residential to west, open agricultural field to direct south.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Contributing**

Talent Survey Number: **404.0**  
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TALNO: 404.0

CLAYTON HOUSE

381W26BA-7202

109 WAGNER S

Built: c1922

Contributing

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The development history of this large one and one-half story concrete block and frame dwelling is somewhat confused.

In July 1922 Thomas and Susan Clayton purchased the subject property as a part of the acquisition of 7.18 acres. This deed, however, was not recorded for more than twenty years, until 1944. (JCD 253:33) Architecturally, the style and construction of the house, lead to the conclusion that it predates 1944. In September 1994, concurrent with the filing of the 1922 deed, the property was transferred to Fay O. Clayton, a single man, who almost certainly was related to Thomas and Susan. The 1937 *Polk Directory* lists F. O. Clayton as a farmer, residing in Talent. The 1942 *Polk Directory* lists Susan S Clayton, widow of Thomas, as living in Talent, presumably in the subject dwelling. Mrs. Clayton, a nurse during the Civil War, received some notoriety toward the end of her long life. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 25-April-1940)

In 1946 Fay O. Clayton sold the property to Herman E. and Hollie N. Cannon as a part of 8.18 acres of land in the area. The 1964 directories show the Cannon family still residing at the residence and operating the Fort Wagner Cafe, located next door at 103 Wagner. At some undocumented point the subject tax lot was split off from this larger parcel, creating the subject 100' x 120' lot fronting on both Wagner and Madison streets. The Cannon family retains a connection to the property at this writing.

Almost certainly constructed prior to 1944, and possibly as early as 1922, the Clayton House represents a rather unusual use of materials within the Talent area. In poor condition, it nevertheless retains substantial integrity, in materials and design, to its original period of construction, and as such, contributes to the character of the downtown Talent area.

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Historic Name: Pellett-Malster Hse  
Location: 104 WAGNER ST E

Common:  
Date of Construction: c1910

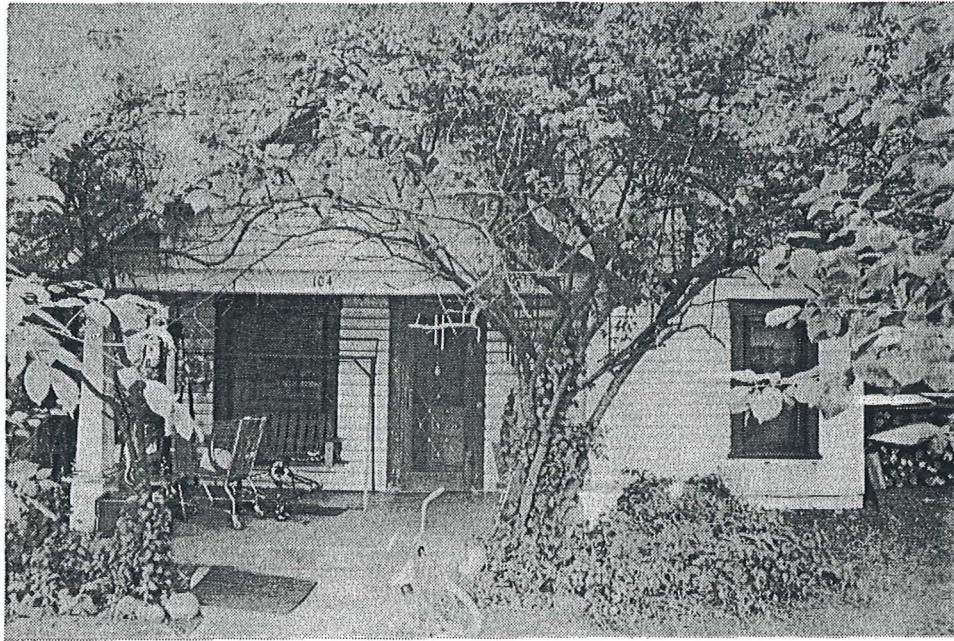
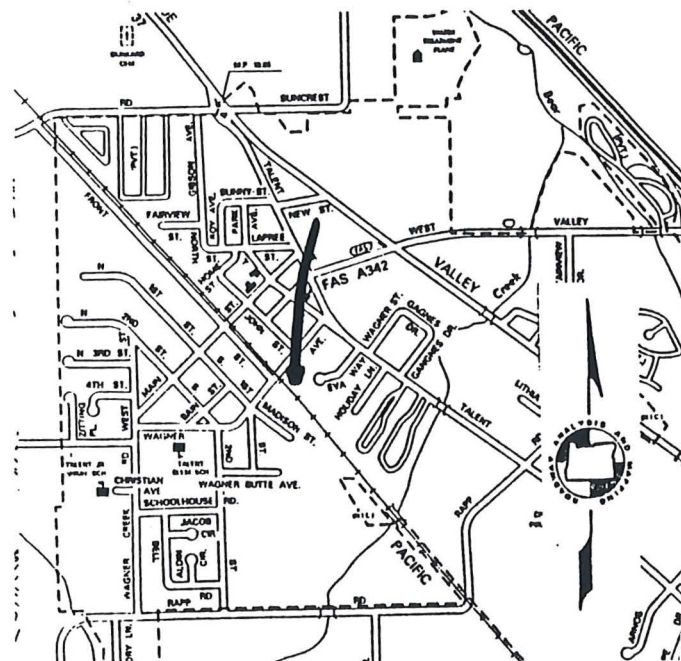
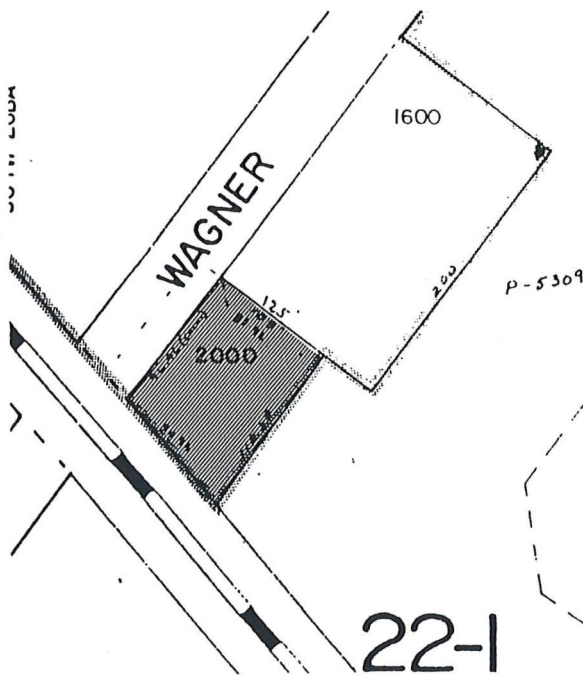


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Ranking: Secondary

Talent Survey No. 405.0  
SHPO NO:





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[Jackson County 029]

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Historic Name: **Pellett-Malster Hse**  
Location: **104 WAGNER ST E**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **ST. JOHN, AUDREY L.**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 44**

**Talent**, **OR 97540**  
Addition:  
Block: Lot: Taxlot: **2000**  
T/R/S **381W26AB** Acct# **10279351**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common:  
Date of Construction: **c1910**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Fair**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash windows**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Bevel**

Decorative Features: **gable entry porch; half-glass door; shingles in gable ends;; wide eaves with brackets, battered porch pillars.**

Other: **Hooded windows,**

Alterations/Additions: **Small "lean-to" covered area to west rear**

Landscape Features: **Overgrown lot, many poorly maintained plantings**

Associated Structures: **Gable garage with horizontal wood siding at NW**  
Setting:

**Mid-block, facing north, in area of mixed uses. Commerical to north, residential uses to east and west.**

Sources

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Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **405.0**  
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TALNO:	405.0	
PELLETT-MALSTER HOUSE		381W26AB-2000
104	WAGNER ST	
Built:	c1910	Secondary

This single story Bungalow style dwelling was constructed circa 1910-11, possibly by J. J. and Eva Pellet, who as part of the Wolters family once owned large tracts of land around the intersection of Wagner and what is now Talent Avenue.<sup>1</sup> The house is clearly visible in early photographs of Wagner, looking east toward the downtown from the railroad tracks. In March 1924 the Pellets sold a 97' x 109' parcel to Susie Malster for the rather high sum of \$1250, almost certainly indicating the house had been constructed at that time. (JCD 149:436)<sup>2</sup> Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes for 1925 document Malster as the owner with an improvement valued at \$550 and land assessed at \$150.

In 1930 the house was owned by Ben A. Webster who sold to Wellman A. Cortrell. Following Cortrell's death his son, Edgar, sold the property to Samuel P. and Anna Harrison, who purchased the property in 1936. (JCD 210:96-102)

The Pellett-Malster House is typical of the Bungalow style residential development within Talent during the first quarter of this century. The property retains high integrity to its original design in use of materials, setting, detail, and general appearance.

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<sup>1</sup> It is unlikely that J. J. and Eva Pellett actually lived in this house as in 1915 they were living on Gibson. See TALNO 134.0. Mrs. Pellett likely inherited the land following the death of her parents, Charles W. and Amanda Wolters.

<sup>2</sup> Tax Lot 2000 today runs 97.75 along Wagner Street and is 109' deep.

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Historic Name: **Barclay-Wolters Hse**  
 Location: **110 WAGNER ST E**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1894**

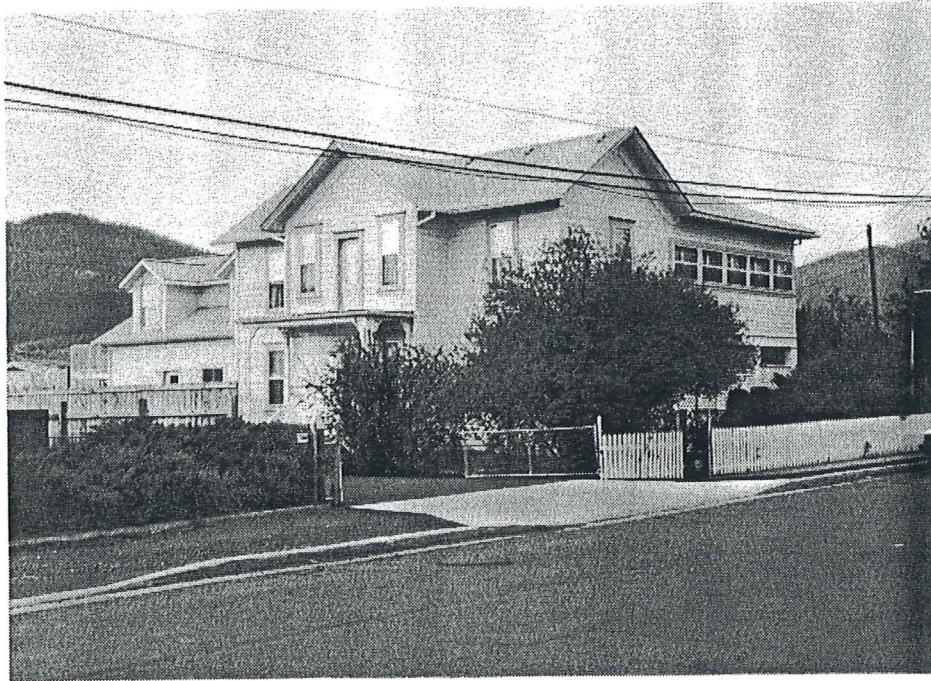
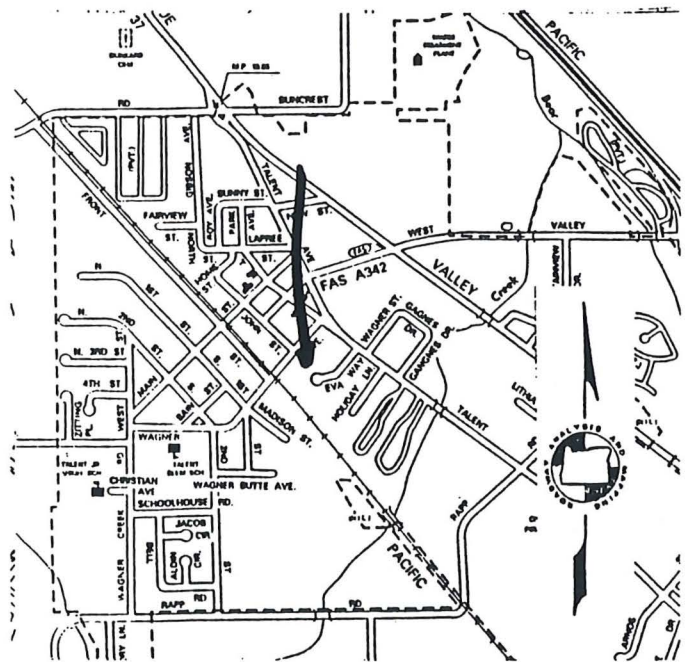
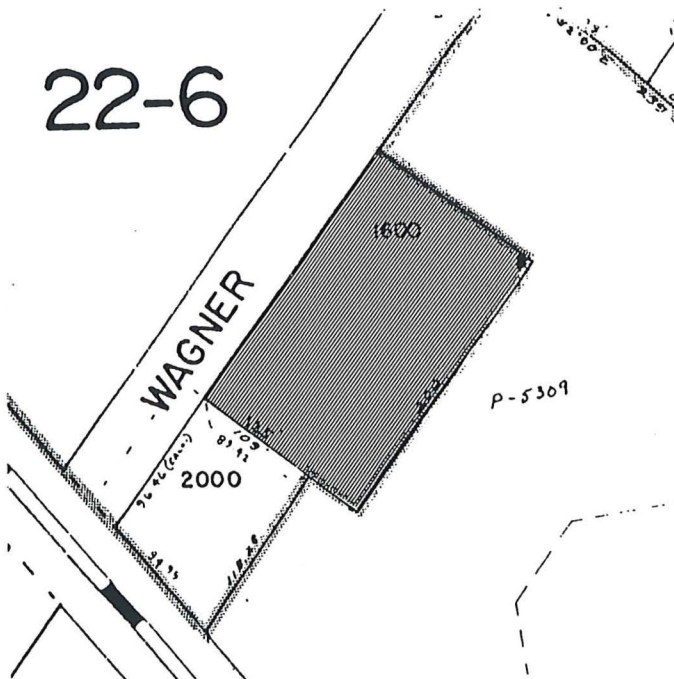


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Ranking: **Primary**

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Historic Name: **Barclay-Wolters Hse**  
Location: **110 WAGNER ST E**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **[REDACTED]**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 819**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1894**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Multiple Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**Talent , OR 97501**

Addition:

Block: Lot:

T/R/S **381W26AB**

Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Taxlot: **1600**

Acct# **10279301**

Plan: **Irregular**

Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**

Roof Form: **Gable;Multiple**

Wall Construction: **Wood**

Primary Windows **single and banded 1/1 double hung sash windows**

No. of Stories **2.0**

Basement: **No**

Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**

Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **pedimented drip caps above windows; wide eaves and fascia boards; flat entry porch on projecting facade two story bay; lower story north porch**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **large scale additions made to south and west addition, watertower razed c.199**

Landscape Features: **Perimeter fencing**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting:

**Mid-block, facing north, in transitional area between commerical uses to east and residential to west.**

Sources

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Talent Survey Number: **406.0**  
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TALNO: 406.0  
BARCLAY-WOLTERS HOUSE 381W26AB-1600  
110 WAGNER ST E  
Built: c1894 Primary

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This large two-story dwelling was apparently constructed in the closing years of the 19th century as the home of R.S. Barclay, a prominent local merchant. The structure is prominently located near the intersection of Wagner and Talent avenues and has been a visible landmark within the downtown Talent area for almost 100 years.

Richard S. Barclay arrived in the southern Oregon area in 1888, settling first in Ashland near the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. V. Mills. In 1894 Barclay and his son, Ted, traded their Ashland property to Talent and Ashland merchant, C.K. Klum, for the latter's established mercantile store in Talent.<sup>1</sup> Barclay and his wife, Mary, acquired 7.68 acres from Klum in March 1894 for a total sum of \$4000. (JCD 28:40)<sup>2</sup> In 1899 Mary Barclay sold a portion of that land, including the house, to M. L. and Isabelle Pellet, a prominent orchard family in the Talent area. (JCD 36:626)<sup>3</sup> The Pellet's in turn sold the property to Charles W. and Amanda Olive (Ollie) Wolters in 1903. (JCD 46:557)<sup>4</sup>

Charles W. Wolters was born in Crescent City, California in 1861 and migrated with his parents to Jacksonville the following year. After establishing a successful bakery business in Medford, and later a grocery in Ashland, Wolters relocated to the growing Talent area in 1901 and opened a general mercantile. Having purchased the subject house, the Wolters family, in varying combination, eventually owned virtually all of the land near the SW corner of Wagner Street and the Pacific Highway, as well as commercial property in the nearby area. Wolters was active in local fraternal orders and also helped found the Talent State Bank. Following the disastrous fire of February 1911, Wolters rebuilt his mercantile business in what was Talent's first fireproof masonry structure, located just across Wagner Street from the subject dwelling. The Wolters family apparently resided in this residence until 1911, moving around the corner to a newer and smaller house for unknown reasons.<sup>5</sup>

Charles W. Wolters died suddenly in 1912. (*Ashland Tidings*, 30-May-1912, 3:4-5) The family retained this property, possibly occupied by family members or rented, until 1926 when Charles C. Wolters sold the house to John and Annabel Webster, along with the bulk

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<sup>1</sup> See Kramer, *Barclay-Klum House*, National Register of Historic Places nomination, 1989. The Barclay-Klum House is located at 1023 East Main Street in Ashland.

