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1. Name

historic

and/or common St. Helens Downtown Historic District

2. Location

street & number A ten-block area, irregular in shape, bounded essentially by River Street and the Columbia River on the east, South Fifth Street on the west, Jackass Canyon on the north, and Nob Hill on the south. N/A not for publication

city, town St. Helens N/A vicinity of First Congressional District

state Oregon code 41 county Columbia code 009

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple ownership, see Inventory, Item 7

street & number N/A

city, town N/A N/A vicinity of state N/A

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Columbia County Courthouse, Clerk's Office

street & number 122 Strand Street

city, town St. Helens state Oregon 97051

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties
has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1984 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office, 525 Trade Street SE

city, town Salem state Oregon 97310

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The St. Helens Downtown Historic District is a mixed-use area of 47.5 acres which includes public, commercial and residential buildings. It encompasses 145 separately owned parcels, though some parcels contain more than one structure, thus making an approximate total of 149 separately evaluated properties. Within the district are 17 significant properties dating from the earliest period of development, 84 significant properties dating from the years of upbuilding following the disastrous fire of 1904, 16 properties which are chronologically historic but which do not contribute in present condition, 9 compatible but non-historic buildings, 3 non-contributing buildings, and 20 vacant parcels. A detailed definition of the classifications system is given on the next page. The district has a varied topography due to the fact that a series of basalt ridges and rocky outcroppings runs through the area in a north/south direction. Nevertheless, because there are proportionately few non-contributing properties in the historic downtown, the district is cohesive, especially in its array of buildings dating from the period 1906-1934.

The district boundaries are determined by distinct changes in topography, land use and architectural period and character. The eastern edge of the district is defined by the Columbia River along Strand and to the northeast by a cliff along the west side of River Street. The northernmost edge of the district is defined by an abrupt topographical change in the form of a gulch lined with evergreen trees. The western boundary of the district, along 4th Street, between St. Helens Street and Columbia Boulevard, is delineated by a thick grove of Douglas fir trees on a bluff behind the residences. Most of the properties on 3rd and 4th Streets, south of St. Helens Street, were excluded from district boundaries because they represent a shift in architectural character. The southernmost boundary of the district is formed by a large ridge having steep grades, a topographic line of demarcation which is reinforced by a change in architectural character of resources south of the boundary.

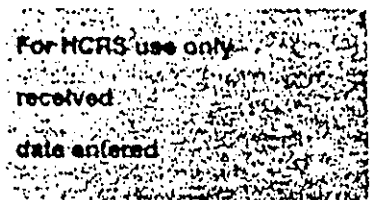
The irregular topography of St. Helens does not lend itself to the regular gridiron plat of the city which was completed in 1850 for Henry Knighton by W. H. Tappan, a U.S. Army-employed "special artist," and P. W. Crawford. "The streets were laid out in a simple grid, but distributed within the grid were five large public squares. The pattern of squares is similar to the Philadelphia plat, though St. Helens lacks the broad main streets running through the central square, which is an important characteristic of the Philadelphia plan." (Steven Dotterer, "Cities and Towns," Space, Style and Structure: Building in Northwest America, Thomas Vaughan and Virginia Ferriday, eds., Oregon Historical Society, 1974, Volume 2, pages 648-649.)

The plat was clearly drawn with little consideration of the topography of the area. The numerous basalt ridges that run through the area in a north/south direction and the rocky outcroppings cause the lots to be irregular and streets to be impassable. Many of the residences are constructed with watertables high above the rocky grade. Abigail Scott Duniway, a nationally-known figure because of her work in the Women's Suffrage Movement, advanced a new and original theory with regard to geological origins of St. Helens. In a speech delivered in St. Helens during the historic period, she was confronted "by an audience of three men only, all rusty old bachelors who listened with apparent derision..." She was "infuriated and exclaimed in a voice of vituperation: 'But what more could you expect of St. Helens! It is the last place created by God on this earth and it angered him and he heaved rocks at it!'" (Susie Dillard, "City of St. Helens Founded in 1845," St. Helens Sentinel-Mist, Columbia County Progress Report, 1939 to 1949, page 22.

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Asphalt, concrete, and gravel streets, concrete sidewalks, and pole mounted street lights comprise public improvements. The commercial core of the District is along 1st Street with public buildings farther to the east, along Strand. The commercial buildings enfront the street with concrete sidewalks located between the buildings and the curb. A county park, "The Plaza", lies between Strand and 1st Street facing the courthouse. It is planted with grass and maple trees and was developed in 1907, by Fred A. Erixon of Albany, Oregon, the contractor for the County Courthouse. Other street trees planted in the District include species of maple, walnut and oak. Cedar trees and Douglasfir are prominent on the bluffs and in the gullies.

In the residential section of the District, the building setback is relatively small and in most areas concrete sidewalks line the streets as well. The steep, irregular topography of the District creates a need for the concrete, brick and rock walls and steps, especially visible along 1st and 2nd Streets. Some streets have been left unimproved or are dead ended due to the steep basalt bluffs within the District; 2nd Street, between St. Helens and Cowlitz Streets, is an example of such a street.

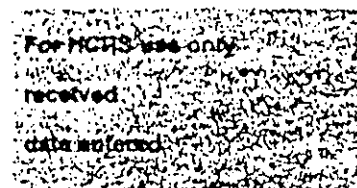
The classification system for structures within the boundaries of the District is based on building date, architectural style, condition, alterations, and building-setback and context. Properties within the boundaries of the proposed Historic District are classified into six categories: 1) Primary Significant, 2) Secondary Significant, 3) Historic Non-Contributing, 4) Compatible Non-Contributing, 5) Non-Compatible Non-Contributing, and 6) Vacant.

- 1) Primary Significant: Structures are classified as Primary Significant if they were built before the fire of September 1904 or reflect the building styles, traditions, or patterns of structures typically constructed before 1905. These buildings represent the primary period of construction and development in St. Helens, from Henry Knighton's initial settlement in 1847 to the fire of September 14, 1904 when much of the old downtown was destroyed.
- 2) Secondary Significant: Structures are classified as Secondary Significant if they were built between 1905 and 1933. These buildings represent the secondary period of construction and development, from the McCormick Bros. development of a lumber mill and of other industries to the Depression.*
- 3) Historic Non-Contributing: Structures are classified as Historic Non-Contributing if they were built during either the primary or secondary periods of construction but have been so altered over time that their character defining elements (siding, windows, form) have been altered. If their character defining elements were restored, these buildings would be reclassified as Primary or Secondary Significant.

*Because, today, the downtown more clearly reflects St. Helens' years of upbuilding following the fire of 1904, the category of "Secondary" is used to make a chronological distinction rather than to imply lesser significance. Buildings in both Primary and Secondary categories are significant to St. Helens because, together, they convey the scope of historic development, which was so dramatically punctuated by the 1904 fire.

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- 4) Compatible Non-Contributing: Structures are classified as Compatible Non-Contributing if they were built after 1933 but are compatible architecturally (i.e. scale, materials, siting, use) with the significant structures and the historic character of the District.
- 5) Non-Compatible Non-Contributing: Structures are classified as Non-Compatible Non-Contributing if they were built after 1933 and are non-compatible architecturally (i.e. scale, materials, siting, use) with the significant structures and the historic character of the District.
- 6) Vacant: Properties are classified as Vacant if there are no buildings sited on them (i.e. vacant lots, alleys, The Plaza, parking lots).

The following is a listing of all properties within the St. Helens Downtown Historic District:

<p>1 ADDRESS: Strand, at east end of Plaza CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant OWNER: Columbia County, St Helens OR 97051 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 YEAR BUILT: 1906 ALTERATIONS: Minor</p>	<p>FAX LOT: 7600 STYLE: Georgian Revival USE: County Courthouse Annex</p>	<p>The New Courthouse (1972), added as a wing to the north end elevation of the 1906 Courthouse, is Non-compatible/Non-contributing.</p>
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DESCRIPTION: The Columbia County courthouse is a two story structure which sits on an above grade basement. It is "L" shaped in plan and has a symmetrical three-bay front and five-bay sides. The roof is a flat hip with boxed eaves. The cornice is simply detailed with crown moldings and modillions. The building is constructed of random coursed basalt and the window lintels and sills and the water table are light gray sandstone. The windows at each story are detailed differently. The windows in the basement are squat one over one double-hung wood sash. The windows at the first story are flat arched one over one double-hung wood sash with a transom above. On the front and rear elevations of the building they are paired and the lintel is detailed with a keystone. At the second story on the front and rear elevations of the building, the windows are paired, one over one double-hung wood sash with a segmental arch above that is detailed with a sunburst transom window. The lintel is constructed of stepped voussoirs. On the side elevation at the second story, the windows are single, one over one double-hung wood sash and have a round arch. The only

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unpaired windows on the front and rear facades are at the sides of the central bay where at the first story they flank the entrance porch. The porch has a flat roof whose eaves are detailed the same as the building. The original railing along the top of the porch roof is now missing. The porch roof is supported by two groupings of three Tuscan columns which rest on solid stone piers and by a pilaster at the wall edge. The entrance to the building is recessed behind the stone wall which is detailed with a semi-circular arch. The double leaf doors with side and top lights have been replaced with aluminum sash. The bell and clock tower which is centered on the top of the roof has a square base of metal which is painted white, four square columns topped with a classical entablature and steeply pitched hipped roof with steep gable projections facing in four directions. Each gable end has a clock face in it. The four faced clock was made by Seth Thomas of Connecticut in 1910 and installed in the County Courthouse on February 10, 1911. The bell is suspended from the ceiling below the clock faces. The river and plaza facades of the building were identical, as were the north and south side facades of the building originally. In 1972 a new, incompatible, addition was built onto the north facade, however, it appears that minimal alteration was made to the existing courthouse to accommodate the new addition. The only other alterations to the building are: some of the basement windows have been altered, although their sash is generally intact; and that a wrought iron railing has been added to the porches.

"In 1903 agitation began for a new building to replace the old courthouse located on the Strand, it being in a dilapidated condition and of inadequate size. The question of relocating the county seat came up again at this time. An election was held in July 1903 in which St Helens and Rainier received the two highest votes with Clatskanie and Vernonia also contending. On the first Monday of August, a second election was held. Clatskanie and Vernonia threw their support to St Helens which gave this place the decision. On that day the women of the town gave their famous all-day dinner in the lower part of the old Masonic hall where huge roasts, hundreds of biscuits, scores of pies and cakes and wash boilers of beans, all provided by the Muckle Bros., and cooked by the women, were served to voters, many of whom returned for a second meal. The story is told that Rainier attempted to import voters as hands on the steamer "Iralda" which made the round trip to Portland each day, but that they were taken off at St Helens, induced to vote for this place and kept there till the polls were closed. Neither side has ever elucidated the incident." (St Helens Sentinel-Mist Progress Report, 1939-1940, pp 20-22)

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After the 1904 fire, pressure mounted to build a new courthouse of brick, stone or concrete in which the county records would be safe. Eventually bids were advertised for and at the April 1906 term of the county court the low bid of F.A. Erickson, \$29,675 won the job and at the May term of the court his bond of \$9,000 was approved and work was immediately started. The rock came from nearby quarries and many of the stonemasons were from St Helens, experienced men in quarrying and shaping rock which St Helens and nearby had thousands of ton. Work progressed steadily and the time approached for the laying of the cornerstone. A committee of citizens was appointed and everything arranged for, except the music. Finances of the committee were low, so Sam Miles and Charles Muckle stepped into the breach, Miles for \$120 and Muckle for \$100, and a Portland band was engaged. ..

..Close to 1500 people were present, the Northern Pacific letting off at Houlton more than 200 people from Portland, Scappoose and Warren, and the A. & C. train bringing large numbers from Astoria, Clatskanie, Rainier and other downriver points. A steamer from Portland also brought a large delegation which included Governor George Chamberlain, prominent men from Portland, and officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons. The program began with music and was followed by speeches. Judge Hatten presided and Gov. Chamberlain made the principle address. Then followed dinner ...the table was set with 600 plates and as the first ones were finished their places were taken by others. More than a thousand people were fed. ...In the afternoon at 2:30 the Grand Lodge Officers met at the Masonic hall and marched to the incompleated building for the laying of the cornerstone. Grand Master Williamson of Portland putting the stone in place and conducting the impressive ceremony. The stone was placed at the northwest corner of the building where it is now. In the afternoon there were water sports and boats races along with the band music of the 16 piece band brought from Portland, and the big day was concluded with two dances". (St Helens Sentinel-Mist, Jubilee Edition, June 23, 1939, pp. 3, 4)

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2-A ADDRESS: Strand between Plaza & Cowlitz
OWNER: City of St Helens, St Helens OR 97051
CLASSIFICATION: Compatible Non-Contributing
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 7500
YEAR BUILT: ca 1940 STYLE: Simplified Classical Revival
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Vacant

DESCRIPTION: The public restrooms are a one story, almost square structure with a symmetrical three-bay front. The building has a hip roof with boxed eaves and stepped moldings which support a wooden gutter which is detailed to look like a cornice. The exterior of the building is finished with stucco. The doors and windows have been covered over and the window trim removed. The building was designed by Jesse Doughty for the city which has the original plans. The building faces west onto Strand and is directly across from City Hall.

2-B ADDRESS: Strand between Plaza & Cowlitz
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: City of St Helens, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 7500
YEAR BUILT: ca 1915 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Vacant

DESCRIPTION: The former Longshoremen's Hall is a one story rectangular structure with a symmetrical three-bay front. It has a hipped roof sheathed with wood shingles and boxed eaves. It has horizontal "California" clapboard siding. Below the drip cap and water table the foundation is constructed of timber pilings. Horizontal boards have been used to enclose the basement space under the pilings. / It has ten-light casement windows, generally in groups of three. The small front porch is centered on the front facade and has an attached hipped roof supported by two boxed posts. An exterior fireplace chimney with a corbeled cap is located on the north wall and is supported on a wood beam. The building has not been visibly altered but it is in very poor condition. It sits back from the street and the rear of the building overlooks the Columbia River.

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2-C ADDRESS: Strand between Plaza & Cowlitz
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: City of St Helens, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 7500
YEAR BUILT: ca 1915 STYLE: Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Vacant

DESCRIPTION: The former Creamery is a one story irregularly shaped building with irregular fenestration. It has a flat roof with a parapet along Strand Street. It is constructed of hollow terra cotta tile which has been stuccoed over on the front facade. The window and door openings have all been modified. They have either been filled in with concrete block or covered over with plywood. An addition has been added to the northeast corner of the building and is constructed of concrete block. If the building were restored it would be classified as Secondary Significant. The building faces west onto Strand Street

3 ADDRESS: 90 Columbia Boulevard
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: Lewis & Winifred Hallmark, 5350 S.W. Patton Rd, Portland OR 97221
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 12500
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 1,2,3 BLOCK: 13
YEAR BUILT: 1895 STYLE: Queen Anne
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Dr Edwin Ross House is a two story Queen Anne style residence irregular in plan. It has a hip and multi-gabled roof with boxed eaves. A brick chimney is centrally located in the hip roof. The building has shiplap and shingle siding and a partial stone, partial concrete foundation. The two main entry doors on the south and west facade have fifteen lights each; windows are fixed and double-hung sash, paired in the northeast gable. The porch on the west and south elevations is 'L' shaped with boxed posts on the first story and pilasters on the second story enclosed area. A one and one half story addition has been made to the north elevation. A wooden stair allows exterior entrance to this addition. Few alterations have been made to this building and it remains in good condition. Some of the original window sash is missing and the shingle siding on the northeast elevation is not original.

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The Edwin Ross House, known for some time as "Tanglewood on the Columbia" was built in 1895. It was the home of Dr. Edwin Ross and his wife Matilda Muckel Ross. Ross was born in Iowa in 1864 and moved to St Helens about 1890 after both his parents had died. He opened a drug store in St Helens which he operated until it was destroyed in the 1904 fire. Ross was also a doctor in St Helens, having received his M.D. in 1894 from the University of Oregon at Portland. Edwin Ross and his brother William organized the first bank in the county, the Columbia County Bank. Mrs Ross was raised by her uncle Charles Muckle, who was part owner of the Muckle Sawmill in St Helens. (Columbia County History, Vol III, pp 7 & 8)

4 ADDRESS: 100 S 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Wayne and Mildred Turner, 100 S. 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 3000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 11 BLOCK: 12
YEAR BUILT: ca. 1922 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minimal Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Burcham House is one and a half stories, rectangular in shape with an irregular two-bay front and irregular side fenestration. The gable roof is oriented with the eave end toward the street and has a large shed dormer with double-hung windows across the front. The rake ends of the building are supported with purlins. The main body of the house is sided with 'California' clapboards, while the peaks of the gable ends and the dormer are sided with shingles. Below the water table and drip cap, the foundation is sided with vertical V-joint tongue and groove. The windows are wooden, double-hung sash and on the front have various numbers of vertical panes in the upper sash. The windows on the sides are one over one. The front door has three beveled panes which are separated by dentiles from one panel below. The reentrant porch which extends across the front of the house has boxed, truncated, obelisk posts on a solid rail. Cantilevered bays are located on the north and south sides of the building, and an exterior fireplace chimney is also on the north side of the building. The lower foundation has a stucco wash. Alterations to the Burcham house are minimal and consist of the rear porch having been glassed in. The front facade of the house faces west onto 1st Street and the rear facade of the building overlooks the Columbia River.

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The Burcham House was built in 1922 shortly after Albert and Anna Burcham moved to St Helens. Burcham, a contractor, built most of the bridges in the county, the dock and the jetties. He died in 1941. (St Helens Sentinel-Mist, June 15, 1961 p.2) Mrs. Burcham, who was active in many public service organizations as well as her church, was honored by the American Association of University Women in 1952 as a Woman of Achievement for her volunteer service to the community. She was the first woman member of the school board on which she served for nine years. She was also one of the organizers of the Columbia County Chapter of the American Red Cross and a founder of the St. Helens Public Library. She died on May 27, 1974 at the age of 97.

5 ADDRESS: 110 S. 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Compatible, Non-contributing
OWNER: E. A. Earlene Gorman, 110 S 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 2900
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 10 BLOCK: 12
YEAR BUILT: 1939 STYLE: Eaveless tract House
ALTERATIONS: ~~Minimal~~ *Minor* USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The house is a one story irregularly shaped structure with a hipped roof and horizontal clapboard siding. It faces west onto 1st street.

6 ADDRESS: 120 S. First Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Wayne & Wanda Hawkins, 120 S 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 2800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 9 BLOCK: 12
YEAR BUILT: 1914 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: ~~Minimal~~ *Minor* USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Shinn House is a two and a half story rectangular structure with a symmetrical three-bay front. The gable roof is tiled and oriented with the eave end towards the street. A gabled dormer with a fixed four-light window is centered on the front roof. The gable and eave ends of the structure are detailed with exposed rafter tails and stacked purlin brackets with ornamentally cut ends. The house is sided with horizontal clapboards on the first story and narrow and widely spaced shingles on the second story. The foundation is concrete with a stucco finish. The double-hung

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wood sash windows have various number lights (six, eight and ten) above, one pane below. The front porch is centered and extends across a third of the front facade. It has a gabled roof with stick work and purlin detailing. It has two large boxed posts on clapboard sided piers and side rails of ornamentally cut boards. This detailing is also used on a second story porch at the rear of the house which overlooks the Columbia River. There are cantilevered bay windows on the north and south sides of the house and an interior chimney with a corbelled top extends from the center of the roof. The alterations to the house are minimal; a small addition has been built on the north side and a detached deck has been built south of the house, and the area west of the deck has been asphalted. The house faces west onto 1st street and the rear of the house overlooks the Columbia River.

The Shinn House was built for George Shinn, an attorney and president of the Columbia Abstract Company, by J.H. (Hollie) Cronkite.

7 ADDRESS: 130 S. 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: Robert & Margaret Kinnear, 130 S 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 2700
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 8 BLOCK: 12
YEAR BUILT: 1928 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Moderate-Extensive USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story structure with daylight basement is slightly "L" shaped. It has a low pitched gable roof with brackets at the rake end and a combination of nine over one double-hung sash and ten by ten casement windows. The small front stoop with attached gable roof is supported by brackets. The house has been moderately to extensively modified. It has been entirely resided with aluminum siding and shutters, and aluminum storm windows have also been added. In addition, the entire front and southern side yard have been asphalted. If the structure were restored it would be classified as a secondary significant structure. The house faces west onto 1st street.

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8 ADDRESS: 180 S. 1st Street
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OWNER: Richard & Marjorie Lewis, 4404 N.E. 115th St, Portland OR 97220
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 2300
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 3 BLOCK: 12
YEAR BUILT: 1912 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Arthur George House is one and a half stories with a symmetrical three-bay front. It is 'L' shaped in plan with an intersecting gable roof with ornamentally cut brackets at the gable ends. It is sided with "California" clapboards and the foundation has a stucco wash. The windows are broad, one over one, double-hung wood sash and are paired in the gable ends. The reentrant porch extends across two thirds of the front and is supported by two boxed posts on a solid sided rail. Only the the porch handrail appears to have been modified. The house faces west onto 1st street and the rear of the property overlooks the Columbia River.

9 ADDRESS: West side of Strand between St Helens & Plaza
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: Columbia County, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 600
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 12; 13,14,15
BLOCK: 11
USE: Parking Lot

DESCRIPTION: The northern three quarters of the site is paved for a parking lot and planted with modern ornamental plantings. The southern quarter of the site which faces the Plaza, is maintained as a lawn. This site formerly contained three older houses and a commercial building which were demolished in the 1970's for construction of the parking lot in conjunction with the new addition to the County Courthouse. One of the houses which was demolished was the LeMont house built in 1850 by Capt. Francis LeMont who brought the lumber for the house from his home state of Maine. He also brought lumber for other early houses including the Knighton house. The commercial building, owned by the Dillard's, housed the telephone company from about 1930 to 1962.

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10 ADDRESS: 50 Plaza
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Julius Spillman et al, 221 S.E. 55th Ave. Portland OR 97215
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 1600
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 8 BLOCK: 11
YEAR BUILT: ca. 1928 STYLE: Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Commercial Service

DESCRIPTION: The structure is a one story rectangular shaped building with a one-bay front. The flat roof has a parapet wall along the front edge of the building which faces south on the Plaza. It is constructed of red and chocolate colored glazed brick with a raked pattern. The main panel on the parapet is slightly recessed and is constructed of red brick only. The cornice is detailed with vertical bricks and an ornamental tile cap. The store front windows of the building have been altered with aluminum sash and diagonal painted cedar tongue and groove siding below the windows. A fixed canopy also constructed of cedar siding extends across the front of the building. The common wall to the east has been covered over with tongue and groove beveled vertical siding in a pseudo-mansard shake roof. While the alterations are considered moderate, they appear to be reversible. The Bennett Building (No. 18) is similar in design and materials and appears to have been designed by the same person, Mr. Doughty. The Bennett Building, therefore, might be used as an aid in restoration.

11 ADDRESS: 236 & 240 S. 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Non-Compatible Non-Contributing
OWNER: Rose Federici, 144 S. 14th, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 1700
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 8 BLOCK: 11
YEAR BUILT: 1938 STYLE: Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Moderate-Extensive USE: Retail & Service

DESCRIPTION: The structure is a one story rectangular building with a symmetrical two-bay front. It is constructed of poured concrete and originally had wood sash storefront windows. The building has been moderately to extensively altered. A pseudo-mansard overhang has been built along the front and side elevation of the building and the facade of 240 S. 1st St has been covered with roman brick and the windows and door have been changed to aluminum sash. If the building had not been altered in this fashion, it would have been classified as compatible non-contributing.

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12 ADDRESS: 230 S 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: St Helens Local #1, A.W.P & P.W. % Carol Judkins,
Box 657, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 1800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt 8, 9 BLOCK: 11
YEAR BUILT: 1926 STYLE: Neo-Classical Revival
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Union Hall

DESCRIPTION: The former First National Bank is a two story rectangular building with a symmetrical one-bay front. The front facade of the building is detailed as a classical temple with simplified fluted Corinthian columns on either side of the entrance supporting a classical entablature. The entablature is traditionally detailed with architrave, a smooth frieze, engraved with the name of the bank, and a cornice detailed with dentiles and pineapple drops at the corners. The entrance is detailed with a classical cornice supported by consoles and double doors constructed of an oak veneer with a central glass panel. The entrance is set in a wall of obscure glass panes approximately 18 by 36 inches. The classical ornaments are constructed in a cream colored terra cotta with a chocolate fleck and the body of the building is constructed of honey colored brick in a common bond. The foundation of the building is constructed of grayish-white terra cotta blocks approximate 11 x 19 inches in size with a ribbed texture. The front facade of the building has been minimally altered. The windows adjacent to the entrance and two niches at either side of the building at the first story have been covered over with cedar siding. It appears that the windows are in tact beneath, and restoration could easily be accomplished. The building faces west on 1st street.

