

# Oregon Historic Site Form

Paquet House  
902 3rd Ave  
Oregon City, Clackamas County

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 902 3rd Ave ☐ apprx. addr

historic name: Paquet House

Oregon City ☐ vcnty Clackamas County

current/  
other names: Paquet, (2nd) House; Coburn, John, House

### Optional Information

assoc addresses: 902 S. McLoughlin Blvd  
(former addresses, intersections, etc.)

location descr:  
(remote sites)

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

township: 3 S range: 1E section: 1 1/4: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: Building height (# stories): 1.5

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources: 0

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: Listed in Historic District

primary constr date: 1864 (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: Gothic Revival

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

secondary style: \_\_\_\_\_

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

primary siding: Horizontal Board

siding comments: weatherboard siding

secondary siding: \_\_\_\_\_

plan type: Central Passage

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

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

comments/notes: **Features six-over-six sash, embellished window and door trim on front elevation, stylized "fluted" square porch posts. Alterations include addition to rear of house, rear window alteration, possible porch changes.**

## 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: 3/20/2008

RLS survey date: 1/9/2013

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

106 Project(s)



Northeast facade, looking southwest

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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 house is set on a level bench above low rock outcropping at the far west end of Canemah; The front facing gable house has a simple main footprint that is enriched with detailed and styled moldings, detailed front porch, and a one story addition at the rear. The house had a south addition that has been replaced. The house has a rich landscape setting as well

**Exterior Materials:** The main roof is a simple steep gable form with architectural grade composition shingles and no brick chimney; the front porch is near full width and has a low sloped hipped roof supported on four decorative posts, fluted with capitols and bases; the rear addition attaches to the back wall and is cross gabled with an extended porch roof, similar materials, lower slopes; The main house is sided with horizontal bevel boards, while the addition has shiplap boards; trims include plain wide trim, enclosed soffits, and most noticeably pedimented window heads, and shouldered head trim on the front façade; Windows: 6/6 wood double hung with exterior metal storm windows; At north: second level window door, and main level oval glazed entry door with side lights; rear second level window in horizontal layout; the addition and detached garage are similar materials to each other and compliment the main house mass. Foundation is concrete.

**Alterations:** The rear addition, 1980c, and garage are not historic but compatible; the 1911 Sanborn map indicates a prior south addition of similar layout. The addition now serves as the house entry. Prior rehabilitation efforts.

**Landscape:** Sited on a bench above the rock outcropping along the highway and facing the river, the house has been able to develop its own sense of space and setting at the west end of Canemah. The primary access has shifted to an approach from 3rd Avenue due to the heavy highway traffic. The 'front' yard is enclosed with a low laurel hedge at the rock's edge that allow lawn and ornamental plantings; to the west there are native trees and woodland setting of the bluff area.

## HISTORY

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

The 1983 building survey described this as the John and Catherine Coburn house. However, subsequent research indicates that their house was located at the opposite end of town, described as "south of Hedges Street." A photograph now in the collection of the Oregon Historical Society and published with a caption in Historic Houses of Clackamas County in 1936 shows a picture of the Coburn home, which is not this one on McLoughlin Boulevard. The photograph and a 1911 Sanborn map indicate the Coburn house was on the river side of McLoughlin at Hedges Street; it was subsequently demolished.

The current owner of this house at 902 McLoughlin, who has lived in it for 32 years has information given to her by descendents of the Paquet family that suggests that the house belonged to the Paquets, who lived in Canemah from 1853-54 and again from 1863 to around 1890. Francis X. Paquet Sr. (b 1811) and three of his sons were well known carpenters and boat builders. The house at 402 3rd Street (c1870) was also owned by the Paquets. As the family had 12 children, it is possible that the family had two dwellings, and the one on McLoughlin might have been lived in by Francis X. and his wife Marie Louise.

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers     | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives       | <input checked="" 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, 1947; Oregon Historical Society photograph, "Mrs. Catherine Coburn House, blt. C 1859" loc/orig 0353PO85, ORHI 60094; Hines, Rev. H.H., An Illustrated history of the state of Oregon, p 856-857, 679; Lockley, Fred, 'Impressions and Observations of the Journal Man-Paquets', 10/7/1945 p 2B; 9/30/1945 p2B; Federal census, 1870.