<sup>2</sup> All information on land transfers relative to the Barclay-Logan House are taken from Abstract of Title #3329 prepared by the Murray-Greene Abstract Co., Medford in 1926 and kindly provided to the author by Mrs. Lida Childers.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. and Mrs. Pellett were the parents of John J. Pellett, who would later marry Eva B. Wolters and thus ultimately own a portion of the house his parents sold to his future in-laws. This sort of inter-relationship between early land transactions and families in the Talent area substantially complicates our understanding of the surviving built environment and makes their development history rather difficult to comprehend.

<sup>4</sup> Mrs. Wolters was the daughter of Alfred and Catherine Alford, also prominent landowners in the Talent area.

<sup>5</sup> See TALNO 407.2.

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of the other Wolters' family holdings in the area SW of the intersection of Wagner Avenue and the Pacific Highway. (JCD 158:518-19)<sup>6</sup> The Metzker Map of Jackson County, dated in the mid-1930s, shows John F. Webster owning essentially all the lands from Wagner to Rapp Road, west of the railroad track and up to those properties with frontage on the highway itself.

In 1939 John Webster transferred his holdings to his son, Ben R., and daughter-in-law, Sylvia Webster, noting in the deed that it was the intent to convey "all that property conveyed by J. J. and Eva Pellett to C. C. and Elnar Wolters," a reference to the settlement of the C. W. Wolters estate by his two children. (See JCD 143:293-4 and 262:370) In 1948 Ben Webster sold a one-half interest in the house to R. C. Logan. The Logan family retained ownership for many years, into the late 1980s or early 1990s prior to purchase by the present owners, resulting in the common name of the dwelling as the "Logan House."

Although somewhat modernized in the early 1990s, a process that saw the construction of an addition and the removal of the historic watertower long associated with the residence, the Barclay-Wolters House remains one of the most significant dwellings within the Talent vicinity, of note both as a well-preserved example of the vernacular L-plan farmhouse type and for its prominent association with the family of Charles W. Wolters. The house retains original siding, wall detailing, and other features of its style, and effectively conveys both its original period of construction and the associations for which it is significant.

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<sup>6</sup> Throughout these transactions the house is continually referred to in land transactions as the "Barclay Residence" and thus that name, despite the family's rather short occupancy, is retained within this study.





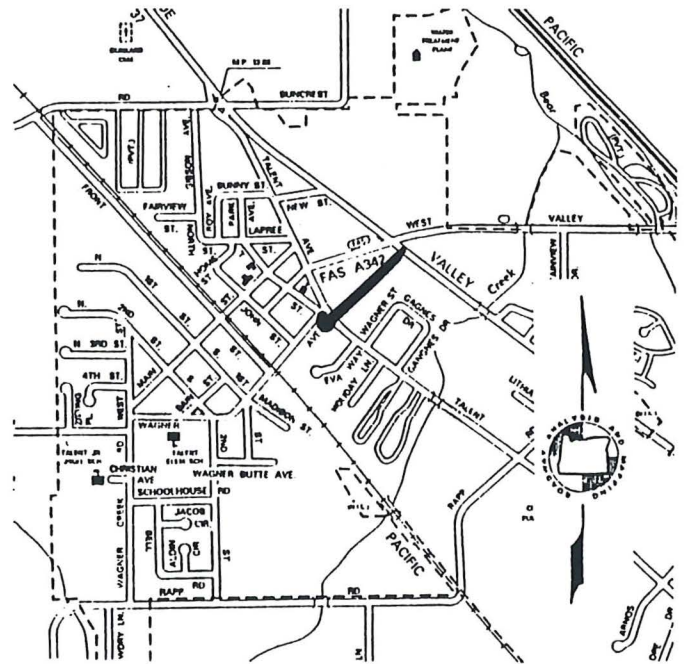
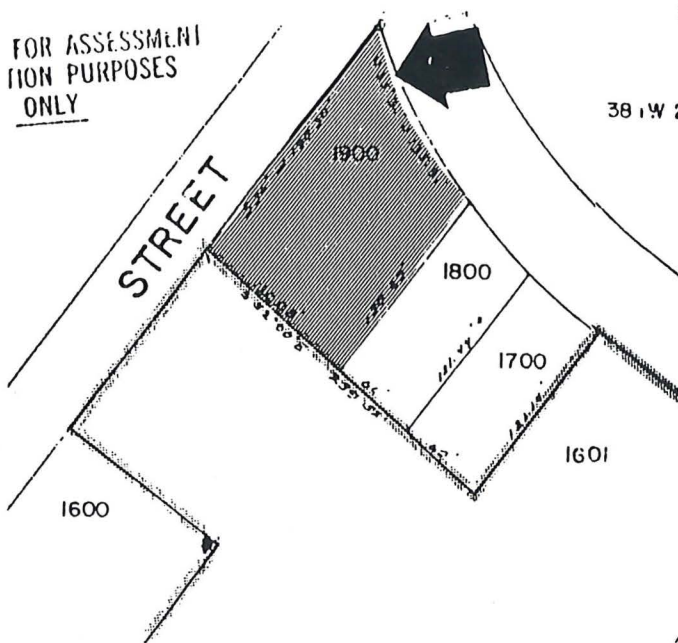
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Historic Name: **Bates Service Station**  
 Location: **200 TALENT AVE**

Common: **Old Gas Station**  
 Date of Construction: **c1930**



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Ranking: **Primary**

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Historic Name: **Bates Service Station**  
Location: **200 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **GILBREATH, FOREST W.**  
MailAdd **41 GRANITE ST**

Common: **Old Gas Station**  
Date of Construction: **c1930**  
Original Use: **Commerce:Auto-Related;Fuelin**  
Present Use:  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style:  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**Ashland**, OR 97520  
Addition:  
Block: Lot: Taxlot: **1900**  
T/R/S **381W26AB** Acct# **10279344**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Intersect**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **multi-lite display window**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Vertical Board/Batten**

Decorative Features: **projecting service bay with twin concrete and wood support posts;  
service bay features diagonal braces, exposed rafters and purlins**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **large rectangular commercial space added (1945) to east elevation of service st**

Landscape Features: **None**

Associated Structures: **Two wood frame commerical buildings share lot, located west, facing  
Setting: Wagner Creek Rd**

**Corner setting, facing east, at SW corner of Talent Avenue and Wagner Creek  
Rd intersection, traditional edge of downtown commercial district.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire  
Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty  
Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Ranking: **Primary**

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TALNO:	407.1	
BATES SERVICE STATION		381W26AB-1900
200	TALENT AVE	
Built:	c1930	Primary

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This single-story wood frame structure was developed from an earlier gas station at this intersection in the 1930s and represents one of the earliest identified resources in the Talent area built specifically in response to the presence of the Pacific Highway.

Beginning in 1913, with the passage of a local bond measure to fund the development of "Good Roads," Jackson County became a leader in the use of the automobile to replace rail transportation for both passenger and freight uses. What is today Talent Avenue, long a part of the major north-south route between Ashland and Medford, became an element of the new Pacific Highway. Jackson County was the first county in Oregon to be completely paved for its length and by 1926, Oregon became the first state along the 1300 mile Pacific Highway, from the Canadian Border to Mexico, to offer continuous pavement. The Talent portion, along the flat valley bottom, was apparently completed sometime prior to 1917 and surviving resources indicated a date of 1915.<sup>1</sup>

As late as 1930, the gas station at the intersection of Wagner and the highway was located on a physically isolated "island" seemingly within the right-of-way itself. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps drawn in June of that year show a small square structure with projecting canopy. The present volume likely incorporates that structure as its northernmost portion, augmented by the construction of what were two service bays to the south at some later, undocumented point. In 1938, following considerable discussion and opposition, the main route of the highway, by then known as Highway 99, was shifted to the east, away from downtown Talent and the subject station.

A part of the vast holdings of the Wolters family in this area of downtown Talent,<sup>2</sup> it is unclear, but likely that this structure was among the multiple properties in the area shown in the 1925 Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes. By 1930, the property had been acquired by Robert C. and Sylvia E. Logan. Shortly thereafter, the station was purchased by Loyal M. and Sylvia M. Bates and thus the building has long been known as the Bates Gas Station. In October 1948, Bates sold the station to Forest W. and Nona Gilbreath. (JCD 307:346) The Gilbreath's ran the station for almost thirty years.

The Mobil service station on the corner of Wagner Avenue and I Street purchased by Frank C. Pineau in January 1975 from F.W. "Lucky" Gilbreath [sic] is the oldest station in Talent. Mr. Gilbreath ... [states] he purchased from a Mr. Bates who had it for at least 20 years..." (Carol J. Malcolm, "Early Business and Industries of Talent," unpublished manuscript, June 1975, 7-8)

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<sup>1</sup> See TALNO 427.0.

<sup>2</sup> See the Barclay-Wolters House, TALNO 406.0.

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Constructed in the 1930s, and possibly including elements from an earlier period, the Bates Service Station is a rare surviving example of an early gas station in Jackson County and is among the oldest identified resources within Talent to have developed along the Pacific Highway in the years prior to World War II. Although no longer used for its original purpose, the Bates Service Station retains its original projecting canopy and wood posts that once protected the motorist from inclement weather. The multi-pane windows and exposed beams of the station are typical of the form, and are classic elements of early automobile-related design. Recent modifications, notably the false facade and vertical siding, do not sufficiently obscure the original use of the building or its role as an early example of the automobile service industry.



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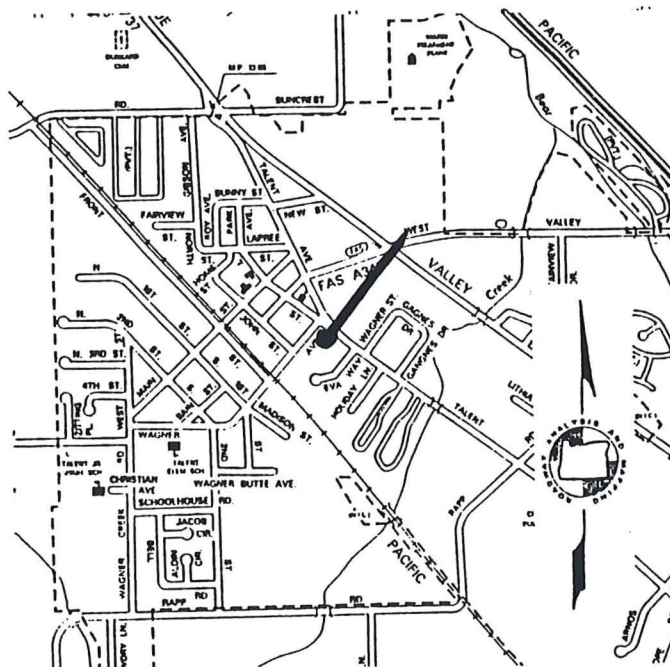
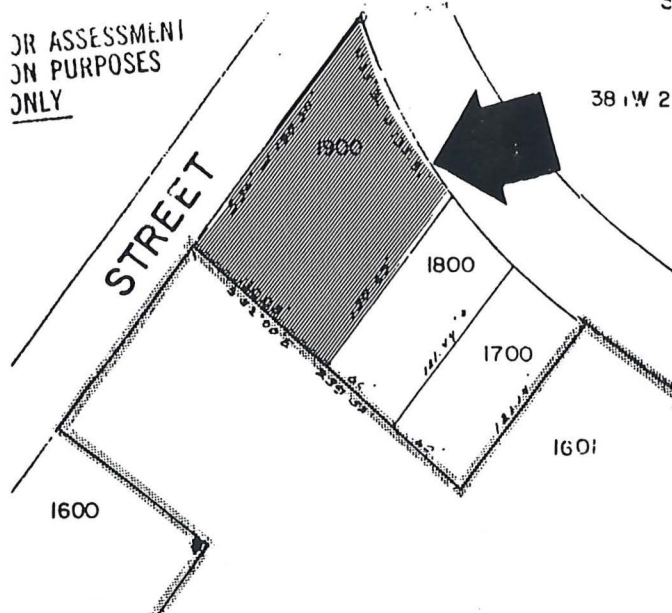
Historic Name: **Wolters, C.W. & Amanda Hse**  
 Location: **202 TALENT AVE**

Common:  
 Date of Construction: **1911**



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Ranking: **Secondary**

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Historic Name: **Wolters, C.W. & Amanda Hse**  
Location: **202 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **GILBREATH, FOREST W.**  
MailAdd **41 GRANITE ST**

**Ashland, OR 97520**

Addition:  
Block: Lot:  
T/R/S **381W26AB**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Taxlot: **1900**  
Acct# **10279344**

Common:  
Date of Construction: **1911**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Multiple**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 and 3/1 double hung sash windows**

No. of Stories **1.5**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **gable roof entry porch; cornerboards; fascia boards**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **False shutters added,**

Landscape Features: **Some large trees, perimeter shrubs, paved parking area to front**

Associated Structures: **Shares taxlot with adjacent gas station, see TALNO 407.1**

Setting: **Mid-block facing east, at edge of downtown commerical area of Talent.  
Residential uses to south.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Secondary**

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TALNO: 407.2  
C.W. & AMANDA WOLTERS HOUSE 381W26AB-1900  
202 TALENT AVE  
Built: 1911 Secondary

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This one and one-half story wood frame dwelling was apparently constructed in 1911 for occupancy by Charles W. Wolters, a prominent local landowner and businessman who owned a variety of properties in the vicinity, including virtually all the land at the SW corner of Wagner and Talent Avenue heading west to the railroad tracks.<sup>1</sup> Having resided on Wagner Street on the property he purchased from M. L. Pellet in 1903, for unknown reasons Wolters had this house built in 1911, and presumably moved in shortly thereafter.

C. W. Wolters is building a new residence near the site of his present home. (*Ashland Tidings*, 14-August-1911, 1:2)

Following Mr. Wolters sudden death in May 1912, his widow, Amanda, continued to reside here and the local press reported her hosting of periodic social events. Mrs. Wolters apparently died sometime prior to 1920 and the house was inherited by the Wolters' two children, Eva B. Pellett and Charles C. Wolters. In 1924 Eva filed a Quit Claim Deed in favor of her brother and sister-in-law, consolidating the ownership of the properties. (JCD 143:293) It is unclear whether any of the family continued to be associated with the house and it was long owned jointed with the Bates Service Station. Both properties are still located on the same tax lot and share common ownership.

The C.W. and Amanda Wolters House remains essentially as built with its original horizontal siding, windows, trim, and other elements intact. Somewhat compromised in setting, the house nevertheless retains its historic connection with the adjacent commercial use, a connection that dates approximately 60 years or longer. The C. W. and Amanda Wolters House retains sufficient integrity to its historic design to accurately reflect both its period of construction and the associations for which it significant.

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<sup>1</sup> See TALNO 406.0 for more on Wolters.

