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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1** NAMEHISTORIC McManus (Patrick F.) House (preferred)AND/OR COMMON
Hiram Colver House (HABS)

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
117 W. First StreetCITY, TOWN
Phoenix

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
4thSTATE
OregonCODE
41COUNTY
JacksonCODE
029

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Orrie A. and Barbara J. BatemanSTREET & NUMBER
117 W. First StreetCITY, TOWN
Phoenix

VICINITY OF

STATE
Oregon 97535

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Jackson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
MedfordSTATE
Oregon 97501**6** REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYSTITLE
Historic American Buildings Survey (Hiram Colver House)DATE
1934 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Library of CongressCITY, TOWN
Washington, DC

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Patrick F. McManus House is a ^{clapboarded} one-and-a-half-story wood frame dwelling on ^{coursed} stone foundation. It was completed in the Classical Revival tradition sometime between 1853 and 1855. It is situated on the Donation Land Claim of Samuel Colver, at the Southern Oregon location which eventually became known as Phoenix. The house is oriented to the north-west, and is placed laterally on its site. The rear slope of the gable roof which shelters the main block and its attic was at an early date extended at a lower pitch to cover a single story rear addition. The resulting plan of the house is square. Distinctive features of the facade are an especially well-articulated frieze and cornice with returns at the gable ends and a full-length porch which has six square columns with molded caps supporting a shallow hipped roof with frieze. ^{original} The brick chimney straddled the roof ridge inside the south gable end. Window openings in the side walls are fitted with double-hung sash with six lights over six. The facade is more or less formally organized into four bays, with the entry being offset from the center. The doorway is surrounded by transom and side lights and base paneling. The three elongated casement windows on either side of the entry are trimmed with classical architraves. The house is constructed of hand-finished lumber and square nails. Its first coat of paint is understood to have been grey.

It is most important to note that the structure which is the subject of this nomination was included in the 1934 Historic American Buildings Survey but was listed at that time as the "Hiram Colver House". Recent scholarship has established that the house was actually built by Patrick McManus and only passed into the ownership of the Hiram Colver family seven years subsequent to the death of Hiram Colver. On this basis, the preferred reference to the house is the McManus House rather than the Hiram Colver House. In addition, it should be pointed out that the town of Phoenix is also the site of the Samuel Colver House (brother of Hiram). The Colver brothers had adjoining claims. The two-story Samuel Colver House is included in Oregon's Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties and is being considered for future nomination to the National Register.

The record indicates that the majority of structural alterations to the McManus House occurred in the 1920s during the occupancy of a family named Watkins. The back porch was enclosed to create a utility room and insulated pantry, and a second roof was constructed over the original when the original was sufficiently deteriorated to begin leaking. The existing wood front porch was resurfaced by pouring cement over it. Inside the house, the original hallway connecting the front and the rear doors was altered by adding a square archway at its midpoint.

Recent alterations pursued by the present owners include the removal of the original roof and the creation of three bedrooms and a bathroom in the former attic space; the addition of a stairway to the second floor in the kitchen, the wallpapering of four rooms on the first floor, the painting of all rooms, the addition of two beams in the living room ceiling for structural support of the second story, installation of carpeting in three downstairs rooms and the replacement of the electrical and plumbing systems. Currently, heating is accomplished by electric hot water baseboard elements. Additional work anticipated by the present owners includes restoration of the front porch to original appearance, application of new roofing shingles, stripping and repainting of the exterior surfaces to recreate original color treatment. The original parlor chimney-piece is intact; the chimney stack, however, has been rebuilt directly over the fireplace, on the front slope of the roof. Externally, the important change has occurred in the roof-line. While the latter is in essentially the same configuration as the original, additional loft was needed at the rear in order to gain space for new rooms in the former attic story. The resulting profile is now that of a saltbox, and the raking cornices are no longer extant. Small windows now light the second story at gable ends.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1855 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Patrick McManus, builder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Classic Revival house of Patrick F. McManus is important to Southern Oregon as one of the oldest structures in the town of Phoenix and one of the very earliest buildings in the Rogue River Valley. Aside from its architectural merit (this structure was included in the 1934 Historic American Buildings Survey), the age of the McManus House provides the homogenous Southern Oregon region a tangible link with its colorful past.