The First National Bank first opened for business in 1918 in a building owned by Thomas Dillard. "The first step of progress in buildings was taken in February 1926 when the bank was moved to a newly built brick building on 1st StreetIt was in this building that banking was carried on for 26 years (1926-1948). Ownership and management of the First National Bank was shifted in 1930 when the expanding United States National Bank of Portland purchased the organization and its affiliated unit. The St Helens bank was an affiliate with the Portland bank for three years and in 1933 became a direct branch of United States National Bank. ...And through the years that followed the St Helens bank grew along with the city until there arose a need for a newer and larger bank building." (St Helens Sentinel-Mist, A Progress Report, 1919-1949) The existing U.S. National Bank building was opened May 10, 1948 at the corner of 1st and St Helens streets.

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13 ADDRESS: 220, 222 & 224 S 1st Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: Van Natta & Peterson, Gray Building, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 1900
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 9 BLOCK: 11
 YEAR BUILT: 1925 STYLE: Commercial
 ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Offices and Vacant Retail

DESCRIPTION: The Gray Building is a two story, rectangular shaped structure with a symmetrical three-bay front. It has a flat roof with a parapet across the front facade, and is sided with stucco on its upper stories and glazed apricot colored tiles below its storefront windows. The storefront windows are wood sash, and the windows at the second story are one over one, double-hung wood sash. The building has been moderately altered. It appears that the original siding may have been covered over with stucco. Aluminum sunshades have been added to the windows at the second story, and each of the second story windows has been modified for an air conditioning unit. However, most of these alterations appear easily repairable except for the siding. The Gray Building faces west on 1st street, in downtown St Helens' commercial core.

*Von A. Gray may appropriately be termed the pioneer jeweler of St. Helens. . . In 1910 he established the first jewelry business in St Helens... (St Helens Mist Special Edition, Sept 15, 1916) In 1925, Von Gray constructed a building for his own business as well as other tenants on 1st street/ His store was located at 220 S 1st.

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14 ADDRESS: 210 S 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: John & Florence Svoboda, Rt 1 Box 408, Scappoose OR 97056
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 2000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 10 BLOCK: 11
YEAR BUILT: 1928 STYLE: Commercial & Retail
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Movie Theater

DESCRIPTION: The Columbia Theater is a two story rectangular building with a three-bay symmetrical front. It has a flat roof, detailed with a parapet across its front. The second story is decorated with three recessed panels with ornamental motifs within the center of each. An eagle on a shield with arrows is on the center panel and garlands with swags are on the side panels. The panels have a simple cornice above them, from which a brick parapet extends, with ornamental tiles. Brick pilasters run from the cornice to the ground. The two storefronts have wood and copper sash windows with an entrance toward the center bay. The doors are wood with a central glass panel and transom above. The theatre entrance and marquee were modified in the 1940's. The entrance was covered with burgandy and pink glazed tiles, and the suspended canopy was replaced with a neon marquee. It appears that the only other alteration to the building has been a painting of the original honey colored brick. The building faces west on 1st street, in the central business district of downtown St. Helens.

"G. O. Garrison, operator of the Columbia theatre, came to St Helens in 1927 and purchased the Liberty theatre from Lew Gates, and the Grand theater from L. H. Walton. Mr. Garrison operated the Liberty for about a year. Believing that St. Helens should have a more modern theatre, he made arrangements for the Columbia, one of the finest small city theatres in the state. It was opened in 1928. The Columbia seats 700 and is equipped with the most modern apparatus and appointments. . . . Before coming to St. Helens, Mr. Garrison operated the Colonial theatre in Eugene and the Laurelhurst in Portland. He has been in Oregon for 18 years and came to this state from Beatrice, Nebraska, where he also operated picture theatres. Twenty five years in the picture business (since the infancy of the picture) qualifies Mr. Garrison as one of the leading theater operators in the state." (Isbister Scrapbook, ca 1933 newspaper clipping)

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15 ADDRESS: 200 S. 1st Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Compatible Non-Contributing
 OWNER: U.S. National Bank -Prop. Div. F.L.S.
 PO Box 4412, Portland OR 97208
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 2100
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 11 BLOCK: 11
 YEAR BUILT: 1948 STYLE: Commercial
 ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Bank

DESCRIPTION: The U.S. National Bank is a one story, rectangularly-shaped structure with a flat roof. The body of the building is built of honey colored brick, the cornice and string course of cream colored terra cotta, and the foundation of black and honey mottled terrazzo. The entrance is detailed with carrera glass and an aluminum cantilevered canopy. The windows are steel sash with five horizontal panes.

16 ADDRESS: Plaza and 1st Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Vacant (Secondary Significant)
 OWNER: Columbia County, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 7700
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 6,7,16,17 BLOCK: 11
 YEAR BUILT: 1907
 USE: Park

DESCRIPTION: The Plaza is a lawn area surrounded by a pipe and chain fence. Four maple trees are planted along the north and south sides and ornamental shrubs are planted at the east and west ends, and around the central flagpole. At the east end of the Plaza is a commemorative plaque for the Warrior Rock bell, a fog bell cast in Philadelphia in 1855, and first used at Cape Disappointment. Later in 1889, it was located at Warrior Rock on Sauvie Island until 1969.

The Plaza was constructed and dedicated as part of the development of the County Courthouse in 1906. Previously the area had been platted as Block 11 and developed with buildings in a fashion similar to the rest of downtown. In fact, the former county courthouse had been located on the site of what is now the Plaza. In 1907, after completion of the courthouse, the contractor, Fred A. Erixson of Albany, was given the contract to construct The Plaza. Plaza Street which borders the green space on the north and south was cut through at this time to make a grand entrance to the County Courthouse which is situated to the east The Plaza. The plantings, paths, and other details of the square have been renewed over the years, although the general configuration of the square is as it was originally designed.

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17 ADDRESS: 263 Strand Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: City of St Helens, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 701
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 18, pt of 19 BLOCK: 11
YEAR BUILT: 1908 STYLE: Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: City Hall

DESCRIPTION: The former Columbia County Bank is a two story rectangular shaped structure with a three-bay front. It has a flat roof with a parapet along Strand and Plaza. Its Strand and Plaza facades are constructed of random coursed basalt which was locally quarried. The stone is cut in various size square blocks ranging from four inches to sixteen. The windows are one over one double hung wood sash and are segmentally arched at the second story and round arched at the first story. The arches are stepped voussoirs of the locally quarried stone at the first story and relieved arches with a keystone at the second story. A simple string course with purlins below defines the parapet above the second story. On the front facade on Strand Street a sandstone block above the string course indicates that the back was constructed in 1908. The north facade of the building was originally four-bays wide, however, by 1915, the building had been extended to the west. The new addition included an exterior entrance to a staircase to the second story and three storefront windows at the first story level. While this addition is not readily apparent it is on the Plaza facade, ^{and} on the alley facade. The original building was constructed of uncoursed rubble on its alley facade while the later addition was constructed of poured concrete. Only minor alterations have been made to the building. The wood sash of the front entrance on Strand has been replaced with aluminum and the narrow secondary entrance on Strand has been covered over with plywood. On Plaza, the storefront windows have been altered. The original sash has been replaced with anodized aluminum sash and a secondary entrance for handicapped access to the Council Chambers has been added in one of the storefront windows. The building is located diagonally across from the Courthouse, and faces Strand with its front facade and the Plaza with its secondary facade.

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The Columbia County Bank "is the oldest bank in the county, and from the standpoint of capital stock and resources is also the strongest in the county. The Columbia County Bank was founded by William M. Ross in the year 1905. It was started on a very small capital, but Mr. Ross saw the possibilities ahead and believed St Helens would grow and therefore the bank would grow. The first few years were a struggle and Mr. Ross had to do considerable insurance and other work to keep things going but business was increasing and the manner in which it was handled inspired the confidence of its depositors. During the panicky times when other banks paid out clearing house certificates, and hoarded their stock of gold and silver, it was not necessary for the bank here to pay out anything but cash." (St Helens Mist, Special Edition, Sept. 15, 1918)

William Ross, brother of Dr. Edwin Ross, located in Columbia County after having visited his brother in 1905. "Since locating here Mr. Ross has done much to put St Helens where it is. He has served as president of the Commercial Club, City Clerk, member of the City Council and other positions where he could be of benefit to the town. He is prominent in fraternal circles and has held important offices in the lodges." (ibid.) The bank failed during the Great Depression.

18 ADDRESS: 273 & 277 Strand
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Hazel Vagt, 167 S 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 19 BLOCK: 11
YEAR BUILT: 1929 STYLE: Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Retail & Office

DESCRIPTION: The Bennett Building is a one story, rectangular shaped structure with a three-bay front. It has a flat roof with a parapet across its Strand facade. The front facade of the building is finished in red and dark brown glazed raked brick. The brick parapet is detailed with three recessed panels. The storefront windows at either side of the building are fixed with the two storefront entrances being provided in the central recessed bay. Above the storefront windows are mezzanine windows. A simple, classical cornice caps the mezzanine windows. The base of storefront windows are detailed with honey brown and black glazed tiles.

Harry Bennett came to St Helens in September 1909 and opened a barber shop, confectionery and pool and card room on lower Strand. In 1929 J.E. Doughty designed this building for Bennett on upper Strand.

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19 ADDRESS: (283) Strand
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: Hazel Vagt, 167 S. 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 900
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 20 BLOCK: 11
USE: Vacant Lot

20 ADDRESS: (293) Strand
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: Frances Craver, 145 S. 1st, St. Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 1000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 20, 21 BLOCK: 11
USE: Vacant Lot

DESCRIPTION: This property was the former site of the St Helens I.O.O.F. and Rebekah Lodges built in 1808 during the secondary period of development in St Helens. When the building was damaged by fire in 1950, the St Helens and Houlton Lodges combined and a new lodge hall was built in West St Helens.

21 ADDRESS: 295 Strand
CLASSIFICATION: Compatible, Non-Contributing
OWNER: Daniel Martin, 295 Strand, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 1090
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 21, 22 BLOCK: 11
YEAR BUILT: 1953 STYLE: Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Tavern

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one story, rectangular structure with a flat roof. It is constructed of concrete block with a stucco finish. The original storefront windows are altered although the openings are intact. The building faces east onto Strand.

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22 ADDRESS: 30 Cowlitz
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Lorraine Jeter, 30 Cowlitz, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 1100
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 21, 22 BLOCK: 11
YEAR BUILT: 1930; 1908 STYLE: Mission Revival
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Apartments & Hotel

DESCRIPTION: The Orcadia Hotel is a two story rectangular building with a flat roof and parapet along Cowlitz and Strand. The exterior of the building is stuccoed. The building has six over one double-hung woodung sash windows at the second story which are generally paired. The storefront windows along Cowlitz and Strand have been filled in except for one bay on Cowlitz at the west end of the building. The wood sash storefront window consists of two large panes with a six light mezzanine window above. At the west end of the Orcadia Hotel is an older building which was built during the primary period. It was modified to conform with the later building in 1930. Originally, it was a three story wood framed building with two over two wood sash windows.

The St Helens Sentinel of August 14, 1930 states "One of the finest improvements to the city of St Helens in recent days is marked by the completion of the new Orcadia Hotel building at Strand and Cowlitz streets. This building was erected by Mrs Thomas Isbister, to replace the pioneer structures which were recently wrecked after having fulfilled their mission of service to the community. The new building was erected primarily for the Orcadia Hotel but there are three store rooms on Strand, the hotel occupying the second story, with lobby on Cowlitz street. The building has a 50 foot frontage on Strand and 58 feet on Cowlitz. The three story section of the former hotel has been remodeled and modernized, with exterior finish of stucco, making it conform in appearance with the new building. The remodeled part contains a modern dining room and kitchen, and 22 sleeping rooms on the second and third floors. There are eleven rooms in the new building with steam heat, hot and cold water, two with private bath, and two with individual showers. ...The new building was erected under the supervision of the A.J. Matot Building Construction company of Portland, contractors, who handled the concrete, carpenter, door and window, and hardware work.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Isbister, with whom the building is most closely associated, "was born November 29, 1869, on Orkney Island in the Scapa Flow off northern Scotland. She was married ... August 29, 1889 in the farmhouse where she was born. It was June 8, 1891, when Mr and Mrs Isbister sailed for America, landing in Portland." (Isbister family Scrapbook, Sentinel Mist newspaer article.) "On December 10, 1908, they purchased the Orcadia Hotel which was then being built. Mr and Mrs Isbister named the hotel for their birthplace, the Orkneys. They continued to operate the hotel until 1926 when they leased the property to Mrs Margaret Hoffman their daughter, who operates it at the present time." (Isbister Family Scrapbook, newspaper clipping.)

23 ADDRESS: 298 S. 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: P.J. Lackmer, 298 S. 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 1200
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 1, pt of 2 BLOCK: 11
YEAR BUILT: 1919 STYLE: Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Cafe and Office

DESCRIPTION: The St Helens Cafe, formerly knows as the Hewitt Building, is a commercial building on the corner of 1st and Cowlitz, constructed in 1919. It was designed by J.H. Cronkite, a local builder who built many residences and businesses in town. It is one story, rectangular in plan, and five bays wide, on the west facade. It has a flat roof, corrugated metal siding, and a concrete foundation. The wood frame storefront windows have one light each. The main corner entrance door which faces south has one light and sidelights. Few alterations have been made to the building which is situated on the edge of a commercial area in St Helens.

The St Helens Cafe, started in 1916, was located in the Muckle Building for fifteen years. It was moved to its present location in 1931 and has been there since. (St Helens Sentinel-Mist, A Progress Report, 1939-1949)

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24 ADDRESS: 280 S 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: Robert N. & Sharon Israel, 280 S 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 1300
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 3, pt of 2, 4 BLOCK: 11
YEAR BUILT: 1890 STYLE: Italianate
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Richard Cox House is two stories, square in plan and three bays wide. It has a hip roof with decorative brackets, shiplap siding, and a basement covered with wood lattice work on the west elevation. Double-hung sash windows of one over one remain with cornices and shutters intact. The porch across the west facade has turned posts and a decorative jigsaw cut railing. Wooden steps lead up to the porch. A three sided bay window is attached to the north facade. The basement door, covered by a hipped roof, stoop is also on the north facade. The residence is in good condition and has had few alterations. The widows walk which once crested the top of the hip roof is missing and the chimney appears to have been altered. This building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

The Cox house is significant in its association with the original owners, Richard Cox and his wife Anna Muckle. Cox was born in England in 1843 and came to St Helens in 1877 where he was the bookkeeper of the Muckle Lumber Company for seventeen years. He was also elected County Treasurer and later served as County Judge for two years. (Columbia County History, VII, p. 5,6) The house was constructed in 1890 by Arthur George, a local contractor and relative of the family. The house was moved onto a its present site in 1912 and raised onto a basement. Alice 'Lois' Cox Williams, the granddaughter of Anna Muckle Cox owned the house for a long time after her grandparents had died. Lois was secretary to H.F. McCormick, who started the St Helens Lumber Company in 1908 on the site of the original Muckle Lumber Company mill which burned in 1904. Alice Williams and her husband Emmett operated the Williams Cash Grocery in St Helens for many years. (National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form: Cox-Williams House, prepared by Alfred M. Staehli, 1982)

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25 ADDRESS: 274 S 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: J.H. & Van Vorhees Clawson, PO Box 247, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 1400
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 4 BLOCK: 11
YEAR BUILT: 1921 STYLE: Concrete Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Commercial

DESCRIPTION: This one story poured concrete commercial building was once the J.C. Penneys building according to old timers of St Helens. A 1921 Sandborn map of St Helens shows the building used as a grocery and clothing store. It is rectangular in plan, with a flat roof. Two bays of storefront windows, of one light each, are on the west facade, with decorative tile below. The building faces west towards the commercial area of old Downtown St Helens. The plywood which now covers the upper portion of the building appears to be a temporary alteration.

26 ADDRESS: 260 S. 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: Lyle & Katherine Pieper, Box 596, St Helens Or. 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 1500
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 5 BLOCK: 11
YEAR BUILT: 1897 STYLE: Gothic w/Craftsman Addition
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Vacant and Office

DESCRIPTION: Christ Episcopal Church is a one story irregularly shaped structure, with a three-bay front, and regular side fenestration. Its steeply pitched gable roof has open eaves and a crown moulding on the barge boards. The gable end is oriented towards the street and a gable projection extends across two-thirds of the front of the building. The Church's windows are very vertical and pointed, and are made up of nine lights of amber colored glass. The entrance, located at the center front of the building, is within a reentrant porch. The porch is detailed with one boxed post, and a railing of vertical boards with a top and bottom cap. The double leaf front doors have one light above and one panel below, and are topped by a two-light amber glass transom. A one story Craftsman style Guildhall has been added to the eastern rear of the building. The Guildhall has a hipped roof, shingled siding, eight over one double-hung wood sash windows, and a swept roof porch entrance on plaza.

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Although Episcopal church services had been held in St. Helens since 1853, it wasn't until 1897 when Mrs. Hannah Thyzweiwicz, and James and Charles Muckle donated a lot that the Episcopal Church had a residence of their own. "The January 20, 1897 issue of The Oregon Mist stated: 'It is expected that work will start on the new Episcopal church within a few weeks.' February 19, 1897: 'The lumber for the new church arrived from Portland Tuesday, and carpenter A. H. George is busy framing the building.' March 12, 1897 'Work on the new Episcopal Church is progressing in a most satisfactory manner, and by another week, if the weather is favorable, the edifice will be nearly finished.'" (Columbia County Historian, Vol. VI Pg. 5) 'In 1910, Mr Charles Muckle promised the ladies the money for the building of a guild guildhall, and at the same time the guild raised three hundred dollars for a recessed channel to be added to the church, and the hall and church were directly connected by passageways on both sides of the chancel. This various generous gift on the part of Mr. Muckle enabled the ladies to build a very neat, one story guildhall, costing about \$1250. . . . After the guildhall was built, the church did not harmonize, so this last summer, it was decided to shingle the church all over, and paint or stain it to correspond with the hall.' (St Helens Mist, Special Edition, Sept 15, 1916) From early photographs of the church, it appears that some modifications have been made to the front facade of the building, in addition to its being resided. A bell tower, ~~was~~ constructed in 1907, at the northwest corner of the church; at that time the front porch had a small attached gable roof. It appears that the bell tower and original entrance have been incorporated into the gable projection on the front facade.

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27 ADDRESS: 31 Cowlitz Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: Mary Conchita Lawson, 13309 Berwick St, Saratoga CA 95070
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 100
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 12 BLOCK: 10
 YEAR BUILT: 1909 STYLE: Commercial
 ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Vacant

DESCRIPTION: The Muckle Building is a three story, rectangular structure with a flat roof. It is constructed of red brick in a common bond pattern and decorated with pressed brick. The location of windows and pilasters are irregular on both its Cowlitz and Strand faces. The string-courses are detailed with concrete pressed bricks set on point and above the storefront windows a molded metal cornice exists. The storefront windows, which appear to have been modified over the years, are topped by mezzanine windows. The building is generally intact but has not been well maintained for a number of years. The brick work needs repointing and the metal cornice at the top of the third story is missing.

"In 1909 Muckle Brothers was succeeded by James Muckle & Son, and in 1910 they moved to the newly built Muckle Building, leasing the entire building (from Mrs Edwin Ross) in which they operated a large department store. Later the grocery department was sold to A.S. Harrison and the furniture and hardware departments to Muckle Hardware Co. as the firm wished to specialize in the dry goods line." (St Helens Mist, Special Edition, Sept 15, 1916) The upper stories of the Muckle Building were used for offices and residential rooms.

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28 ADDRESS: 313, 315 & 317 Strand
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: Grace Sonneland, 313 Strand, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 200
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 13; Pt of 12,14 BLOCK: 10
 YEAR BUILT: 1912 STYLE: Commercial
 ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Antique Store

DESCRIPTION: The Morgus Building is a two story rectangular structure with a flat roof and parapet walls along its Strand street facade. It has a three-bay front, which on the first story consists of a central entrance doorway flanked by two store fronts. The second story of the building has one over one double-hung wood sash windows, two in either of the end bays. The cornice of the building is detailed with bricks that are corbeled. Each of the storefronts consist of a central doorway with a large window on either side and mezzanine windows above. The doorways have transoms above. The building has only been minimally altered since its extensive renovation in 1912. The original brick which is similar to that used in the Morgus Building to its north, has been painted over.

In 1898 Mr and Mrs Henry Morgus came to St Helens. "They came with nothing more than such a determination and a few dollars, really not very many, but enough to start a small mercantile establishment....The business increased year after year. Other buildings became necessary to store the ever increasing stock and several warehouses were erected. A few years later adjoining lots were secured and other business buildings built, each one finding tenants before completion, until now the Morgus buildings along the Strand are all occupied. In addition to his building operations along the Strand, Mr Morgus kept securing other lots in various places in the city and as fast as his means would permit buildings were erected until at the present time Mr Morgus is quite an extensive owner of residence property in the city, reaching from the river to the railroad."

After the 1904 fire, "the construction of the first concrete building in St Helens was commenced by Mr Morgus, and after its completion the stock of general merchandise was removed there....In 1912 the one-story concrete business building was found to be too small to carry on the extensive business then being done, and an addition was built by taking out the front

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and putting in a brick front, extending the walls up another story and adding 30 feet in width by 100 feet on the side, until now the Morgus Building is classes as one of the substantial business buildings of the city." (St Helens Mist, Special edition, Sept 15, 1916)

29 ADDRESS: 325 & 327 Strand
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Grace Sonneland, 315 Strand, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 300
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 14 BLOCK: 10
YEAR BUILT: 1908 STYLE: Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Antique Storage

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one story rectangular structure of wood frame construction with a flat roof and parapet along Strand street. It has a two-bay front of which the northern bay is intact. The northern bay consists of a central doorway flanked by storefront windows and the doorway and windows are topped by solid sheets of obscure glass at the mezzanine window level. The southern storefront has been modified to provide a garage door entrance. The only other major alteration is that the building has been covered over with composition siding in a brick pattern; however, the original shiplap siding is intact underneath.

30 ADDRESS: 330 S 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: Grace M. Sonneland, 315 Strand, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 400
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 8,9, Pt of 10 BLOCK: 10
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Vernacular Farmhouse
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Lope House reflects buildings constructed during the primary building period. It is a one and a half story wood frame residence, three bays wide, and "L" shape in plan. It has a steeply pitched gable roof with boxed eaves, is sided with shiplap, and rests on a concrete foundation. Windows are twelve over one and eight over one double-hung sash. The one story porch on the west facade is supported by boxed posts. Alterations to the porch and windows appear to have been made in the Craftsman style.

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31 ADDRESS: 71 Cowlitz Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Dennis & Sammie Cardwell, 71 Cowlitz, St Helens
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 500
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 11, Pt of 10 BLOCK: 10
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Tavern

DESCRIPTION: The addition to the St Helens Hotel is a three story wood frame building, "L" shape in plan with a bellcast hip roof. It is sided with shiplap and has a concrete foundation, covered by a high vertical board water table. The windows are one over one double hung sash and fixed with two and four lights in the basement. The entrances to the building are from 1st and Cowlitz streets. These entrances have been altered over the years, but could easily be restored.

The St Helens Hotel was originally located on the Plaza. It served as the city hall and was later called the Opera House. In 1900 the McCormick family purchased the building and had it moved to 1st and Cowlitz streets, where it was used as a hotel. Many of the men working at the McCormick mill boarded at the hotel. The addition (which remains) was constructed in 1910 to accomodate the overflow of boarders. Oldtimers of St Helens remember a banquet at the St Helens hotel given by the Commercial Club in 1912. Two hundred citizens dined at the hotel that day after watching the launching of the "Multnomah", the largest ship built on the Columbia River in the McCormick shipyards. (Isbister Family scrapbook, "Part of the Hotel to Come Down," Sentinel-Mist, Sept 24, 1954). The hotel was demolished in 1954.

32 ADDRESS: 164 N. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Mildred Wilkins, 164 N. 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 11600
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 7 BLOCK: 16
YEAR BUILT: 1924 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story building is "L" shaped with an intersecting gable roof, with gable projections. It has horizontal beveled tongue and groove siding with vertical tongue and groove below the drip cap and water table. The barge boards are plain and there are no brackets. The original windows appear to have been three over one double-

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hung wood sash, with the upper sash being three vertical panes. The front porch is slightly recessed and has two large boxed posts with moulded caps. Most of the windows have been replaced with aluminum sash, and a carport has been added to the northwest corner of the house, below the finish floor elevation and in front of the original garage. These alterations are considered to have been of minor impact to the building and appear to be reversible. The house faces west on 2nd street. A large rock outcrop is located to the southwest of the house.

33 ADDRESS: 154 N. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: George & Betty Covell, 154 N. 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 11700
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 6; pt of 7 BLDCK: 16
YEAR BUILT: 1924 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story building is rectangular in form and has a gable roof with the eave end towards the street. A later gable addition has been added to the south side of the structure. The barge boards have ornamentally cut ends, and there is stick work in all the gable ends as well as brackets. The house is sided with horizontal, beveled tongue and groove siding and below the drip cap and water table clapboards. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. The alterations do not appear to have adversely affected the house. A garage entrance has been cut into the foundation at the northwest corner, and aluminum storm windows have been added. The house is sited on a rocky site, with a large rock outcrop in its back yard. The rear of the house overlooks the Columbia River and the front faces west on 2nd street.