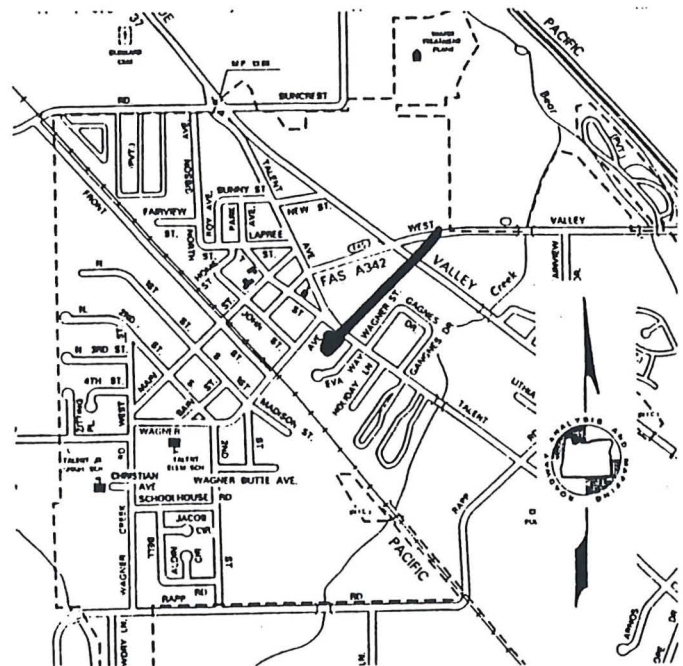
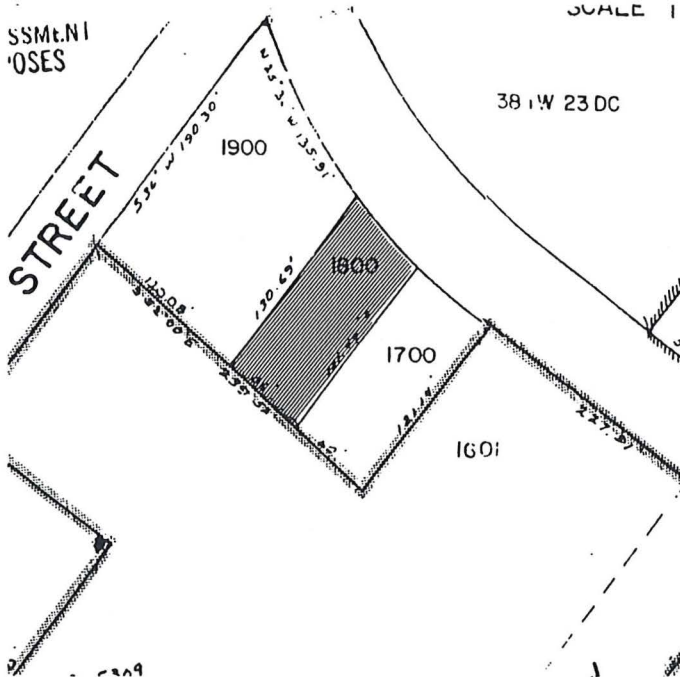
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Historic Name: **Wolters Rental Hse**  
 Location: **204 TALENT AVE**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1910**



Photo Roll: HD1 Frame: 05



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Ranking: **Secondary**

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 SHPO NO:



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Historic Name: **Wolters Rental Hse**  
Location: **204 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **TERRILE, JAMES LEE**  
MailAdd **21009 SNAG ISLAND DR**

**Talent**, WA 98340  
Addition: **Original Town of Talent**  
Block: Lot: Taxlot: **1800**  
T/R/S **381W26AB** Acct# **1279336**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1910**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **L. Vict:Q.A. Cottage**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Square**  
Foundation: **Wood;Post&Pier**  
Roof Form: **Hipped**  
Wall Construction: **WOOD**  
Primary Window: **1/1 wood sash dbl hung**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **nO**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;Deco Shingle**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **Hipped ventilation dormer [front], shed porch, cornerboards, wide plain board fascia.**

Other: **Central concrete chimney**

Alterations/Additions: **Rear shed, porch rebuilt,**

Landscape Features: **Large tree,**

Associated Structures: **Small gable shed to rear**  
Setting:

**Mid-block, facing east, just beyond commercial core of Talent. Area of mixed single and multiple family residential uses.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deeds and Assesors Fieldnotes, 1900 and 1910 Jackson Cty Census data, Jackson Cty Directories, and other specific sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **408.0**  
SHPO NO:

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TALNO:	408.0	381W26AB-1800
WOLTERS RENTAL HOUSE		10279328
206	TALENT AVE	
Built:	c1910	Secondary

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The social history of this single story hipped-roof volume is obscured by its connection to the extensive Wolters family holdings at the intersection of the Wagner Creek and what is now Talent Avenue. Likely built as a rental in the 1910-1912 period, no specific occupancy or use information could be located prior to 1947. During that time the property was included in the various transfers of land between members of the Alford, Wolters, and Pellett families. The property was included in the sale of the remains of the Alford-Wolters holdings that were sold to H. B. and Lillian B. Nye in October 1929. (JCD 181:253-4) The Nye's apparently continued to rent the house until 1947 when Lillian Nye, then remarried to Gordon L. Schermerhorn, sold the subject parcel to Guy R. and Ada B. Stager. (JCD 279:500)<sup>1</sup>

Stager continued to reside in the house at least through the early 1960s. By the late 1970s the house was occupied by Evelyn Addleman, an office secretary for Jackson County Welfare.

Of indeterminate social significance, the Wolters Rental House exhibits very high integrity to original design in materials, workmanship, and setting. Essentially unaltered, the structure retains its original siding, window and window trim, exterior detailing, and other elements. The front porch, although rebuilt, does not seriously detract from the ability of the Wolters Rental House to convey its development and the house remains an excellent example of its style within the Talent study area.

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<sup>1</sup> It is not clear whether Lillian was widowed or divorced H. B. Nye or how acquired sole ownership of the property. Gordon L. Schmerhorn, of a prominent pioneer family, was presumably the former Jackson County Sheriff who achieved a certain notoriety during the so-called "Jackson County Rebellion" of 1932-33.

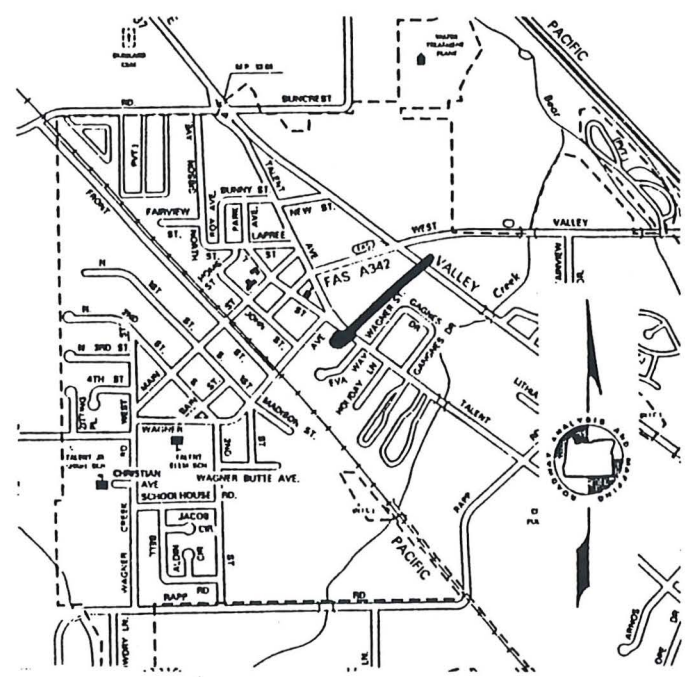
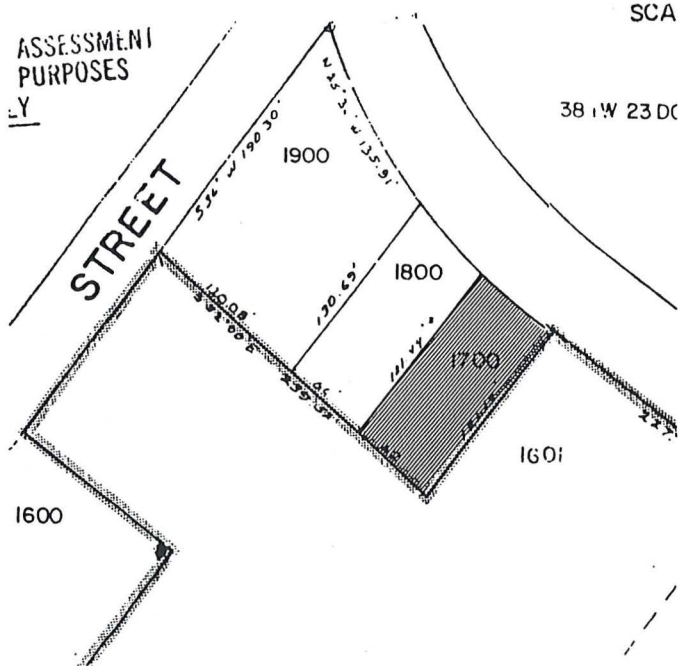
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Historic Name: Carl, Marcus & Marg. Hse  
 Location: 206 TALENT AVE

Common: Sm. Brown I House  
 Date of Construction: c1894



Photo Roll: BP5 Frame: 04A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: Secondary

Talent Survey No. 409.0  
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Historic Name: **Carl, Marcus & Marg. Hse**  
Location: **206 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **JARVI, DENNIS E.**  
MailAdd **117 High Street**

**Ashland**, OR **97520**  
Addition:  
Block: Lot: Taxlot: **1700**  
T/R/S **381W26AB** Acct# **10279328**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Sm. Brown I House**  
Date of Construction: **c1894**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Fair**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Wood;Post&Pier**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **4/4 wood sash dbl hung**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Shingle; 1940s-Era Scored**

Decorative Features: **Hipped front porch, exterior chimney**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Gable addition to south, pre-1930**

Landscape Features: **Large twin-trunk tree to south**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting: **Mid-block, facing east, in mixed residential area to south of main commercial core of Talent.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **409.0**  
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TALNO: 409.0  
MARCUS AND MARGARET CARL HOUSE 381W26AB-1700  
206 TALENT AVE  
Built: c1894 Secondary

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This small vernacular house is typical of the I-House type as utilized in the early years of settlement in the Talent area. Although likely built in the 1880s, the earliest identified owners of the lot as separate from a larger agricultural tracts are Marcus and Margaret Carl, who owned a 1.27 acre lot including the subject dwelling as early as 1894. In April of that year they transferred the property to George and Sarah Carl, of Myrtle Point, for \$600, regaining full ownership in December. (See JCD 27:454 and 31:51). It was not clear when, or from whom, the Carl's acquired the property but based on the \$600 price, it is clear the house was standing in April 1894.

Marcus Carl was born in 1872 in Iowa and married Margaret, born in Kansas, in 1894, apparently moving into the subject dwelling. The couple had one daughter, Iva or Ivy, who was born in 1897 and one son, Claud, born in 1908. Marcus Carl listed his occupation as "gardener" in the 1900 census. In January 1898 the Carls sold the 1.27 acre to Ashland financier C. E. Nininger, who then split the lot creating a smaller parcel including the house that was 32/100ths of an acre in size. (JCD 33:402) This smaller parcel was sold back to the Carl's, who presumably continued to reside here. (JCD 33:403) By May 1898 the house had been sold to David Brower whose estate sold the property to S. G. Netherland in 1901. (JCD 44:297) The Carl family moved to Sams Valley where the 1910 Census lists "Mark" Carl as operating an orchard.

In 1903 the Carl House was acquired by Albert and Katherine Alford and eventually incorporated into the Alford-Wolters family ownership of property in this area. (See JCD 81:635) Later owners include D. A. and Mattie Manning, who purchased the home from H. B. and Lillian Nye in the 1930s<sup>1</sup>, and Lilah V. Parker, in the 1950s.

The Carl House retains its essential I-House volume, augmented by a small gable wing extension to the south of unknown date. The exterior of the dwelling has been re-sided, probably during the 1940s, with scored wood shingles. One of the oldest dwellings in the study area, the Carl House retains integrity in design, workmanship, and general character. It constitutes one of the best surviving examples of the small vernacular forms built during the initial settlement period of the Talent area.

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<sup>1</sup> The Nye's had bought all the remaining Alford holdings from the couple's heirs in 1928. See TALNO 342.0.

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Historic Name: **Rhodes, L. M. Hse**  
 Location: **213 TALENT AVE**

Common: **Grabher House**  
 Date of Construction: **1913**

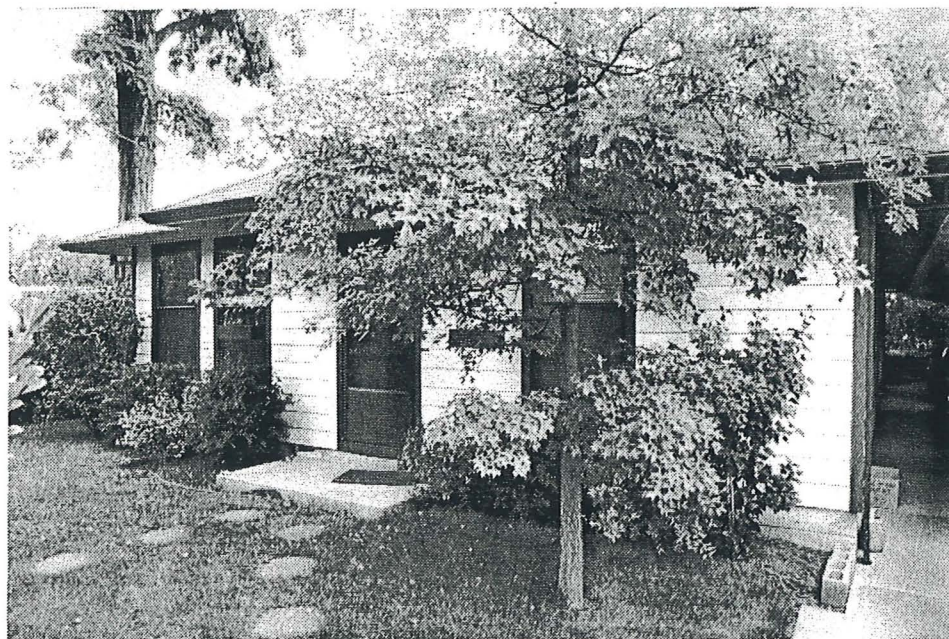
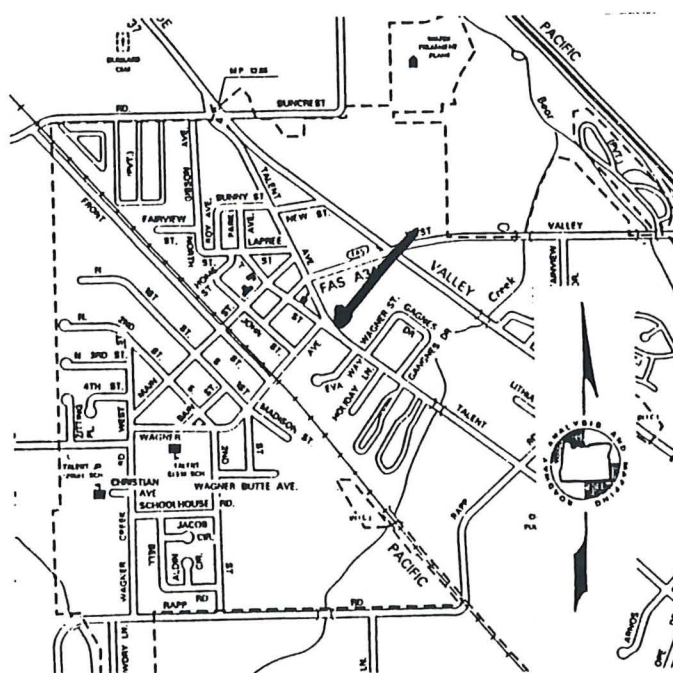
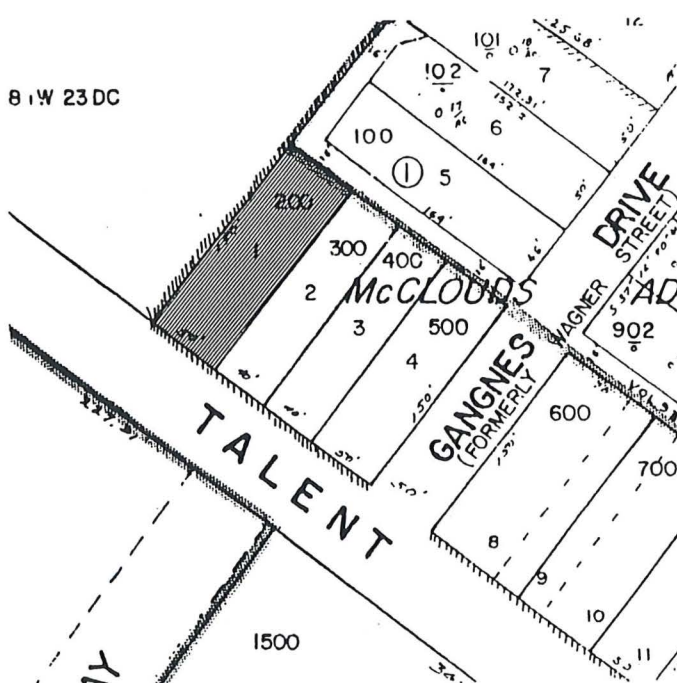


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Ranking: **Contributing**

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 SHPO NO:



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[Jackson County 029]

Historic Name: **Rhodes, L. M. Hse**  
Location: **213 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **GRABHER, ALBERT A/BETTY L**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 336**

**Talent**, OR 97540  
Addition: **McCloud's Addition**  
Block: **1** Lot: **1** Taxlot: **200**  
T/R/S **381W26AB** Acct# **10276961**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Grabher House**  
Date of Construction: **1913**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Block**  
Roof Form: **Hipped**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash window**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Bevel**

Decorative Features: **small hip roof entry porch; cornerboards; wide eaves with exposed rafter tails**

Other: **Central brick chimney**

Alterations/Additions: **rear addition extends rectangular plan; shed carport attached to south, new fo**

Landscape Features: **Large trees, hedge, perimeter fencing**

Associated Structures: **None**  
Setting:

**Mid-block, facing west, in transition zone from southern residential uses to central commercial district to north.**

Sources

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TALNO: 411.0

L. M. RHODES HOUSE

381W26AB-200

213 TALENT AVE

Built: 1913

Contributing

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This single story hipped-roof volume was constructed during March 1913 for L. M. Rhodes. At that time the *Ashland Tidings* noted “[L. M.] Rhodes is erecting a main part to his home on the county road. It will make him a fine house when completed.” (*Ashland Tidings*, 20-March-1913, 3:3) In connection with Rhodes’ later acquisition of an adjacent property, the paper reported,

[The] lots lie just south of Mr. Rhodes *new residence property*.  
(*Ashland Tidings*, 9-June-1913, 3:4, emphasis added)<sup>1</sup>

While “L. M. Rhodes” was logically a man, possibly “Lyman” Rhodes who arrived in Talent sometime prior to 1910 according to census information, in 1912 the Jackson County Assessor listed the owner as being a “Libby Rhodes” and in 1918 a “Teresa Rhodes.”

By 1925 Edith and Edgar Cochran had purchased the property and were living here. A longtime public employee, Edith Cochran served as Talent’s City Recorder for many years. In 1939 city directories list Edith as widow. By 1942 the house was owned by Ellis Milhoan and was in use as the “Widmar Kennels” according to city directories. James and Grace Perdue became the property owners in 1952. (JCD 373:484)

Although somewhat modified in recent years with new siding, storm windows and other modernization, the Rhodes house retains its essential volume and adequately conveys its early 20th century construction and appearance as a part of the residential development along the Pacific Highway, south of original downtown Talent commercial area.

