


OREGON CITY HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Street Address: 608 4TH ST					City: OREGON CITY		
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City			GPS Latitude: 45 21 14 N		Longitude: 122 36 26 W		
Township: 02S	Range: 02E	Section: 31	Block: 60	Lot: 7x, 8x	Map #: 22E31AC	Tax Lot #: 9800	
Date of Construction: c. 1900		Historic Name: Montour, Helen M., House			Historic Use or Function: Domestic - single dwelling		
Grouping or Cluster Name: NA		*Current Name or Use: Domestic - single dwelling			Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown		
Architectural Classification(s): Vernacular				Plan Type/Shape: Rectangle		Number of Stories: 1.5	
Foundation Material: Unknown				Structural Framing: Unknown		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material: Gable / Composition shingle				Window Type/Material: 1/1 wood double-hung			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Drop Secondary: Wood shingle Decorative:							
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: Aluminum storm windows; central chimney altered (capped and parged) - no longer usable.							
Number and Type of Associated Resources: None							
Integrity: Good Condition: Good			Local Ranking: Designated Historic Site		National Register Listed? No		
<p>Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district</p> <p>Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Altered (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Potentially eligible individually or in district</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Ineligible as it lacks distinction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old</p>							
Description of Physical and Landscape Features:							
<p>This 1-1/2 story house sits under a front gable roof with a recessed porch at the northwest corner of the first floor. The corner of the upper floor is supported by a turned post at the porch corner. A turned balustrade encloses the porch and leads down the short entry stairs. The main gable features enclosed eaves, wide rake and frieze boards, and delicate spindle work in the gable ends. The house is clad with horizontal drop siding below the eave line and above the water table. The foundation is skirted with vertical tongue and groove material, and the gable ends are shingled in an octagonal pattern. The windows are all 1/1 double-hung wood sash with board surrounds, narrow sills, and projecting hood moldings. At the south end of the house, a one story room has been added to the west side under a small gable. This addition was likely an early one, and matches the main body of the house in both character and materials.</p>							
Statement of Significance:							
<p>In 1900, Lydia Wells deeded this property to Helen M. Montour, who in turn transferred it to Anne Busch in 1902. Three years later, it was sold to O.F. Higdale, who owned it for over ten years. As such, it is unclear which of these owners was responsible for the construction of the residence. In 1917, the property was purchased by Clark S. Fuge, and was later distributed by his estate to Frank P. Fuge, a mail carrier, and his wife Elizabeth. In 1950, the couple sold the property to Folmer A. Nielsen, an employee of the Crown Zellerbach Corporation, and his wife Violet. The Nielsens continued to own and occupy the house until at least 1985.</p>							

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