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34 ADDRESS: 144 N. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Ben & Ina Pearl Nix, 144 N. 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 11800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 5,18 BLOCK: 16
YEAR BUILT: 1908 STYLE: American Foursquare
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one-story building is rectangular in shape and has a hipped roof. It has shiplap siding and boxed eaves. The windows are one over one double-hung sash and there is a bay window on the southern side of the house. The reentrant porch extends across the entire front of the building and has a wrought iron railing and two wrought iron posts. The foundation has been covered over with plywood to appear as though it is tongue and groove. A one-car detached garage with flat roof is sited at the front northwestern corner of the site. The building appears intact. Modifications to its porch and foundation appear to be reversible. The house faces west on 2nd street.

35 ADDRESS: 134 N. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Dora Seawright, Rt 1 Box 148-9, Scappoose OR 97056
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 11900
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 4,9; pt of 3,20 BLOCK: 16
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: American Foursquare
ALTERATIONS: *Minimal Minor* USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The two story building has a truncated hip roof with boxed eaves and is rectangular in plan with a two-story addition across the rear. It is sided with horizontal, beveled tongue and groove siding, and has one over one double-hung sash windows. The reentrant porch located at the southwest corner of the first story is detailed with a simple classical pilasters. The structure has been only minimally changed over the years. The front porch is missing its original post, railing and stairs, and a new screen of wood and glass has been added. The foundation has also been covered over with shingles. These changes seem to be of minimal impact and easily reversible. The house faces west on 2nd street.

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36 ADDRESS: N. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: William Walden Dillard et al, 124 N. 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 12000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 21; pt of 3, 20 BLOCK: 16
USE: Vacant Lot

DESCRIPTION: This property has panhandle access to 2nd street but is sited behind the residence at 124 N 2nd street. The site is east facing and overlooks the Columbia River.

37 ADDRESS: 124 N. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: William Walden Dillard et al, 124 N. 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 12100
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 2 BLOCK: 16
YEAR BUILT: 1922 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The William Walden Dillard House is a one and a half story building, "T" shaped in form with a gable roof with its eave end toward the street. It has a symmetrical three-bay front and irregular side fenestration. The first story is sided with wide clapboards and the second story with narrow ones. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash and are paired on the front. The front door has fifteen lights and has ten light side lights. The one story gable roof porch has two truncated obelisk posts and heavy beams and cross bracing in the gable end. The porch has a rail of vertical boards with a top and bottom cap. A large shed dormer, with five, two over one double-hung wood sash windows, extends across the front facade at the second story level. The gable ends have heavy brackets. An attached, enclosed sun porch to the east overlooks the Columbia River. No substantive changes were noted. The Dillard House was constructed by Hollie Cronkite. It faces west on 2nd street.

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38 ADDRESS: 170 Columbia Boulevard
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: Myrtle Watters, 454 Gray Cliff Dr, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 12200
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 1, pt of 2 BLOCK: 16
YEAR BUILT: 1908 STYLE: Queen Anne
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence & Retail

DESCRIPTION: This one and one half story residence has architectural characteristics of the primary building period. It is rectangular in plan with a steeply pitched gable roof covered with corrugated metal which is pierced by a brick chimney. The building is clad with shiplap siding, and a four foot high board skirting covers the foundation. The windows are one over one double-hung sash, paired on both stories and casements of three lights. A "U" shaped porch with a hip roof surrounds the south, east and west elevations. It is embellished with turned, decorative posts and a wood slat railing. Additions on the north and east facades appear to have been made some time ago and are compatible with the original structure. Storage buildings are east of the residence which is in fair condition and could easily be restored.

39 ADDRESS: 130 Columbia Boulevard
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Myrtle Watter, 454 Grey Cliff Dr, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 12300
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 22 BLOCK: 16
YEAR BUILT: 1912 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The former parsonage for the Plymouth Congregational Church is a one story, rectangularly-shaped building with an asymmetrical three-bay front. It has a medium to steeply pitched hip roof, "California" clapboard siding, and below the drip cap and water table vertical board and batten sheathing on the foundation. The front porch at the southeast corner of the house has an attached gable roof supported by purlins and two truncated obelisk posts. The porch railing is of vertical boards with a top and bottom cap. The only notable change to the structure is that the front door has been replaced. The former parsonage faces south onto Columbia Boulevard. The parsonage was constructed in 1912 when the church was reorganized.

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40 ADDRESS: 110 Columbia Boulevard
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: David and Georgine Williamson, Box 6511, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 12400
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 22 BLOCK: 16
USE: Vacant Lot

DESCRIPTION: The property which fronts on Columbia Blvd has remnants of the foundation of the former Plymouth Congregational Church, erected in 1897. The site for the church was donated by Mrs Hannah Tyszkiewicz.

41 ADDRESS: 105 S. 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: Stanley & Evelyn Hopkins, 105 S. 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 3100
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Part of 10, 11, 12, 13 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1905 STYLE: Dutch Colonial
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Gray House is a one and one half story structure, irregular in plan with a bellcast gambrel roof. It has shingle siding on the upper story, with shiplap below. Original windows remain, one over one double-hung sash. The porch on the east facade has Tuscan columns, pilasters, and jigsaw cut, decorative balusters. Additions include hip roof dormers on the north and south facades and a one story attachment to the west. This structure is in good condition and has few alterations.

42 ADDRESS: 115 S. 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: James & Avis Chisum, 115 S. 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 3200
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Part of 10, 13 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1926 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Orin Shepard House is one of the few stucco residences within the district. It is a one story building, rectangular in plan, three bays and covered with a jerkinhead roof. It has wood one over one double-hung sash windows and

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sidelights at the entry door. A pedimented entry porch dominates the east facade; the porch columns are stuccoed with wooden caps. A side entry was added at a later date. Few changes have occurred to the building over the years.

Captain Orin Shepard the former owner of the residence, was a skipper on the "America" for 18 years. Soon thereafter, in 1913, he joined his brother Frank in management of a motor bus company, the first between Portland and St Helens. Captain Shepard also founded the Shepard Towing Company, which he owned until his death. He lived in this residence on 1st street with his wife Lillian E. Shepard. (Isbister Family Scrapbook, Newspaper clipping)

43 ADDRESS: 135 S. 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: William Walden Dillard, 124 N. 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 6300
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 8, 9, 14, 15 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1895 STYLE: Simplified Italianate
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Dillard House is one story, rectangular in plan, and three bays wide. The residence is sided with shiplap and finished with corner boards. The foundation is covered with plywood and vertical boards. Paired one over one double-hung sash windows are seen on either side of the entry. The front posts have been replaced with wrought iron posts and railings. An attachment has been added to the north facade and an observatory window has been added to the roof at the peak of the hip. The original door has also been replaced. The residence faces east on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River.

This residence is associated with Susie B. and William Barclay Dillard. William Dillard was a well known attorney in St Helens. He was a spokesman for St Helens during the controversy to reroute the highway from Portland through Houlton (West St Helens) to the coast. Mrs Susie Dillard lived in St Helens with her two children Walden W. and J. Mason long after her husband died in 1927. She was the librarian for St Helens from 1921-1936, and in 1937 was

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appointed as the city's postmistress. She retired from the postoffice 15 years later. In 1954 Mrs Dillard was named "Woman of Achievement" by the American Association of University Women. (St Helens Sentinel-Mist, Jubilee Edition, 1889-1989, and Isbister Family Scrapbook news clippings.)

44 ADDRESS: 145 S. 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: Frances Craver, 145 S 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 3300
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 16, pt of 7 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1905 STYLE: Craftsman, Classical Detailing
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Cliff-Ross House is two stories, rectangular in plan, and two bays wide. It has a hip roof, and decorative detailing along the fascia. It has horizontal beveled siding and a concrete foundation. The windows are one over one double-hung sash, paired and in bays of three. There is a recessed entry on the east facade with simple pilasters and two doors, ^{partially} multipaned with sidelights and leaded glass transoms. The door facing east was probably the original entrance. A three sided bay is on the south elevation. A concrete and wooden garage is located in back of the house, to the west. Photographs of this residence show it with a tower that was situated on top of the second story projection to the east. The porch ^{on the north} and it appears that east ^{partitions of it were} facades ~~has~~ been enclosed, and the second entry ^{was} constructed ~~at this time~~. The house is in good condition and is situated on an irregular lot facing east toward the Columbia River. The first owner of this residence was Dr. Henry Cliff, an early physician in St. Helens, however, it is usually associated with Dr. L.G. Ross, the second owner.

Doctor Levi Gilbert Ross and Vena E. Shatter were married in 1911 and had one child, John Morse Ross. Dr. Ross arrived in St Helens in 1910 and practiced as the County Health officer and as a physician in St Helens for 37 years. He was the longest serving county health officer in the state of Oregon, although he retired from that position at age 59. He founded St Helens General Hospital in 1925. He was also a director of the Columbia County Bank, which his father, William Ross helped organize. Dr. L.G. Ross, a leading citizen of St. Helens, died 14 May 1937. (St. Helens Sentinel Mist, A Progress Report 1939-49)

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45 ADDRESS: 155 S. 1st Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: Charlotte Sigler, 155 S. 1st, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 6100
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 6, 7; pt of 18 BLOCK: 17
 YEAR BUILT: 1915 STYLE: Bungalow
 ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Frank George house is a one and a half story rectangular shaped building with an irregular three-bay front. The gable roof is oriented with the eave end toward the street and a gabled dormer with two pairs of double leaf doors with very narrow panes is centered on the front facade. The gable ends are detailed with stickwork and with purins. It is sided with horizontal clapboards above the water table and drip cap, and a stucco wash below. The original windows were one over one double-hung wood sash, but have been modified at the sothern end of the front facade. A two story front porch is centered and extends across across half of the front facade. A solid shingle rail with a curved edge and supported by fancy cut rafters and beams provides a sitting porch at the second story. It is supported by three truncated obelisk posts which rest on a solid clapboard rail at the first story. The only modification of any note to the building is the aluminum sash windows which have replaced the original one over one double-hung sash wood windows on the south end of the front facade. The house faces east and overlooks the Columbia River.

46 ADDRESS: 167 S. 1st Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: Robert R. & Hazel Vagt, 167 S. 1st, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 3400
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 18, 19 BLOCK: 17
 YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Craftsman
 ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Dart House is a one and one half ^{story} Craftsman style, wood frame residence, rectangular in plan and two bays wide. It has a hip roof with exposed rafters and hip roof

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dormers. The porch across the east facade has boxed posts; the entry door has side lights. Windows are one over one double-hung sash and diamond paned casement. The porch and house have a concrete foundation. The house is sited on a steep lot on the east side of 1st street. A garage has been added to the south facade.

This house was first occupied by James Dart, who served as county judge from 1906-1912. Dart was previously in the mill business with Muckle. He also served as Columbia county sheriff and as mayor of St Helens. (Columbia County Historian, XII, Pp. 49-50)

47 ADDRESS: 175 S. 1st Sreet
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: J. & M. Harris, K.W. Springer, 7925 S.E. Lake, Millwaukie OR 97222
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 3500
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 3,4,19,20 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1886 STYLE: Victorian w/Gothic detailing
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Apartments

DESCRIPTION: The Samuel Miles House is a two and a half story irregularly shaped structure with an irregular three bay front. It has a jerkinhead roof with boxed eaves. The eave end is oriented towards the street. Two partial hexagonal hipped roofs cover the two story canted bay windows that protrude from its front facade. A two-story bay window with attached roof is centered under the rake end on the south facade. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. A one story wrap around veranda extends across the east, south and west sides of the structure. It has an irregularly shaped hip roof which protrudes in relationship to the bay windows. It is supported by fancy cut ornamental stick brackets and solid chamfered posts. The following alterations have been made to the building: it has been resided with fire retardant shingles; two dormer windows have been added to the east side of the roof; the window and door trim appear to have been replaced; and a later chimney has been added to the north end. These alterations appear to be reversible.

Samuel Miles, an early resident of St Helens, was deputy sheriff in 1860 and was elected sheriff in 1862. He was the second sheriff of Columbia County.

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48 ADDRESS: 187 S 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Philip L Hickey Jr, PO Box 1051, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 3600
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 2,3,4,20,21 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1923 *1930s* STYLE: Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Extensive *Masonry* USE: Storage

DESCRIPTION: The St Helens Ice and Beverage Co. is a one story building, three bays wide. It has a flat roof, concrete foundation and a stucco finish that has the appearance of cut stone. The front, east side entry has wooden double doors which operate on rolling hardware. A wood canopy covers an additional door on the east facade. Two square projecting bays on the east facade have wooden sash windows of four and eight lights. The building was originally a wood sided structure which was "modernized" with stucco, probably in the 1930's. The windows on the north facade need repair as do the large doors.

The Ice and Beverage Co. Building started as a dairy retail outlet in 1923. In 1925 it was purchased by C.B. Greenburg who changed the business to an ice and beverage company. A 1949 special edition of the St Helens Sentinel-Mist reported the plant as "the most modern in the northwest, extending service over all of Columbia county and parts of Multnomah and Clatsop counties." The plant produced two tons of ice daily and manufactured soft drinks "including Dream Orange, Red Rock Cola, Twang Root Beer, and the entire line of Canada Dry Beverages." (p.43)

49 ADDRESS: 100 St Helens Street
CLASSIFICATION: Non-Compatible Non-Contributing
OWNER: Ben & Kellaug Chamberlain, 100 St Helens, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 3700
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 22 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1971 STYLE: Commercial Strip
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Restaurant

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one-story rectangular structure with flat roof and wide overhanging eave. It is constructed of concrete block and has aluminum sash picture windows. The entire front and side yard of the site has been asphalted.

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50 ADDRESS: 189 S 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: James H Clawson, PO Box 247, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 5400
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Part of 1,22 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1920 STYLE: ~~Residence~~ Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Residence & Commercial

DESCRIPTION: The former S.C. Morton Building is two stories, rectangular in plan, two bays wide, with a flat roof, stucco siding, and a concrete basement. It has aluminum sash sliders in the second story and a fixed glass window on the east facade of the first story. Two metal doors are on the south facade. This building originally occupied the lot directly to the east, where Kelly's Kitchen is now located. It housed the Sentinel Mist until about 1939 when it was moved and extensively altered from its 1923 appearance which had eight over one double-hung sash, two entries on the south with transoms, and paired modillions at the cornice. None of these details remain. (Photo loaned by Joseph Bennett)

51 ADDRESS: Northeast corner of 2nd & St Helens Streets
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: James H. Clawson, 150 St Helens, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 5500
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 1 BLOCK: 17
USE: Yard & Driveway

52 ADDRESS: 190 S. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Emanuel & Hazel Sivers, Rt 4 Box 4112, Warren OR 97053
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 5600
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 2 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one story rectangular structure with irregular three-bay front. It has a hip roof with boxed eaves. It is sided with horizontal, beaded tongue and groove and below the drip cap and water table vertical, beaded tongue and groove siding. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. The front porch extends across the

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entire front facade of the building and has an attached hip roof. It is supported by four turned posts. The structure has been altered in the following ways: the front and rear porch rails have been replaced, plywood sheathing has been put on the porch foundation, one aluminum window has been added to the rear of the south side, and the roof has been sheathed with shakes. The building appears to have been constructed in conjunction with 176 & 184 S 2nd Street (53 & 54) which are similar in design and detailing.

53 ADDRESS: 184 S 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Katherine & Barry Settle, 33411 Blaha Road, Warren OR 97053
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 5700
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 2, 3 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: / Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This is a small, one story residence which is square in plan, which is three irregular bays wide. It has a hip roof, exterior brick chimney, beaded tongue and groove siding and a three foot high foundation sheathed with vertical boards. Double-hung sash windows are intact and the main entry door on the west facade has one light. The front porch has been modified: boxed posts have replaced the original posts; the porch railing has been replaced with a two foot high enclosure. *THE STRUCTURE IS SIMILAR IN DESIGN TO PL 41321 ON 2nd Street (401-54).*

54 ADDRESS: 176 S. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Donald Woshnak, 374 N. 6th Street, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 5800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt 3,4 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one story rectangular shaped structure with an irregular three-bay front. It has a hipped roof with boxed eaves and horizontal, beaded tongue and groove siding. Below the drip cap and water table vertical patterned plywood partially covers a poured concrete foundation. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. The front porch with attached hipped roof extends across the front of the building and is supported by four

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turned posts. The following alterations have been made to the building: the foundation has been sheathed with plywood, the porch railing and handrails have been replaced, one window has been replaced with a french door and the front door has been replaced. These alterations appear reversible. The structure is similar in design to 184 & 190 S 2nd Street (52 & 53) to its south.

55 ADDRESS: 172 S. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: Charlotte R. Jensen, 155 S. 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 5900
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 4 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1927 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Major ~~extensive~~ USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This one story bungalow is rectangular in plan, three bays wide, with a gable roof and a concrete foundation. The siding which has been altered is now aluminum. Fenestration is regular with fixed windows on the west facade. The gable roofed porch has boxed posts and decorative brackets. New steps and a wrought iron rail lead to the entry.

56 ADDRESS: 170 S. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: Gary & Lilla Wallace, 164 S. 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 6000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 5 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is one and a half stories and rectangular in plan. It has a gable roof with the gable end towards the street and is supported by purlins on the rake ends. It has clapboard siding and below the drip cap and water table vertical tongue and groove siding. The windows, almost all of which have been modified, appear originally to have been wide one over one double-hung wood sash. The attached gable roof porch which is located on the south end

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of the front facade also appears to have been modified. Shed dormers have also been added to the north and south sides of the roof. If the building were restored, it would be classified as Secondary Significant.

S7 ADDRESS: 144 S. 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Mary & Durbin Teter, 274 S 16th, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 6200
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 7 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1920 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story bungalow is rectangular in plan and three bays wide. It has a low pitched gable roof with exposed rafters. It is clad with "California" clapboard siding and vertical boards over the foundation. Windows are one over one double-hung wood sash and the entry door on the west facade has one light. The gabled roof porch has boxed posts and an unpainted wooden railing. The porch railing has been replaced, and the doors to basement altered.

S8 ADDRESS: 114 S 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Daniel & Janet Yokum, 114 S 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 6400
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 10 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1920 STYLE: Vernacular
ALTERATIONS: Moderate *Minor* USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This is a one and one half story wood frame structure, rectangular in plan, and three bays wide. It has a gable roof with boxed eaves, shiplap siding and vertical boards covering the foundation. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash, paired in the upper story. A hip roof porch with wood posts is attached to the west facade. Wooden shutters are seen on all facades. Few alterations have been made; the original porch posts have been replaced and a metal screen door has been added to the entry.

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59 ADDRESS: 171 Columbia Boulevard
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: Norman & Elizabeth Lillebo,
171 Columbia Blvd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 6500
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 10, 11 BLOCK: 17
YEAR BUILT: 1905 STYLE: Queen Anne Victorian
ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Southard House is a one and a half story irregularly shaped building with a cross gable roof. The eaves are boxed and return on the rake end. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. On the west side there is a square bay window with a hipped roof and on the second story a three sided bow window. The front porch extends across the front of the house and has an attached hip roof. It is supported by four truncated obelisk posts which sit on a solid rail. The house has been extensively altered. It has been completely resided with aluminim siding and the original window trim has been removed. A number of additions have been added to the rear facade. Although the alterations are considered to be extensive, restoration of the structure to its original condition appears possible. If the structure were restored it would be classified as a Primary Significant structure because its architectural style is representative of the primary building period in St. Helens.

Harry J. Southard, who is associated with the house, moved to St Helens in 1912. He was active in city affairs and held a number of public offices, including water commissioner, councilman, and city marshall.

60-A ADDRESS: 201 S 1st and 101 St Helens Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Melvin & Dorothy Taylor, PO Box 203, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 3800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 12 BLOCK: 18
YEAR BUILT: 1927 STYLE: Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Grocery Store & Office

DESCRIPTION: The H. W. H. Adams Grocery is a one story rectangular structure with a one-bay front. It has a flat roof with a parapet wall with a lapping tile detail. It is sided with stucco. The central entrance is recessed between two store-front windows, topped by twelve mezzanine windows

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with obscure glass. Iridescent black and small yellow glazed tiles decorate the base of the store front windows. The entrance has double leaf glass doors with a single transom light above. The store front window extends around the corner one bay on St Helens Street, followed by five ten-light, fixed wood sash windows and two separate store-fronts at the western end of the north facade. These store-fronts are detailed in a similar fashion to the store-front on 1st street. Only the signage and two of the fixed 10-light windows appear to have been altered over the years. Even the original wood canopy suspended from the parapet remains intact. The building housed the Adams Grocery which was opened in 1927 by H.W.H. (Dewey) Adams.

60-B ADDRESS: 203 & 205 S. 1st
 CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
 OWNER: Melvin & Dorothy Taylor, PO Box 203, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 3800
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 12 BLOCK: 18
 YEAR BUILT: Unknown STYLE: Unknown
 ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Office & Retail

DESCRIPTION: The building is a two story rectangular structure with a two-bay front. It is sided with shiplap and v-joint tongue and groove. Its windows are generally one over one double-hung wood sash. It has been extensively altered over the years and the front facade of the first story has been extended to the street edge. It appears that the building is constructed from remnants of the Methodist Church which was built at the corner of 1st and St Helens streets before 1875. It was damaged by a fire in March 1984 and is currently vacant.

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61 ADDRESS: 215 S. 1st Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: K OF P, Avon Lodge #62, 235 S 1st, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 3901
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 13 BLOCK: 18
 YEAR BUILT: 1927 STYLE: Commercial
 ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Knights of Pythias Hall & Commercial

DESCRIPTION: The Knights of Pythias Lodge is a two story building, two bays wide with a flat roof over the front portion of the building and a truncated hip in the rear. The building is constructed of hollow painted tile with a brick face. The windows are double hung sash above and fixed glass below. The entry bay is recessed on the east facade. The original double doors and transom remain. Bands of decorative rowlock and soldier brick coursing are seen above the windows and at the corners of the building. Glazed tile is below the fixed storefront window bays. Minor alterations have occurred to the building: a metal sash swinging door has replaced the original, the first floor windows are boarded up and the hip roof at the rear of the building looks to be a later addition.

The Knights of Pythias Hall was dedicated May 26, 1927, with Willard Marks, Grand Chancellor, officiating. It was designed by J.E. Doughty and constructed by G.E. LaSalle. The cost of the hall was \$30,000. The Avon Lodge #62, Knights of Pythias was organized in 1894 with twenty-six charter members. (St Helens Sentinel-Mist, Jubilee Edition, June 23, 1939, p 41) The first floor of the building was occupied by the J.C. Penney company until the late 1960's when it moved to West St Helens.

62 ADDRESS: (221 & 225) S. 1st Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
 OWNER: K of P, Avon Lodge # 62, 235 S 1st, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4000
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 14 BLOCK: 18
 USE: Parking Lot

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63 ADDRESS: 235 S. 1st Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: St Helens Lodge #32, A.F. & A.M., % Mel Johnson, Rt 2, Box 71,
 Scappoose OR 97056
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4100
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 15 BLOCK: 18
 YEAR BUILT: 1913 STYLE: Classical Revival
 ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Masonic Lodge & Retail

DESCRIPTION: The St Helens Masonic Lodge is a two story rectangular shaped building with a symmetrical two-bay front. It has a flat roof with a parapet along its front facade on 1st street. It is sided with rough and smooth stucco. The bays are defined by piers detailed as paired pilasters at the second story and separated by a string course from the parapet. The smooth band of stucco across the parapet used to be detailed with a projecting hip roof supported by brackets. The original one over one double-hung, paired, wood sash windows at the second story level were topped with star transoms. The double-hung wood sash has been replaced with aluminum sash windows. The first story store fronts have been extensively altered over the years, however, photo documentation exists which could aid in their restoration. The rear and side facades of the building have been covered over with horizontal aluminum siding to eliminate water damage that was occurring on the interior of the building.

The lodge rooms, reception and banquet halls at the second story have only minimally been altered over the years. In the early 1930's the lodge room was decorated with murals and freehand decoration. The murals which adorn the walls are symbolic representations of stories from the Bible. The central dome in the ceiling has been trimmed with gold and painted with constellations of stars on a blue background. The name of the artist is unknown, but according to older members of the lodge, was just someone passing through town who needed work during the depression.