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<sup>1</sup> This article refers to Rhodes’ purchase of the lots he sold to Mrs. Mary E. Works a few days later. See TALNO 412.0.

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Historic Name: Works, Mary E. Hse  
 Location: 215 TALENT AVE

Common: Same  
 Date of Construction: 1914

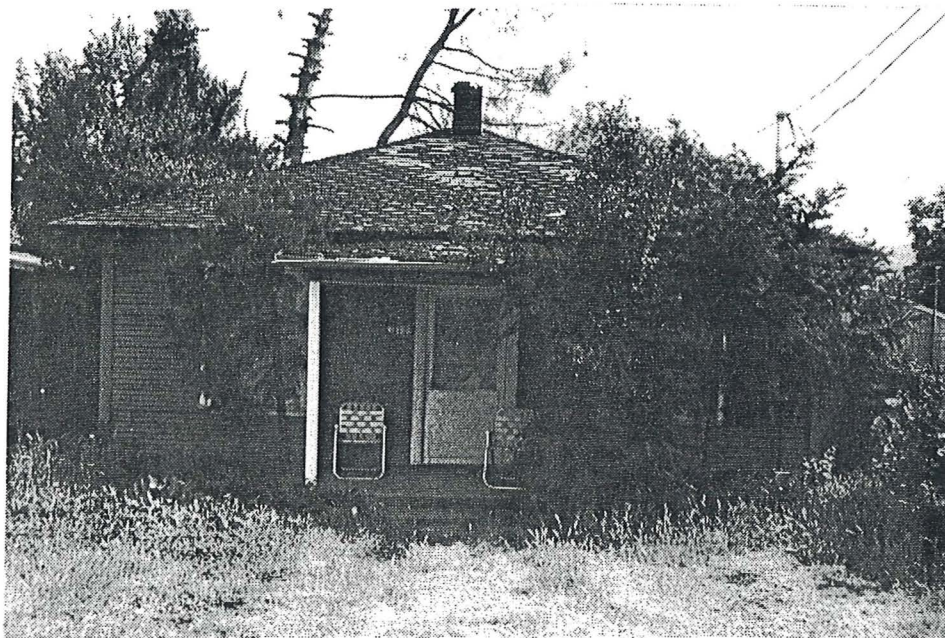
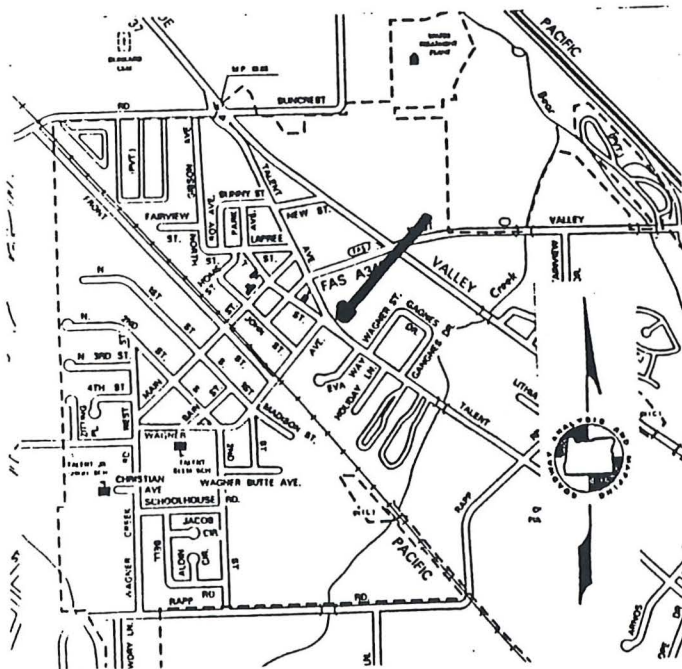
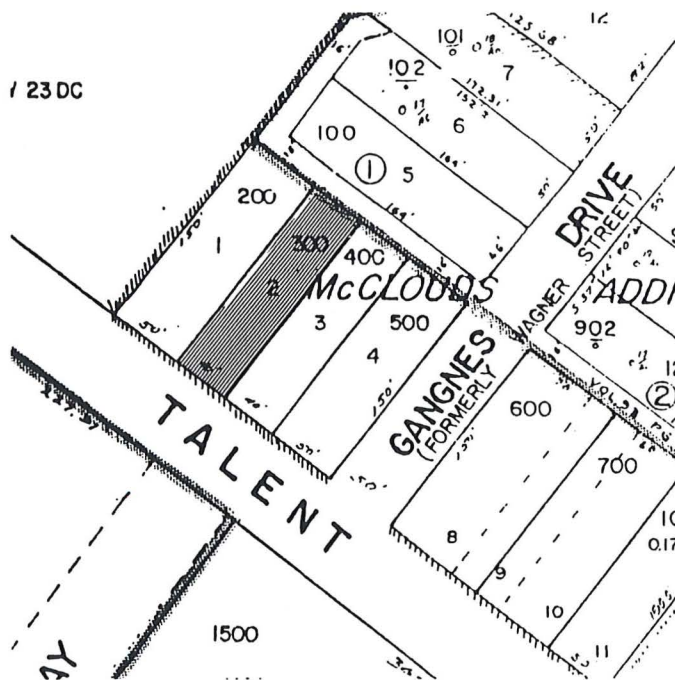


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Ranking: Secondary

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Historic Name: **Works, Mary E. Hse**  
Location: **215 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **ZIEMINSKI, BERNARD**  
MailAdd **37 SHAMROCK LANE**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1914**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Fair**

**Ashland**, OR 97520  
Addition: **McCloud's Addition**  
Block: **1** Lot: **2** Taxlot: **300**  
T/R/S **381W26AB** Acct# **10278971**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Hipped**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 double hung sash window**

No. of Stories **1.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **Wide overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails, wide board window trim, cornerboards, decorative entry door.**

Other: **Central brick chimney**

Alterations/Additions: **None apparent**

Landscape Features: **Large, overgrown shrubs and bushes**

Associated Structures: **None**  
Setting:

**Mid-block, facing west, in transitional area south of main business district, residential with mixed single and multi-family dwellings.**

Sources

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Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey Number: **412.0**  
SHPO NO:

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TALNO: 412.0  
MARY E. WORKS HOUSE  
215 TALENT AVE  
Built: 1914

381W26AB-300

Secondary

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This small hipped-roof one-story dwelling was constructed in 1914 as the home of Mary E. Works, wife of Civil War veteran, Orville Works.<sup>1</sup> After purchasing the property from Harry Rhodes in June 1913, (JCD 102:199) the local newspaper reported,

Mrs. Orville Works, who recently sold her ranch, is going to build a 5-room cottage on the Pacific Highway in the south part of Talent. Frank Works has returned from California to assist in building the house. (*Ashland Tidings*, 5-February-1914, 3:4)

Construction began in late February. "Mrs. Orville Works has begun construction on her new residence...." (*Ashland Tidings*, 23-February-1914, 3:3) By the end of March, Mrs. Works was preparing to move from a rented home and soon newspapers accounts document her various visitors to the new house. (*Ashland Tidings*, 26-March-1914, 3:3)

Mrs. Works remained in the subject home at least through 1925 and likely later. In 1928, in reporting Mr. Works' death, the obituary noted,

In 1882 [Works] married Mary Ellen Whittington in Davis City, Iowa. They resided in Nebraska until 1894 when they came to Oregon and have since resided in the Talent vicinity. (*Ashland Tidings*, April 1928)

In 1951 the property was acquired by Christian G. and Ida E. Anderson and was listed as vacant in the 1964 directory. (JCD 357:295)

The Mary E. Works House remains a modest dwelling, essentially unaltered from its original appearance. Built along the Pacific Highway, then the major entrance into Talent, the building retains sufficient integrity to convey both its original development and design.

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<sup>1</sup> It is unclear why period reference to the house clearly refer to Mrs. Works as if she and Mr. Works did not share the house. Mr. Works died in April 1928, apparently still married to the former Mary Ellen Worthington according to his obituary. See *Ashland Tidings*, April 1928.

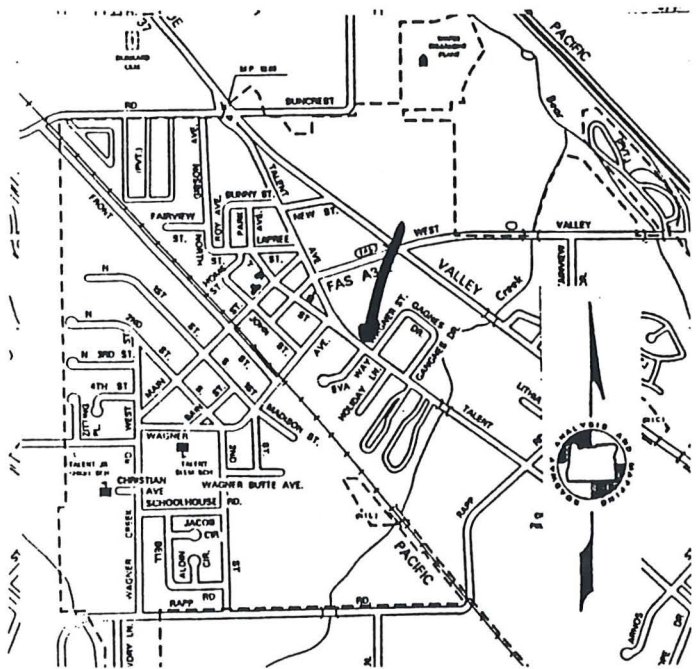
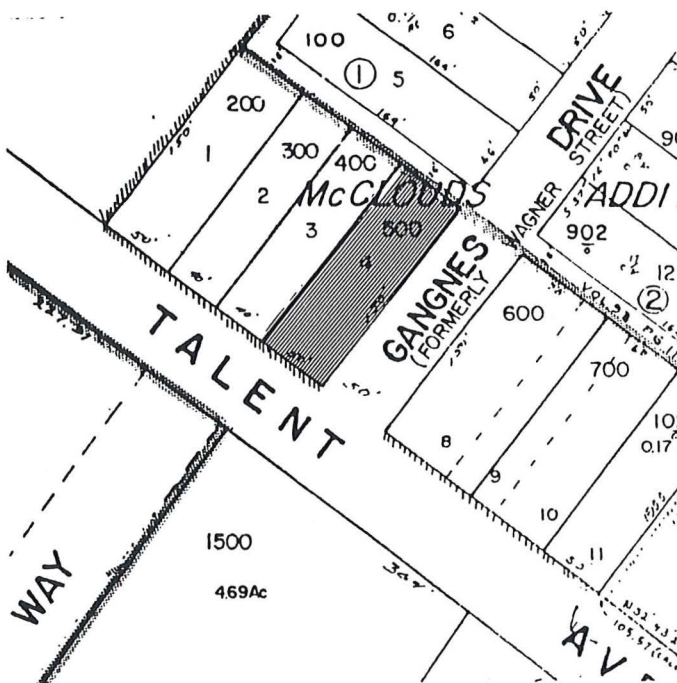
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Historic Name: **Hartley-Rush Hse**  
 Location: **219 TALENT AVE**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1920**



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<b>TALNO:</b>	414.0	
<b>HARTLEY-RUSH HOUSE</b>		381W26AB-500
219	TALENT AVE S0	
Built:	c1920	Contributing

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The site of this small one-story wood frame dwelling was long owned in conjunction with adjacent properties and appears to have remained vacant until the 1920s or early 1930s. Owners of the lot include L. M. Rhodes and members of the Works family, both of whom were associated with houses to the immediate north.

In 1920 Howard Works sold the lot to Martha M. and Charles Hartley and the house was likely constructed sometime thereafter. (JCD 137:419) In 1925 Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes document a \$100 improvement on the site, owned by W. B. Sandlin. By 1930 the house had been sold to Floyd and Mary Rush.

Floyd Rush was a pioneer radio operator in the Jackson County area and was a part of the 1921 group credited with beginning the area's first radio station.<sup>1</sup> He was employed by station KMED and also worked at the Bates Service Station, located just to the north of the subject house. Rush apparently had moved by 1942 and in 1951 the house was sold to Marie L. Lockwood. (JCD 352:313)

A simple volume, the Hartley-Rush House has been somewhat modified by the present owner, notably by the installation of new windows and doors. It remains, however, a contributing element along the Talent Avenue entrance to the downtown area.

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<sup>1</sup> Ronald Kramer, "Radio Days," *Table Rock Sentinel*, Spring 1994, 3.

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Historic Name: **Hartley-Rush Hse**  
Location: **219 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **STRONG, JOHN THOMAS**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 785**

**Ashland**, OR **97540**  
Addition: **McCloud's Addition**  
Block: **1** Lot: **4** Taxlot: **500**  
T/R/S: **381W26AB** Acct# **10278997**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1920**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular** No. of Stories **1.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **multi-pane fixed picture window; 8/8 double hung sash windows; long narrow casement**  
Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal V-Groove S/Lap**

Decorative Features: **Gable roof entry porch with diagonal supports, cornerboards**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **modern replacement windows, French doors, new roof. Substantial renovation**

Landscape Features: **Large tree, perimeter plantings, fenced yard**

Associated Structures: **Sm. gable garage to rear**  
Setting:

**Corner location, at NE intersection of Talent Ave and Gangnes [formerly Wagner] in area of mixed single and multi-family residential use.**

Sources

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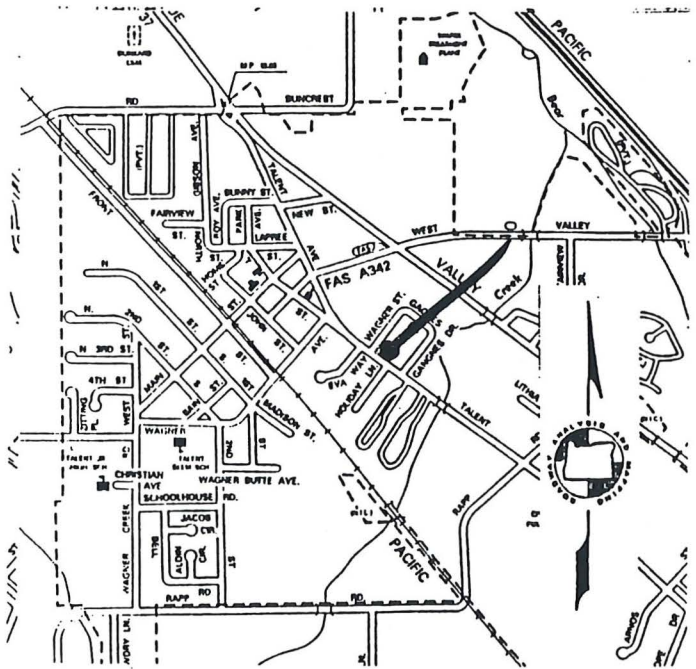
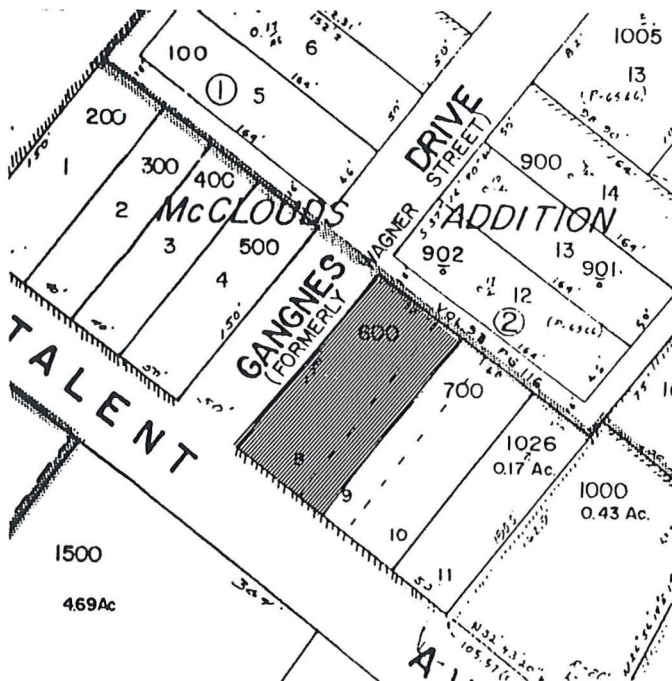
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Historic Name: Estes, Chas. & Martha Hse  
 Location: 221 TALENT AVE

Common: Same  
 Date of Construction: 1930



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TALNO:	415.0	
CHARLES & MARTHA ESTES HOUSE		381W26AB-600
221	TALENT AVE S	
Built:	1930	Contributing

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This single-story Bungalow style house was apparently constructed between 1925 and 1930 and first occupied by Charles F. and Martha Estes. Utilizing a clipped-gable roof, the house is typical of the later examples of the Bungalow style.

Charles F. Estes was the son of W. Whitfield Estes, a prominent early resident of the Talent area.<sup>1</sup> In 1930 Jackson County Assessor's Fieldnotes document Charles and Martha Estes as the owners of the lot and a \$400 structure, presumably this house, that was located upon it. The Estes' had moved by 1942. In May 1946 Charles E. and Nora Fulow sold the house, along with a number of lots in McCloud's Addition, to Adolph Allen Blandin. (JCD 270:100)<sup>2</sup>

Somewhat modified, the Estes House retains essential integrity to its original design in siding, window sash and trim, the Estes House remains a contributing feature within the Talent downtown area.

