

# Oregon Historic Site Form

Marshall, George, House  
215 Miller St  
Oregon City, Clackamas County

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 215 Miller St ☐ apprx. addr

historic name: Marshall, George, House

Oregon City ☐ vcnty Clackamas County

current/  
other names:

### Optional Information

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

location descr:  
(remote sites)

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

township: 2 S range: 1 E section: 36 1/4: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Building height (# stories): 1.5

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources: 1

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: Listed in Historic District

primary constr date: 1859 (c.) ☒ secondary date: \_\_\_\_\_ (c.) ☐  
(optional--use for major addns)

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

primary orig use: Single Dwelling

orig use comments:

secondary orig use:

primary style: Classical Revival: other

prim style comments:

secondary style:

sec style comments:

primary siding: Horizontal Board

siding comments:

secondary siding: Wood:Other/Undefined

architect:

plan type: Hall-Parlor

builder:

comments/notes:

## GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name: Canemah Historic District, Listed on 10/11/1978

Listed Historic District

Canemah Historic District RLS Survey Update, 2007

Survey & Inventory Project

Settlement-era Dwellings, Barns & Farm Groups the the Willamette Valley, Orego

Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name:

external site #: \_\_\_\_\_

(ID# used in city/agency database)

## SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: \_\_\_\_\_ NHD

ILS survey date: 4/3/2008

RLS survey date: 1/9/2013

Gen File date:

106 Project(s)



West facade, looking east

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## ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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

The house is a 1 1/2 story front gabled structure with a one story side wing to the south that extends slightly past the rear main house wall and whose roof extends to cover the exterior stair to the yard. There is a full width hipped front porch supported by four posts, and a secondary porch formed by the roof extension at the entry of the wing. The house is accessed from Miller Street at grade, although the rear yard is substantially below 3rd Avenue.

Exterior Materials: Roof: simply gabled with composition shingles, large central brick chimney; horizontal wood bevel siding at main house (likely replacement) and drop siding at wing, molded trim at roof and classic fascia returns, soffited eaves; limited other trim, mostly flat, narrower at windows; chamfered posts; Windows: 6/6 wood double hung, wide muntins; replacement entry door and lower rear window; stone foundation with large rear exposure

Alterations: largely intact with various rehabilitation efforts at exterior; basement dugout and new foundation at south end; concrete block infill area at stone foundation

Landscape: open corner site enclosed with picket fence, older fruit tree at front, male at rear, other ornamentals

## HISTORY

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

George Marshall, a native of Southampton, England, arrived in the United States at the age of 18. He was living in Chicago when he married his wife Margaretta in 1852 and the couple honeymooned on the Oregon Trail. He established a Donation Land Claim in the Oregon City area, and then moved to Canemah around 1858, where he worked as an engineer and machinist in the steamboat industry. His obituary (1887) stated he was "one of the pioneer engineers and machinists in the state." In 1870 the Marshalls moved to Portland where he engaged in real estate and commerce, including grain trading. He was a director of the Willamette River Transportation Co., along with Joseph Kellogg, Jacob Kamm, Elijah Corbett and Lloyd Brooks. Mr. Marshall died on July 5, 1887; his wife on May 3, 1896. They had three daughters and two sons, one of whom George W. was an architect (1857-1915). Among other positions he was a draftsman for Justus Krumbein, William C. Knighton and the Northern Pacific Railroad.

## RESEARCH INFORMATION

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

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

Local Library: \_\_\_\_\_ University Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Historical Society: Museum of the Oregon Territory: OHS Other Repository: OHS scrapbooks

Bibliography: Ritz, Richard Ellison, Architects of Oregon, p270-271; Wright, E.W., Lewis & Drydens' Marine History of the Pacific Northwest, p205; Oregon Native Son & Historical Magazine, v.I no 1 p401; OHS Scrapbooks 51 p 188; SB 21 p104; Sanborn Maps, 1911, 1925.