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On 17 May 1912, the St Helens Masonic Lodge held a meeting at which the following motions were made and carried concerning construction of a new lodge hall: that the cost of the building not exceed \$12,000, that it be constructed out of natural stone or reinforced concrete, and that the front of the building be of pressed brick, concrete or native stone. Finally, it was moved and carried that the building be constructed with fifty-two feet of frontage and not to exceed ninety feet in length, and that the plans of architect Ernest Kronen be accepted, subject to alterations by the lodge trustees. J.M. Tillman was selected as contractor. (History of the St Helens Lodge No. 32, A.F. & A.M., 1860-1890, James Minor) "Construction work on the new home was begun early in 1913 and the magnificent structure was dedicated to masonry on Saturday evening, October 18, 1913, and this day was a red-letter day in the history of the St. Helens Lodge # 32. The solemn and impressive dedication service took place in the main lodge room, Judge J.C. Moreland acting as grand master and Judge F.A. Moore, grand senior warden; Judge Thomas A. McBride, as deputy grand master, and J.F. Robinson, as grand secretary. ...Addresses were also made by Judges F.A. Moore and T.A. McBride of the supreme bench, who were early members of the lodge and who still retain their membership... The present quarters of the lodge are considered the finest of any of the small cities of Oregon and would do credit to any city in the state. The building... ~~cost \$12,000 completely furnished, and is an ornament to the town.~~ (St. Helens Mist, Special Edition, September 15, 1916)

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64 ADDRESS: 245-257 S. 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Ben & Bonnie Sue Sharp, Rt 1 Box 1718, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4301
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 16,17 BLOCK: 18
YEAR BUILT: 1919 STYLE: Brick Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Commercial

DESCRIPTION: The Rutherford Building is a one story commercial structure, rectangular in plan and six bays wide. It is constructed of hollow tile and stucco with a brick veneer on the east facade. It has a flat roof with a brick parapet of rowlock and and soldier coursing and a concrete foundation. The six storefronts on the east facade have fixed windows and recessed entries. Brick piers divide the bays. plywood siding has been added to the east facade, covering the upper story windows. The transom windows on some of the storefronts have been filled in. A break in the parapet divides the northern, older section of the building from the southern portion. This building appears on the 1921 Sandborn Fire Insurance Co. maps of St Helens as being used for a grocery, meat market, jeweler, candy shop, an office, and the entrance to the Liberty Theater (later a bowling alley) behind the building.

This building was constructed by Laud Rutherford, who moved to St Helens in 1910. He was secretary/treasurer of the Columbia County Abstract Company from 1910-1918. A year later he built this structure, the first brick building on 1st street. Mr Rutherford entered the real estate and loan business in 1918 and was a real estate broker after 1929. (Columbia County History.)

65 ADDRESS: 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: Columbia County, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4300
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 6,17 BLOCK: 18
USE: Alley

DESCRIPTION: The concrete alley serves as a pedestrian and service alley between 1st and 2nd streets.

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66 ADDRESS: 261, 263 S. 1st Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: Sybel E. Bemis, PO Box 61, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4400
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 18 BLOCK: 18
 YEAR BUILT: 1921 STYLE: Brick Commercial
 ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Printing Shop

DESCRIPTION: This commercial building is one story, rectangular in plan, and two irregular bays wide, and has a flat roof. It is constructed of hollow tile with a beige brick veneer which has been painted. It has a concrete foundation. Brick piers divide the bays. The fixed storefront windows have metal sash and one light each and the wooden entry doors with one light and a transom are recessed. Recessed panels for signage are on the parapet between the brick piers. Alterations include plywood siding over the mezzanine windows and the painted brick.

67 ADDRESS: 271, 281, 285 S. 1st Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significance
 OWNER: Donald Kalberer, PO Box 888, Scappoose OR 97056
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4701
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 3; Pt of 1,2,4,19,20,21,22
 BLOCK: 18
 YEAR BUILT: 1923 STYLE: Commercial
 ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Retail & Offices

DESCRIPTION: The Gilby Motor Company Building is a one story "L" shaped building with a four-bay front. The building has a flat roof with a parapet wall along 1st street and is constructed of poured concrete. The parapet is detailed with red brick dentiles at its upper edge, recessed panels for signage, and small square red brick panels at the top of each pier. The piers which define the bays, have a string course of red brick at their top and a cant sided wall lantern at the mezzanine window level. The store fronts in the three southerly bays are detailed with mezzanine windows along the top and a central doorway flanked by fixed wood sash storefront windows. The mezzanine windows have twelve lights with obscure glass. The two bays to the south have recessed doors. The most northerly bay is somewhat smaller than the others and provides the entrance to the garage. The front facade of the building is finished with stucco.

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The building was constructed in 1923 for the Gilby Motor Co. Originally the rear of the building was a garage with an 85 car capacity and an area for repair, and the two storefronts housed a showroom. The most southerly bay was a separate storefront which housed a variety store.

68 ADDRESS: S. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: Robert & Melita Israel, 280 S. 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4702
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 20 BLOCK: 18
USE: Alley

DESCRIPTION: The property is a paved pedestrian and service alley, approximately sixty-six feet long, between the former Gilby Motor Company and the McCormick Building.

69 ADDRESS: 289-299 S. 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Robert & Melita Israel, 280 S. 1st, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4500
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Part of 21, 22 BLOCK: 18
YEAR BUILT: 1921 STYLE: Commercial
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Retail & Offices

DESCRIPTION: The McCormick Building is a two story rectangular structure with a five-bay front. It has a flat roof with a parapet wall along 1st and Cowlitz which is faced with stucco and has no detailing. The building is faced with brown, slightly mottled brick in a regular bond with row lock courses at the base of the building and as string courses above the first and second stories. The rear facades of the building are stuccoed. The bays are separated by piers and detailed identically except for the central entrance bay. At the second story level they have paired six over one double-hung windows and at the first story level, storefronts with a central recessed doorway with double leaf doors with twelve light transoms above. The central bay has a single double-hung window, flanked by paired double hung windows at

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the second story and at the first story an entrance to the second story flanked by smaller storefronts with off center entrances. The Cowlitz facade of the building has irregular fenestration at the first and second story levels and fixed storefront windows extend across the two eastern bays. The building is intact, except for minor changes which have been made to the windows on the Cowlitz face of the building and the parapet which was detailed with a single cornice. *DI 7/11/2006*

The McCormick Building was constructed for Hamlin and Nellie McCormick. Since the time of its construction in 1921 it has housed a series of offices and retail shops on its first floor. The very popular Blue Rose Room dance hall was on the second floor from 1921 to 1940.

70 ADDRESS: 170 Cowlitz Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Donald L. Kalberer, PO Box 888, Scappoose OR 97056
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4600
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 1,2 BLOCK: 18
YEAR BUILT: 1929 STYLE: Mediterranean
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Apartment House

DESCRIPTION: The McCormick Apartments are two stories, rectangular in plan, and three bays wide. They have a flat roof with a hip projection, capped with cresting over the southeast elevation. The building has stucco siding and a concrete foundation. Fenestration is regular, windows include nine over one double-hung sash, paired on the east elevation, single and in bays of three. The front porch extends along the south side of the building. Four entrances are covered by the hip roof of the porch.

These apartments were owned by Hamlin McCormick, an early St Helens entrepreneur. In 1908, McCormick was instrumental in the construction of the St Helens Lumber Company. The mill started production in September 1909, and the population of St Helens greatly increased with the beginning of the new industry. The McCormick Apartments, designed by Jesse Doughty, were constructed to accomodate the growing population of St Helens.

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71 ADDRESS: S. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: Donald Kalberer, PO Box 888, Scappoose OR 97056
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4700
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt 4,19 BLOCK: 18
USE: Alley

DESCRIPTION: The property is a pedestrian and service alley approximately one hundred sixty feet long. It takes access from 2nd street but does not run through to 1st street.

72 ADDRESS: 260 S. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: Samuel & Ida Mae Cole, 260 S 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 5 BLOCK: 18
YEAR BUILT: 1885 STYLE: Italianate Cottage
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one story structure, rectangular in shape with irregular front fenestration. The main body of the house has a truncated hip roof with a hipped roof rear addition. The eaves are boxed. The house has been covered over with fire retardant shingles, but the window and door trim are intact. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. A one story attached porch extends across the front of the house and has a hipped roof. It is supported by four posts across the front and pilasters at the wall edge which are ornamented with cut work brackets. Except for the siding, only the porch rail, hand rail and stairs appear to have been altered. The building is sited on the slope of a hillside and faces east overlooking downtown and the Columbia River. The rear of the structure faces 2nd street from which it takes access. It is surrounded by an old lilac hedge and other old fashioned plantings.

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73 ADDRESS: (240) S. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: City of St Helens, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4900
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 6, 7 BLOCK: 18
USE: Parking Lot

DESCRIPTION: This is the former site of the Henry Knighton House (137) which was moved to its current location in 1938.

74 ADDRESS: Between S. 1st & 2nd Streets
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: City of St Helens, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 4200
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 16,17 BLOCK: 18
USE: Vacant Lot

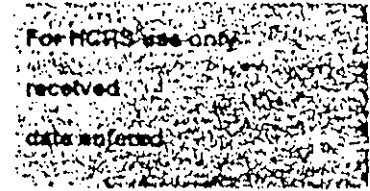
DESCRIPTION: There are remnants of the foundation of the Liberty Theater, later a bowling alley on the site.

75 ADDRESS: S. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: K. of P., Avon Lodge 62, 235 S 4th, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 5000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 8, 9 BLOCK: 18
USE: Parking Lot

DESCRIPTION: The property is a graveled parking lot with an uneven surface.

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76 ADDRESS: (212 & 214) S. 2nd Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
 OWNER: K. of P., Avon Lodge #62, 235 S 4th, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 5100
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 10 BLOCK: 18
 USE: Vacant Lot

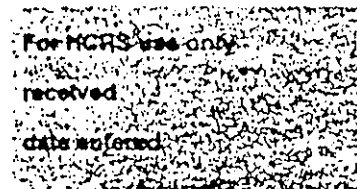
DESCRIPTION: The property is a vacant lot which is overgrown with blackberry vines. It slopes to the south, east and west and was formerly developed with two single family dwellings.

77 ADDRESS: 171 St Helens Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
 OWNER: Lorenzo & Porfedia Vasquez, 1714 H Street, Napa CA 94558
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 5200
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Part of 11 BLOCK: 18
 YEAR BUILT: ca 1905 STYLE: Vernacular w/Craftsman Details
 ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This one and one half story residence is characteristic of buildings constructed during the primary period, but has had many alterations. It is 'L' shape in plan, two bays wide with steeply pitched gable roof and a hip roof on the porch. Fire retardant shingle siding clads the exterior. Fenestration is irregular, one over one double-hung sash and fixed windows. The porch has boxed posts and an enclosed rail. An attachment has been made to the east facade and the gabled wing on the south portion of the building includes a garage. Alterations to the building include: changes to siding, new windows with sash removed, porch posts replaced and rail enclosed. The residence is in poor condition. If the structure were restored, it would be classified as Primary Significant.

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78 ADDRESS: 161 St Helens Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Compatible Non-Contributing
 OWNER: Ronald and Donna Shewbridge, 7311 S.W. Hunt Club Lane,
 Portland OR 97223
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 5300
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 11 BLOCK: 18
 YEAR BUILT: 1940 STYLE: Commercial
 ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Office

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one story structure with irregular three-bay front. It has a flat roof with a parapet wall along St Helens street and is constructed of poured concrete with a stucco finish. It has steel sash windows with obscure glass. It faces north on St Helens street.

79 ADDRESS: 105 Cowlitz Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: Myron & Kathleen Bement, 105 Cowlitz, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 1800
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 10,11,12,13 BLOCK: 19
 YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Bungalow
 ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The ^{MUCKLE-GEORGE}~~George Muckle~~ House is a two and a half story structure, generally rectangular in plan, with a symmetrical three-bay front facade. It has a gable roof with gable projections on its eastern and northern facades. A small shed roof dormer is centered between the gable projections on its front facade. It has clapboard siding with shingles in the gable ends of the bays. The foundation, porch piers and stair rails are uncoursed and roughly cut basalt. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash and eight light fixed in the attic. The front door has beveled glass sidelights. The front porch extends across both the 1st and the Cowlitz street facades of the building. It has a hipped roof with the entrances on Cowlitz and 1st streets detailed with low pitched gable roofs. The porch is supported with eight boxed

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posts on ribbed stone plinths. The porch rail between the masonry piers is of vertical boards with a bottom and top rail. The secondary entrance on Cowlitz street is flanked by stained glass windows. The exterior brick chimney on the western rear elevation towards the north end of the building has a metal support detailed with an 'M'. The colors on the house appear to be original. It has black sash, and a warm honey cream colored body and a porch ceiling of sky blue. The garage located at the south west corner of the property is contemporary with the house and appears to be intact. The house does not appear to have been altered on the exterior in any significant way.

The Muckle house sits at the foot of a rock cliff and faces east onto 1st street. The yard is surrounded by a low poured concrete wall and an iron railing and fence. The front walkway is lined with roses and a huge drift of snowdrops. A large Persian walnut and magnolia are also located in the front yard. The rear yard is planted with old lilacs and filberts.

The Muckle house was built for Charles Muckle, who with his brother James, came to St Helens in 1874. They bought the local mill property and in 1892 timber land on the Coweeman River in Cowlitz County, Washington which they logged for many years. 'James and Charles bought several pieces of farm and logging property in and around St Helens. One of the pieces is the present Columbia County fairgrounds, (now Reichhold Chemical Co.) At one time, Charles owned six farms. About 1900 James Muckle moved to Portland where he looked after the timber interests of the firm.' (Columbia County History, II, p. 31)

In 1904, the Muckle Brothers mill burned in the extensive fire which destroyed most of downtown St Helens. The brothers did not rebuild the mill but instead, in 1909, sold the property to the Charles R. McCormick Co. In addition to their lumber interests, the Muckle brothers also established a general store in the 1870's. The Muckle Building at Strand and Cowlitz (27) was constructed in 1909 to house this establishment. Charles Muckle also bought the old opera house which had been located on the Plaza and moved it to 1st and Cowlitz streets where it was remodeled and became the St Helens Hotel. His sister, Mary Muckle, and her husband Jacob George, came to St Helens in 1906 and ran the hotel for Charles for many years. The Muckle "brothers are held in the highest esteem in this state, where they are well known and

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where their business integrity is above reproach. They are among the conservative and substantial money makers of this country, and have built up a business destined to increasingly promote the general prosperity." (Portrait and Biographical Record of Portland & Vicinity, p. 614)

When Charles Muckle died on April 27, 1916, Amy George, his niece, inherited his house. When she died in 1973 at the age of 93, the house was left to Lois Cox Williams, a granddaughter of Annie Muckle Cox, Charles Muckle's sister. Locally the house is known as the Amy George house, because of the many years of her residency in it.

80 ADDRESS: 325 S 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Corey Joe Minnick, PO Box 612, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 1700
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 9, 14 BLOCK: 19
YEAR BUILT: 1909 STYLE: Craftsman w/Classical Details
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one story rectangular structure with an asymmetrical three-bay front. It has a bellcast roof with a bellcast attic dormer on its front facade. It is sided with "California" clapboards and has a high foundation which is sheathed with a clapboard skirting. The windows are generally one over one double-hung wood sash and there are crown moldings above the doors and windows. The reentrant porch extends across the front of the building and is supported by four Tuscan columns. The front door has a single light above and three panels below, two of which are detailed with a garland motif. The exterior of the house appears unaltered except for the front steps and hand rail and the southern half of the porch foundation which is sheathed with plywood. On the rear of the property is an "L" shaped hip roof, eaveless tract style duplex. It is classified as a Compatible Non-Contributing structure.

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81 ADDRESS: 333 S 1st Street
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: Laurence & Jo Ann Higgs, PO Box 41, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 1600
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 8, 15 BLOCK: 19
YEAR BUILT: ca. 1900 STYLE: Victorian Cottage
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Isbister House is a one and one half story rectangular structure with an irregular three-bay front. It has a truncated hip roof with shed dormers on the north and south sides and is sheathed with shiplap siding. The windows are generally one over one double-hung wood sash and an octagonal bay is located at the north end of the front facade. One large fixed window with small panes above is located at the south end of the front facade. The porch which extends across the front of the house, has an attached hip roof and is supported by four square posts which are unevenly spaced. The only discernible alterations are the foundation sheathing and fenestration on the south side. It also appears that the porch railing may have been altered.

The Isbister house is associated with Elizabeth and Thomas Isbister who moved to St Helens in 1908 and owned and operated the Orcadia Hotel. (22).

82 ADDRESS: 155 N 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Eugene & Margaret Jewell, 155 S. 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 11200
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 17 BLOCK: 28
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: American Foursquare
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This large two and one half story residence is square in plan with an hip roof and dormers on all elevations. It has clapboard siding and five foot high vertical board skirting which covers the foundation. A central brick chimney pierces the hip roof. The wood entry door has three panels and one light. Fenestration is regular, windows are one over one double-hung wood sash, paired in the dormers. The porch along the east facade is supported by four truncated, boxed posts and is covered with a hip roof. Steep wooden steps lead to the entry. A hip roof addition has been made to the rear of the house. The alterations to the building are minor and it is in good condition.

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83 ADDRESS: 145 N 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: Larry & Deanna Scott, 145 N 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 11100
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 18, Pt of 12 BLOCK: 28
YEAR BUILT: 1906 STYLE: Rural Vernacular
ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This is a one and one half story structure, rectangular in plan with a gable roof, asphalt shingle siding, and a concrete foundation. It has one over one double-hung sash windows on the first and second stories and a porch on the south facade. The original wooden posts have been bricked over. The siding, porch and foundation alterations have significantly changed the appearance of the residence. If it were restored, it would be classified as Primary Significant

84 ADDRESS: N. 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: Harold & Kathryn Kreger, 125 N 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 11000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 19, pt of 12 BLOCK: 28
USE: Side Yard

85 ADDRESS: 125 N 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Harold & Kathryn Kreger, 125 N. 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 10900
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 20 BLOCK: 28
YEAR BUILT: 1925 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This residence is rectangular in plan, with a low-pitched gable roof, decorative exposed rafters and decorative bargeboard. It is sided with shingles and has six over one and four over one double-hung sash windows as well as a large fixed window of ten lights. The louvered basement windows have seven lights. The porch across the east facade

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has two truncated boxed posts and the main door off the porch has three lights. Concrete steps lead to the porch. A garage has been added to the concrete basement area. A covered parking area is north of the residence.

86 ADDRESS: 115 N 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Roger & Margaret Lain, 115 N 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 513433 TAX LOT: 10800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 21, pt of 12 BLOCK: 28
YEAR BUILT: 1918 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This is a one and one half story bungalow with a low pitched gable roof, with exposed rafters and decorative brackets. The original siding has been replaced with fire retardant shingle siding. The windows are paired and single double-hung wood sash, fixed wood sash and aluminum sliders. The main door has one light and a transom. The front porch has been enclosed; the boxed columns have become pilasters. Alterations to the windows and siding could be easily reversed. The building is in good condition.

87 ADDRESS: 165 S 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Paul & Florence Paulson, 165 S 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 300
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 17 BLOCK: 27
YEAR BUILT: 1914 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This is a two story residence, rectangular in plan, covered with a low pitched gable roof, and sided with asbestos shingles. It has a two foot high skirting which covers the foundation. A brick chimney pierces the gable ridge. Fenestration is irregular; windows are one over one double-hung sash, fixed and casement. The two story porch on the east facade has truncated posts and an enclosed rail. Alterations to the building include new siding, new windows, and changes to the porch. The building could easily be restored.

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CLASSIFICATION: Vacant

OWNER: Palmer & Norma Olson, 164 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051

ASSESSOR MAP: 41322

TAX LOT: 400

PLAT: St. Helens

LOT: 18 BLOCK: 27

USE: Vacant Lot

89 ADDRESS: 185 S 2nd Street

CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing

OWNER: Mary K Watkins, 185 S 2nd, St Helens OR 97051

ASSESSOR MAP: 41322

TAX LOT: 500

PLAT: St. Helens

LOT: 19, 20 BLOCK: 27

YEAR BUILT: 1960 (Remodeled)

STYLE: Modified *Victorian*

ALTERATIONS: Extensive

USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Watkins House, a one story residence, was extensively remodeled in the 1960's after a major portion of the building was destroyed by a fire. It is rectangular in plan, covered with a low pitch gable roof, sided with raked shingles and vertical boards in the gable ends. A large exterior brick chimney is on the south elevation. Fenestration is irregular; windows are fixed, one over one, double-hung sash, casement, and aluminum sliders. Concrete steps lead to the covered entry door. Gabled additions extend from the south and west elevations. Little of the older structure exists, as extensive changes have occurred.

This was the home of the parents of Fred Watkins, who at the age of three, came with with his parents in 1880 to St Helens. Mary Deahn Watkins, Fred's wife currently resides in the home.

90 ADDRESS: Northwest corner of St Helens & 2nd Streets

CLASSIFICATION: Vacant

OWNER: James K Scott, 240 St Helens, St Helens OR 97051

ASSESSOR MAP: 41322

TAX LOT: 600

PLAT: St. Helens

LOT: Pt of 21,22 BLOCK: 27

USE: Vacant Lot

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91 ADDRESS: Between 2nd & 3rd on St Helens Street
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: James Scott, 240 St Helens, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 700
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 21,22 BLOCK: 27
USE: Side yard

92 ADDRESS: 260 St Helens Street
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: James K Scott, 240 St Helens, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 701
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 1,2,21,22 BLOCK: 27
YEAR BUILT: 1885 STYLE: Rural Vernacular
ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This is a one and one half story residence, ^{square} "L" in plan with a eaveless gable roof and a concrete basement. It is covered with plywood and shingle siding. All original windows have been replaced with aluminum sliders and the original doors have been replaced with wooden hollow core doors. A two door garage has also been added. Extensive alterations have been made to this building. If it were restored, it would be classified as primary significant.

93 ADDRESS: 280 St Helens Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Dennis & Katherine Hi 280 St Helens, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 1,2 BLOCK: 27
YEAR BUILT: 1908 STYLE: American Foursquare
ALTERATIONS: Minor ^{woodwork} USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This two story building is square in plan, two bays wide, and has a hip roof with boxed eaves. It is clad with shiplap siding and has a four foot high foundation sheathed with vertical siding boards. The windows are one over one, double-hung wood sash; the windows on the north facade have been replaced with aluminum sliders. The two story porch on the north facade is partially enclosed. The front entry has been modified with a plywood sided enclosure on the first story. These alterations appear to be easily reversed.

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94 ADDRESS: 184 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Harry and Katherine Settle, 33411 Blaha Road, Warren OR 97053
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 900
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 3 BLOCK: 27
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Vernacular Victorian
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: A simple one and one half story residence, rectangular in plan with a gable roof and one central brick chimney. It is sided with shiplap with plywood on the east (rear) portion of the building. Some of the double-hung sash windows of one over one have been replaced with aluminum sliders. Stairs lead to the porch on the west facade which is covered with a hip roof. The original porch posts and rail, and main entry door have been replaced.

95 ADDRESS: 174 S 3rd
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Loretta McManigal, 174 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 1000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 4 BLOCK: 27
YEAR BUILT: 1921 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This one story structure is square in plan and has a hip roof with an exterior brick chimney on the south elevation. Vinyl siding has covered over the original siding, however the integrity of the building remains. Fenestration is regular; one over one double-hung sash windows are on either side of the main wooden door with eighteen lights. Four boxed, truncated posts support the porch on the west facade. The original wooden porch rail and stairs have been altered and plywood now covers the foundation. The residence is in good condition and could easily be restored.

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96 ADDRESS: 164 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Palmer & Norma Olson, 164 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 1100
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 5 BLOCK: 27
YEAR BUILT: 1918 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This is a wood frame building of one and one half stories. It has a gable roof with exposed rafters, decorative brackets and two chimneys. It is covered with composition shingle siding and has a concrete foundation. The windows are one over one double-hung sash with cornices intact. The entry door has three vertical panels and eight lights. The hip roof porch is supported by three boxed posts and has a simple wood rail (not original). Two gabled dormers have been added to the roof and a small addition has been made to the southeast elevation. The siding, window and porch alterations could be fairly easily reversed.

97 ADDRESS: 154 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: American Legion Post #42, 154 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 1200
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Part of 6 BLOCK: 27
YEAR BUILT: 1895 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: American Legion Hall

DESCRIPTION: The former home of John H. Wellington, now the American Legion Post #42, is a one and one half story structure covered with a gable roof with boxed eaves and partial returns. A brick chimney with a corbeled cap is seen above the roofline. The building is sided with shingles; a four and a half foot foundation is covered with vertical boards. The windows are one over one double-hung sash and fixed with six lights. The main door has four fixed lights and the french doors which lead to the porch enclosure have fifteen lights each. The porch on the west facade, now enclosed, has boxed posts and a new hip roof. Most of the alterations appear to have been made some time ago and do not change the integrity of the building.

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J.H. Wellington was the sheriff of Columbia County from 1920-1928. In 1931 he became County Judge. He was born in England and joined the British Navy at the age of fifteen. In the fall of 1891 he arrived in Portland and decided to quit the sea. Soon thereafter he moved to St Helens, and lived in this residence. Mr. Wellington was married to Mary T. Blakesly and they had one son, Lester. When J.H. Wellington died in 1945 he donated his home to the American Legion, of which he was a member, having served in the U.S. Navy in World War I. (Columbia County History, Vol. III, p. 46)

98 ADDRESS: 144 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: Kenneth & Katherin Jillson, 124 N 4th, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 1300
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 6,7 BLOCK: 27
YEAR BUILT: 1915 *Unknown* STYLE: Modified Vernacular *Unknown*
ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This is a wood frame structure, two stories high, rectangular in plan and three bays wide. It has a low pitched gable roof, aluminum siding and a concrete foundation. The "L" shaped porch has boxed posts and a wood rail. The original windows have been replaced with aluminum sliders. The residence has lost its integrity because of extensive remodeling.