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<sup>1</sup> See TALNO 204.0. Charles Estes' brother Roy was associated with both TALNO 243.0 and the T. J. Bell House, TALNO 219.0.

<sup>2</sup> The Estes House is located on Lot 8 and a portion of Lot 9 of Block 2. Blandin purchased Lots 5-7 in Block 1 and Lots 8-14 of Block 2.

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Historic Name: **Estes, Chas. & Martha Hse**  
Location: **221 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **FOX, JOHN J/CAROL S**  
MailAdd **1927 TAMARACK PLACE**

**Ashland**, OR 97520  
Addition: **McCloud's Addition**  
Block: **2** Lot: **8, por 9** Taxlot: **600**  
T/R/S **381W26AB** Acct# **10279000**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **1930**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Am. Mov:Simp. Bungalow**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **T-Shaped** No. of Stories **1.0**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Clipped End** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **fixed six-pane windows; 4/1 double hung sash**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **wide eaves on decorative diagonal roof supports**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Shed addition to rear originally open porch, now enclosed.**

Landscape Features: **Large trees, well-maintained lawn**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting: **Corner location at SE intersection of Talent Ave and Gangnes [formerly Wagner] in area of mixed single and multi-family residential uses.**

Sources

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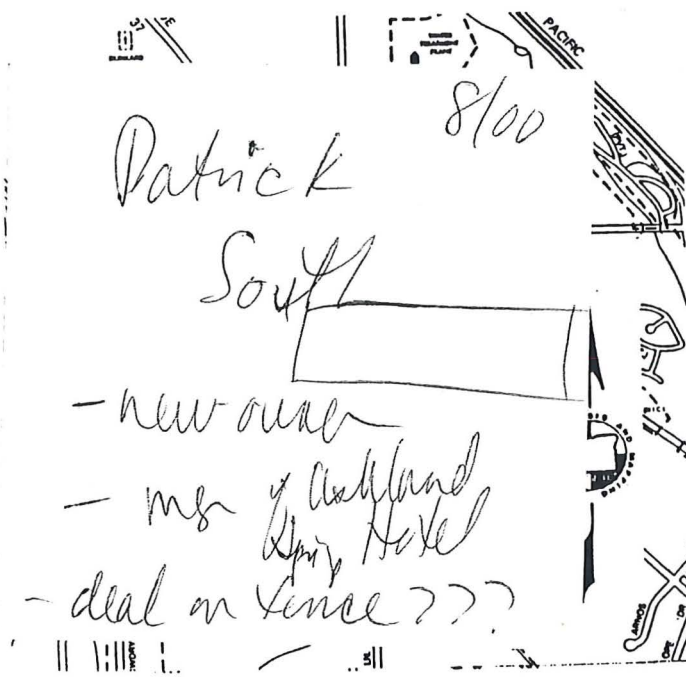
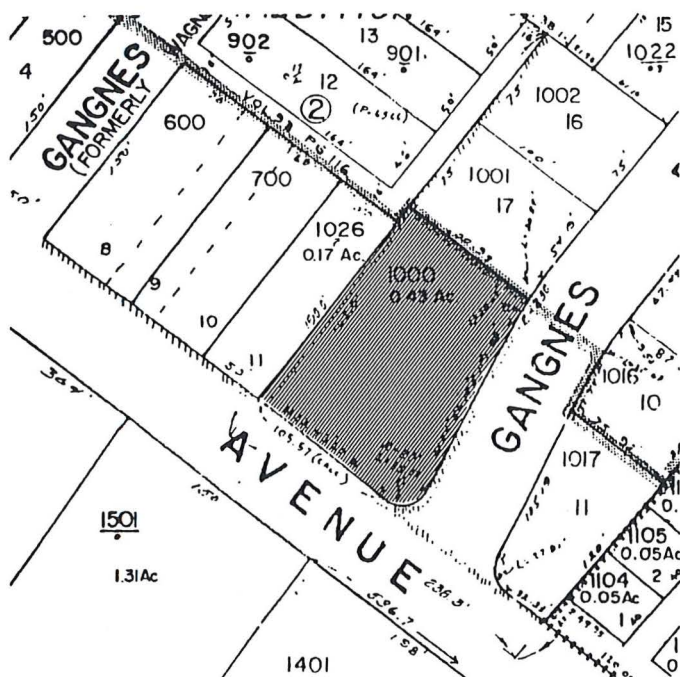
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Historic Name: **Burgan-Wells Hse**  
 Location: **227 TALENT AVE**

Common: **Same**  
 Date of Construction: **c1895**



Photo Roll: BP4 Frame: 30A



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Historic Name: **Burgan-Wells Hse**  
Location: **227 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **THOMPSON, BRENT E**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 201**

Common: **Same**  
Date of Construction: **c1895**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:19th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

**Ashland**, OR **97520**  
Addition:  
Block: Lot: Taxlot: **1000**  
T/R/S **381W26AB** Acct# **1279034**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **T-Shaped** No. of Stories **1.5**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured** Basement: **No**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Intersect** Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Wall Construction: **Wood** Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**  
Primary Window: **modern fixed multi-lite windows; 1/1 double hung sash**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **half hip wrap-around porch; cornerboards; wide board fascia, wall  
dormer, watertable**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **thoroughly modernized with updates on windows, porch elements, skylights on**

Landscape Features: **Large, well-landscaped lot with mature plantings and trees**

Associated Structures: **Open storage shed\pen to rear, other misc. buildings.**  
Setting:

**Large corner lot at intersection of south entrance to Gangnes Drive, in  
mixed residential area.**

Sources

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TALNO:	418.0	
BURGAN-WELLS HOUSE		381W26AB-1000
227	TALENT AVE	
Built:	c1895	Contributing

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This one and one-half story L-plan farmhouse is a typical example of the vernacular types popular in the Talent and Jackson County areas during the period surrounding the turn of the century. No specific data on the construction of this residence, or much of its early history, could be located. Based on construction type and local development pattern it is tentatively dated at circa 1895, although it may well have been built anywhere between 1890 and 1915.<sup>1</sup>

The earliest identified owner of the house was Mary E. Burgan, a widow, who sold the property as a part of a 14.7 acre tract to William N. and Irene Wells in 1920. The sales price at the time was \$6300. (JCD 130:35-6) Following William's death, prior to 1937, Irene remained in the house until September 1940 when it was sold to William and Nina Shumate. (JCD 228:142) The Shumates sold the property to Edgar M. and Grace M. Moore in 1942, noting that the sale included;

All household goods and farm tools except a washing machine, a radio, one 4-year old Jersey cow named "Cherry" [and] about 6 dozen chickens and 3 pigs. (JCD 234:526-7)

Of somewhat unclear social history, the Burgan-Wells House has been moderately modernized by recent owners including the installation of new windows and various other renovations. Despite these changes, the building retains sufficient integrity to its historic design and probably original appearance to accurately relate the early farmhouse type in the Talent area.

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<sup>1</sup> It is possible that this house is that built for David Bruin, a large landowner in this area, and mentioned in the *Ashland Tidings*, 8-December-1913. This, however, could not be confirmed or ruled out by tracking various deed records Bruin was involved with during this period.

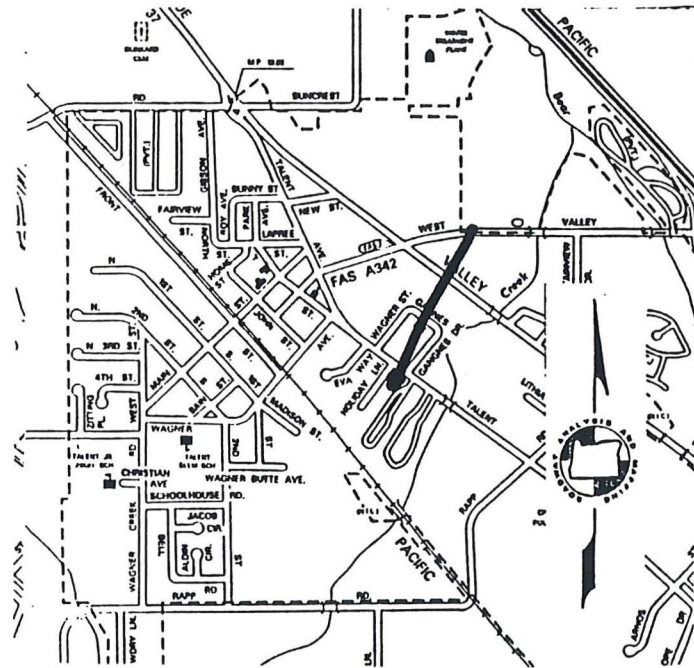
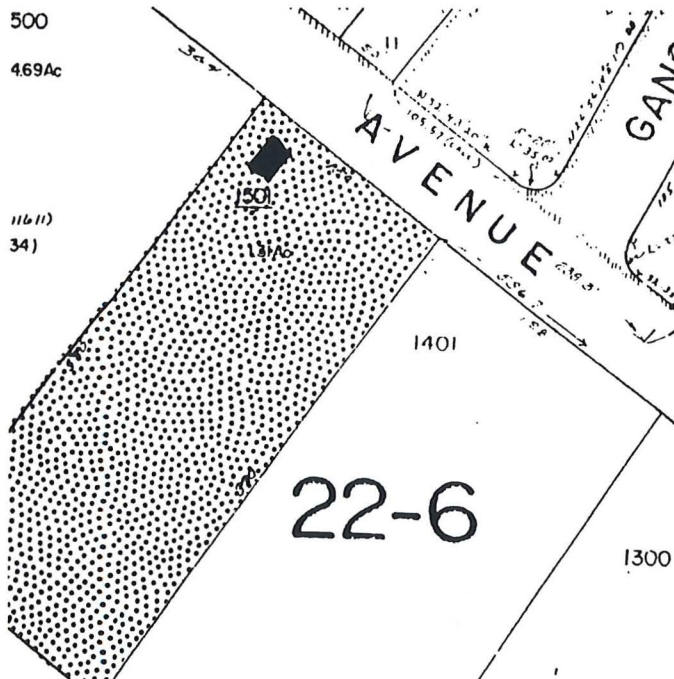
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Historic Name: **Mc Mahan-Foxall Hse**  
 Location: **226 TALENT AVE**

Common: **Van Dyke House**  
 Date of Construction: **1909/11**



Photo Roll: BP5 Frame: 15A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey No. **424.0**  
 SHPO NO:





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TALNO: 424.0  
MCMAHAN-FOXALL HOUSE  
226 TALENT AVE  
Built: 1909/11

381W26AB-1501

Primary

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This one and one-half story wood frame farmhouse was apparently first constructed by John W. McMahan. In 1911 it was sold to James Foxall and substantially remodeled to its present appearance.

Apparently built circa 1909 by McMahan,<sup>1</sup> the house was sold to James and Anna Foxall in 1911. (JCD 88:474-5) The original building must have either been small or poorly built for Foxall originally intended to simply replace the structure.

James Foxall, who recently purchased the McMahan place, is contemplating the building of a new dwelling on his property. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 9-June-1911)

For unknown reasons, Foxall later elected to remodel rather than build and the assumption is that the earlier McMahan House was substantially smaller and somehow provides the basis of the present volume. Towards the end of the summer, newspaper accounts reported the following.

Mr. Foxall, who bought the McMahan place, has remodeled it so that it is practically a new structure. (*Ashland Tidings*, 14-August-1911, 1:2)

Foxall continued to improve the property and in 1915 the *Tidings* reported that "James Foxall is erecting a large woodshed on his place on the Pacific Highway." (*Ashland Tidings*, 15-December-1915, 3:4) This possibly refers to one of the two large outbuildings standing on the property, although such is not documented.

In 1925 Foxall sold the property to F. H. and Grace Ward and by 1925 the property is documented as being owned by Allison H. and Olive G. Ward by the Jackson County Assessor. (JCD 139:30) The Ward family retained the house until 1935 when it was acquired by Martha Mae and Philip A. Decker. (JCD 150:435) In 1945 the Deckers sold the house to Fred G. and Ola Van Dyke, who retained the property for many years. (JCD 259:388)

The McMahan-Foxall House is also the site of the pioneer-era "Fort Wagner," constructed in 1852-53 by Captain Alden on the donation land claim of Jacob and Ellen Wagner. Fort Wagner, a source of much local interest, fell into disuse following the signing of the treaty at Table Rock and by the 1890s was little more than a pile of rotting logs and chimney stones. In 1976, spurred the by national Bicentennial, Talent resident Albert Grabher and then-Jackson County Surveyor Edward McGinty, pinpointed the fort to this property.

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<sup>1</sup> See JCD 77:108-9.

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Historic Name: **Mc Mahan-Foxall Hse**  
Location: **226 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **BURRIS, ROY O.**  
MailAdd **821 PALMER ROAD**

**Ashland**  
Addition: **Talent Avenue**  
Block: Lot:  
T/R/S **381W26AB**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

, **OR 97520**

Taxlot: **1501**  
Acct# **10767386**

Common: **Van Dyke House**  
Date of Construction: **1909/11**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Work in Progress**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Other**  
Roof Form: **Gable**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **1/1 wood sash dbl hung, set in pairs**

No. of Stories **1.5**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Dbl Drop**

Decorative Features: **half hip facade porch with exposed rafter tails; closed rail balustrade; single and paired sash, shingles in front facing gable end.**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Minor addition to rear, major renovation with new foundation and relocation**

Landscape Features: **Large lot with trees, perimeter shrubs and other mature plantings**

Associated Structures: **Gable roof barns, [2] located to south and rear**

Setting:

**Mid-block facing east with deep setback from Talent Avenue, in area of mixed single and multi-family residential uses. Trailer park to south.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed Records, Assessors Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, 1900 & 1910 Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as cited in the attached narrative.**

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Photo Roll: **BP5** Frame[s]: **15A**  
Date Recorded: **03/28/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **424.0**  
SHPO NO:

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Armed with information from the National Archives and the Chief of Engineers, including a map drawn by noted pioneer Jesse Applegate, Grabher and McGinty concluded,

...the site [is] on land now owned by Fred Van Dyke at 226 Old Pacific Highway, Talent. This is approximately 300 feet north of the Wagner Creek Bridge and 200 feet west....the exact site is in the middle of Van Dyke's vegetable garden....<sup>2</sup>

The specific site, located near the large barn to the SW of the house, was marked by a pipe and brass cap, later removed or lost. Plans to designate the site with a marker by the roadside went unfulfilled.<sup>3</sup> The Fort Wagner site was designated as historic in Article 13 (Section 7) of the Talent Land Development Ordinance, as adopted on 24-June-1980.

At this writing, the McMahan-Foxall House is in being relocated approximately 15' east, toward Talent Avenue, as the first step in a renovation program planned as an element of the Fort Wagner Condominium project that has been approved for the remainder of the site. While somewhat uncertain, the present plans indicate that the essential integrity of the McMahan-Foxall House will be retained and although somewhat compromised in site and setting, the project as planned should allow the structure to continue to relate both its original period of construction and the associations for which it is significant. Additionally, as the site of Fort Wagner, the property holds potential historic archaeological significance.

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<sup>2</sup> See Betty Miller, "His Digging into History pins the Location of old Ft. Wagner." *Medford Mail Tribune*, 20-June-1976, 2C.

<sup>3</sup> Albert Grahber, personal communication with the Author, 31-May-1995.



