

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Historic Name: William L. Cauthorn House  
 Current Name: None  
 Street: 527 SW 5TH ST  
 City: Corvallis  
 County: Benton  
 Owner: SCHONING KIP S  
4363 NW HONEYSUCKLE DR  
CORVALLIS, OR 97330-3354  
 Category: Building Location: Urban  
 TRS: 12S 05W 02 BA  
 Quad: Corvallis  
 Map: 12502BA TLN: 11600  
 Addition: Original Marysville  
 Block: 19 Lot: 10

Original Use: Single-family residence  
 Current Use: Single-family residence  
 Secondary Current Use:   
 Building Date: c. 1880 Moved?   
 Theme: 19th Century Architecture  
 Secondary Theme:   
 Style: Vernacular  
 Secondary Style: Gothic Revival  
 Architect: A Unknown  
 Builder: Unknown

Condition: Unknown  
 Integrity: Unknown  
 Local Ranking:

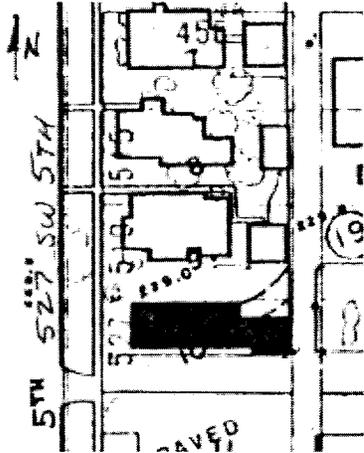
Plan Shape: Rectangle Number of Stories: 1.5  
 Foundation Material: Unknown Basement?  Porch?   
 Roof Form: Gable Roofing Material: Unknown  
 Structural Framing: Wood  
 Window Type: 2/2 double hung  
 Exterior Surfacing Materials: Shiplap  
 Decorative Surfacing: Refer to Statement of Significance  
 Decorative Features: Refer to Statement of Significance  
 Alterations/Additions: Refer to Statement of Significance  
 Landscape Features: Refer to Statement of Significance  
 Associated Structures: Refer to Statement of Significance  
 Known Archaeological Features: Unknown  
 Setting: This house is located near a residential area to the north and west, but confronts commercial buildings to the east. It is located on 5th and Western, next to a parking lot.



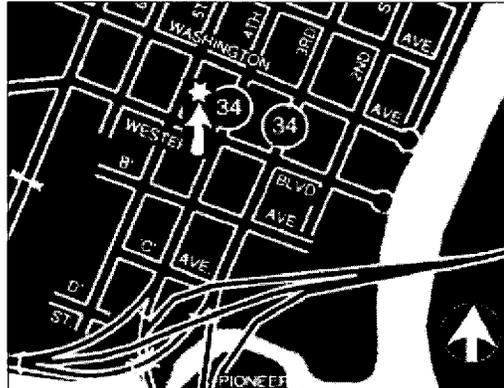
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Site Plan:



Location Map:



Statement of Significance:

Significance

This house is one of few remaining intact examples of a Gothic inspired, rectangular, side hall house in Corvallis. It is also one of only 9 examples of Gothic vernacular architecture deemed significant in the survey area. It is thus significant as a vernacular form of the popular Gothic style and, though it is not in its original location, it evinces a past lifestyle from Corvallis' early years.

Physical Description

The c. 1880 house on Lot 10, Block 19 (original town of Marysville) was moved to this location in the early part of the 20th century. The 1-1/2 story wood frame house is rectangular in plan, with the front gable end facing west towards 5th Street.

The house has a medium pitch roof, with boxed eaves and wide frieze board. The wide rake boards on the gable ends carry a moulding under the eaves. The house is clad with shiplap siding and has pilaster cornerboards on the four corners. The foundation material is uncertain. Since the house was moved to this locality (before 1912), the beams are probably resting on piers. Two brick chimneys (neither original) bisect the roof at the peak.

The one-story front porch has a shed roof supported by six rural Gothic style turned posts, with decoratively sawn brackets (two posts are engaged). Originally, the porch had a railing and probably a flat roof.

Windows in the house are two-over-two double hung wood sash with plain surrounds, cornice heads and projecting sills. Window fenestration is intact and all windows are original (except for windows in the wing). The front door is not original; however, the original transom window remains above this door.

There is a one-story kitchen wing (pre-1912) on the rear (east) elevation. This wing was expanded in the 1940's to connect with an auto garage a few yards to the east.

Though the second floor of the house was remodeled, the ground floor retains the side hall plan and room spacing. However, the living room ceiling was lowered. In the entry hall is a turned post and baluster staircase, which rises to the second floor.

Historical Background

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Based on architectural style, this house was probably built c. 1880. The house was moved to this location in the early 20th century. Its original location is unknown.

The William L. Cauthorn family probably owned the house right after it was moved. Lots 9 and 10, Block 19, were purchased by Cauthorn in 1904 for \$1500. The previous owner, Cora Hartley, owned 4 lots which she bought for \$625.00 in 1902 from Marshall Miller. Miller is known to have moved many houses in Corvallis. Cauthorn owned the home until his death in 1912. He was the brother of Thomas Cauthorn, prominent Corvallis businessman and Senator. The Cauthorn family came to Oregon in 1865.

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