99 ADDRESS: 134 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Evelyn Adolphs, 134 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 1400
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 8 BLOCK: 27
YEAR BUILT: 1920 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This bungalow style residence is one story, rectangular in plan and two irregular bays wide. It has a low pitched gable roof with exposed rafters and purlins, is sided with clapboards and has a concrete foundation. Windows are six over one and one over one double-hung sash. A gable

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roofed porch with exposed rafters on the west facade covers the entry door. Concrete steps lead to the entry porch. A minor alteration includes a porthole window added to the west facade.

100 ADDRESS: 122 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: Russell & Jody Davis, 2835 S.E. Walnut, Hillsboro OR 97123
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 1500
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 9 BLOCK: 27
YEAR BUILT: 1920 *Unknown* STYLE: Modified *Unknown*
ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Residence

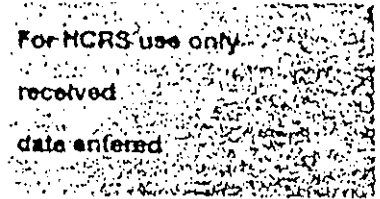
DESCRIPTION: This residence is two stories, rectangular in plan, and three bays wide. It has a jerkinhead roof, siding of masconite horizontal board and aluminum weather board, and a concrete foundation. Windows are one over one double-hung sash and fixed with four lights. On the west facade, facing 3rd street, there is a pedimented porch with boxed posts. A noncompatible two story addition has been made to the east facade.

101 ADDRESS: 114 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Ricardo & Lorenza Jauregul, 114 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 1600
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pr of 10 BLOCK: 27
YEAR BUILT: 1912 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: This building is a one story rectangular structure with an asymmetrical three-bay front. It has a steeply pitched hipped roof with exposed rafter tails and clapboard siding. Below the drip cap and water table the foundation is sheathed with vertical, beaded tongue and groove siding. The windows are broad one over one double-hung sash. A reentrant porch extends across the front of the house and is supported by three boxed posts. Except for renewed porch rails and stairs, the exterior of the house appears to be intact. The house faces west on 3rd street.

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102 ADDRESS: 251 St Helens Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: St Helens School Dist, 215 S 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 7400
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15
 BLOCK: 26
 YEAR BUILT: 1919 STYLE: Georgian Revival
 ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: School

DESCRIPTION: The John Gumm School is a two story 'l' shaped structure with a five-bay symmetrical front. The parapet wall across the front facade and east and west sides is detailed with a simple entablature. The building has stucco siding and eight over eight double-hung wood sash windows which are generally in groupings of four. The central bay is a pedimented pavilion supported by two pairs of large Tuscan columns. At the second story level there is a grouping of three, eight over eight double-hung sash windows and at the first story is the central doorway with side and top lights. The wall in this area is detailed as though it were dressed masonry. The bays flanking the central pavilion have groupings of four double-hung windows at the first and second stories and the end bays have fixed sash windows high in the second story wall. The east and west sides of the building are three bays wide. The central bay has a doorway with top and side lights at the first story and irregular fenestration at the second story. The central bay is flanked with identical bays which have four double-hung sash windows at the first and second story level. The fenestration on the rear of the building is irregular. Except for the modification of some windows on the rear facade, the building appears to be entirely intact.

In 1902 the first John Gumm School, a two story wood frame structure with a stone foundation, was built on the site of the present John Gumm School. It was destroyed in a fire which broke out during the night of September 16, 1918. The origin of the fire was a mystery although many believed it had been started by an arsonist. After much delay and public discussion, the school directors called a special meeting of the legal voters of District No. 2, St Helens, on December 7. They proposed to construct a building of tile and fire resisting material on the site of the old building, ...Chairman of the board, LaBare called an enthusiastic

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crowd to order on the 7th and stated the purpose of the meeting. Bill Ketel, a regular at all the school meetings, was recognized by the chairman and suggested building the schoolhouse in various sections of the city, and made other "useful" suggestions which were disregarded. Many spoke in favor of the fairground location (near 11th street) and others opposed it. The architect was finally called on, as well as a representative of Morris Bros. of Portland who explained in detail the method his firm would follow in financing the building. Instead of bonds, negotiable warrants were to be issued. Finally, L.R. Rutherford called for a vote on issuance of bonds or warrants to build the schoolhouse, and the vote carried 54 to 27. It was decided to accept the plans of Tourtellotte and Hummel, Architects." (History of Schools Comprising Dist. 502C, St Helens, Oregon. Marguerite Egelston, Master of Librarianship, University of Portland, June 1961, pp. 74-75) On September 25, 1919, a tablet was placed at the entrance to the new school. It bears the following inscription: "John Gumm School erected, A.D. 1919 W.J. Mellinger Chairman, H.E. LaBare, J.W. Akin, Mrs Frank George, Clerk. Tourtellotte & Hummel, Architects. Hoover & McNeil, Contractors, St Helens Oregon."

103 ADDRESS: 252 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: Ora Hattan, 252 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 7300
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 5,6,7,16,17; pt of 18 BLOCK: 26
YEAR BUILT: 1908 STYLE: Rural Vernacular Farmhouse
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Hattan House is a one and one half story, "T" shape structure with irregular fenestration. It has a intersecting gable roof and is sided with shiplap. Below the drip cap and water table, the foundation is sheathed with vertical tongue and groove boards. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. It has an attached porch which extends along the eastern front side and has a complex hipped roof. It is supported by six turned posts and pilasters at the wall edge. Except for two chimney tops which have been capped at the roof peak, a small addition on the south side and a classically styled entrance on the north side, the building appears to remain entirely intact. The house faces east

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toward the Columbia River and has a large front garden which is developed with a rolling lawn, old oak trees, fruit trees, and ornamental flower beds. Although the building date for the structure would place it within the secondary period, the form, style, and detailing of the house is representative of the primary period of construction in St Helens.

This house was the residence of Robert S Hattan who came to St Helens in 1896 and was deputy sheriff. He acceptably filled that office and in 1900 was elected sheriff, serving two terms. He won the confidence of the people by his conduct of the sheriff's office and in 1904 was elected county judge, serving in that capacity until 1908. During his administration the new courthouse was built, and it was largely through his strict attention to business and interest in the matter that the building was erected and completed at a minimum cost. In 1913 Mr Hattan was elected county treasurer and served in this capacity until elected judge. His record in county service, which was for a period of twenty years, was excellent, and although a staunch democrat living in a republican county, he held the confidence of his constituents and was respected by all regardless of party affiliation. (St Helens Sentinel-Mist, Nov 23, 1917, p. 1) He died November 19, 1917 while serving as County Judge. The house is still owned by his descendents.

104 ADDRESS: 275 S 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: John & Florence Rose, PO Box 568, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 6600
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 4,18,20; 19 BLOCK: 26
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one and one half story rectangular structure with irregular two-bay front facade. It has a gable roof with the gable end oriented toward the street. The gable ends are detailed with purlins and stickwork. There is a shed dormer on the south facade and a gable dormer on the north facade. The house is sided with "California" clapboards and below the drip cap and water table vertical, tongue and groove siding. All the windows have been replaced with anodized aluminum windows but the window trim remains intact. An attached shed roof porch

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extends across the front facade and is combined with a recessed balcony at the second story level. The porch is supported by three large boxed posts which rest on a solid rail.

The house was built in 1916 by E.A. Crouse, a local architect and contractor, for Dr. A.J. Peel who resided in the house to the south (105). Upon its completion, Dr Peel rented the residence to M. Rosenthal who was in the dry goods business.

105 ADDRESS: 285 S 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: ~~Theodore & Hazel Henningsen~~, 285 S 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 6700
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 2,3,20,21 BLOCK: 26
YEAR BUILT: 1900 STYLE: Craftsman w/Classical Details
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Masten-Peel House is a one and one half story structure, square in plan with a symmetrical three-bay front. It has a steeply pitched hip roof with boxed eaves and hipped dormers on east, south, and northern elevations with paired eighteen over one double-hung wood sash windows. It is sided with shingles and below the drip cap and water table, the foundation is sheathed with clapboards. The front door with sidelights is flanked by grouped windows with twelve over one, fifteen over one and twelve over one lighted sash. A reentrant porch extends across the southern and eastern sides of the house and is supported with seven Tuscan columns. The railing between the columns is vertical two by twos with a top and bottom cap. Alterations to this structure are minimal and consist of minor changes to the porch on the south side and to the foundation on the north side. The house faces east and is situated on the top of a rock cliff which overlooks downtown St Helens and the Columbia River.

It appears that the house may have been constructed for G.C. Masten, owner of a lumber company but was sold early to Dr A.J. Peel. Dr Peel, a physician and surgeon, located in St Helens in 1911. He was born in New London, Canada, where he practiced his profession for some time before becoming attached to the British army as a surgeon with a regiment in South Africa. (St Helens Mist, Special Edition, Sept 15, 1916)

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106 ADDRESS: 295 S 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Bernard & Barbara Chabala, 295 S 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 6800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 22; pt of 21 BLOCK: 26
YEAR BUILT: 1911 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Laud Rutherford House is a one and one half story structure which is generally rectangular in shape and has an irregular two-bay front. It has a gable roof with the eave end toward the street. The gable ends are decorated with ornamentally cut barge boards, heavy brackets and stickwork. A shed roof dormer is centered on the front roof. It provides access to a recessed porch within the roof through double leaf doors. It is sided with shingles and the windows are generally six over one double-hung wood sash. A reentrant porch extends across the front facade and is supported by three stout truncated, obelisk posts which rest on shingle sided piers. The porch railing is constructed of vertical boards with a top and bottom cap. The front door is flanked by sidelights. The only major alteration appears to be an addition at the south end of the porch which extends across part of the southern facade. It is detailed the same as the existing house except for the molding around the windows. The house faces east onto 2nd street at the top of a rock bluff which overlooks downtown St Helens and the Columbia River.

Laud Rutherford, for whom the house was built, moved to St Helens in 1910 to become Secretary-Treasurer of the Columbia County Abstract Company. He built the first brick business block on 1st street (64). "He served on the St Helens City Council and on the school board, and was responsible for the introduction of manual training and home economics courses in the high school. His dominant interest was in young people and athletics for young people. In May 1934 he was appointed County Judge by Governor Julius Meier, serving until after the general election the following November." (Isbister Family Scrapbook, newspaper obituary) He was also very active in civic affairs. He died in St Helens May 12, 1944.

The site of his house was the former site of a church constructed in 1853 by Henry M. Knighton. Dr Thomas Condon who came as a missionary in 1853 was the first minister there. Condon, who also used the building as a school, had Thomas A. McBride, who later became an Oregon Supreme Court Justice, as one of his pupils there. (Columbia County History, VI, p. 6)

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107 ADDRESS: 270 Cowlitz Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Jennie Somerville, 270 Cowlitz, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 6900
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 1, 2 BLOCK: 26
YEAR BUILT: 1920 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one story, rectangular structure with slightly assymetrical three-bay front. It has a gable roof with the gable end oriented toward the street. The gable end is decorated with heavy brackets and lattice work in its peak. It is sided with horizontal clapboards which extend down to a low concrete foundation. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. The attached porch extends across the eastern half of the front facade. It has a gable roof with purlins, and lattice work in the gable peak. It is supported by two truncated obelisk posts which rest on sided piers. The porch railing is constructed of vertical boards with a top and bottom cap. A square bay projects from the east side of the building and is supported on purlins. Alterations to the exterior are minimal. The house faces south on Cowlitz street at the top of the rock bluff.

108 ADDRESS: 274 Cowlitz Street
CLASSIFICATION: Compatible Non-Contributing
OWNER: Rose and Ralph Valpiani, 274 Cowlitz, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41321 TAX LOT: 7000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 1, 2 BLOCK: 26
YEAR BUILT: 1940 STYLE: Moderne
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The house is a two story irregularly shaped building with a hipped roof. It has horizontal beveled tongue and groove siding with two over two horizontally paned double-hung wood sash windows. The entrance which is at the second story level has side lights of glass block and is covered with a cantilevered porch roof. The house faces south-southeast onto Cowlitz and is located at the western edge of the rock bluff.

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109 ADDRESS: 301 S 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Pearl Challacombe, 301 S 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 1900
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 12 BLOCK: 25
YEAR BUILT: ca. 1920 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one story rectangular structure with a slightly asymmetrical threebay front. It has a jerkinhead roof with the eave end toward the street and is sided with beveled tongue and groove siding. Below the drip cap, the foundation is sheathed with horizontal clapboards. Generally, the windows are one over one double hung wood sash, however the windows on the front facade are fixed with small panes above and in a group of three on either side of the front door. The attached porch roof extends half way across the front of the house and has a gable roof. It is supported with two boxed posts and has stick work in its gable end. The porch railing is constructed of vertical two by twos with a top and bottom cap and extends across the entire front of the house. The only alteration appears to be to the foundation which has had a garage entrance cut into it and has been resheathed. The house faces east onto 2nd street and is sited at the front of the rock bluff which overlooks downtown St Helens and the Columbia River.

110 ADDRESS: 315 S 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Otis Chamberlain, 315 S 2nd, St Helens Oregon
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 2000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 12,13 BLOCK: 25
YEAR BUILT: ca. 1920 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The structure is a one and one half story rectangular building with a symmetrical threebay front. It has a jerkinhead roof with the rake end oriented toward the street and a shed dormer on its northern side facade. The rake end of the building is detailed with brackets. The building has been covered over with fire retardant shingles but all of the trim is intact. The windows are various and consist of one over one double-hung wood sash and twelve

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light casement windows. The attached porch has a shed roof and extends across the central two thirds of the front facade. It is supported by two groupings of three chamfered posts and chinoiserie stickwork is used to detail the porch posts and railing. The only other notable alteration to the structure, besides its resheathing, is a shed addition which was added to the south side and is set back from the street. The structure faces east onto 2nd street and overlooks downtown St Helens and the Columbia River from the top of a rock cliff.

111 ADDRESS: 325 S 2nd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Wilbur Wellborn, 325 S 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 2100
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 14,15; pt of 15 BLOCK: 25
YEAR BUILT: 1922 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one story rectangular structure with symmetrical three-bay front. It has a gable roof with the gable end oriented toward the street and is sided with clapboards. Below the drip cap and water table, the foundation is sheathed with shiplap. The windows are various with one over one double-hung wood sash on the sides and rear facades and windows that are grouped with a vertical muntin pattern at the top across the front. The attached porch extends across the northern half the front facade and is detailed with trellises and ornamentally cut beams and rafters. Three pairs of posts on sided piers support the trellis and porch. The porch rail is constructed of ornamentally cut boards. An intact one car garage is sited to the south of the house. The house faces east onto 2nd street overlooking downtown St Helens and the Columbia River and is in a swale on the rock crest. According to long time St Helens residents the house ws the home of the Beavers family.

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112 ADDRESS: 355 S 2nd Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: Vernon & Elisabeth Hanson, 355 S 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 2200
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 16, 17 BLOCK: 25
 YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Bungalow
 ALTERATIONS: Minor to Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Morton House is a two story rectangular structure with a symmetrical three-bay front. It has a gable roof with the eave end oriented toward the street capped with a small gable roof dormer. The gable ends are detailed with brackets. The second story of the house is sheathed with shingles and the first story with raked shingles. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash of various dimensions, paired and single. The attached front porch extends across the central portion of the front facade and has a gable roof which has been extended with shed additions to the north and south. The original porch roof is supported by two boxed posts which rest on a solid rail. The front door is flanked by side lights. In addition to the above mentioned siding and porch alterations, the house has been "colonialized" with green shutters and an addition has been added to the rear. The house, which faces east onto 2nd street, sits on a double size lot at the top of the cliff overlooking downtown St Helens and the Columbia River. An old fashioned garden extends from the north of the house.

The Morton House is associated with S.C. Morton who was connected with the Astoria & Columbia Railroad and Simpson Lumber Co, in Astoria before coming to St Helens. He worked as an auditor for Mist Publishing Co. In 1923, he built a new building for the Mist (50). He was active in civic affairs and served as Mayor of St Helens.

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113 ADDRESS: 365 S 2nd Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: George & Mary Perkins, 365 S 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 4600
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 5, 18 BLOCK: 25
 YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Bungalow
 ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Hamlin McCormick House is a one and one half story, rectangular shaped building with a slightly asymmetrical three-bay front. It has a gable roof with the eave end oriented toward the street and a central shed dormer on the front elevation. The gable ends are supported with brackets as are two gable roof bays on the side elevations. The house is sided with narrow horizontal clapboards and shingles on the dormer. The windows are generally one over one double-hung wood sash on the rear and side elevations and large fixed windows on the front elevation. The off center front door is flanked by ten-light sidelights. The reentrant porch which extends across the entire front facade is supported by two large boxed posts which rest on a solid rail. The exterior of the building appears to have been only minimally altered over the years. The front stairs and hand rail have been renewed and one end of the porch has been glassed in, and an addition has been added to the rear. The house, which sits on a double sized lot, is surrounded by a low stone wall. The house faces east onto 2nd street and overlooks the Columbia River and downtown St Helens from the top of a stone cliff.

The 1916 Special Edition of the St Helens Mist indicates that this house was the residence of Hamlin F. McCormick. McCormick came to St Helens in 1908 with several of the officials of the then newly organized Charles R. McCormick Lumber Company to look over a favorable sawmill site. Construction of the mill was started in the same year and the St Helens Lumber Co., as it was then called, began operations in September 1909 with H.F. McCormick as general manager.* (St Helens Sentinel-Mist, February 12, 1937, p. 1) Within the next few years he organized a number of other companies

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including the Columbia County Lumber Co., the St Helens Tie and Timber Co., the St Helens Ship Building Co., the St Helens Wood Products Co., the St Helens Pulp and Paper Co., and the Fir-Tex Insulating Board Co. He also was responsible for developing a creosoting treatment plant and other enterprises which added to the industrial life of St Helens. He was also influential for developing a good water supply and electric system for St Helens. Hamlin and his brother Charles were instrumental in the major development of St Helens during the secondary period when the population exploded in a period of three years from 400 to 1500. In later years the McCormicks sold this residence and established a second home on a tract of land adjacent to St Helens on the south east.

114 ADDRESS: S. 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: Vernon & Elisabeth Hanson, 325 S 2nd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 4700
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 6 BLOCK: 25
USE: Vacant Lot

115 ADDRESS: 344 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: Kermit & Dorothy Hougland, 344 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 4800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 7 BLOCK: 25
YEAR BUILT: 1924 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one story, irregularly shaped structure with an asymmetrical three-bay front. It has a gable roof with the eave end oriented toward the street and a rear shed addition. The gable ends are detailed with cut bargeboards and purlins and the original siding has been stuccoed over. The windows have also been replaced with double-hung aluminum sash. It has a small front stoop which appears to have been altered. If the structure were restored it would be classified as Secondary Significant.

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116 ADDRESS: 334 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: Henry & Luree Calhoun, 334 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 4900
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Part of 8 BLOCK: 25
YEAR BUILT: 1918 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The house is a one and one half story rectangular shaped building with a symmetrical three-bay front. The gable roof is oriented with its eave end toward the street and the gable end is supported with brackets. It has been resided with aluminum clapboard siding and the windows have been replaced with aluminum sash windows. The front porch extends across the central third of the front facade and has an attached gable roof. The porch has a wrought iron railing. A shed addition has added to the south side. If the structure were restored, it would be classified as a Secondary Significant structure.

117 ADDRESS: 324 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Lawson Gorman, 324 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 5000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 8,9 BLOCK: 25
YEAR BUILT: ca. 1920 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one and one half story, rectangular structure with a symmetrical three-bay front. The gable roof is oriented with its eave end to the street and has brackets and stick work in the rake ends. A shed roof dormer with a pair of one over one double-hung sash windows faces the street. It has horizontal beveled tongue and groove siding and below the drip cap and water table, vertical boards sheath the foundation. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash, and a reentrant porch extends across the entire front of the building. It is supported by four pairs of posts with diagonal stick work between them. They rest on a solid railing. A small bay has been added to the rear on the north side and a flat roof garage has been added to the south side of the structure, otherwise, the structure is intact. The building faces west onto 3rd street.

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118 ADDRESS: 314 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: James & Debra Wheeler, 314 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 5100
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 9,10 BLOCK: 25
YEAR BUILT: 1919 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one and one half story, rectangular structure with a symmetrical three-bay front. It has a gable roof with the eave end oriented toward the street and a shed dormer. The rake ends have brackets and there is stick work in the gable ends. It has horizontal "California" siding and vertical boards and battens below the drip cap and water table. It has one over one double-hung wood sash windows of various dimensions. A reentrant porch extends across the entire front of the building and is supported by four boxed posts. The porch railing is constructed of vertical boards with a top and bottom cap. The following changes have been made to the structure: a garage entrance has been constructed in the south end of the front facade, shutters have been added to the dormer windows, and an aluminum storm door has been added. The house faces west onto 3rd street.

119 ADDRESS: 271 Cowlitz Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Irvin & Naomi Brown, 271 Cowlitz, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 5290
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt 10,11 BLOCK: 25
YEAR BUILT: 1913 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one and one half story structure, rectangular in plan, with a symmetrical three-bay front. It has a gable roof with the eave end oriented toward the street and a shed dormer with a pair of one over one double-hung sash windows. There are brackets and stick work in the gable ends. The walls and foundation of the building have been covered over with fire retardant shingles. A reentrant porch extends across the front of the building and is supported by four boxed posts. The vertical board rail with top and bottom caps encloses the porch. The windows are

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one over one double-hung wood sash of various dimensions. A small cantilevered bay window projects from the west side of the building. The only other alterations besides siding is a flat roof garage which has been attached to the east side of the building. The house faces north onto Cowlitz street.

120 ADDRESS: 201 Cowlitz Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: William & Hatley Retta Blocksom, 201 Cowlitz,
St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41324 TAX LOT: 5200
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 10,11,12,13 BLOCK: 25
YEAR BUILT: ca. 1920 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one and one half story structure, rectangular in plan with an asymmetrical two-bay front. It has a gable roof with the eave end oriented toward the street and a shed dormer with four, six over one double-hung wood sash windows. It has horizontal beveled tongue and groove siding above and below the drip cap and water table. The windows are wood sash and are of various muntin designs. A reentrant porch extends across the front of the building and is supported by three boxed posts spaced irregularly. The porch railing is constructed of alternating narrow and wide boards and has a top and bottom rail. The only exterior alteration appears to be a flat roof garage which has been added to the west side. The house faces north on Cowlitz street.

121 ADDRESS: 125 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Daniel Hunt, 125 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 2300
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 14 BLOCK: 32
YEAR BUILT: 1914 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a one and one half story rectangular structure with a symmetrical three-bay front. It has a gable roof with the eave end oriented to the street and a shed dormer with three sets of eight by eight casement windows. There are brackets at the gable ends. It has clapboard siding and the raised foundation is sheathed with

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horizontal clapboards below the drip cap and water table. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash of various dimensions. The front door has five light sidelights and the front porch which extends almost across the entire front of the building has an attached shed roof. It is supported by two boxed posts and enclosed with a vertical board railing with top and bottom caps. To the north of the house is a detached one car garage contemporary in design with the house. The house faces east onto 3rd street.

122 ADDRESS: 135 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Henry Stellflug, 135 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 2400
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 15 BLOCK: 32
YEAR BUILT: 1914 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one and one half story building is rectangular in plan and has a three-bay symmetrical front. It has a gable roof with the gable end oriented toward the street and shed dormers to the sides. The gable ends are supported with stacked wood brackets. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash with aluminum sash storm windows. It has "California" clapboard siding and a foundation which is skirted with the same siding below the drip cap and water table. A reentrant porch extends across the front and is supported by four boxed posts. The structure has been minimally altered: windows have been placed in the foundation, a shed roof addition has been added to the south side, and the porch hand rail has been renewed. The house faces east on 3rd street.

123 ADDRESS: 155 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Nick & Rose Federici, 144 S 14th, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 2500
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 16; pt of 15,17 BLOCK: 32
YEAR BUILT: ca. 1920 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one and one half story building is rectangular in plan and has an asymmetrical three-bay front. The gable roof is oriented with its eave toward the street and is

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supported by purlins. It has "California" clapboard siding, and a stucco washed foundation below the drip cap and water table. It has various shaped wood sash windows with a typical bungalow muntin design. The porch, which is slightly off center, is a small stoop with an attached gable roof. It is supported by two boxed posts and has a concrete floor. A one story rear addition with a hip roof extends across the back of the building. The building was moved from uptown ca. 1971, and some changes appear to have occurred at that time, most notably the foundation, front porch and perhaps the front door and some of the fenestration. The house faces east on 3rd street and a large asphalted parking area extends to the north of the house.

124 ADDRESS: 163 & 165 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: Kenneth Burton, 815 Cedaroak, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 2600
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 18; pt of 17 BLOCK: 32
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Queen Anne Victorian
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Duplex residence

DESCRIPTION: The two story building has a cross form and a gambrel roof with projecting pedimented gabled dormers to the north and south. It has shiplap siding with shingles in the second story gable ends and vertical tongue and groove sheathing on the foundation. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. The eaves are boxed. An attached porch with a bellcast roof extends across most of the front of the building. It is supported with four truncated obelisk posts and has a railing of vertical boards with a top and bottom cap. The foundation has been altered by the addition of aluminum sash slider windows. A small addition has also been made to the north end of the front porch to provide cover for the second entrance. It also appears that a railing above the bay window on the south side may be missing. The house faces east onto 3rd street. This house is classified as Primary Significant because its building form, detailing, and architectural style are representative of structures built during the primary period of development in St Helens.