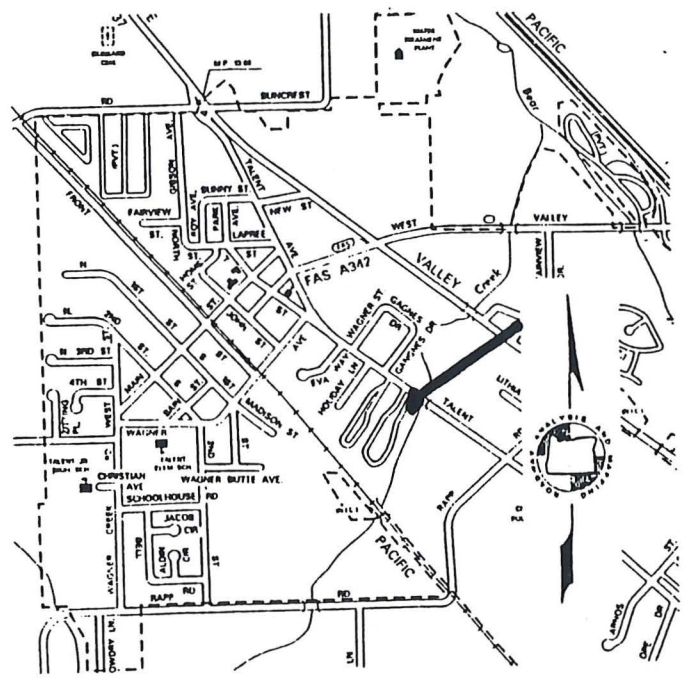
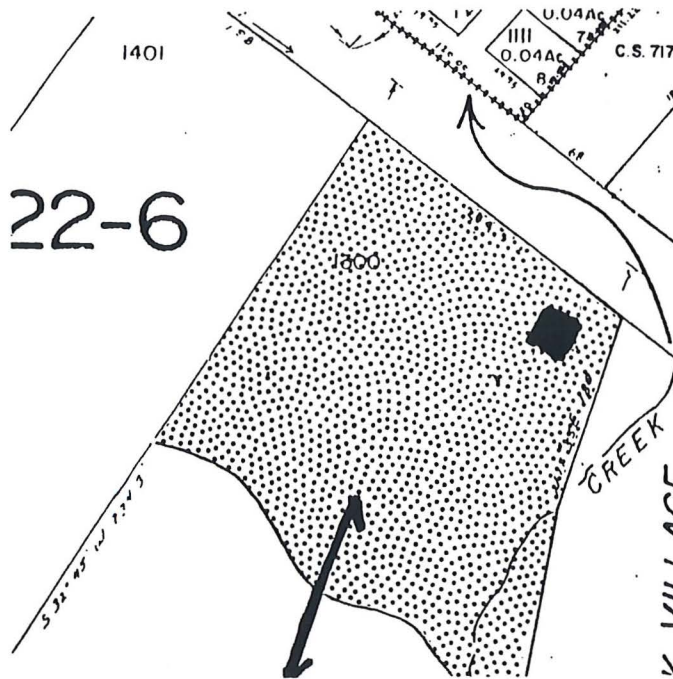
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Historic Name: Centers, Eliz & F.M. Hse  
 Location: 236 TALENT AVE

Common: Shady Brook Mobile Park  
 Date of Construction: 1915



Photo Roll: BP5 Frame: 17A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: Primary

Talent Survey No. 426.2  
 SHPO NO:



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TALNO: 426.2  
FRANK M. AND ELIZABETH CENTERS HOUSE 381W26AB-1300  
226 TALENT AVE  
Built: 1915 Primary

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This one-story hipped-roof volume was likely built circa 1915 following the acquisition of the property by Frank M. and Elizabeth Centers. (JCD 112:564) Although the large parcel historically associated with the house has been converted to use as a mobile home park, the Centers House retains substantial integrity and is sufficiently isolated visually to convey its historic development.

Frank Centers was apparently an early resident of Jackson County and along with other members of the Centers family settled in the Antelope Creek area, east of Medford, patenting a claim there in 1906.<sup>1</sup> Centers father, Samuel, reportedly built the first cabin in the town of Jacksonville after arriving in the area from Albany, Oregon shortly after the discovery of gold. (Unidentified newspaper clipping, published in Gold Hill, Oregon, 28-January-1928, SOHS Vertical Files.)

After building the subject dwelling, Centers continued to acquire property in the vicinity, purchasing land from Horace Jay Terrill, another area pioneer, in 1920. (JCD 129:53) Sometime prior to 1935 the house and land were acquired by Harvey O. and Nora E. Walter who continued to farm the property. The Walters remained on the property into the early 1940s, selling prior to 1945 to O. R. and Ethel M. Abram. By 1964 the Shady Brook Mobile Home Park had been established on the site. City directories for that year indicate the house was occupied by Royman E. Twitchell, who listed his occupation as a salesman for the Mutual of Omaha Insurance company. His wife, Zeral, was the manager of the mobile home park.

Located immediately north of Wagner Creek, the Centers House occupies a prominent location on the southern approach into the historic core area of Talent. Although somewhat compromised in setting by the presence of the adjacent mobile home use, the house retains high integrity in construction and use of materials, as well as specific site features. The latter, most notably, include the twin massive trees that frame the facade from the street. A well-preserved example of its type, the Centers House effectively relates both its original design and the associations for which it is significant.

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<sup>1</sup> Frank Centers' claim was filed in JCD 43:412. Nearby claims were patented by both Jonathan E. and Thomas Centers, apparently Frank's brothers.

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Historic Name: **Centers, Eliz & F.M. Hse**  
Location: **236 TALENT AVE**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **CHERISH, WILLIAM/MAY**  
MailAdd **11550 CROFTON AVE**

**Redlands**, CA **92373**

Addition:

Block: Lot:

T/R/S **381W26AB**

Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Taxlot: **1300**

Acct# **10279247**

Common: **Shady Brook Mobile Park**  
Date of Construction: **1915**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknow**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Square**

Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**

Roof Form: **Hipped**

Wall Construction: **Wood**

Primary Window: **1/1 wood sash double hung**

No. of Stories **1.0**

Basement: **No**

Roof Material: **Asphalt;Deco Shingle**

Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **Half-hipped front porch, cornerboards, wide fascia board,**

Other: **Raised site above street cut**

Alterations/Additions: **Small addn to south**

Landscape Features: **Huge trees in front, raised site with established plantings**

Associated Structures: **Shares tax lot with large mobile home park, occupying extreme SE corner of TL 1300 only.**

Setting:

**Mid-block, facing east, in mixed residential area of single and multi-family homes. Wagner Creek forms southern property boundary.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed records, Assessor's Fieldnotes, (1912- ) 1900 &1910  
Jackson Cty Census, 1910- Jackson Cty Directories and other sources as  
cited in the attached narrative.**

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Date Recorded: **05/12/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **426.2**  
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Historic Name: **Wagner Creek Bridge**

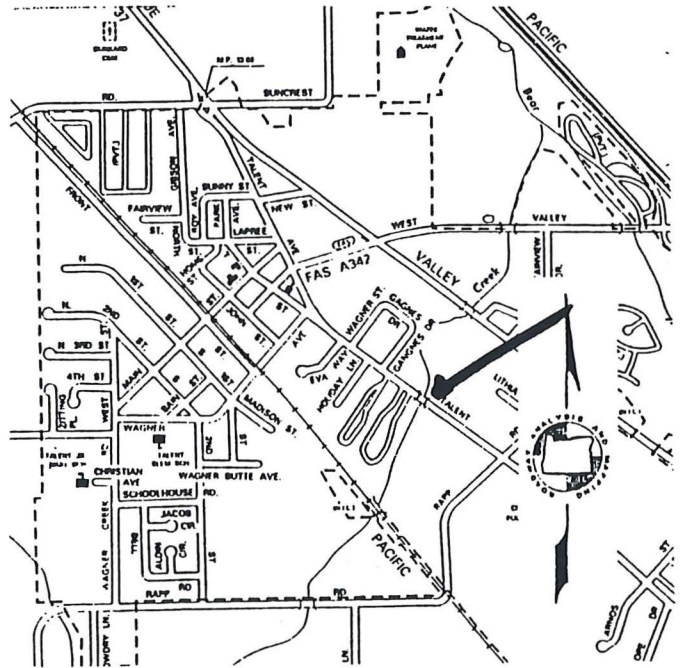
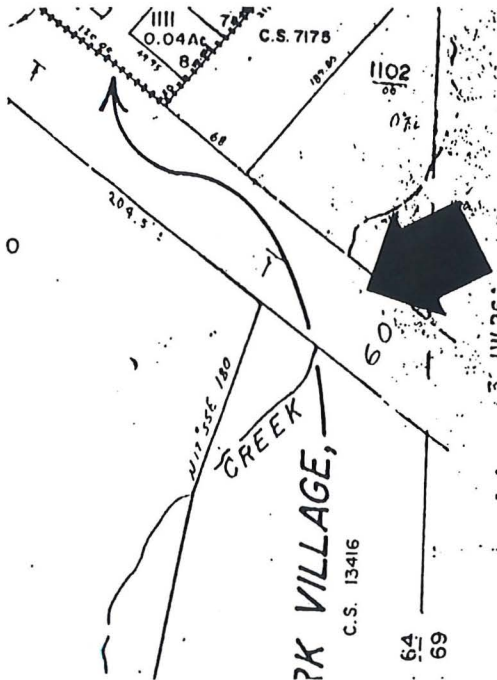
Common: **Wagner Creek Bridge**

Location: **TALENT AT WAGNER CRK**

Date of Construction: **1914**



Photo Roll: BP4 Frame: 32A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey No. **427.0**  
SHPO NO:



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TALNO: 427.0

WAGNER CREEK BRIDGE

381W26AB-0000

TALENT AVE, at WAGNER CREEK

Built: 1914

Primary

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This 25' long reinforced concrete span was constructed in 1914 as an element of Jackson County's segment of the famed Pacific Highway, once the longest continually paved road bed in the world. Known in the mid-1920s as the "Road of Three Nations," the Pacific Highway spanned more than 1500 miles, running from British Columbia, through the states of Washington, California, and Oregon, into Mexico. In 1921-22 Oregon became the first state on the Pacific Highway to offer a continuous paved surface for its length.<sup>1</sup> In 1913 Jackson County had passed Oregon's first locally funded road building measure under newly enacted legislation. By 1919, Jackson County, long a supporter of the so-called "Good Roads" Movement, had become the first Oregon county with a route paved from border to border, including the section through Talent. With that \$500,000 bond, the construction of the County's segment began in earnest, creating the first inter-city highway segment outside of the Willamette Valley area.

The grand opening of the Jackson County stretch of the Pacific Highway occurred in early 1915. The new route, following the mud and dirt wagon route that had served the valley since the 1860s, went through Talent along what was then known as "the County Road," basically following today's Talent Avenue.<sup>2</sup> Although not conclusively documented, Wagner Creek had likely been spanned by a wooden bridge, replaced by the present structure as a part of the highway development. The Wagner Creek Bridge was constructed from standardized highway designs, likely developed by F. E. Kittridge, Engineer in Charge, for the Oregon State Highway Commission. A booster issue of the *Medford Mail Tribune*, celebrating the valley's new auto route, includes a photograph captioned "Type of Concrete Bridge Erected Along Pacific Highway in Jackson County" which shows either the Wagner Creek Bridge itself or one identical to it that no longer stands. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 1-January-1915, "Highway Section, 5:1-3)

In 1938 the main route of the Pacific Highway, by then re-named "U. S. Highway 99," was opened to the east of the original route, bypassing downtown Talent and relegating the Wagner Creek Bridge to local traffic. Dubbed first "Old Pacific Highway," in 1942 the Talent Town Council moved to "...change the name of the Old Pacific Highway in the town limits to Pacific Avenue." (Talent City Council Minutes, 3-February-1942) By 1964 however, the confusion between the two names (since Old Pacific Highway remained in use

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<sup>1</sup> ODOT, *A Chronological History of the Oregon Department of Transportation, 1899 to August 1993.*, Salem: ODOT, 1993., 11. As reported here, Oregon was also the first state west of the Mississippi to offer such a continuously paved road for its entire length.

<sup>2</sup> The name ascribed to this north-south corridor offers a serial testament to the evolution of transportation patterns in the Rogue River Valley. From its likely beginnings as a native trail, this basic corridor was likely an element of the Applegate Trail, or Southern Immigrant route taken by Jacob Wagner, who settled not far from the subject bridge. Later a part of the Oregon-California Wagon and Stage roads, with the arrival of the railroad the route became known as simply "the County Road." For post-highway appellations, see above.

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Historic Name: **Wagner Creek Bridge**  
Location: **TALENT AT WAGNER CRK**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **CITY OF TALENT**  
MailAdd **P O BOX 445**  
  
**Talent**, OR 97540  
Addition:  
Block: Lot: Taxlot:  
T/R/S **381W26AB** Acct#  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Wagner Creek Bridge**  
Date of Construction: **1914**  
Original Use: **Transport:Road-Related**  
Present Use: **Transport:Road-Related**  
Architect: **Kittridge, F.E. [Attrib]**  
Builder: **Oregon St Hwy Commission**  
Style: **No Style**  
Resource Type: **Structure:Bridge**  
Theme: **Transport:Land/Air Travel**  
0 Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form:  
Wall Construction:  
Primary Window:

No. of Stories  
Basement:  
Roof Material:  
Stuct. Frame: **Masonry:Concrete**

Exterior Surface:

Decorative Features: **Incised "1914" located on west elevation exterior**

Other: **Incised panels on low balustrades**

Alterations/Additions: **Pedestrian access added to west, n.d., asphalt surface**

Landscape Features: **Large blackberries, riparian vegetation**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting: **Spans Wagner Creek, forming boundary for Talent Survey study area, along original north-south route from Ashland to Talent. Area of mixed single and multi-family residential uses.**

Sources

**ODOT materials, Medford Mail Tribune, City of Talent records. Kramer, "The Pacific Highway in Oregon," Oregon Heritage, Vol 1, #4, 4-17.**

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Photo Roll: **BP4** Frame[s]: **32A**  
Date Recorded: **06/09/95**

Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Primary**

Talent Survey Number: **427.0**  
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outside of the town) resulted in the demise of the Pacific Avenue name. At some point, probably in the late 1960s, the road became "Talent Avenue" and so remains. Long maintained by Jackson County Public Works, following the de-commissioning of this route as a State Highway in 1938, the Wagner Creek Bridge is now owned and maintained by the City of Talent.<sup>3</sup>

The two-lane Wagner Creek Bridge has been slightly modified since its construction more than eighty years ago. A pedestrian walkway has been cantilevered from the main span along the west, also providing a location for various utilities [power, water, etc.] to span the creek. The incised construction date, on a panel centered in the balustrade exterior, is still visible from this walkway. Other changes include the asphaltting of the original concrete roadway.

The Wagner Creek Bridge represents one of the oldest concrete automobile bridges in southern Oregon and one of the few identified spans to survive from Jackson County's early leadership role during the original construction of the Pacific Highway period. Although somewhat modified, the Wagner Creek Bridge retains substantial integrity to its original design and accurately relates the role it plays in providing transportation access to Talent.

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<sup>3</sup> The Wagner Creek Bridge was identified as County Bridge 5057.



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Historic Name: Oregon Irrigation Hist. Mon.

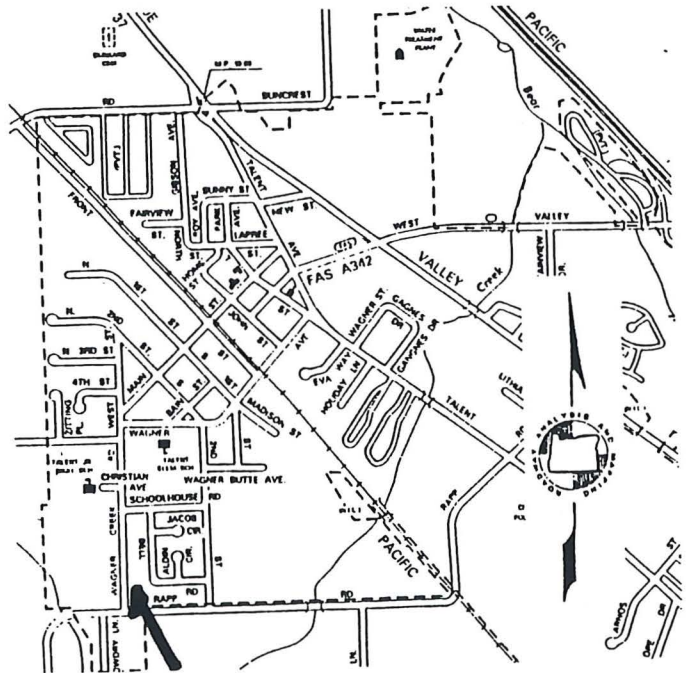
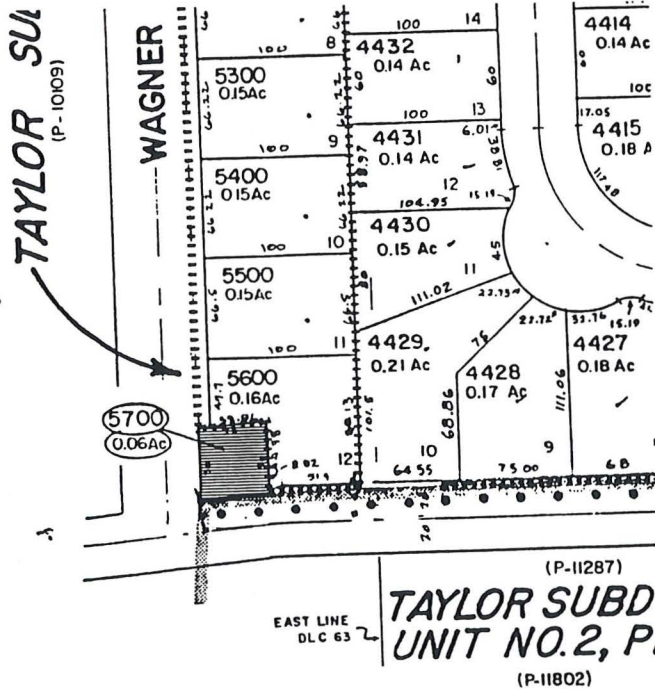
Common: Talent Irrigation Marker

Location: RAPP & WAGNER CRK RD

Date of Construction: 1952



Photo Roll: BP4 Frame: 22A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: Primary

Talent Survey No. 428.0  
 SHPO NO:





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TALNO: 428.0

OREGON IRRIGATION HISTORY MONUMENT  
WAGNER CREEK RD & RAPP ROAD

Built: 1952

Primary

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NOTE: *This resource is located outside the geographic boundaries of the Talent Survey area but was previously identified as a historically significant resource in Article 13 (7) of the Talent Land Development Ordinance, adopted in 1980.*

This monument was placed as a part of the festivities occasioned by the 40th annual meeting of the Oregon Reclamation Congress, held in Medford in October 1952. Located upon an irregularly-shaped granite boulder of approximately 5' in diameter, the raised letters of the 12 x 22 inch bronze plaque of the Oregon Irrigation History monument reads as follows;

OREGON IRRIGATION HISTORY

1852-1952

Near here in March 1852 Jacob Wagner diverted water for the irrigation of 69.4 acres and thereby established the first known water right in Oregon.

