

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Oregon
COUNTY: Clackamas
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE JAN 21 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
"Locust Farm"

AND/OR HISTORIC:
McCarver, (Morton Matthew), House *with this name*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
554 Warner - Parrot Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Oregon City

STATE:
Oregon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Oregon First Congressional District

REPRESENTATIVE:
Wendell Wyatt

CODE:
41

COUNTY:
Clackamas

CODE:
005

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Albert Powers (owner notified of nomination 11-7-72)

STREET AND NUMBER:
554 Warner - Parrot Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Oregon City

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Oregon

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Clackamas County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Oregon City

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Oregon

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

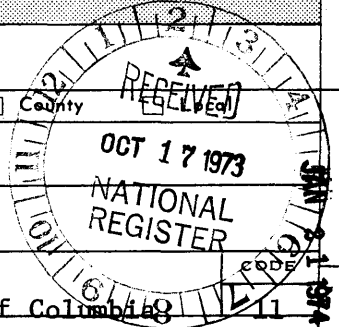
DATE OF SURVEY: **1934**

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
National Parks Service

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
District of Columbia



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

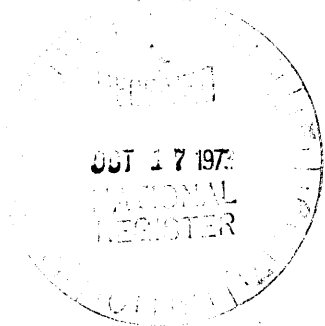
Erected in 1850, the Morton M. McCarver House is a prefabricated "Aladdin House" cut in Maine, patterned in Boston, and erected east of Oregon City on McCarver's 640-acre donation land claim. He paid his foreman, Andrew Hood, \$16 per day to put up the house, and his helpers \$14 a day. The new house replaced the log cabin, which he had erected when establishing his home on the claim. The house is believed to be one of the few early prefabricated dwellings surviving in Oregon.

The main block has two stories and an attic covered by a gable roof. Openings are formally arranged. Windows are of the double-hung sash type with six lights over six. The original building measured 40 feet in depth, but several subsequent additions to the rear have extended its depth to about 97 feet. The wall boards, no two of which are the same width, are nailed with hand forged nails to large sleepers and supports. It seems, however, that when the builders were constructing the barn they ran short of nails. They were compelled to cut a long narrow groove the full length of each sleeper and studding in which the ends of the boards were firmly fitted. Thus they saved their remaining nails to fasten the ends of the dove-tailed sleepers. The exterior wall cover is vertical board and batten.

In 1852 McCarver added to the six-room main block a kitchen ell (the first kitchen was a lean-to structure), a dining room, a sitting room and a veranda. Another addition was made by subsequent owners in 1900.

In 1962 the current owner started restoration work on the house which was then dilapidated and virtually without a roof. She added eaves troughs, but retained the original treatment of exposed eaves. The brick chimney with corbeled cap, has been relaced by a shorter and wider stack. The Columbus Day storm in 1962 uprooted a giant oak which crushed the "apple house," which was located south of the main house. In the upper story of the "apple house" was situated the first public school in the vicinity. McCarver stored apples in sawdust in the building which had six-inch thick walls. A fire in 1972 caused some damage to the main block, but the owner again restored the house, this time being forced to use considerable replacement material. The house appears today just as it did in the photograph of 1971.

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McCARVER (MORTON MATTHEW) HOUSE

2. Location

The Morton Matthew McCarver House is located in NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 6. T. 3 S., R. 2 E. of the Willamette Meridian, in Clackamas County, Oregon.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings 1970
Parks and Recreation Section
Oregon State Highway Building
Salem, Oregon 97310 Code: 41



3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1850**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

It was in 1850 that General Morton Matthew McCarver, who crossed the plains in 1843, built his two and one-half story farm house on the outskirts of Oregon City. He used sawed lumber which had been shipped around the horn. Because most of the houses of that time were of somewhat more primitive nature, McCarver's house was for a time one of the show places of the lower Willamette Valley.

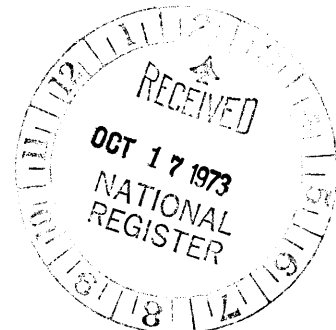
McCarver was born in Lexington, Kentucky in 1807. He settled in Galena, Illinois in 1839. During the Black Hawk Indian War he served as commissary-general of Iowa, and it was from this period that his title of "General" derived. McCarver founded Burlington, Iowa before emigrating to Oregon in 1843. With Peter Burnett, fellow immigrant, and first governor of the state of California, he founded Linnton, Oregon (now part of Portland). In 1845 he was elected Speaker of the Provisional Government of Oregon, and he served two terms.

McCarver and his second wife, widow Julia Anne Buckalew, took up a donation land claim south of Oregon City and planted an orchard. On hearing news of the gold strike, he left for California. There he platted the town of Sacramento for the Sutters and was a delegate to the California Constitutional Convention in Monterey in 1849. McCarver purchased the passenger packet The Ocean Bird and returned to Oregon in 1850, bringing with him the materials for his house.

McCarver moved to Portland in 1859 and sold his interests to the Warner family, occupants of the property until 1947. It was during the latter period that the property became known as "Locust Farm", so named for the Locust trees which lined the drive.

Among figures distinguished in Oregon history who were guests at McCarver's house were Dr. John McLoughlin, Peter Skene Ogden, Father Norbert Blanchet, and Robert Newell.

Before his death in 1875, McCarver founded the town of Tacoma, Washington.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Powers, Ruth McBride, "The McCarver House, Oregon City," 2 pages, mimeographed typescript issued by the Oregon Historical Society.
 Corning, Howard McKinley, Dictionary of Oregon History (Portland: Binforde and Mort, 1956), 159.
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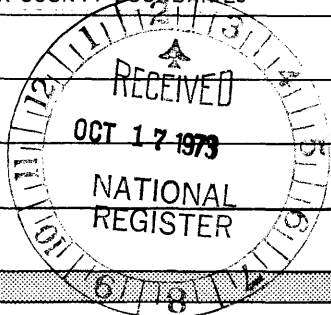
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 , "	0 , "				
SE	0 , "	0 , "				
SW	0 , "	0 , "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **4.80 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paul Hartwig, Assistant Park Historian
 ORGANIZATION: Oregon State Highway Division DATE: September 1973
 STREET AND NUMBER:
State Highway Building
 CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Oregon CODE: 41
 ZIP: 97310

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:
 National State Local

Name: *Ronald M. Greenberg*
 Title: Director of Transportation
 Date: 10-10-73

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

R. R. Wooten
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/21/74
 ATTEST:
Ronald M. Greenberg
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: 1/18/74