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125 ADDRESS: 175 S 3rd Street
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OWNER: George & Shirley Kobinette, 175 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 2700
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 19 BLOCK: 32
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story building is rectangular in form and has a hip roof with a hip dormer window. It has one over one double-hung wood sash windows. It has a two-bay front with a reentrant porch at the southeast corner. It has been covered over with fire retardant shingles but it appears the original siding was shiplap. An aluminum canopy has also been added over the front windows as well as corrugated fiberglass on the front porch and decorative aluminum shutters on its side facades. It appears that these changes are easily reversible. The house faces east onto 3rd street.

126 ADDRESS: (191) S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: Donald & Joyce Heller et al, Rt 1, Box 1708
St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 2800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 20, pt of 21 BLOCK: 32
USE: Vacant Lot

DESCRIPTION: The property which faces east onto 3rd street has remnants of a stone foundation and retaining wall. The site is landscaped with mature garden plants including a large cherry and willow tree.

127 ADDRESS: 197 S 3rd Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Charles & Kathleen Moser, 197 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 2900
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: Pt of 21;22 BLOCK: 32
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one and one half story building is rectangular in form. It has a gable roof with the eave end oriented

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toward the street and a shed dormer. It has shiplap siding with shingles on the dormer and vertical shiplap on the foundation. The windows are one over one double hung wood sash and are generally paired. A reentrant porch extends across the front of the building and is supported with boxed posts. The front door is Victorian in style with etched glass. The gutters have been renewed; otherwise no alterations are visible on the exterior of the structure. The house faces east onto 3rd street and the site is lower than the street grade.

128 ADDRESS: 360 St Helens Street
CLASSIFICATION: Compatible Non-Contributing
OWNER: Lee Applegate, 250 Belton Drive, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 3000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 1, 2 BLOCK: 32
YEAR BUILT: 1940 STYLE: Modernistic
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Commercial

DESCRIPTION: The former St Helens Sentinel-Mist Building is a one story, rectangular shaped structure, constructed of hollow terra cotta tile with a stucco finish. It has an asymmetrical three-bay front with a simply ornamented parapet across the front facade which faces onto St Helens street. The original windows have been filled in. The Sentinel-Mist was located in a building (50) at 1st & St Helens before moving to this building in 1941.

129-A ADDRESS: 176 S 4th Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Clement & Carol Brandt, PO Box 951, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 3100
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 3, 4 BLOCK: 32
YEAR BUILT: 1916 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story building is rectangular in form and has a symmetrical three-bay front. It has a gable roof with the eave end oriented toward the street and beveled tongue and groove siding. Below the drip cap and water table, the foundation is has a stucco wash. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. It has a small attached front porch with a gable roof which is supported with two boxed posts. The porch rail is constructed of vertical boards with a top and bottom cap. The house faces west on 4th street.

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129-B ADDRESS: 172 S 4th Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
 OWNER: Clement & Carol Brandt, PO Box 951, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 3100
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 3, 4 BLOCK: 32
 YEAR BUILT: ca 1890 STYLE: Vernacular Gothic Farmhouse
 ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story building is rectangular in plan and has a symmetrical three-bay front. Its gable roof is steeply pitched and oriented with the eave end toward the street. It has shiplap siding and below the drip cap the foundation is sheathed with vertical tongue and groove siding. The windows are narrow, one over one double-hung wood sash. The attached hip roof porch which extends across the front of the building is supported by five boxed posts. The porch rail is constructed of vertical boards with a top and bottom cap. An addition has been made to the south side of the building and it appears that the porch railing may have been altered and the porch extended to the south, otherwise, the structure appears to be intact. The building ^{faces} west onto 4th street but is sited at the back of the lot.

130 ADDRESS: 164 S 4th Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: Clair & Virginia Milne, 154 S 4th, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 3200
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 5 BLOCK: 32
 YEAR BUILT: 1920 STYLE: Bungalow
 ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The building is a very small one story rectangular structure with an asymmetrical two-bay front. It has a gable roof with the gable end oriented toward the street. There are small brackets at the gable ends. It has raked shingle siding and a concrete block foundation. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. The front porch with an attached gable roof extends across two thirds of the front of the building. It is supported by four square posts which rest atop a solid rail. A shed addition extends across the rear of the building. The siding and rear addition appear to be the only changes that have occurred to the structure besides its foundation, which indicates it may have been moved. The house faces west onto 4th street.

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131 ADDRESS: 154 S 4th Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Clair & Virginia Milne, 154 S 4th, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 3300
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 6 BLOCK: 32
YEAR BUILT: 1905 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story building with attic is rectangular in form and has a symmetrical three-bay front. It has a hip roof with a hipped roof dormer. It has been resided with fire retardant shingles, however, the window and door trim is intact. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. The foundation is poured concrete and relatively crude in its construction. A reentrant porch extends across the front facade and is supported by four boxed slightly obelisk posts which rest on a solid rail. The only alterations appear to be the siding and a wrought iron hand rail which has been added to the porch stairs. The house faces west on 4th street.

132 ADDRESS: 144 S 4th Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Grace Sonneland, 315 Strand, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 3400
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 7 BLOCK: 32
YEAR BUILT: 1926 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story building is rectangular in form and has a symmetrical three-bay front. The gable roof is oriented with the gable end toward the street and brackets support the gable ends. The roof is modified at the rear of the structure into a hip. It has clapboard siding and the foundation is sheathed with vertical boards and battens. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. An attached gable roof porch is off center and extends across approximately one third of the front facade. It is supported by two truncated obelisk boxed posts which sit on a solid rail. The house faces west on 2nd street.

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133 ADDRESS: 134 S 4th Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
 OWNER: Eldon & Adeline Morris, 24 DuBois Lane, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 3500
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 8 BLOCK: 32
 YEAR BUILT: 1924 STYLE: Bungalow
 ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story building is irregular in plan and has an asymmetrical three-bay front. It has a gable roof with the gable end oriented toward the street and brackets. It has 'California' clapboard siding and, below the drip cap and water table, the foundation has a concrete wash. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. The small attached porch has a gable roof and is supported by two boxed posts. The porch and door are off center. An addition has been added to the rear of the house which has been detailed in a compatible manner except for the roof shape which is a lower hipped roof. The house faces west onto 4th street.

134 ADDRESS: (115) S 4th Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
 OWNER: Robert Brown, PO Box 31, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41323 TAX LOT: 2200
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 10 BLOCK: 33
 USE: Vacant Lot

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135 ADDRESS: 224 S 4th Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Amber & Evadean Parr, 224 S 4th, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41323 TAX LOT: 2100
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 9 BLOCK: 33
YEAR BUILT: 1926 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story building is rectangular in plan and has an asymmetrical three-bay front. Its gable roof is oriented with its gable end toward the street and the gable ends are supported by brackets. It has shingle siding with a concrete wash on the foundation below the drip cap and water table. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. An attached gable roof porch extends across the southern half of the front facade. It is supported by two solid square posts. A hipped roof shed has been attached to the northeast rear corner of the building. The only other alteration appears to be the floor of the front porch. The house faces west onto 4th Street and has two large oak trees in its front yard.

136 ADDRESS: 234 S 4th Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Effie Mutton, 234 S 4th, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41323 TAX LOT: 2000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 8 BLOCK: 33
YEAR BUILT: 1926 STYLE: Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story building is rectangular in plan and has an asymmetrical four-bay front. The gable roof which is sheathed with tile is oriented with its eave end toward the street. There are brackets in the gable ends of the roof. It is sided with stucco and has a concrete foundation. The windows are eight over one double-hung wood sash, except for the front facade which are large fixed windows. An attached gable roof porch extends across the northern two thirds of the front of the building. It is supported with square masonry piers and has a solid rail, both of which are stuccoed over. It appears that the front fixed windows may have been altered and that some other changes may have been made to the front porch. The house faces west onto 4th street.

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137 ADDRESS: 155 5 4th Street
 CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
 OWNER: Daniel Wootan & Carlene King, PO Box 285, St Helens OR 97051
 ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 6300
 PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 6,17 BLOCK: 43
 YEAR BUILT: 1851 STYLE: Greek Revival
 ALTERATIONS: Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The Henry Knighton House is a two story rectangular structure with a symmetrical five-bay front. Its gable roof is oriented with its eave end toward the street and has a one story shed addition across the back. The eaves are boxed and there are eave returns on the gable ends. The original clapboard siding has been covered over with aluminum clapboards. The windows are six over six double-hung wood sash and are slightly smaller at the second story than the first. The house, which was moved in 1938, has a newer foundation which has a stucco wash. The one story attached porch with pedimented gable roof is centered on the front facade in the central bay. It is supported by two boxed posts with molded caps. The front door is flanked by sidelights and a transom above. The following additional changes have been made to this structure: a concrete block stove chimney has been added to the south end, as well as aluminum awnings; wrought iron hand railings have been added to the porch, which has a concrete floor and stairs; a carport addition has been added to the southwest corner and a one story flat roofed addition to the north side.

In 1847, Henry Knighton acquired a Donation Land Claim on the lower Columbia where he established the town of St Helens. In 1851, he built this structure from rough lumber from the local mill at Milton and finished lumber, which had been brought around the Horn, from Bath, Maine, by Captain Francis LeMont. The house was originally located on 2nd street (73) on a line with the Plaza (16) and the County Courthouse (1), and was moved to the present location in the early 1930's. The Mount St Helens Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution have designated the house as a historic site, and a plaque designating it as such has been placed on the house. It is the oldest surviving structure in downtown St Helens.

The Captain LeMont House which was of a similar age and construction, and also built of materials brought around the Horn, was demolished in 1973 when the annex was added to the old courthouse to make room for a new parking lot (9).

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138 ADDRESS: 165 S 4th Street
CLASSIFICATION: Compatible Non-Contributing
OWNER: M.E. & Helen McMichael, 165 S 4th, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 6200
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 5, 18 BLOCK: 43
YEAR BUILT: 1967 STYLE: Suburban Ranch
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The McMichael House is an irregularly shaped structure with horizontal clapboard siding and a complex, low pitched hipped roof. It faces east onto 4th street.

139 ADDRESS: S. 4th Street
CLASSIFICATION: Vacant
OWNER: Edmondson's Drapery, Inc., PO Box 16496, Portland OR 97216
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 6100
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 4, 19 BLOCK: 43
USE: Vacant Lot

DESCRIPTION: The property is a rocky outcropping which descends to 4th street. It has been landscaped with natural plants and ornamentals. *Plants*

140 ADDRESS: 185 S 4th Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Leonard & Emma Scheer, PO Box 37, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 5700
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 20 BLOCK: 43
YEAR BUILT: ca 1925 STYLE: Colonial Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story building is "L" shaped and has a symmetrical three-bay front. It has a jerkinhead roof with full eave returns across the rake ends. It has horizontal clapboard siding all the way down to the poured concrete foundation. It has wood sash double-hung windows of various muntin designs. A small attached porch with a swept barrel roof extends across a third of the front facade. It is supported by two truncated obelisk posts which rest on solid

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clapboard piers and railing. A garage which appears original is attached to the southwest corner of the building. The following alterations have been made to the building: a fiberglass screen has been added to the porch; one aluminum window has been added to the south elevations and it appears that the front windows may have been altered. The house faces east onto 4th street.

141 ADDRESS: 430 St Helens Street
CLASSIFICATION: Primary Significant
OWNER: Chester & Pearl Kondrasky, 860 Tualatin, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 5800
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 21, 22 BLOCK: 43
YEAR BUILT: ca 1890 STYLE: Rural Vernacular Farmhouse

DESCRIPTION: The two story building is rectangular in form and has an asymmetrical four-bay front. The gable roof is oriented with the eave end toward the street and a one story lean to extends across the back of the building. It has been resided with raked shingles, however, the window and door trim remain intact. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash. A hip-roof attached porch extends along the southern and eastern sides of the building. It is supported by seven turned posts. The porch railing is constructed of vertical boards with a top and bottom cap. The porch railing and stairs appear to have been replaced or added at a later time. A one story gable addition has been added to the western facade as well as the alterations made to the rear facade on the eastern side. A carport has been added to the northern end of the building. The house faces south onto St Helens street and is situated on a large corner lot. It is surrounded by an old privet hedge and a few older ornamental trees.

142 ADDRESS: 480 St Helens Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Emma Hamilton, 355 S 3rd, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41322 TAX LOT: 6000
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 1,2,3 BLOCK: 43
YEAR BUILT: ca 1910 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: Minor USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one story building with attic is rectangular in form and has an asymmetrical three-bay front. It has a steeply pitched hip roof with ornamentally cut rafter tails

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and a slight bellcast flair. It has a dormer with similar detailing on its front (southern) facade. It has shiplap siding with vertical tongue and groove sheathing on the foundation below the drip cap and water table. The windows are one over one double-hung wood sash and are paired. The reentrant porch extends across the front of the building and is supported by four simple boxed posts. The porch railing is constructed of vertical two by twos with a top and bottom cap. The front door is recessed at the eastern end of the front porch. The following alterations have been made to the structure: a reentrant dormer has been added to the east side at the second story level; the foundation has been sheathed with plywood; and the porch rail and stairs have been replaced. The house sits on a high plateau and faces south onto St Helens street. It is surrounded by a lawn with old fruit trees.

143 ADDRESS: 205 S 4th Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: William & Shirley Berg, 205 S 4th, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41323 TAX LOT: 2400
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 12,13 BLOCK: 42
YEAR BUILT: 1910 STYLE: Craftsman
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The two story building is rectangular in form and has a two-bay front. Its roof is bellcast with boxed eaves. It is sided with horizontal shiplap, and the foundation is sheathed with vertical shiplap below the drip cap and water table. The windows are one over one double-hung sash. An attached bellcast roofed porch extends across the front and is supported by four slightly obelisk porch posts which rest on a solid rail. The following alterations have been made to the structure: the front door has been changed; the front porch has been partially enclosed with fiberglass; one window on the south and one on the east facades have been altered; and two additions have been made to the rear of the structure which are compatible in design. According to local tradition this house was designed and built by the same person who built the house located at 280 St Helens street (93). The house faces east onto 4th street.

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144 ADDRESS: 225 S 4th Street
CLASSIFICATION: Historic Non-Contributing
OWNER: William & Miriam Harrison, 225 S 4th, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41323 TAX LOT: 2500
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 42 BLOCK: 42
YEAR BUILT: 1931 STYLE: Colonia/Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Extensive USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one and one half story building is "T" shaped in form and has an asymmetrical three-bay front. It has a jerkinhead roof which is sheathed with tiles. The eaves are boxed and there are eave returns on the rake ends. It has been resided with horizontal aluminum clapboards and the windows have been replaced with aluminum sash windows. It has a small reentrant porch. The building has been altered in the following additional ways: a garage has been added to the south side of the building and wrought iron handrails to the front porch. The house is sited high above the street and faces east onto 4th street.

145 ADDRESS: 235 S 4th Street
CLASSIFICATION: Secondary Significant
OWNER: Lawrence & Bethel Mersinger, 235 S 4th, St Helens OR 97051
ASSESSOR MAP: 41323 TAX LOT: 2600
PLAT: St. Helens LOT: 15, 16 BLOCK: 42
YEAR BUILT: 1926 STYLE: Colonial Bungalow
ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION: The one and one half story building is rectangular in plan and has an asymmetrical four-bay front. It has a jerkinhead roof with the eave end oriented toward the street. The roof is sheathed with tiles and the rake ends are detailed with brackets. It has been resided with fire retardant shingles, however, the trim remains intact. The windows are wood sash and are either one over one double-hung or fixed. It has a poured concrete foundation. The attached porch has a jerkinhead roof and extends across about one third of the front facade. It is supported with two bowed

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truncated obelisk posts. The porch rail is constructed of vertical boards with a top and bottom cap. The following additional changes have been made to the structure: a wrought iron handrail has been added as well as planter boxes along the porch rail; and a small addition has been made to the north side. The house sits high above 4th street on which it faces in an easterly direction. It is at the foot of a rock cliff.

It was constructed by Oscar Johnson and Art Hallberg for Louis Muhr. It appears that the houses at 225 and 234 S 4th (144 & 136) may have been designed and built by the same people.

8. Significance

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Specific dates 1847-1934 Builder/Architect Cronkite, Doughty and others

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

St. Helens, an historic shipping community on the lower Columbia River in Oregon, is significant under National Register criteria "A" and "C" as an example of speculative town development which conveys its early "sense of place." The town's promoter, Henry Knighton, founded St. Helens in 1849 - 1850 and believed for a time that it would compete with Portland, now the state's metropolis and major port, which is situated 30 miles upriver. The current population of St. Helens is 7,200. Though Knighton's initial dream was unrealized, his grandiose scheme is reflected in St. Helens' plat, laid out somewhat in imitation of Philadelphia, and in his house, the lumber for which was shipped to the site around Cape Horn. While not a successful competitor of Portland's, the community gained an early lead among the surrounding towns in Columbia County which was solidified in 1854 when St. Helens was made the County seat. Reflected in the historic downtown district also is the fact that St. Helens experienced very gradual growth during the last half of the 19th century and suffered a severe setback when a fire in September, 1904 destroyed the greater part of the business area and the major lumber mill in the town. In 1908, however, lumbermen Hamlin and Charles McCormick saw the potential of the town's strategic river location and proceeded to build the "big mill" and a number of other timber-related factories. As a result, the population of St. Helens exploded, the commercial core revived, and the surrounding residential area rapidly developed. Unfortunately, this boom era was cut short by the Great Depression. Having been by-passed by major railroad and highway routes, the St. Helens Downtown Historic District retains important elements of its early beginnings, and its boom era development is almost entirely intact, thus creating a character which is a blend of County seat and "payroll city." On March 21, 1984, the St. Helens City Council duly adopted Resolution No. 928 authorizing the City to nominate its historic district to the National Register of Historic Places, a move which is considered the essential first step in present-day efforts to revitalize the downtown.

On July 5, 1843, the Oregon Provisional Government divided the Oregon country into four districts and instituted land laws, the essentials of which were retained in the later Donation Land Act of 1850. Tuality, the northwest district, extended from the Willamette River, north of the Yamhill River, west to the Pacific Ocean, and as far north as Puget Sound. Upon the prospect of a definite political status for the region, settlement of the area began on a large scale. By 1850, "the number of ambitious and striving, or rather struggling, towns had greatly increased. Many of them had no more than a nominal pretention, for ambitious towns were laid out that never had more than a paper existence... No one believed that so many cities as had then been platted were needed for a population of a few thousand, but each group of town builders had faith and courage, and even confidence that its particular venture would outstrip the rest."¹ In 1844 Bartholomew White settled the first land claim in the St. Helens area, building a grist and sawmill on his property, which was situated on the west bank of the Columbia River near the mouth of the Multnomah Channel of the Willamette. In 1847, Henry M. Knighton, with visions of a deep water port, filed a preemption land claim on White's DLC. "In 1849-50... Knighton employed W. H. Tappan, an Army-employed 'special artist'...and P. W. Crawford to plat 'St. Helens,' named for the mountain which forms such a conspicuous backdrop to the town... The plan Knighton, Tappan and Crawford gave St. Helens was of truly metropolitan pretentions... similar to Philadelphia... The Philadelphia layout was freely copied during the 18th and early 19th centuries; St. Helens and Oakland, California were among the last and most western imitators."²

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In an endeavor to make St. Helens the metropolis of Oregon, Knighton promoted the city as the head of navigation on the Columbia River. Businesses began to spring up and in 1851 a number of fine residences were built in the town with lumber brought around the Horn by Captain Frances LeMont from his home-town in Bath, Maine. In 1852, Knighton succeeded in convincing the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to build a "fine" wharf and warehouse at the foot of St. Helens Street (cost approximately \$40,000).

"It was at this time that Oliver Meeker wrote to his brother, Ezra, afterward marker of the Oregon Trail, who had just arrived in Portland, to come down to St. Helens as he was running a hotel with sixty boarders and there was lots of work for everybody."³ Dr. Thomas Condon, a young Congregational minister, also came to St. Helens in 1852 sent by the American Missionary Society. He stayed for two years preaching and teaching school. Condon, later Oregon's foremost paleontologist and geologist, became Head of the Geology Department at the University of Oregon in 1876, and Condon Hall is named for him.

In the following year, Knighton built an additional wharf in the same vicinity and a church on Nob Hill where it could be seen up and down the river. With all this activity in St. Helens, Knighton anticipated that Portland, St. Helens' up-river rival, would fade back into nothingness and dwindle to a small village.

However, "the citizens of Portland would not stay licked. In those days, the civic leaders of Portland believed in community teamwork. They persuaded W.P. Williams, Henry Meigs, and Captain J.S. Nash, owners of the brig "Peytonia", to place their boat on the San Francisco-Portland run. The "Peytonia" arrived in Portland on Christmas day 1853 and the following day the citizens of Portland gave a banquet to Captain Nash and his officers, at which Josiah Failing speaking in behalf of his fellow townsmen, extended the thanks of the community to the owners and officers of the "Peytonia". St. Helens met this move by building a bigger and better dock and by planning the building of a railroad from St. Helens to Lafayette, at that time the metropolis of the Oregon country. Portland countered by cutting the stumps out of the Canyon Road and putting corduroy in the mudholes from the head of Jefferson Street westward toward Tualatin, so that the farmers would trade in Portland."⁴ This road provided the only link between the Willamette-Columbia water route and Oregon's major wheat belt in the Tualatin Plains.

A final blow to Knighton's dreams for St. Helens was a fire which destroyed his wharf as well as the Pacific Mail's. By this time, the channel at Swan Island had been dredged so that the earlier problem of ships running aground on its bar was eliminated. So when political pressure was brought to bear, the Pacific Mail relocated to Portland. This produced a setback for the local economy with the town's promoters losing heavily and many taking leave of St. Helens.

In January, 1854, when Columbia County was formed by an act of the Territorial Legislature, St. Helens became the County seat. This helped to solidify its position in relationship to other nearby towns. During the 1860's and 70's, St. Helens continued to be a shipping and lumber producing center, but "one settler who came here in 1874 said there were only

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a handful of people."⁵ During these years, St. Helens was a rough and ready place if the National Election of 1862 is any indication. An Oregonian correspondent reported that "It was the warmest election ever held in Oregon if Columbia County was a fair expression, and... St. Helens had a jolly time on the day of the election. About 40 fights, no less, are said to have occurred; 67 shirts badly torn, 36 bloody noses, 24 black eyes, 18 backs dusted, 140 buttons lost, 12 pairs of suspenders bursted, 8 kegs of lager and 19 gallons of whiskey consumed, the ground considerably torn up, besides innumerable scratches, kicks, bites, etc. etc., are said to have been the result of the day's disturbance."⁶ The situation was no doubt aggravated by the voting practice of acclamation still then in vogue.

During the 1870's, the local sawmill which was always in litigation was bought at a Sheriff's sale by Charles and James Muckle, who had been logging near St. Helens. Over a number of years the Muckles built up the mill and developed other holdings in St. Helens. The June, 1883 edition of the West Shore has an extensive illustrated article on their mill, general merchandise store and their boat, the "Latona". In 1884, the growth of surrounding towns, especially Houlton, St. Helens' sister city, was spurred when the Northern Pacific completed construction of the railroad from Portland to Hunters. Although St. Helens was bypassed because of the inaccessability of its rocky terrain, it also prospered from the settlement and the increased trade with Warren, Scappoose, and Houlton.

Its rocky terrain, however, was not always a detriment to its growth. The 1909 special edition of the Oregon Mist noted that "like St. Johns, St. Helens layed dormant for many years and deservedly had the reputation of being one of the slowest towns in Oregon. The beauty of its location was admitted, but it requires payrolls to make a town and these were altogether lacking... but a change has come over the scene, the principal factor in which is the development of the rock industry. The St. Helens rocks, after being sneered at for many years for their unproductive qualities, have at last demonstrated the faith of Old Captain LeMont who always insisted that a time would come when 'somebody will want those rocks'... As Portland and other towns and cities of the north-west grow, the demand for this product must naturally increase for there is no other rock so good for paving streets for heavy traffic or for construction of churches and public buildings." The City of Portland did order St. Helens' Belgian blocks by the thousands to pave their heaviest traveled streets. However, the industry was short-lived. By 1916, bithulithic and concrete had replaced the blocks as a paving material.

On September 14, 1904, the city received a devastating setback to its development when the greater part of the business section of the city was destroyed by fire. The fire destroyed the business block bounded by First, Cowlitz, and Strand and continued on to the Muckle property to the south, destroying the mill but not their general merchandise store. Most of the property owners had no, or inadequate, insurance and, therefore, their losses were especially devastating. As a result of the fire, the complexion of the town was altered substantially. In the place of the old wooden buildings, buildings of

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stone, brick and concrete rose up. Buildings that had not been destroyed in the fire were demolished to make room for the new generation of commercial structures. This trend which was initiated by construction of the courthouse in 1906 was further stimulated in 1909 by the opening of the St. Helens Lumber Company.