In a century of progress men of vision and resolute purpose have brought water to more than 1,338,000 acres of fertile Oregon soil. For their effort and contribution to the growth and stability of our economy, Oregon is indebted.

This monument erected by the Oregon Reclamation Congress and dedicated by honorable Douglas McKay, Governor of Oregon.

October 27, 1952

The three day reclamation congress was attended by a number of prominent elected officials. Besides Gov. McKay, U. S. Senators Petrus Peterson, of Nebraska and Guy Cordon, of Oregon, as well as Congressman Harris Ellsworth were all present at the dedication ceremony.

Robert. W. Sawyer, editor and publisher of the Bend Bulletin and former president of the Oregon Reclamation Congress, will preside at the dedication and Gov. McKay will make the address. Charles Stricklin, state engineer will tell of Oregon's first water right. The public is invited to attend the ceremony which will take place near Talent, where Rapp Road turns into Wagner Creek road. (*Ashland Daily Tidings*, 25-October-1952, 1:7-8)

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Historic Name: **Oregon Irrigation Hist. Mon.**  
Location: **RAPP & WAGNER CRK RD**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **HINTON, DAVID S. & VIRGINIA**  
MailAdd **525 WAGNER CREEK RD**

**Talent**, **OR 97540**  
Addition:  
Block: Lot: Taxlot: **5700**  
T/R/S **381W26BD** Acct#  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Common: **Talent Irrigation Marker**  
Date of Construction: **1952**  
Original Use: **Rec/Culture:Monument/Mar**  
Present Use: **Rec/Culture:Monument/Mar**  
Architect: **N/A**  
Builder: **n/a**  
Style: **No Style**  
Resource Type: **Object**  
Theme: **Culture:Monuments**  
Condition: **Good**

Plan: No. of Stories  
Foundation: Basement:  
Roof Form: Roof Material:  
Wall Construction: Stuct. Frame:  
Primary Window:

Exterior Surface:

Decorative Features:

Other:

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features: **Triangular concrete base, rose gardens to NE**

Associated Structures: **None**

Setting: **Corner location, at NE of Rapp and Wagner Creek road intersection,**

Sources

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Photo Roll: **BP4** Frame[s]: **22A**  
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Recorded By: **George Kramer, M.S., with Hugh Davidson**

Ranking: **Primary**

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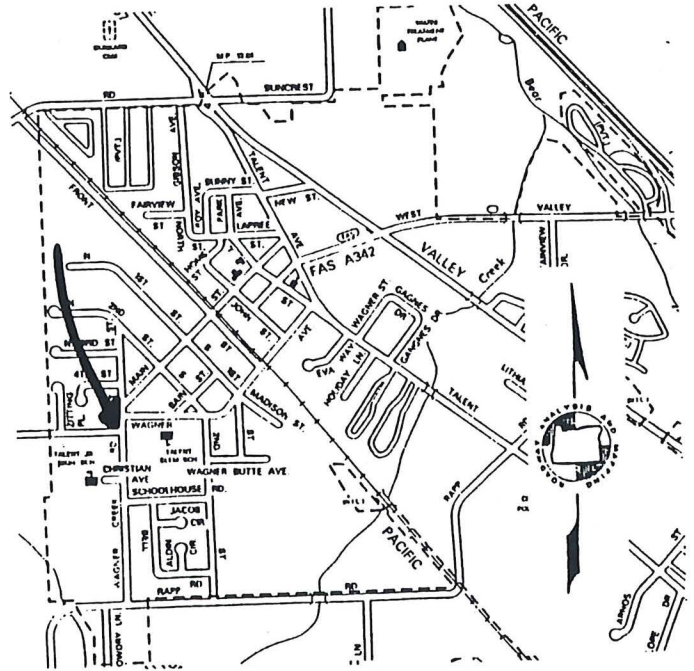
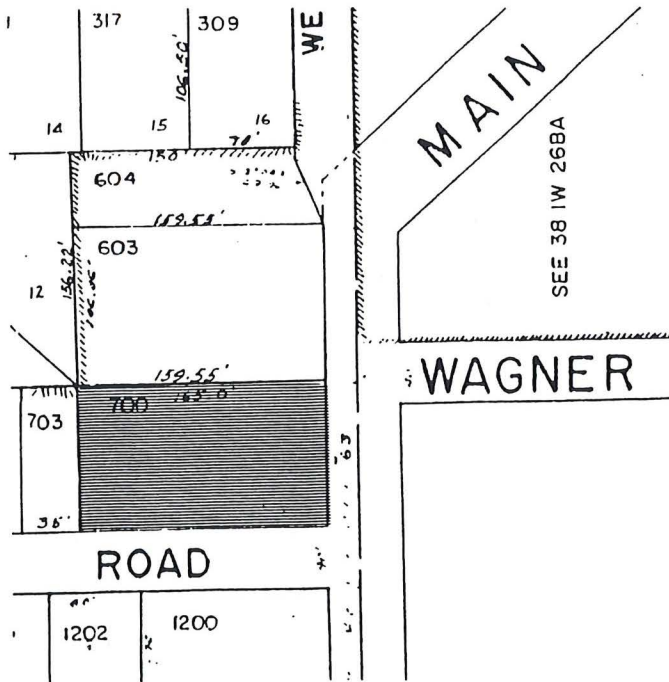
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Historic Name: Weidner, Andreas Hse  
 Location: 361 MAIN ST W

Common: Martin House  
 Date of Construction: c1904



Photo Roll: BP4 Frame: 17A



GRAPHIC SOURCES: Annotated Jackson County Assessor's Plat, ODOT map of Talent, Photograph by Brian C. Prechtel, Talent [BP] or Hugh Davidson [HD]

Ranking: Secondary

Talent Survey No. 429.0  
 SHPO NO:



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TALNO: 429.0  
ANDREAS WEIDNER HSE  
316 MAIN ST W  
Built: c1904

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Secondary

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**NOTE:** *This resource is located outside the geographic boundaries of the Talent Survey area but was previously identified as a historically significant resource in Article 13 (7) of the Talent Land Development Ordinance, adopted in 1980.*

This large two-story wood frame dwelling was likely constructed shortly after Andreas "Andy" Weidner purchased the land, the extreme SE corner of a 91.75 acre agricultural parcel that was a remnant of the original John Beeson Donation Land Claim. In 1887 Welborn Beeson sold the same 91.75 acres to James Helms and, following a partial interest acquired by Ashland banker E. V. Carter, Weidner purchased the land in September 1904. (JCD 14:87, 50:363-5)

The 1910 census documents that Andreas Weidner was born in Germany in 1855. He moved to the Talent area prior to 1900 although he apparently first resided on what is now Talent Avenue according, judging from the 1900 census. Never married, Weidner listed his occupation as farmer although he also owned a variety of property in Talent which he presumably used for rentals. Frequent mentions regarding his activities occur in the "Talent News" column of the *Medford Mail Tribune* and the "Talent Tidings" section of the Ashland paper.

Andy Weidner is building an addition to his dwelling house. (*Medford Mail Tribune*, 9-June-1911)

In March 1920 Weidner sold the house and acreage to James Barrett, also a single man, for \$25000. (JCD 154:390-91) Barrett sold the entire parcel to Roy G. and Lena R. Miller in 1930 and the following year the land was purchased by Jennie Montz. (JCD 185:171-2 and 188:571)<sup>1</sup> The 1936 Metzker Map of Jackson County shows Montz as the owner of the entire 91.75 acre parcel, including the subject home. It is doubtful that Montz lived here and some information indicates the house was occupied by the Ralph Jennings family.

By the late 1940s several small parcels had been sold, reducing the original acreage associated with the Weidner House. (See JCD 283:185 and 286:300) The remaining land was sold by Clarence and Hazel Walden to John F. and Phyliss M. Christian in June 1950. (JCD 342:255) The Christians resided in the subject home at least through the early 1960s. They subdivided the remaining acreage into the four units of the "Christian Acres" additions to Talent beginning in the early 1950s, converting the parcel to residential use. By 1977 the subject house was owned and occupied by Joe Colver. In recent years it has been converted into multi-unit rental use.

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<sup>1</sup> Various mortgage records were also of use in tracking this property. See Jackson County Mortgage Records 57:63 and 92:291.

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Historic Name: **Weidner, Andreas Hse**  
Location: **361 MAIN ST W**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **JARVI, DENNIS G/JULIE**  
MailAdd **117 HIGH STREET**

Common: **Martin House**  
Date of Construction: **c1904**  
Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**  
Present Use: **Domestic:Multiple Dwelling**  
Architect: **Unknown**  
Builder: **Unknown**  
Style: **Vernacular**  
Resource Type: **Building**  
Theme: **Culture:20th C. Arch**  
Condition: **Fair**

**Ashland**, OR **97520**  
Addition:  
Block: Lot: Taxlot: **700**  
T/R/S **381W26BB** Acct# **1280687**  
Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Plan: **Rectangular**  
Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**  
Roof Form: **Gable;Multiple**  
Wall Construction: **Wood**  
Primary Window: **Aluminum sash [replacement]**

No. of Stories **2.0**  
Basement: **No**  
Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**  
Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Asbestos Shingle;Straight Edge**

Decorative Features: **Shingle detail in gable ends, boxed soffit, eave returns, fascia board, projecting bay [S], decorative eave fan [E]**

Other:

Alterations/Additions: **Siding replaced, windows replaced, divided into multiple units with added c**

Landscape Features: **Concrete entry path, established trees and shrubs**

Associated Structures: **Lean to [rear], small gable carport. Wood barn to rear**  
Setting:

**Corner lot facing east at NW of Foss and West Main intersection. Small residential uses to north and south, Talent Elementary School to east.**

Sources

**Jackson Cty Deed records, Assessor's Fieldnotes (1912- ), 1900 and 1910  
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Ranking: **Secondary**

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While somewhat modified by the application of shingle siding and in only fair condition, the Andreas Weidner House retains considerable integrity to its original design. The elegant features of the shingle gabled ends and doric-columned front entry porch accurately reflect its original use as the farm house of the owner of a large agricultural tract just outside the Talent city limits. The Weidner House successfully relates both its period of construction and the associations for which it is significant.





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Historic Name: **Sherman, John & Mary Hse**  
 Location: **400 WAGNER CRK RD**

Common:  
 Date of Construction: **c1895**

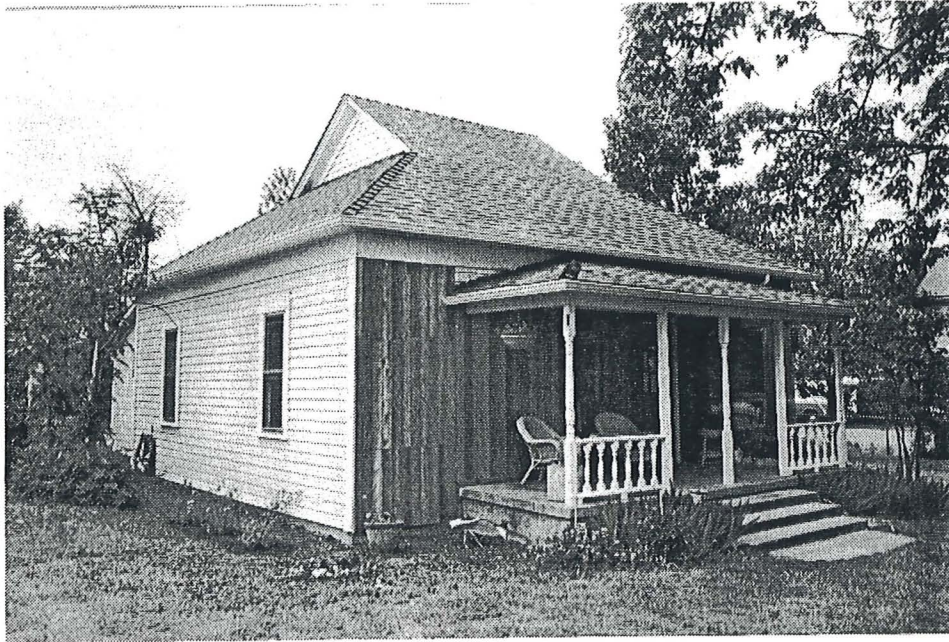
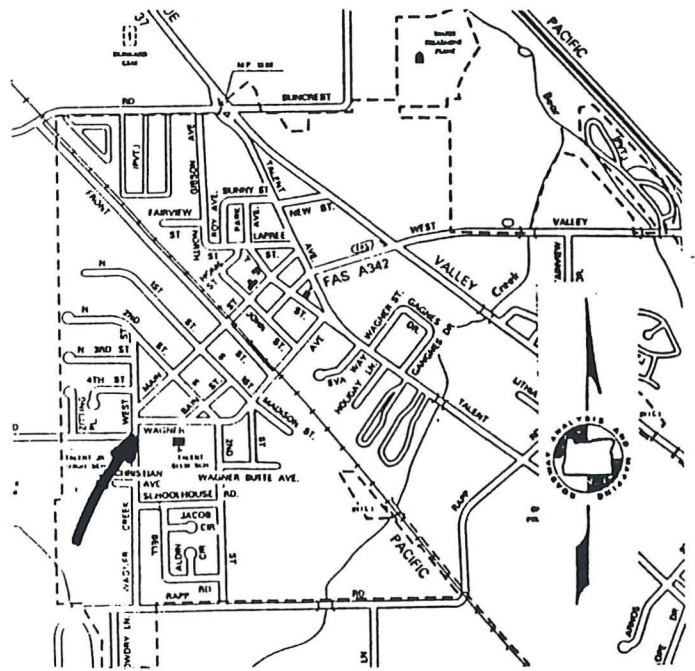
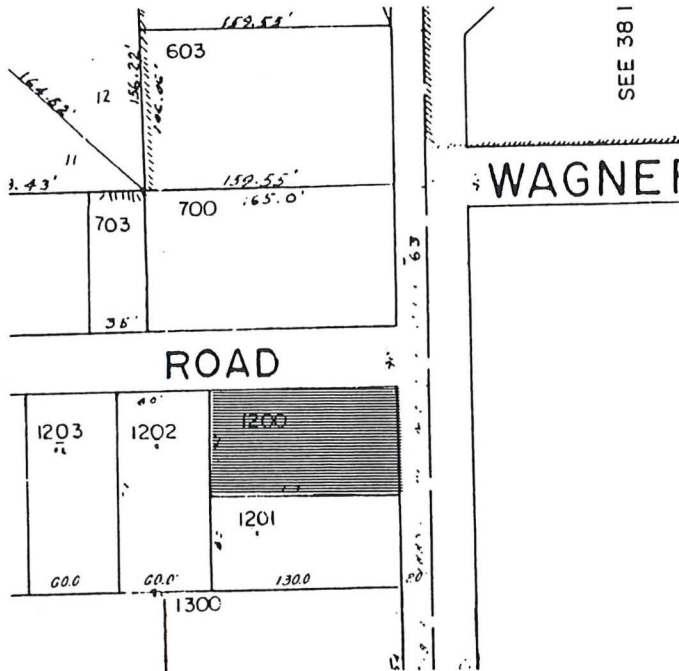


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Ranking: **Secondary**

Talent Survey No. **430.0**  
 SHPO NO:



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SHERMAN HOUSE

381W26BB-1200

400 WAGNER CREEK RD

Built: c1895

Secondary

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A small one-story hipped-room volume with a central gabled portion, the Sherman House was likely built circa 1895 following the sale of the subject property from John Robison, a large area landowner, to S. and Mary J. Sherman. (JCD 28:338) As early as 1888 Alice Sherman, presumably a relative, had bought a 5 acre parcel in this area from Mary and John Packard and it is not clear whether or not the subject property was directly connected to that transaction. (JCD 15:581)

The Sherman family retained control of the property through 1914 when S. and Mary Jane Sherman's son, Charles W., sold the property to Orson A. Stearns. Both Sherman and Stearns were then residing in Klamath County and it is not certain that either actually lived here. (JCD 108:154)<sup>1</sup> In 1920 the Sherman House was sold to Wesley and Minnie Vogeli. (JCD 125:287) It is possible that Vogeli's had previously rented the house from Stearns and the 1916 Jackson County directory lists them living in Talent, with Mr. Vogeli occupied as a "carpenter."

In 1935, following the death of his wife, Wesley Vogeli sold the house "with love and affection" to his daughter, Callie Briscoe. (JCD 204:515) By 1942 the property had been transferred to James and Pearl Martin. Mrs. Martin remained here at least through the early 1960s.

The Sherman House retains integrity on three of its four elevations with a sensitive addition, using matching siding and window detail, at the rear. Window replacement and the inappropriate siding alteration to the facade somewhat diminish the ability of the house to accurately convey its historical associations.

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<sup>1</sup> Orson A. Stearns was a part of a long prominent pioneer family. As an army recruit, he served in the Modoc Indian Wars and is often credited as the first Euro-American to touch the waters of Crater Lake. In later life he wrote frequently on his memories of the settlement of Jackson County.