The Rogue River Valley has been the site of white exploration and exploitation from the early 1820s. Hudson's Bay Company fur trapping brigades sent from the company's district headquarters at Fort Vancouver comprised the earliest significant white penetration of the region. The American fur trapper, Jedediah Smith, passed through the region in 1829 on his way north from the Spanish possessions in California (Smith's party was attacked by the local Indians, with only Smith and two companions escaping). During the 1830s and 1840s, the area was frequently traversed by entrepreneurs and emigrants passing between California and the Willamette Valley settlements.

Major permanent white settlement of the Southern Oregon region coincided with the discovery of placer gold deposits in the early 1850s and the consequent influx of miners. The presence of such a sizable population generated clusters of commercial enterprises to serve the miners, some of which--like Phoenix--stabilized into towns with economic bases diverse enough to sustain them long after the ephemeral mining frontier had vanished to other regions.

As was the case in the majority of settled regions on the Pacific Slope, the early history of Southern Oregon was characterized by an amorphous, highly fluid society. In such situations, the development of a community must be traced through the aggregate contributions of many individuals, rather than through the lives of a few prominent figures. In this context, the McManus house is especially significant, for its history illustrates many of the basic patterns in the settlement of the American West.

Patrick McManus was an Irish immigrant who arrived in Southern Oregon in the early 1850s and established the first mercantile enterprise in Gasburg (later re-named Phoenix). As was not uncommon, McManus settled on a Donation Land Claim registered to an acquaintance of his (Samuel Colver), and finally received title to the claim in October of 1864. Prior to receipt of title, however, McManus had departed for Yreka, California where he remained for the rest of his life.

The second owner of the property was Maria (Mrs. Hiram) Colver, widowed sister-in-law of Samuel Colver. The property was deeded over to her by McManus in October of 1864, two days after he had received title.

Upon the death of Maria Colver, the property was acquired at public auction by her daughter, Sarah Abi Colver Foudrey. Her husband, E.D. Foudrey, was a Kentuckian who arrived in Oregon in 1852 and became a figure of significance in Southern Oregon. He is credited with establishing the Democratic political party in Southern Oregon, he was associated with efforts to route the Oregon and California Railroad through Phoenix, he owned the Phoenix

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 87x187 feet approx. .4 acres JFC 1/17/78

UTM REFERENCES

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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Tax Lot 7700 in Phoenix, Jackson County, Oregon, which is a parcel measuring 87 by 187 feet, more or less, Beginning at a point at the intersection of the southerly margin of West 1st Street and the easterly margin of Church Street; thence northeasterly along the southerly margin of West 1st Street approximately 87 feet; thence southeasterly along a lot line parallel to Church Street approximately 187 feet; thence southwesterly approximately 87 feet to the easterly margin of Church Street; thence northwesterly along said easterly margin of Church Street to the point of beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Orrie A. Bateman (with assistance of Brent Lambert, Special Assistant,

ORGANIZATION

DATE SHPO)

August 3, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

117 W. First Street

TELEPHONE

503/535-3446 503-376-500

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Oregon 97535

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

David H. Talbot

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

December 30, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature]

DATE

3-8-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

[Signature]

DATE

2-6-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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flour mill, and he served in/ ^{the} capacities of deputy sheriff, bookkeeper and Clerk of the Court for Jackson County, as well as Justice of the Peace in Phoenix. During the Modoc Indian War (1872-1873) Foudrey was appointed as aide to one of the participating general officers (General Ross) and was in supervision of the pack train responsible for the capture of the Modoc leader, Captain Jack. Foudrey died in, and was funeralized from, the McManus House in 1903.

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