In 1908, Hamlin McCormick and his brother, Charles, bought the Muckle Mill property and immediately began construction on their new mill. "With the sudden influx of people to build the mill, St. Helens' boarding and rooming houses and merchants did a thriving business. Thus began the "Big Mill" and the prospering of St. Helens. New homes began to spring up and new business places were soon in evidence. The St. Helens Hotel, City Hall, Muckle, I.O.O.F., and Morgus Buildings and many others were built... and St. Helens was on its way to becoming a city."⁷

In 1889, when the city was incorporated, the population had been 325 and over the next twenty years it had risen to 400 (1909), but then in a matter of seven years, it rose to over 2,400 (1916). This trend was continued and stabilized in the 1920's by Hamlin McCormick's creation of a number of other timber related industries: The St. Helens Ship Building Company in 1912, St. Helens Creosoting Plant in 1913, Columbia County Lumber Company in 1914, St. Helens Wood Products Company in 1923, St. Helens Pulp & Paper in 1926, and Fir-Tex Insulating Board Company in 1930. Three of these businesses still provided a strong economic base for St. Helens going into the 1980's, Boise Cascade Sawmill and Veneer (formerly the St. Helens Lumber Co.), Boise Cascade Pulp and Paper (formerly the St. Helens Pulp & Paper Co.), and Owens Corning (formerly the Fir-Tex Insulating Board Co.).

The buildings in the Downtown Historic District are a dramatic reflection of the development of the city and the people who were influential in this process. Only a few scattered buildings of wood construction, mostly residential, remain to represent St. Helens before the fire of 1904. After the fire, almost all of the commercial buildings were constructed of stone, concrete or brick. Residential structures, however, continued to be built of wood but are distinguishable from the earlier residences because of their style of architecture, Bungalow and Craftsmen, the then latest in architectural fashion. Generally, the homes along the high rock cliffs which overlook the Columbia River on either side of the commercial district tend to be the residences of St. Helens' prominent citizens, physicians, attorneys, businessmen and government officials. The other residences in the district tend to be more modest examples of the Bungalow and Craftsmen styles and the homes of less prominent citizens. It appears that some of these may have been built by the McCormick's for mill employees.

It appears that most of the commercial and residential buildings were designed and constructed by local designers and contractors. A designer of particular note locally is Jesse Doughty who came to St. Helens in 1925. "His sister-in-law, Gabrielle Delepine, a surgical nurse in Dr. L.G. Ross' hospital here, wrote him in 1925 that St. Helens, with a series of mills opening, was on the threshold of major growth and there were indications they would need the services of an architect."⁸ Self-taught, he was only

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qualified as a "designer", but commercial buildings were his forte. He designed the following buildings in the Downtown Historic District: Gray Building (13), Pythian Building (61), Title Co. Building (10), Bennett Building (18), Columbia Theater (14), McCormick Apartments (70), Adams Grocery (60A), Public Restrooms (2A), and Sentinel-Mist Building (128). An editorial at the time of his death in 1949 stated, "Mr. Doughty, in his capacity as the only practicing architect in this vicinity, was more closely identified with the growth of St. Helens in the past 25 years than, perhaps, any other man. Many of the buildings and civic improvements made in that period were the product of his labor".⁹

The major contractor during St. Helens' secondary period of development is J.H. "Hollie" Cronkite. He came to St. Helens in 1907 and worked for Eldridge Crouse until 1911 when he went into business for himself. Cronkite constructed many residential as well as commercial buildings, often collaborating with Doughty after his arrival in 1925. Among the buildings in the District constructed by Cronkite are the Hewitt Building (23), Gray Building (13), Title Co. Building (10), Columbia Theater (14), Shinn House (6), Cronkite House (85) and Dillard House (37). He was especially proud of his work on the McCormick's St. Helens Shipyards where he constructed the sheds, mills and docks. He also constructed many of the sawmills in the area.

St. Helens' secondary period of development came to a close with the Depression years of the early 1930's. Because major transportation systems passed it by, the railroad in 1884 and the highway in the 1920's, it has been isolated from the effects of modern urbanization. Very few buildings have been constructed in the Downtown Historic District since the Depression (only nine in the past 40 years) so that the District architecturally retains the 1920's character of its boom era. St. Helens' Downtown Historic District, then, is an enduring and excellent example of the early settlement patterns of the northwest overlaid with the development of local indigenous industries before the financial collapse of the great Depression. Its character today is a blend of its County seat and payroll city origins.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property c. 47.5 acres

Quadrangle name St. Helens, Oregon-Washington

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The St. Helens Downtown Historic District is located in Sec. 3, T.4N., R.1W. of the Willamette Meridian and in Sec. 34, T.5N., R.1W., W.M., in Columbia County, Oregon. The district includes the core of the gridiron plat of 1850, but its built resources essentially post-date a disastrous fire of 1904 which destroyed (continued)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state Oregon 97051

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date September 25, 1984

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

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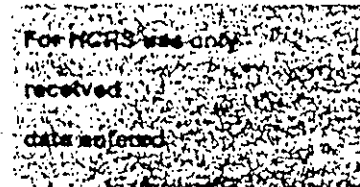
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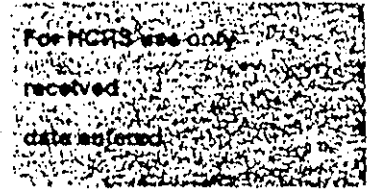
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most of the city's early industrial and commercial development. Within the district, the Columbia County Courthouse of 1906 and the linear "square" which it faces are the hub of commercial and residential development which is cohesive in terms of scale and general architectural character. The scope and extent of the district are distinctly defined by topographical features: the Columbia River on the east, a gulch known as Jackass Canyon on the north, a bluff named Nob Hill on the south; and also by a more or less pronounced shift in architectural period and character on the western edge.

The nominated area, encompassing approximately 47.5 acres, is more particularly described on the following continuation sheet.

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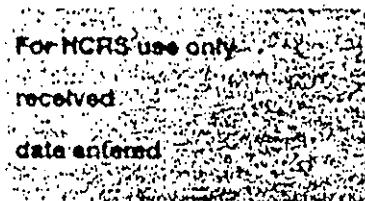
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Beginning at the southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 12, of the Plat of St. Helens, Book 0, Page 166 and 167 as recorded in Columbia County Deeds and Records, Columbia County, Oregon, thence north to the southwest corner of Lot 3, Block 12, thence east to the southeast corner of Lot 3, Block 12, thence north to the northeast corner of Lot 3, Block 12, thence west to the northwest corner of Lot 3, Block 12, thence north to the southwest corner of Lot 8, Block 12, thence east to the southeast corner of Lot 8, Block 12, thence north along the west side of River Street to 45 feet north of the northeast corner of Lot 2, Block 13, thence west 55 feet on a line parallel with the north side of Lot 2, Block 13, thence south 113 feet on a line parallel with the east side of 1st Street, thence west 45 feet on a line parallel with the south side of Lot 2, Block 13, thence south 48 feet along the east side of 1st Street to the southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 13, thence west along the north side of Willamette Street to the southeast corner of Lot 22, Block 16, thence north along the west side of 1st Street to the northeast corner of Lot 18, Block 16, thence west to the northwest corner of Lot 18, Block 16, thence north to the northeast corner of Lot 7, Block 16, thence west to the northeast corner of Lot 16, Block 28, thence south along the west side of 2nd Street to the northeast corner of Lot 17, Block 28, thence west to the northwest corner of Lot 17, Block 28, thence south to the southwest corner of Lot 21, Block 28, thence east to the southeast corner of Lot 21, Block 28, thence south along the west side of 2nd Street to the northeast corner of Lot 17, Block 27, thence west to the northwest corner of Lot 17, Block 27, thence south 15 feet along the west side of Lot 17, Block 27, thence west 30 feet on a line parallel with the north side of Lot 7, Block 27, thence north 131 feet on a line parallel with the east side of 3rd Street to the south side of Lot 9, Block 27, thence east 30 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 9, Block 27, thence north to a point 54 feet north of the southeast corner of Lot 10, Block 27, thence west on a line parallel to the north side of Lot 10, Block 27 to the west edge of 3rd Street, thence south along the west side of 3rd Street to a point 4 feet south of the northeast corner of Lot 14, Block 32, thence west on a line parallel with the north side of Lot 14, Block 32 to the west edge of Lot 14, Block 32, thence south to the southwest corner of Lot 14, Block 32, thence west to the northeast corner of Lot 15, Block 43, thence south along the west side of 4th Street to the northeast corner of Lot 17, Block 43, thence west to the northwest corner of Lot 6, Block 43, thence south along the east side of 5th Street to the southwest corner of Lot 11, Block 42, thence along the south side of Old Portland Road to the northwest corner of Lot 12, Block 42, thence south to the southwest corner of Lot 16, Block 42, thence east to the southwest corner of Lot 7, Block 33, thence north along the east side of 4th Street to the southwest corner of Lot 8, Block 33, thence east to the southeast corner of Lot 8, Block 33, thence north to the northeast corner of Lot 10, Block 33, thence west to the northwest corner of Lot 10, Block 33, thence north along the east side of 4th Street to the south side of St. Helens Street, thence east along the south side of St. Helens Street to the northwest corner of Lot 11, Block 26, thence south along the east side of 3rd Street to the southwest corner of Lot 5, Block 26, thence east 70 feet along the

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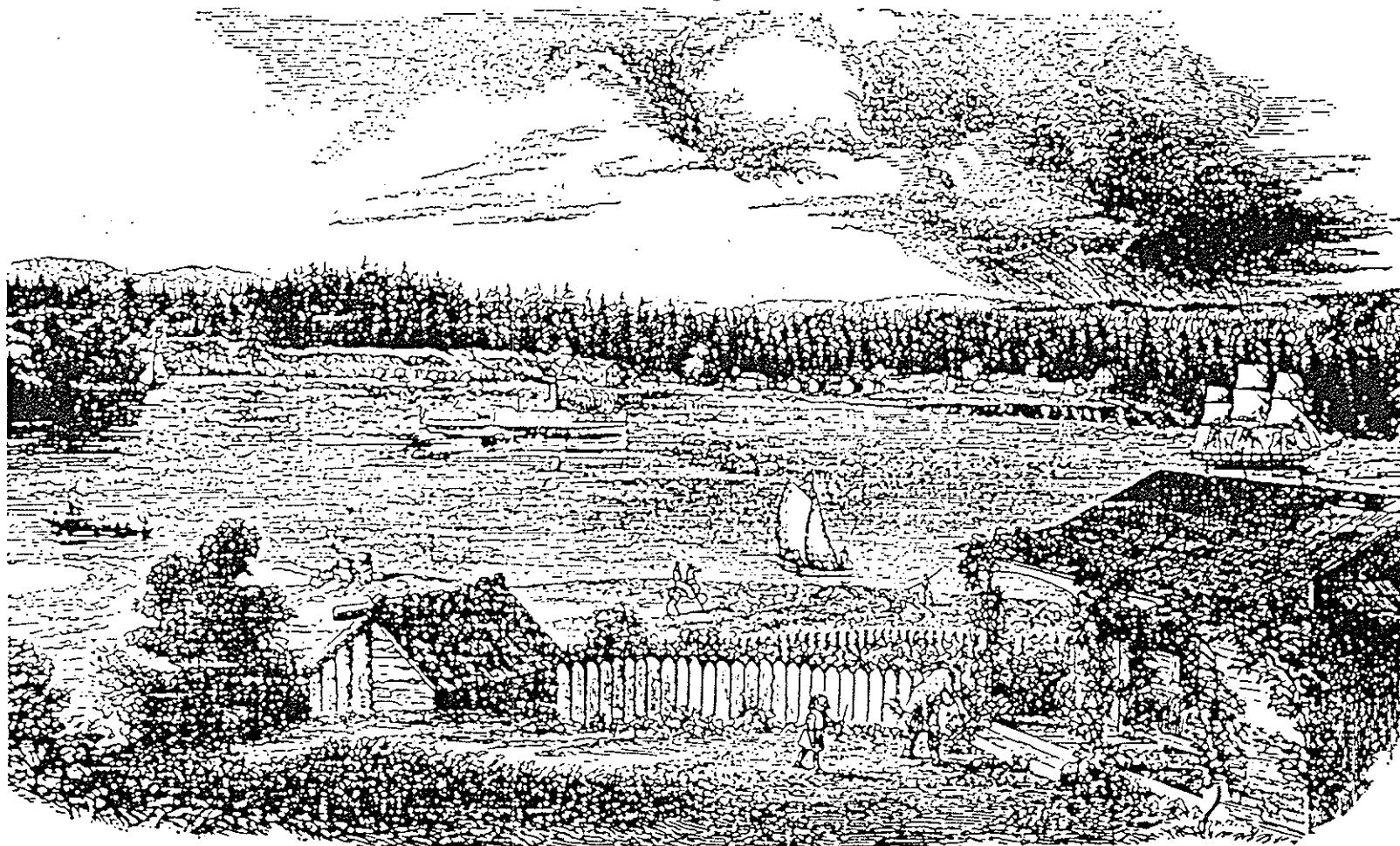
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south side of Lot 5, Block 26, thence south 101 feet on a line parallel with 3rd Street, thence west to a point on the east side of 3rd Street 36 feet north of the southwest corner of Lot 2, Block 26, thence south along the east side of 3rd Street to the southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 26, thence west across 3rd Street to the southeast corner of Lot 22, Block 33, thence south along the west side of 3rd Street to the southeast corner of Lot 18, Block 34, thence east to the southwest corner of Lot 5, Block 19, thence north along the east side of 2nd Street to the southwest corner of Lot 8, Block 19, thence west to the southeast corner of Lot 8, Block 10, thence north to the southwest corner of Lot 14, Block 10, thence east to the east side of Strand Street, thence north along the east side of Strand Street to a point on the easterly prolongation of the line between Lots 21 and 22, Block 11, thence north $73^{\circ} 02' 37''$ east to the tide lands fronting and abutting all of lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, Block 11, thence northerly down said tide lands of the Columbia River to a point on the easterly prolongation of the north side of St. Helens Street, thence south $73^{\circ} 02' 37''$ west to the point of beginning in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon.

St. Helens From Washington Side in 1852



QUOTING from the original article in Gleason's Pictorial, relative to the picture above: "We give you a fine view of the town of St. Helens, in Oregon Territory, situated on the Columbia river, about 50 miles from its mouth. It was settled and named by Mr. Wm. H. Tappan, artist, formerly of Boston in 1849. The river is rather more than a mile wide opposite the town. The fork where is seen the schooner passing (left side) is the lower mouth of the Willamette, but the mouth frequented by vessels bound up the Willamette river, is eighteen miles above. The island which

divides the two is called Sauvies Island, and is large and fertile. The Pacific Mail Ship company have made St. Helens their depot, and are at once to erect large buildings and wharves. It will soon be the largest town in Oregon."

That quotation from the early eastern paper indicates that original plans were to make St. Helens the metropolis of Oregon. In the picture, you see St. Helens from the Washington side of the river.

The name St. Helens is said to have come from Mt. St. Helens, which was named from Baron Alleyne Fitzherbert, St. Helens, British

Ambassador to Spain.

As the Pictorial stated, wharves were built here in 1852. Ezra Meeker, remembered by some, had the first hotel in St. Helens, which can probably be found in the picture.

It is known that Portland was jealous of her little sister city during this period, because of her shipping advantages, and today the result can be seen.

Other "important" cities along the Columbia, near St. Helens, were Milton, Milwaukie, Columbia City, Willamette and Linnton. Milton was a half-mile above St. Helens on the Scappoose bay.

CHARLES MUCKLE. A career worthy of inspiring like effort in all struggling young lives is that of Charles Muckle, who traces his absolute independence back to his eleventh year, and who is justly proud of the grit and determination which have placed him among the foremost lumber men of St. Helens. A native of Ontario, Canada, Mr. Muckle was born August 12, 1846, and is a son of James and Katie (Charles) Muckle, natives of England, and the former born July 26, 1809.

The many-sided abilities of James Muckle, Sr., have won him the old fashioned appellation of Jack of all trades. He was brought to Canada by his parents during his tenth year, settling in Quebec, where his marriage eventually occurred. He became interested in the lumber business in that northern city, and served as township officer for many years. In 1876 he removed from Canada to St. Helens, Columbia county, where his wife died at the age of eighty-four years, but where he is still living with his son, Charles, at the age of ninety-three years. Nevertheless, in spite of his extreme age, he is enjoying good health, and is in the possession of all of his faculties. To himself and wife were born the following children: Robert, of Tennessee; James, of Portland; William, of Rainier; George W., of St. Helens; Charles; Anna, the wife of R. Cox of St. Helens; Eliza, the wife of D. J. Switzer of St. Helens; Mary, the wife of Jacob George of North Albino; Margaret, deceased; Jane, deceased; and Thomas, deceased.

At the immature age of eleven Charles Muckle was bringing in sufficient to pay for his board and clothes. In 1866 himself and brother James established a sort of silent partnership, and started forth upon a combined career which has been amicably continued up to the present time. With their small worldly possessions the boys left the home farm in Canada, and after experimenting for a short time in Ohio traveled further to Wisconsin, where they became interested in lumbering. The three years in the lumber camps of Wisconsin gave them an insight into possibilities as yet unsounded, and they determined to seek a field of operations in the great lumbering district around Vancouver, Wash. For seven years they profited by the resources of this well favored locality, when, rich in experience, and fairly well to do financially, they came to Portland July 26, 1870, and to St. Helens in 1874, and have since been identified with the largest lumbering concern in the town. The brothers are held in the highest esteem in this state, where they are well known, and where their business integrity is above reproach. They are among



Charles Muckle

the conservative and substantial money-makers of this country, and have built up a business destined to increasingly promote the general prosperity. At the present time James Muckle makes his home in Portland, where he oversees the large timber interests of the firm.

Charles Muckle is a Republican in politics, but has always been too busy to either desire or accept political preferment. He is fraternally connected with the Masons, and in religion is a member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Muckle owns farm as well as timber land, and may be said to be an integral part of the development of his adopted state. He is popular and successful, his many admirable traits of character having drawn to him and kept, many warm friends.

R. COX. What is considered to be one of the finest farm properties in Columbia county is owned by R. Cox, who, after seventeen years as bookkeeper for a sawmill concern in St. Helens, is now living a practically retired life. While to the optimistic mind it is possible to construe all misfortune into rational discipline, and even incentive to large accomplishment, the recipient of adverse fortune is everywhere to be commended who has the strength of mind to bring order out of chaos, and light and sweetness out of darkness. Way back in his home in Canada Mr. Cox met with an accident which physically incapacitated him for many kinds of arduous work, but the circumstance has never been allowed to interfere with a continuous self improvement, or the development of those gracious and humanitarian and mentally pleasing traits which win the friendship of many and the regard of all.

A native of Andover, Hampshire, England, Mr. Cox was born June 30, 1843, his ancestors having made their home in that country for several generations. His father, a plumber, painter and gilder, established his business in England as long ago as 1828, and was accounted a master workman in his line, also a man of force of character and commendable characteristics. His son started out to make his own living when thirteen years of age, for a number of years following the fickle fortunes of the sea. At the age of eighteen, in 1861, he came to this country, locating in Canada, where he engaged as a shipping clerk for three years. He then became interested

in railroading for the Grand Trunk Railroad Company, and in 1873 met with the accident on the road which rendered him a cripple for life. When sufficiently recovered he served for three years as station agent at Danby, and in 1877 pulled up Canadian stakes and located in St. Helens, Ore. As an expert bookkeeper he was fortunately appreciated by the sawmill concern which availed themselves of his services for seventeen years, during which time he occupied a prominent place in the general upbuilding of his adopted town.

As a staunch and uncompromising Republican Mr. Cox has promoted the interests of his party as county treasurer, to which office he was elected for three consecutive terms of two years each. He was appointed county judge and served for two years, and he has just completed a four years' term as justice of the peace. August 30, 1868, Mr. Cox was united in marriage with Anna Muecke and of this union there were born five children, of whom Walter R. lives in Colorado; Alice E. is the wife of D. Davis, of Oregon City; James C. is in Republic, Wash.; Emily M. is the wife of F. L. Clair, of Portland; and Frederick Charles is deceased. Besides his farm, which consists of one hundred acres, and which has been finely developed and equipped, Mr. Cox owns considerable town property, all of which evidences his sagacity in investment, and his ability to improve whatever of opportunity has come his way in the great west.

Fire Wipes Out Business Area

Roaring Flames Cost City \$48,850 Before Brought Under Check

By Swepson Morton, Sr.

Talk to any of the old timers and they will tell you of the disastrous fire Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1904, when the greater part of the business section of the city of St. Helens was destroyed. Inquiry reveals some statements not borne out by other statements, so below we give the account as it appeared in The Oregon Mist, then edited by E. H. Flagg, Sept. 16, 1904:

Losses By The Fire

Muckle Bros.	\$14,000
Oriental Hotel	6,000
E. E. Quick (possibly)	6,000
M. C. Gray	4,500
W. H. Dolan	4,500
Florence Godfrey	2,000
Dr. E. Ross	2,000
John McKie	1,500
D. A. Richardson	1,000
W. H. Powell	600
Lope Bros.	500
Captain Good	500
Jacob George	500
Cruiser Saloon	250
Total	\$48,850

"St. Helens was visited by a fire last Wednesday morning that inflicted losses in the neighborhood of \$45,000 and wiped out the main business block of the town.

The entire block of buildings burned was wood, and as the fire started in the north end of block (Ed. Note: where the Muckle brick building now is), with a north wind blowing, it soon became apparent that it was useless to attempt to save any portion in direct line of fire. The supply of water, was of course, inadequate for effective work, but by directing it to buildings not in direct line of the flames a great deal of property was saved from destruction.

The fire spread from the Taylor hotel including Dr. Ross' pharmacy, to the general merchandise store and postoffice of M. C. Gray, which is a total loss, amounting to \$4,500. There is no insurance and wiped out the earnings of years of hard work and close attention to business on the part of Mr. Gray and wife.

Then the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dolman was totally destroyed. Senator George W. McBride and wife were at home here, and the Senator lost besides his personal apparel, a library that had belonged

to his father and by which he set great store. (Ed. Note: The destroyed residence was on lot now occupied by Gussie Lope's home.) Senator McBride owing to the fact that he had been suffering from sickness, had barely time to escape from the burning building.

Next in line was the Oriental hotel, a large three story structure, which furnished an immense amount of fuel for the flames. The law office of W. H. Powell and the abstract office of E. E. Quick soon followed. Mr. Powell had recently purchased the extensive library from Judge F. A. Moore, and these and many other valuable law books were destroyed, totaling probably \$1,000. Mr. Quick had the only set of abstracts in Columbia County valued at at least \$6000, and though they were inside a safe, it is feared they are ruined. He has a partner, Mr. Holton who is in the employ of Prael, Hegele & Co., Portland.

Sawmill and Dock Go

South of this until the sawmill was reached, the property was of comparatively small value, including a store and warehouse stand alone. Three residences and a building used as a blacksmith shop and lodge hall constitute the remainder of the losses.

Had it not been for the earnest efforts of the citizens, the block in which the courthouse is located (Ed. Note: The courthouse was on Plaza Square) would also have been destroyed. If this had been the case with the destruction of Mr. Quick's abstract books the loss to the property owners would have been irreparable, and the blame would have properly been placed on the officials who for years in spite of the findings of grand juries, have refused to construct a new courthouse.

The losses and insurance, so far as The Telegram correspondent can arrive at them are: M. C. Gray \$4500, no insurance; "Jack" McKie, \$1500; Mrs. Florence Godfrey, \$2000 with \$1000 insurance; D. A. Richardson, saloon and fixtures, \$1000, insurance \$800; W. H. Dolman, house and store building, \$4500, insurance \$750; Oriental hotel, \$5000, furnishings, \$1000; Cruiser saloon, \$250; Muckle Bros., sawmill, \$10,000; W. H. Powell, law office, books etc.,

\$600; Dr. Ross' pharmacy, \$2000; Jacob George, St. Helens hotel, \$500; number of large but dilapidated buildings, and the old schoolhouse intended for use as a warehouse by Captain Good of the Steamer America. The next building of importance was the saw mill of Muckle Bros., and this, including the dock, is a total loss. The general merchandise store of Dart & Muckle and their warehouse stood on a portion of the docks and this was saved in a most remarkable manner by the presence of the steamer America, which enabled the men to keep a small stream playing on the side of the buildings most exposed to the blaze. In all the burnt district the Muckle Bros., also lost three dwelling houses, a blacksmith shop and lodge room, and two large buildings used for rooming places valued at \$4000. E. E. Quick's office was destroyed, and it is feared that his abstract books are ruined. If so, his loss is in the neighborhood of \$6000. Captain Good lost a small building used as a warehouse and valued at \$500. Lope Bros. residence, \$500.

Narrow Escape

There were no lives lost, but there were several very narrow escapes. Two young men rooming in what was known as Tammany Hall were cut off by the fire from the staircase, and were compelled to jump out of a window. A new building just erected by Dr. Ross for a pharmacy and lodge room (Ed. Note: old Knights of Pythias building) was saved by the most heroic work of the volunteer firemen. The entire front of it was scorched black. It is now used as a temporary postoffice by M. C. Gray, the merchant who sustained the heaviest single loss.