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Historic Name: **Sherman, John & Mary Hse**  
Location: **400 WAGNER CRK RD**  
City: **Talent, Oregon 97540**  
Owner: **KEIM, ROBERT R./NANCY**  
MailAdd **400 WAGNER CREEK ROAD**

**Talent, OR 97540**

Addition:

Block: Lot:

T/R/S **381W26BB**

Quadrangle: **Talent 7.5 minute**

Taxlot: **1200**  
Acct# **1280774**

Common:

Date of Construction: **c1895**

Original Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**

Present Use: **Domestic:Single Dwelling**

Architect: **Unknown**

Builder: **Unknown**

Style: **Vernacular**

Resource Type: **Building**

Theme: **Culture:19th C. Arch**

Condition: **Good**

Plan: **Square**

Foundation: **Concrete;Poured**

Roof Form: **Hipped**

Wall Construction: **Wood**

Primary Window: **Mixed, aluminum replacement predominate**

No. of Stories **1.0**

Basement: **No**

Roof Material: **Asphalt;3-Tab**

Stuct. Frame: **Wood;Light Frame**

Exterior Surface: **Wood:Horizontal Drop**

Decorative Features: **Wide plain fascia, corner boards, window trim**

Other: **Hipped porch at front**

Alterations/Additions: **Facade siding is not original. Rear gable addition [L-floorplan] added to or**

Landscape Features: **Perimeter hedge, medium trees**

Associated Structures: **Gable garage to rear**

Setting: **Corner lot, facing east, at SW corner of Foss and Wagner Creek. Small residential uses to north and south, property faces Talent Elementary School**

Sources

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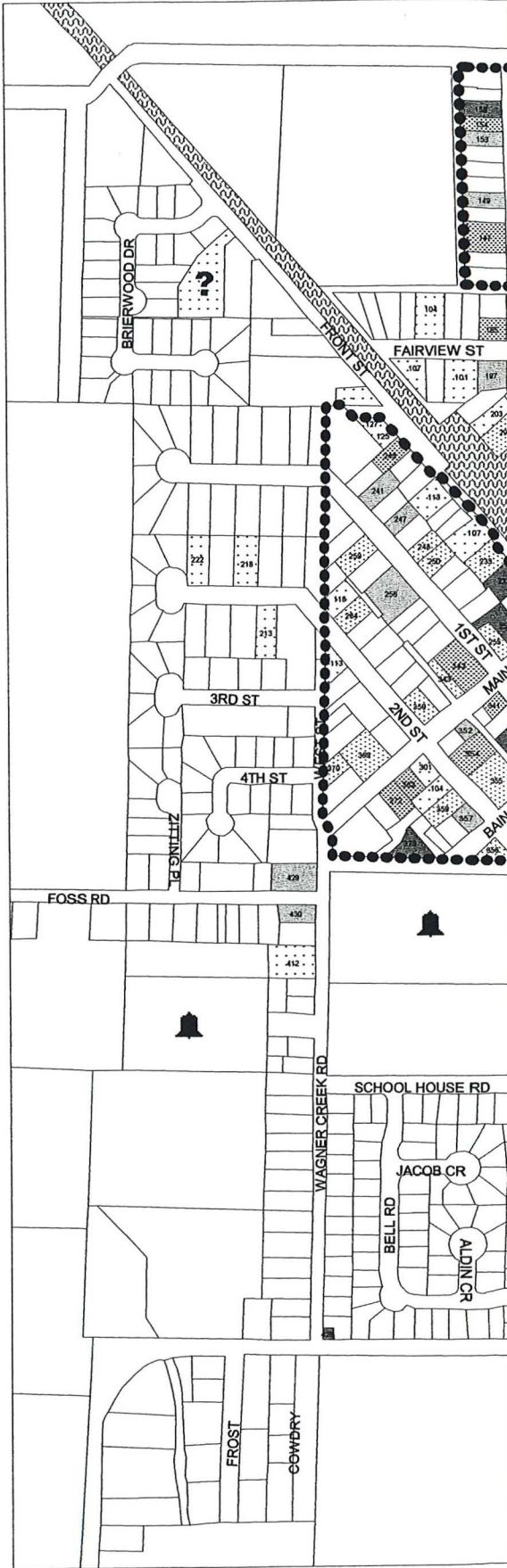
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# ENT HISTORIC DISTRICT

## Site Map






### LEGEND

#### DISTRICTS

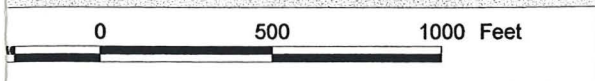
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-  Primary
-  Secondary
-  Contributing
-  Non-Contributing [H]
-  Potential Historic

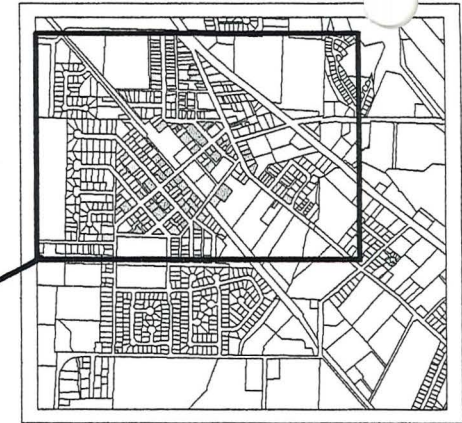
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-  City Hall
-  Community Center
-  Fire Department
-  Police Department
-  Public Works/Water Plant
-  Transportation Depot
-  Post Office
-  Library
-  Parks
-  Schools
-  Site of Fort Wagner
-  Greenway
-  Railroad
-  Streams





# Central Talent Historic Sites



-  Library
-  Rail Easement
- Historic District**
  -  Area of Interest
  -  Central Historic District
  -  Historic District
- Historic Site Ranknig**
  -  Contributing
  -  Non-Contributing [H]
  -  Potential Historic
  -  Primary
  -  Secondary



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# Wagner Creek and Rapp Road Site



## Historic Site Ranking

-  Contributing
-  Non-Contributing [H]
-  Potential Historic
-  Primary
-  Secondary

## Historic District

-  Area of Interest
-  Central Historic District
-  Historic District



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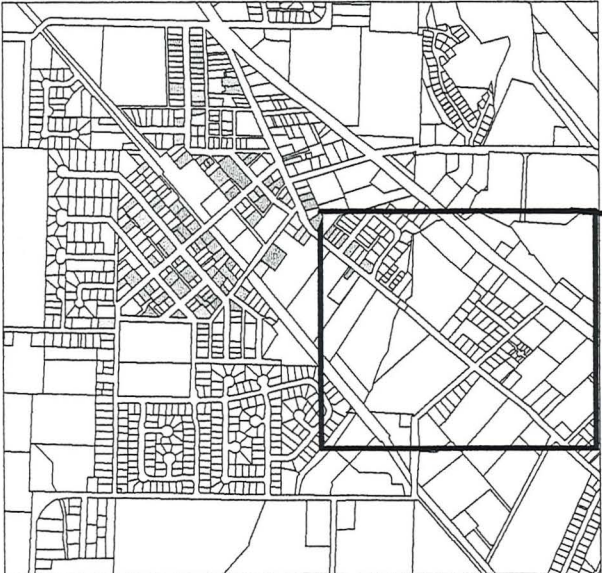
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# East Talent Historic Sites



 Bridge  
 Police Station  
**Historic Site Ranking**  
 Contributing  
 Non-Contributing [H]  
 Potential Historic  
 Primary  
 Secondary  
**Historic District**  
 Area of Interest  
 Central Historic District  
 Historic District  
 Rail Easement



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205	Clark-Hayman House	205	MAIN ST W	1935	Secondary
226	Mc Mahan-Foxall House	226	TALENT AVE	1909/11	Primary
304	H. S. Walker House	304	MAIN ST	1928	Non-Contributing [H]
103	Burnett-Laurence & Ella	103	SECOND ST S	c1931	Contributing
113	Willard & Evelyn Sargent House	113	FIRST ST S	1940	Non-Contributing [H]
	n/a	109	WAGNER ST	1950	Potential Historic
	Lacy- John House	310	MAIN ST	c1912	Non-Contributing [H]
208	n/a	208	BAIN ST	1910	Non-Contributing [H]
301	n/a	301	MAIN ST	1947	Potential Historic
303	End gable cottage #1	303	MAIN ST W	c1940	Contributing
110	Hip roof cottage	110	WAGNER ST	1940	Non-Contributing [H]
109	Clayton House	109	WAGNER ST W	c1922	Contributing
104	End Gable House	104	SECOND ST S	c1945	Potential Historic
305	End gable cottage #2	305	MAIN ST W	c1942	Contributing
202	n/a	202	BAIN ST	1930	Non-Contributing [H]
106	n/a	106	SECOND ST S	1920	Non-Contributing [H]
204	Methodist Parsonage	204	FIRST ST N	c1918	Primary
207	Leaming-Klimek House	207	BAIN ST	c1937	Contributing
110	Quackenbush- P&D House	110	SECOND ST S	c1923	Secondary
	Combine w/TL 1500	206	FIRST ST	0	Primary
201	Oatman- F.B. & Nisa House	201	MADISON ST	c1910	Primary
203	Camp White House?	203	SECOND ST S	c1946	Potential Historic
204	Hart-Adamson House	204	SECOND ST S	c1910	Secondary
308	Smith-Terrill House	308	WAGNER ST	1898	Primary
206	James Barrett House	206	SECOND ST S	1930	Non-Contributing [H]
102		102	MADISON ST	1934	Potential Historic
316	Weidner- Andreas House	361	MAIN ST W	c1904	Secondary
304		304	FIRST ST W	1900	Potential Historic
207	Christian Church	207	WAGNER ST	1912	Contributing
400	Sherman- John & Mary House	400	WAGNER CRK RD	c1895	Secondary
321					Potential Historic
307		307	SECOND ST S	1948	Potential Historic
412					Potential Historic
314		314	FIRST ST N	1937	Potential Historic



105	n/a	105	FRONT ST N	1940	Non-Contributing [H]
112	n/a	112	FIRST ST N	c1920s	Non-Contributing [H]
103	Hearing- John & Laura	103	FRONT ST N	1909/43	Primary
113	Jewell- Etta House	113	FIRST ST N	c1900	Secondary
109	Helms-Hanson House	109	JOHN ST	c1896	Contributing
207	Manning-Nyswaner House	207	TALENT AVE	c1906	Primary
118		118	SECOND ST N	1955	Potential Historic
102	Hart- Benj. & Ethel House	102	MAIN ST W	1940	Contributing
116	n/a	116	SECOND ST N	1910	Non-Contributing [H]
104	Carey-Alford House	104	MAIN ST W	1910	Primary
213					Potential Historic
213	Rhodes- L.M. House	213	TALENT AVE	1913	Contributing
204	Wolters Rental House	204	TALENT AVE	c1910	Secondary
215	Works- Mary E. House	215	TALENT AVE	1914	Secondary
106	M. J. Inman House	106	MAIN ST	1928	Non-Contributing [H]
101	Talent Hotel/Ellis Beeson House	101	MAIN ST W	1910	Primary
206	Carl- Marcus & Marg. House	206	TALENT AVE	c1894	Secondary
307					Potential Historic
219	Hartley-Rush House	219	TALENT AVE	c1920	Contributing
113	Minimal ranch type	113	SECOND ST N	1941	Potential Historic
200	Alford- Albert & Katherine	200	MAIN ST W	1911	Contributing
103	Small House	103	MAIN ST	1937	Non-Contributing [H]
102	Hazel Fern House	102	FRONT ST S	1940	Non-Contributing [H]
221	Estes- Chas, & Martha House	221	TALENT AVE	1930	Contributing
105	Nyswaner-Furrer House	105	MAIN ST W	c1914	Contributing
202	n/a	202	MAIN ST	1910	Non-Contributing [H]
110	Barclay-Wolters House	110	WAGNER ST E	c1894	Primary
104	J. S. Crawford House	104	FRONT ST S	1940	Non-Contributing [H]
208	n/a	208	MAIN ST	1934	Non-Contributing [H]
201	Spitzer- J.S. House	201	MAIN ST W	1906	Contributing
108	Talent- A.P. House	108	FRONT ST S	c1888	Primary
227	Burgan-Wells House	227	TALENT AVE	c1895	Contributing
104	Pellett-Malster House	104	WAGNER ST E	c1910	Secondary
106	William Carey Property	106	WAGNER ST	1908	Non-Contributing [H]
104	Dunlap-Tryor House	104	FIRST ST N	c1910	Primary
111	n/a	111	FIRST ST N	1940	Non-Contributing [H]





110		110	LAPREE ST	1952	Potential Historic
58		58	TALENT AVE	1946	Potential Historic
102		102	LAPREE ST	1946	Potential Historic
115		115	VALLEY VIEW RD W	1948	Potential Historic
127					Potential Historic
111		111	VALLEY VIEW RD W	1947	Potential Historic
203	n/a	203	GIBSON ST	1947	Potential Historic
201	n/a	201	GIBSON ST	c1930s	Non-Contributing [H]
108	Nininger-Norman House	108	I STREET	1909	Contributing
104	Sleppy-Withrow House	104	I STREET	1910	Primary
109		109	VALLEY VIEW RD W	1947	Potential Historic
125	Ralph & Delila Jennings House	125	FRONT ST N	1947	Potential Historic
113	Orville & Hazel Carver House	113	LAPREE ST	1935	Non-Contributing [H]
	Talent Elementary School	204	MAIN ST E	1899	Primary
100	n/a	100	HOME ST	1935	Non-Contributing [H]
102	Netherland-Sowash House	102	HOME ST	c1890	Contributing
121	Estes- Roy L. House	121	FRONT ST N	1921	Contributing
NO#	Root-Ager House	0	HOME ST	c1890	Contributing
122	Wicha- Frank House	122	FIRST ST N	c1907	Secondary
	Talent Baptist Church	303	MAIN ST E	c1871	Primary
113	Gable front cottage	113	FRONT ST N	c1945	Potential Historic
	Hill-Stearns Building	106	TALENT AVE	1923	Primary
118	Morrison- Alfred & Maude House	118	FIRST ST N	c1908	Secondary
202	Bahr-Brown House	202	MAIN ST E	1902	Primary
209	Dickey- Anna House	209	MAIN ST E	c1940	Contributing
107	Maxson- E.W. and Lucy House	107	FRONT ST N	1945	Potential Historic
205	Gedlick-Kirkpatrick House	205	MAIN ST E	c1935	Secondary
	Edith Cochran Bldg	114	TALENT AVE	c1925/45	Secondary
	Malmgren Garage	111	TALENT AVE	c1925	Primary
	Bell- Thomas Jefferson House	104	I STREET	1897	Primary
114	Unknown/Alford Rental House	114	FIRST ST N	c1930	Non-Contributing [H]
		112	SOUTH PACIFIC HWY	1948	Potential Historic
222					Potential Historic
121	n/a	121	FIRST ST N	1945	Non-Contributing [H]
218					Potential Historic
	Hanscom Hall	201	TALENT AVE	1906	Primary



ADD	House Name	Site Number	Street Name	Year Built	Ranking
242	Carpenter- Mary J. House	242	GIBSON ST	c1911	Secondary
235	Reynolds- Alfred B. House	235	GIBSON ST	1913	Primary
240	Overholser-L.B&P House	240	GIBSON ST	c1911	Contributing
233	Roberts- Emma House	233	GIBSON ST	c1925	Contributing
238	Jones- Robert H. House	238	GIBSON ST	1911	Contributing
231	Bell- T. J. "Jeff" House	231	GIBSON ST	1914	Secondary
236	n/a	236	GIBSON ST	1945	Non-Contributing [H]
234	Barrett- Jonas & Minnie House	234	GIBSON ST	1911/12	Contributing
232	Cambell- James W. Rental 1	232	GIBSON ST	c1913	Contributing
23		23	TALENT AVE	1947	Potential Historic
230	Campbell- James W. Rental 2	230	GIBSON ST	c1913	Contributing
223	Hazen-Clarence a. House	223	GIBSON ST	1912	Secondary
26		26	TALENT AVE	1910	Non-Contributing [H]
219	Unidentified House #1	219	GIBSON ST	c1911	Contributing
141					Potential Historic
			TALENT AVE	0	Non-Contributing [H]
216	Crosby- W.R. House	216	GIBSON ST	1914	Secondary
		38	TALENT AVE	1989	Potential Historic
214	Mason-J.C. House	214	GIBSON ST	c1914	Non-Contributing [H]
		42	TALENT AVE	1970	Potential Historic
212	n/a	212	GIBSON ST	c1911/15	Non-Contributing [H]
104		104	FAIRVIEW ST	1900	Potential Historic
208		208	SUNNY ST	1948	Potential Historic
		117	NORTH PACIFIC HWY	1937	Potential Historic
110		110	NEW ST	1947	Potential Historic
104		104	NEW ST	1946	Potential Historic
102		102	NEW ST	0	Potential Historic
206		206	ROY AVE	1948	Potential Historic
211	n/a	210	GIBSON ST	0	Contributing
103		103	PARK AVE	1950	Potential Historic
113		113	NORTH PACIFIC HWY	1945	Potential Historic
204		204	ROY AVE	1947	Potential Historic
107		107	FAIRVIEW ST	1952	Potential Historic
101		101	FAIRVIEW ST	1944	Potential Historic
209	Burnett-Davidson House	209	GIBSON ST	1912	Secondary
116		116	LAPREE ST	1952	Potential Historic
114		114	LAPREE ST	1947	Potential Historic