

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Historic Name:

Current Name:

Street:

City:

County:

Owner:

Category: Location:

TRS:

Quad:

Map: TLN:

Addition:

Block: Lot:

Original Use:

Current Use:

Secondary Current Use:

Building Date: Moved?

Theme:

Secondary Theme:

Style:

Secondary Style:

Architect:A

Builder:

Condition:

Integrity:

Local Ranking:

Plan Shape: Number of Stories:

Foundation Material: Basement? Porch?

Roof Form: Roofing Material:

Structural Framing:

Window Type:

Exterior Surfacing Materials:

Decorative Surfacing:

Decorative Features:

Alterations/Additions:

Landscape Features:

Associated Structures:

Known Archaeological Features:

Setting:



Historic Name Map: TLN

Street: TRS: Quad:

Recorder: Local Number: SHPO Number:

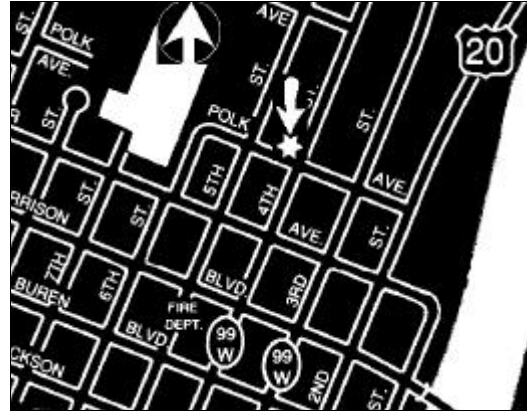
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Site Plan:

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Location Map:



Statement of Significance:

Stephen Dow Beckham, 1976

This structure, believed to be the William F. Dixon house, was erected in 1860. It is a two story, wood frame building in the Classical Revival Style. The building has a rectangular shape, a low gable roof, boxed eaves with a partial eave return on the gable end, wide frieze boards, and symmetrical appearance. The building has been altered by the removal of the paned windows and their replacement with one-over-one, double hung sash windows. New shutters have been placed at the windows. The exterior is clapboard siding. A porch has been attached on the east (front) elevation and a wing of one story has been added on the north elevation. The building is shadowed by a massive German walnut tree. The windows have small entablatures.

William F. Dixon settled this land on October 31, 1846. Dixon was born in 1811 in Maryland and married his wife, Julia Ann, on January 1, 1833 in Indiana. Dixon and his neighbor, Joseph Avery, platted their Donation Land Claims to become the city of Corvallis, Oregon. Dixon was probably the second white settler in Benton County.

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Addendum to 1976 Statewide Inventory Form

The Jesse Caton house was placed on the National Register in 1979. At that time, misconceptions concerning the home were cleared up. The house has no connections with William Dixon, except that it is situated on a portion of his original land claim. Levi C. Phillips purchased the lots from Dixon in 1855, presumably, to build this house and then sell to Jesse Caton in 1859. It is generally accepted, then, that the home was built in the late 1850's; but is more commonly associated with the Caton Family, who lived here for 50 or so years after the purchase.

Historic Name Jesse H. Caton House
Street: 602 NW 4TH ST
Recorder: Marv K. Weber
Recorded:

Map: 11535DB
TRS: 11S 05W 35 DB
TLN 2500
Quad: Corvallis

Local Number: 301B

SHPO Number: 661