The probability is that the town will be built in better shape than ever, and that the warning will convince the County Commissioners of the absolute necessity of building a new courthouse of brick and stone, in the location that will give assurance of safety against future fires. (Ed. Note: Mr. Flagg's last paragraph was borne out as building of the present courthouse began in slightly more than a year, 1906 to be exact and the three story Muckle brick building was completed early in 1909 as was Morgus' brick building and lots where the fire swept.)

EDWIN ROSS, M. D.

One of St. Helens's most highly esteemed citizens is Dr. Edwin Ross, who for many years has been engaged in the practice of medicine, in which he has been more than ordinarily successful and has been active and influential in matters affecting the well-being of the community. Dr. Ross was born in Fayette county, Iowa, on the 31st of December, 1864, a son of Levi and Mary (Morse) Ross, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Maine, while both were of Scotch descent. His father, who was a farmer, moved to Wisconsin in 1865 and there followed agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1879. His wife died in 1875. To them were born seven children: William M., who died at St. Helens, Oregon; Joseph, who lives in Wisconsin; Mrs. Jennie Grimes, deceased; Mrs. Dora Barker, deceased; Edwin; Mrs. Hattie Synstegard, of Wisconsin; and E. A., who is engaged in the furniture business in St. Helens.

Edwin Ross attended the public schools of Wisconsin, to which state the family moved when he was about one year old. He was also a student in Beloit College, at Beloit, Wisconsin, and in 1887 came to Oregon, locating at Pendleton, where he worked as a clerk in a drug store. In the fall of 1888 he went to Portland and took a course in pharmacy, and two years later located in St. Helens, at which time the town had a population of about two hundred and fifty. Here he opened a drug store and in the meantime attended the medical school of the University of Oregon at Portland, being graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1894. He entered upon the active practice of his profession at St. Helens, also continuing the drug business until his store was destroyed by fire in 1904, since which time he has confined his attention to his medical practice. Well educated, with a thorough knowledge of the properties of drugs and an accurate diagnostician, he has rendered valuable service to his community and has not only enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, but has held a high place in the confidence of the public. Together with his brother, William Ross, the Doctor aided in organizing the first bank in Columbia county, known as the Columbia county bank, and erected the bank building of native stone. He is now president of the First National Bank of St. Helens.

In 1903 Dr. Ross married Miss Matilda Muckle, who is a native of Tennessee and a daughter of Robert and Mary Elizabeth (Davis) Muckle. Her father was born in Canada and her mother at McConnell, Tennessee, in the manor house on the old Southerland plantation which consisted of thousands of acres taken up from the United States government in the early days when that portion of the state was a wilderness, the property remaining in the family for five generations. The parents of Mrs. Ross died in McConnell, Tennessee, and at the age of eight she came to Oregon to live with her uncle, the late Charles Muckle, of St. Helens, who in partnership with his brother, James Muckle, owned the sawmill and had extensive timber holdings, the brothers being prominently identified with the upbuilding of St. Helens through their business interests and other connections. They owned a sawmill, a store and a hotel and were prominent in the early affairs of the community.

Dr. and Mrs. Ross have a daughter and a son, Harriet, born in Portland, completed the high school course at St. Helens and then pursued the courses of Art and Education in the University of Oregon being graduated with the B. A. degree in 1927. She was married June 14, 1927, to Douglas Wright of Portland, where they now reside. Charles M., born in St. Helens, graduated from the high school here, and is now a student in Pacific University, at Forest Grove, Oregon.

The Doctor is a member of St. Helens Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Avon Lodge, No. 62, K. P., and the Woodmen of the World, and he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. They reside at "Tanglewood on the Columbia" one of the most attractive homes in the town, located on the bank of the river, and noted for the beautiful flowers and shrubs which are cultivated by Mrs. Ross, who is an ardent lover of flowers. They have long occupied an enviable position in St. Helens where they have an extensive circle of friends. Through his professional activities Dr. Ross has long rendered valuable services to his fellowmen and is still the loved family physician in many households.

LEVI GILBERT ROSS, M. D.

High on the list of the able and successful physicians of the Columbia River valley stands the name of Dr. Levi G. Ross, of St. Helens, Oregon, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession continuously since 1910. He was born at Avon, Wisconsin, in October, 1879, and is a son of William M. and Clara (Ross) Ross, who though of the same name were not related. His father was reared to the life of a farmer in Wisconsin, but later turned his attention to educational affairs, teaching school for a number of years and serving as county superintendent of schools of Rock county, that state. Later he went to Janesville, Wisconsin, where he was employed in newspaper work on the staff of the Janesville Gazette for several years. In 1905 he came to St. Helens, Oregon, and, liking the appearance of the place, made a few investments. In 1906 he established the first bank in Columbia county, known as the Columbia County Bank, of which he was the first president and cashier. A few years later he established a bank at Scappoose, Oregon. He was greatly interested in the development of St. Helens, serving as mayor and on the city council. His death occurred October 17, 1916. He was married twice, by the first union having two children, Levi Gilbert, of this review, and Mrs. Amy Knutson, of Hadley, Minnesota. By his second marriage he became the father of two children, Harold, who enlisted for service in the World war and died at Vancouver Barracks from the "flu," and Dr. Cecil J., who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Portland, Oregon.

Levi G. Ross received his early education in the public schools of Janesville, Wisconsin, after which he matriculated in the medical school of Northwestern University, at Chicago, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1907. He paid his own way through college by working at various occupations. He then came to Portland, Oregon, where he served one year as interne in the Good Samaritan Hospital, and in 1908 went to Huntington, Baker county, Oregon, where he was associated with Dr. William Spencer for two years. In 1910 Dr. Ross came to St. Helens, where he has met with notable success as physician and surgeon, specializing in gynecology and obstetrics. He rendered a distinct and appreciated service to this section of the country when, in 1925, he built and equipped St. Helens general hospital, which in all respects is modern, having the latest medical and surgical appliances. Sincerely devoted to his profession, and with a profound sympathy for the sick and afflicted, he has proven well worthy of the confidence and respect in which he is held throughout the community. Dr. Levi G. Ross has been county health officer of Columbia county, Oregon, since 1910, and is now the oldest health officer in point of continuous service, in the state.

On August 31, 1911, in Montana, Dr. Ross was united in marriage to Miss Verna E. Shaffer, who is a native of Indiana and whom he first met in the Good Samaritan Hospital, from which she later graduated in nursing. Dr. and Mrs. Ross are the parents of one child, John Morse, born February 11, 1916, the name Morse being after the inventor of the telegraph, who was of this same blood. Dr. and Mrs. Ross are also bringing up Frances Ann Ross, born April 25, 1923, of whom they are legal guardians. The Doctor is a member of St. Helens Lodge No. 32, A. F. & A. M.; St. Helens Chapter, No. 53, R. A. M.; and Avon Lodge, No. 62, K. P. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the board of education and is a director of the Columbia County Bank, which was established by his father. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is a steward and is also a member of the choir, in which he takes an active interest. During the World war he was the physical examiner of all enlistments and was county chairman of the Red Cross drives, and Mrs. Ross organized a class in nursing and instructed a number of young women for war service. Dr. Ross possesses a genial and kindly manner, calculated to inspire confidence on the part of his patients, and all who have come in contact with him hold him in the highest measure of regard.

H. F. McCORMICK

The name of McCormick bears a very close relation to the town of St. Helens, Oregon, for it was the advent of the McCormick lumber and milling interests into this locality which gave impetus to the growth of the town and has remained its most important industrial concern. H. F. McCormick, who for twenty years has managed the great McCormick mill here, is a member of the Charles R. McCormick Lumber Company, and, besides his business interests, has proven a valuable citizen of the community, lending his aid and influence in every possible way to the promotion of the public welfare.

Mr. McCormick was born in Saginaw, Michigan, and is a son of A. W. and Harriet McCormick, both of whom are deceased. His father was a pioneer lumberman of Saginaw and also owned and operated a large sawmill there. To him and his wife were born two sons, Charles R., of San Francisco, California, president of the Charles R. McCormick Lumber Company, and H. F.

H. F. McCormick was educated in the public schools of his native city and in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. After leaving college he was associated with his father in the lumber business, gaining valuable experience, and in 1901 he went to San Francisco, California, where he engaged in the lumber and shipping business until 1908, having become associated with his brother in the firm of Charles R. McCormick & Company. In 1908, when the company built its sawmill at St. Helens, he came here as active manager and has held that position continuously since. The main mill has a capacity of four hundred thousand feet of lumber every sixteen hours, the mill being operated on two shifts of eight hours each, and the company also has another mill across the slough at St. Helens, which has a productive capacity of one hundred and twenty-five thousand board feet each eight-hour shift. A large planing mill is also operated in connection with the mills and about six hundred men are employed in the mills, besides about two hundred stevedores who are employed in loading ships. The company operates a fleet of twenty-six steamships, which carry McCormick lumber to all parts of the world, also owns a large creosoting plant at St. Helens, is heavily interested in paper and pulp mills at this place and owns thirteen and a half miles of water front on the Columbia river. H. F. McCormick has given close attention to the operation of these interests and has shown marked ability in their management. He is president of the St. Helens Wood Product Company and is president of the Columbia County Bank of St. Helens.

At Drain, Oregon, in 1914, Mr. McCormick was united in marriage to Miss Nellie B. Perkins, who was born and reared at that place, and is a daughter of Leonard and Mary J. Perkins, the former now deceased. Mr. Perkins, who was a pioneer of that locality, was long engaged in the lumber business. Mr. McCormick is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Menominee, Michigan. He is a man of strong character and marked individuality, possesses clear headed judgment in practical matters and his record as a business man has gained for him an enviable standing in the community in which he lives, while his fine personal qualities have won him a host of warm and loyal friends who esteem him for his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

Friend Of Hamlin McCormick Pays Him Tribute As "Our First Citizen"

By B. C. MORTON

Hamlin F. McCormick has gone on another journey. It was not unusual for Ham to take journeys and when he returned, in most instances he brought back with him cheering news of a good prospect for another industry to be located at St. Helens. He was the good will emissary between those who had capital to invest and the natural advantages of St. Helens as a manufacturing site. But from this last journey, Ham will not return, and with that unusual optimism which was a characteristic, tell of what he was working for to bring another payroll to St. Helens, for unassuming, friendly, progressive Ham has gone on that last journey which ends in eternity and knows no return.

Hamlin F. McCormick came to St. Helens in 1908 when the mill was under construction. He saw possibilities for the village. There was an antiquated and inadequate water system. With the aid of such public spirited citizens as Charles Muckle, A. T. Laws, C. C. Masten, as members of the water board (a new charter having been adopted to provide for a water commission), within a year St. Helens had a good supply of pure water. Ham wanted St. Helens to emerge from the coal oil light era to electric lights and prevailed on his brother, Charles R. McCormick, to have the mill company put in an electric system. It was done and St. Helens had an electric system.

Mr. McCormick had been interested in a small mill in the Willamette valley, so he moved the machinery and organized the Columbia County Lumber company. The mill was built and enlarged and when it was destroyed by fire years ago, was running night and day and giving employment to 200 men. Sauvie Island was a good site for mills so he was instrumental in having built the St. Helens Tie and Timber mill and the Island Lumber company mill, the latter becoming a part of the McCormick enterprises. And when ship tonnage was in demand because of the war in Europe, and withdrawal of much tonnage from the Pacific coast, it was Ham who saw the possibilities of a shipyard. The McCormick company approved the idea and the steamer Multnomah, a product of the yard, launched in 1914, was the opening wedge in shipbuilding on the Columbia river. Other vessels were built and millions of dollars distributed for labor and material because of Ham's keen look into the future.

Then came the idea of having paper and pulp mills in the northwest. Joe Kastner told of the possibilities and Ham set to work. He spent much of his personal resources in surveying, statistical information, contracts, etc., before he gave the word to go ahead. The result was the building of the huge plant of the St. Helens Pulp and Paper company. There is no necessity to dwell on what this industry has meant and does mean to St. Helens.

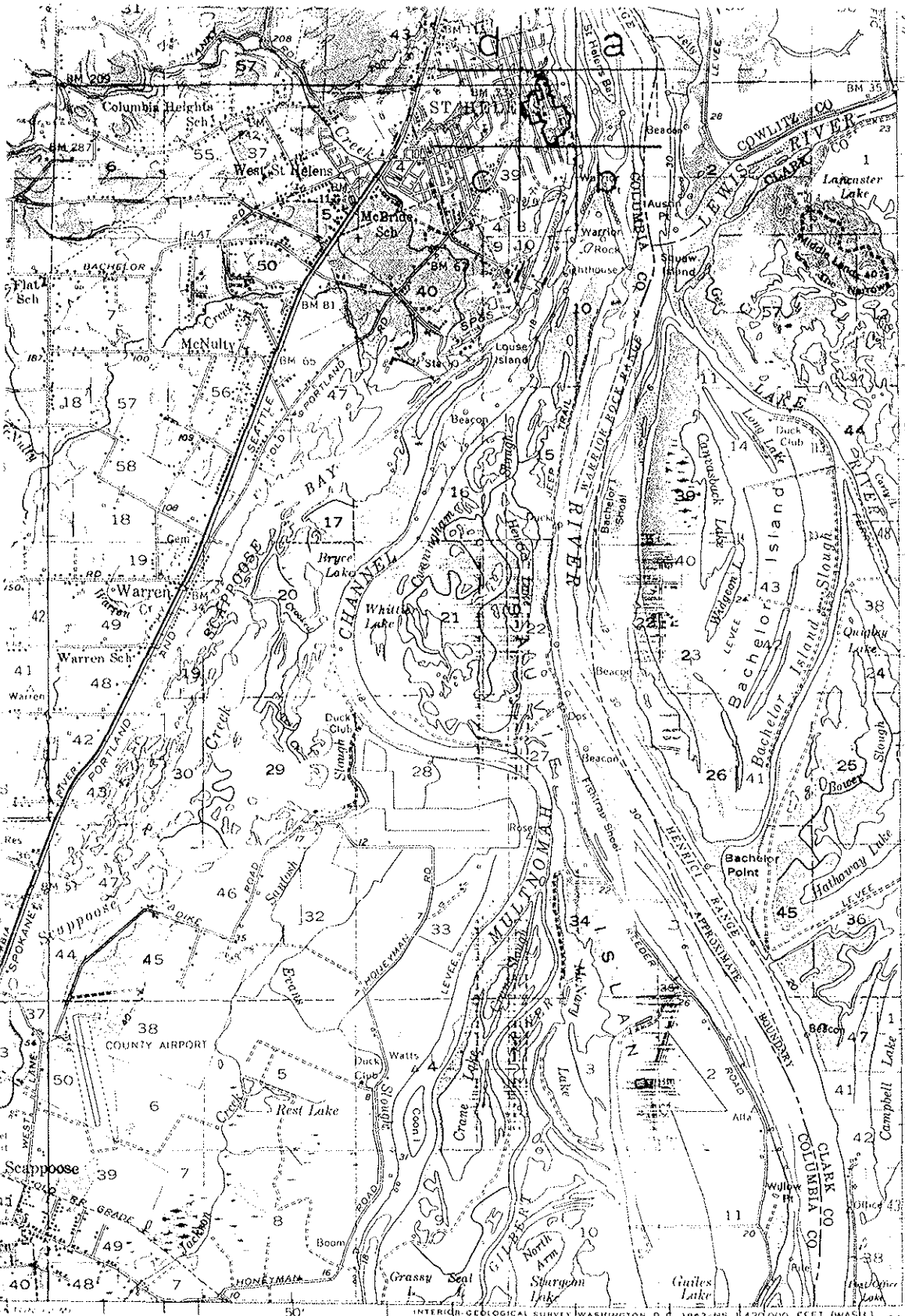
Another monument to his industrial vision is the Fir-Tex plant. A Mr. Millington called on C. R. McCormick in San Francisco and was sent up north to see Ham. The idea appealed to him and the result was that many prominent men of the northwest and California were interested and the Fir-Tex plant became a reality. The broom handle factory, creosoting works, and other enterprises add to the chain of industrial life which he fostered.

And with it all, Ham remained that unassuming, friendly, helpful, modest personage who preferred that some other take credit. Rising high in industrial circles, he always remembered the men who had worked with or for him and when they called him "Ham", it was not with the idea of familiarity, but as a friend.

Among the scores of floral offerings which were banked around the casket which bore him on his last journey, was one which stood out conspicuously, a huge wreath, and across it a wide, white ribbon which bore the inscription, "Our First Citizen." It was appropriate, it was true, and expressed the sentiment of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce.

The writer, who for a decade worked with Ham and for almost another two decades enjoyed and prized his friendship, can add nothing more to this tribute.

The curling smoke, which goes heavenward from busy plants, mutely tells of Mr. McCormick's work in the industrial field of St. Helens but his lasting monument is in the knowledge of St. Helens people who were privileged to know him intimately and will voice the sentiment of that wording on the wreath, "Our First Citizen."

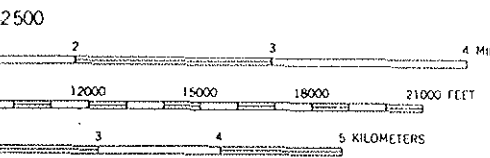


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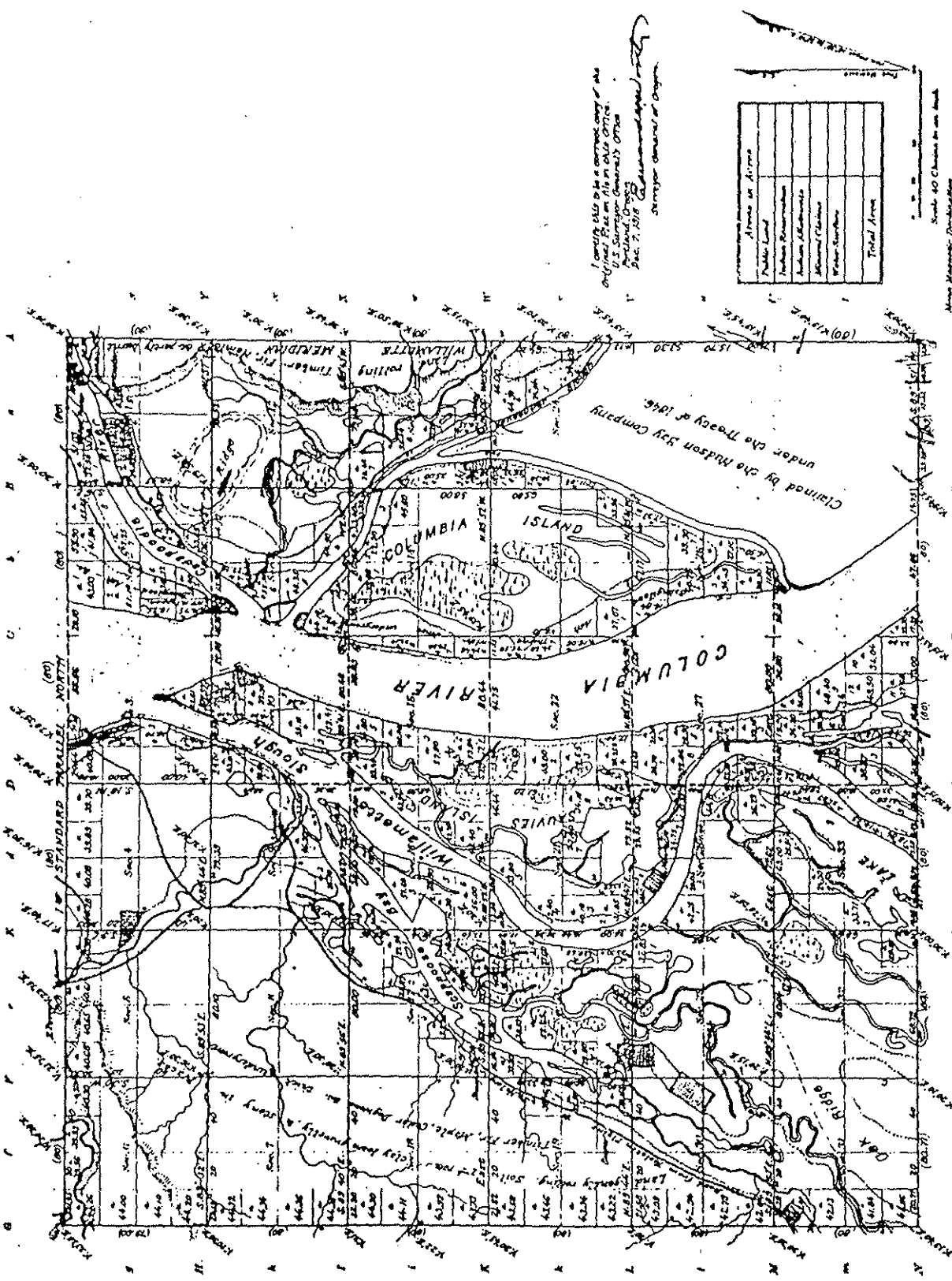
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Township No. 4 North Range No. 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, Oregon.



This map is a corrected copy of the original as shown in the office of the U.S. Surveyor General at Portland, Oregon, dated 7, 1854 (See map of Oregon) Surveyor General of Oregon.

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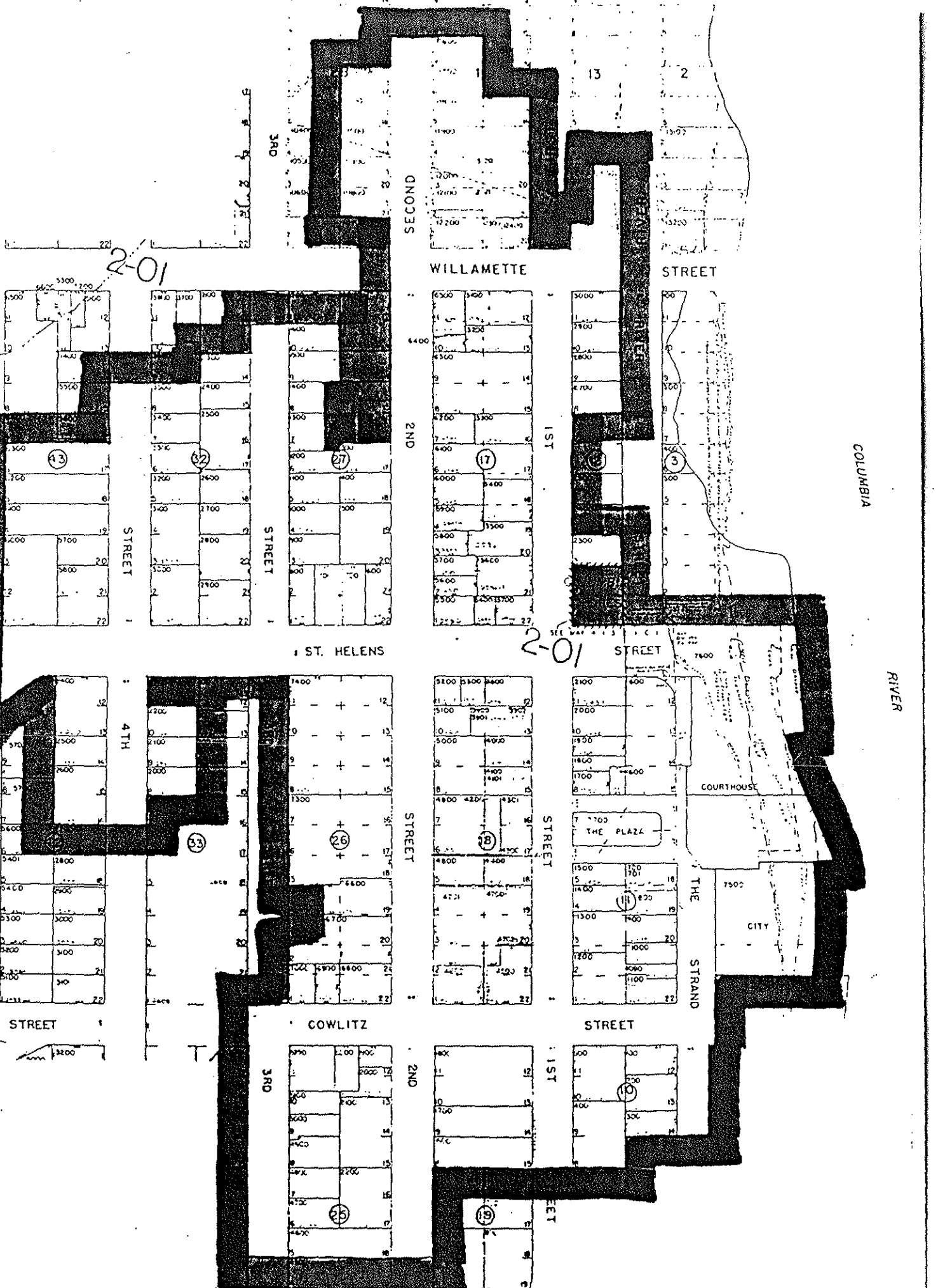
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The above map of Township No. 4 North Range No. 1 West of the Willamette Meridian Territory of Oregon is hereby conformable to the field notes of the survey thereof on file in this office, which have been examined and approved
 Surveyor General's Office
 Oregon City, May 5th 1854.

C. G. Gardner
 Surveyor General of Oregon

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