

# Oregon Historic Site Form

Cason, John House  
 316 S McLoughlin Blvd  
 Oregon City, Clackamas County

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 316 S McLoughlin Blvd  appr. addr

historic name: Cason, John House

Oregon City  vcnty Clackamas County

current/  
 other names: Stevens, Samuel, House

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

location descr:  
 (remote sites)

block nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ tax lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_  
 township: 1 S range: 1E section: 35 1/4: \_\_\_\_\_  
 zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Building height (# stories): 1.5 total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources: 1

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

primary constr date: 1867 (c.)  secondary date: \_\_\_\_\_ (c.)   
 (optional--use for major addns)

primary orig use: Single Dwelling orig use comments: \_\_\_\_\_

secondary orig use: \_\_\_\_\_

primary style: Classical Revival: other prim style comments: Classical Revival

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

primary siding: Horizontal Board siding comments: \_\_\_\_\_

secondary siding: Wood:Other/Undefined architect: \_\_\_\_\_

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

comments/notes: 1 NC secondary building

## 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

farmstead/cluster name: \_\_\_\_\_ external site #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ID# used in city/agency database)

## SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

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

ILS survey date: 3/20/2008

RLS survey date: 6/1/2007

Gen File date: \_\_\_\_\_

106 Project(s)



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## ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

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

The 1 1/2 story side gabled house is located slightly above McLoughlin Blvd on a fairly level site. The building faces north to the river and is one of a few examples of the Classic style in Canemah. The rectangular mass has a full width front porch and rear shed addition (historically half width); The composition is symmetrical and has dual front doors as a double house. There is a detached double garage located to the southwest of the house

Exterior Materials: The simply gabled roof has composition shingles and dual brick chimneys at the ridge; the front porch has a low sloped hipped roof supported by four square columns with capital and base moldings, enclosed with simple railing and square pickets that extend along the wood entry steps; Foundation: the house rises well above grade on rectangular rough cut basalt walls; the front porch is enclosed with slats one side and lattice on the other; siding is horizontal bevel with corner boards, a plain trim except at porch and pilaster details; roof overhangs are plumb cut and soffit with boards; Windows: 1/1 wood double hung; altered at rear porch addition; entry door pair has transom

Alterations: The house has few alterations; the rear shed addition is widened from the original, has sliding windows and doors and a raised exterior deck to the west, but is generally sympathetic to the house; The garage building is also compatible in size, shape and materials

Landscape: The site has an mostly open setting with informal plantings, some of which are mature, oak, holly and trees backing up the hillside; other planting includes shrubs and ornamentals and informal lawn and gravel areas

## HISTORY

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

John Cason, the original owner of the house, was born in Missouri in 1836. He was the son of Fendal Cason, who arrived in Oregon a pioneer of 1843. In 1860 John married Mary Straight, the daughter of another prominent and early Oregon City resident, Hiram Straight, who had a 640 acre DLC at the confluence of the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers. By 1870 John and Mary, and their three children had settled in Canemah, where the census listed his occupation as "farmer." The present owner, who has no history of the house, stated that she thinks the interior of the structure was "divided to make it a duplex when housing was short during WWII." However, the 1870 census indicates that in addition to three young children, John's widowed mother Rebecca Cason (age 65) was living with the family. Perhaps the house was divided at that time to provide her with more peaceful living conditions.

The historic name of this house should be the John and Mary Cason home, not named after Samuel Stevens, a later owner.

## RESEARCH INFORMATION

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

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

Bibliography: Historic Houses of Clackamas County, Oregon, 1947, p32; Lang, H.O., History of the Willamette Valley; Oregon Argonaut, 6/9/1860; Census, 1870; Sanborn maps, 1911, 1925