

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

COUNTY: Clatsop

HIST. NAME: Mason Farm DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1916
 COMMON NAME: _____ ORIGINAL USE: Fruit Orchards & Farm
 ADDRESS: 8835 S. E. 42nd Ave. PRESENT USE: Family Residence
 CITY: Milwaukie, Or. ARCHITECT: _____
 OWNER: Alvin S. & Geraldine D. Butcher BUILDER: Original Owner / Jelmer Mason
 T/R/S: 1S 1E 2S THEME: Farmhouse Style
 MAP NO.: AA TAX LOT: 09500, 09501 STYLE: _____
 ADDITION: _____ BLDG. STRUC. DIST. SITE OBJ. (CIRCLE) _____
 BLOCK: _____ LOT: _____ QUAD: _____ RANKING _____
 (9500 & 9501)

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: 2 Story & Basement Farmhouse Style NO. OF STORIES: 2
 FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete BASEMENT (Y/N): _____
 ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Composition (Originally Shake)
 WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood, Lath & Plaster STRUCTURAL FRAME: _____
 PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Wood Sash
 EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Wood Siding (Horizontal)
 DECORATIVE FEATURES: Balcony With Railings
 OTHER: _____
 CONDITION: GOOD x FAIR _____ POOR _____ MOVED _____ (DATE) _____

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): Redwood Deck, Lattice and Railings added to deck area.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Parklike setting, large fir trees and rhododendrons. Many kinds of shrubbery and trees.

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: 2 Story Barn

KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES: _____

SETTING: Sets behind house.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts). USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY:

Original owner, builder, Jelmer & Florence Mason, fruit (apple) grower and flower (bulb) grower served an agricultural purpose to the community and shipped their products to California and Eastern States. Products consisted of apples, apple cider (manufactured by Mason's on this property), variety of bulbs. Time period 1916-1950's

The Mason's were well known in the community. Jelmer Mason's property included 10 Acres Boundaries were - East/42nd Avenue to West/38th Avenue, North/Johnson Creek Blvd., South/Roswell St. Today the property is a little under one acre.

Jelmer Mason planted 28 varieties of apples and manufactured and bottled apple cider on their property. The cider was sold in Oregon and California. Jelmer's niece, Margaret Evans, retired school teacher remembers when his apples won many blue ribbons at the

SOURCES: _____

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Statement of Significance -

Oregon State Fair in Salem in the 20's. She traveled there with the family by horse and buggy. Jelmer also grew flower bulbs (daffodils and peonies) and shipped them to California and Eastern States.

Jelmer was involved in business with Oregon State Agriculture. He raised seeds for Oregon State University Flax Experimental Program. He grew "Fax Hair Seed" used for earth holding purposes.

Jelmer's parents, Yence and Maria Mason both came from Norway. They purchased 100 acres in 1873 of nearby property which bordered 42nd Avenue and Johnson Creek Blvd., and includes Mason Lane and Fieldcrest Area. There were no other Norwegians in the area. Their property was one of the largest fruit orchards in the area.

Florence Mason's maiden name was Jennings. Her unclé settled Jennings Lodge. Her father came to Jennings Lodge in 1850. Her mother was the first white person to be born out of Coquille. Florence taught grades one (1st) thru four (4th) at Wichita Grade School.

Jelmer and Florence Mason were prominent in the community. They were active in their Church, Milwaukie Congregational on Logus Road and the cross on the alter is a memorial in their names. The Milwaukie Congregational Church is celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year.