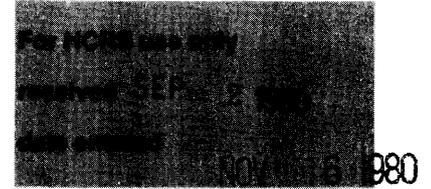


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic James O. Wilson House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 340 SW 5th Street _____ not for publication

city, town Corvallis _____ vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Oregon code 41 county Benton code 003

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Patricia and Jay Mackie

street & number 340 SW 5th Street

city, town Corvallis _____ vicinity of state Oregon 97330

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Benton County Courthouse

street & number 120 NW 4th Street

city, town Corvallis _____ state Oregon 97330

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1976 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Oregon State Historic Preservation Office

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Queen Anne house constructed by carpenter-builder and entrepreneur Bushrod Wilson for his son, James O. Wilson, in 1891 occupies two corner lots at the northwest corner of the intersection of 5th Street and Adams Avenue in southeast Corvallis, within a few blocks of the Willamette River. It is among the oldest houses in the immediate neighborhood.

Irregular in plan, the two-story frame house is essentially a rectangular volume, oriented east to west, with the numerous gables, bays, porches and projections which typify the Queen Anne Style. Ground story siding is drop siding with horizontal and vertical strips applied as surface paneling in the tradition of the Stick Style. Fish scale shingles cover second story exterior walls and have a slight up-turn, or flare at the bottom course. The main volume of the house is covered by a shingled, jerkin-headed hipped roof, the east end of which is finished with a solid vergeboard with rectangle appliques. Vergeboards of gable ends and gables are similarly styled but have, in addition, scalloped termini. Vergeboard decoration of the front gable is further distinguished by cut-out work at the apex. Two tall brick chimneys with corbelled tops and neckings break the roofline on the south and west sides. Originally, all roof ridges were decorated with cresting.

The principal, or east facade, is composed of a two-story gable-roofed projection with single-story bay on the south side and the main wall plane, on the north, which is crowned by the jerkin-head gable. In the main wall plane is a triangular-arched double window which gives access to the deck of a small, shed-roofed porch originally embellished with spindle work in a cut-out frieze and arch. Balustrades for decks of the porch and the front window bay have since disappeared, but are to be reduplicated along with roof ridge cresting. Porch railings have been lost in the intervening years also. All other features of the exterior are intact.

The south elevation, fronting Adams Avenue, has two distinctive features: a blind gable behind which the south chimney rises, and a shallow, two-story wing in which outer ground story bays are beveled and shaded by scroll-sawn skirtings suspended from the angles of the walls above. Typical windows are tall, double-hung windows with one over one lights. The upper lights in the central, paired openings of either gable end on east and south elevations are bordered by rectangles of colored glass in wood muntins. Several single windows in the north elevation are similarly glazed. Upper portions of the paired window under a triangular arch head on the east elevation are fitted with colored glass also.

The distinctive feature of the north elevation is a shallow, two-story polygonal bay which, with its faceted, conical roof, is Richardsonian in inspiration. The rear, or west elevation is more plainly finished. Some of the original window openings in this elevation were modified in the interior remodeling of 1934, but not to the detriment of overall design.

Interior spatial organization, plaster walls, fir flooring, and unpainted fir trim are intact. The entry stairhall contains on the north wall a winding stair--open at the string--with turned balusters and posts. Baseboards have a deep crown mold. Wall openings have beaded surrounds with boss-embellished corner blocks. Oak picture molding is found in the parlor and diningroom. The focal point of the parlor is the chimneypiece on the south wall with its glazed ceramic tile surround and bracketed overmantel of oak and beveled mirror glass. Access to the parlor and diningroom is from the entry stairhall, through sliding pocket doors. The two rooms, in turn, are connected by a double sliding door in the wall between them. The only significant changes to the interior were carried out in 1934. At that time a basement was excavated for a wood furnace, which has since been converted to oil. Cupboards, countertops,

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10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than one (100 x 100')

Quadrangle name Corvallis, Oregon

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots one and two, Block 29, Avery's Second Addition to Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon.

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 Pat Mackie

organization

date March 1980

street & number 340 SW 5th Street

telephone 503/754-8494

city or town Corvallis

state Oregon 97330

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Deputy SHPO

date August 15, 1980

For HCRS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Keeper of the National Register date 11/6/80

Attest: Chief of Registration date 11-4-80

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new plumbing, and a wood lift were installed in the kitchen. The pantry was converted to a breakfast nook, and a bathroom was made of the former butler's pantry. Plywood covering was added over existing horizontal wall cover in the kitchen. It will be removed to expose original wall finish. The upstairs contains two large bedrooms above the parlor and dining-room and a smaller bedroom above the entry stairhall. A fourth bedroom over the kitchen had been converted to a bathroom prior to 1934.

A single-car garage, built prior to 1934, is situated behind the house to the west. On the north side of the house is a small formal garden with gravel walks and brick terrace, a grape arbor, and mature plum tree.

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