

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 01000493

Date Listed: 5/16/2001

Condon Commercial Historic District  
(Boundary Increase)

Property Name

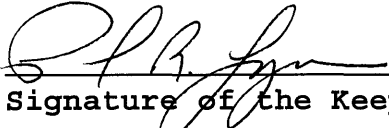
Gilliam  
County

OR  
State

N/A

Multiple Name

-----  
This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
Signature of the Keeper

5/16/01  
Date of Action

=====  
Amended Items in Nomination:

**Resource Count:**

The Boundary Increase adds one (1) contributing building to the historic district resulting in a combined total of 23 contributing resources, 17 non-contributing resources and 1 previously listed resource.

**Significance:**

Since the Boundary Increase represents a single "moved" resource Criteria Consideration B should be checked and justified. [The Boundary Increase meets the criteria consideration because the building has retained basic historical and architectural integrity, is appropriate to the architectural character and historical period of the district, reestablishes the general environment of the building and district, and does not diminish the significance or spatial organization of the district as a whole.]

**U. T. M. coordinates:**

The boundary increase area is contained within the area marked by the original UTM points.  
[For purposes of record keeping the individual resource is located at: 10 721020 5012969.]  
[The area encompasses less than one acre.]

These revisions were confirmed with the OR SHPO office.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

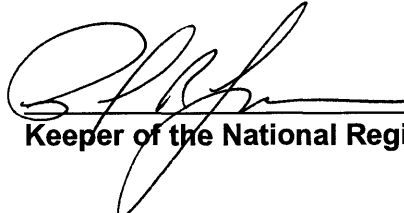
# **National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet**

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

**Condon Commercial Historic District  
(Boundary Increase)  
Gilliam County, OR**

---

**BOUNDARY INCREASE APPROVED**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of the National Register

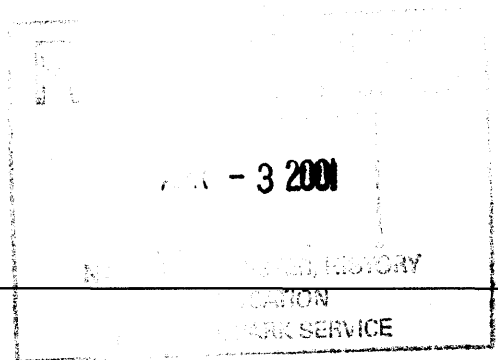
5/16/01  
Date

867  
193

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

101



Section number   3   Page   1  

**COMMENTS OF THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE:**

**CONDON COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Condon  
Gilliam County, Oregon

**NRIS #98000609**

Listed May 29, 1998

The purpose of this amendment is to include an individual historic contributing resource to Condon Commercial Historic District. Changes included herewith are: revisions to the resource count of the historic district; specific information pertaining to the individual resource, the Parman & Harris building; revisions to the verbal boundary description and the boundary justification of the historic district; photographic documentation of the individual resource; and revised maps.

*James Hamrick* Deputy SHPO  
Signature of certifying official/Title

March 26, 2001  
Date

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office  
State or Federal Agency and bureau

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number    Amendments    Page    2

---

	<i>Buildings</i>	<i>Auxil Bldgs</i>	
<b><u>Non-Contributing</u></b>			
Historic/Non-Contribut.	6	1	7
Compatible/Non-Historic	5	2	7
Non-Compatible	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>Total Non-Contributing</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>
<b><u>Total Resources</u></b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>
<b><u>Vacant</u></b>			
Vacant Lots	6	0	6

**Physical Description: Addition**

#41    **Address:** 122 N. Oregon Street  
**Historic Name:** Parman & Harris Building  
**Common Name:** N/A  
**Year Built:** c. 1903  
**Architect:** Unknown  
**Style:** False Front  
**Use:** 20<sup>th</sup> Century Commercial  
**Alterations:** Minor  
**CLASSIFICATION: Primary**

**Owner:** Judy & Jon Fessler  
P.O. Box 808  
Condon, OR 97823  
**Map No:** T4S R21E 10BD  
**Reference No:** N/A  
**Plat:** Lancaster Addition  
**Block:** 49  
**Lot:** Part of Lt. 8  
Tax Lot: N. part of tax lot 5800

**DESCRIPTION:** The Parman & Harris Building faces east on N. Oregon Street (back of the building fronts the street). The small, one-story wooden False Front commercial building is rectangular in plan and measures 18 ft. (N-S) by 43 ft. (E-W). A false front peaked gable parapet hides the gable roof form. The roof is covered with composition asphalt shingles. A brick chimney projects above the roof line on the north elevation.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number    Amendments    Page    3

---

The wooden balloon frame construction is covered with drop siding finished with plain board trim. One over one double-hung windows, of various sizes, are located on the primary elevations; the windows are generally in poor condition. The main entrance door is on the northern side of the front (east) elevation. There is evidence of an original corner entrance on the northeast corner of the façade. The building has a basement assessable from the west elevation. A twelve foot shed addition was added to the back (west) of the building in the 1960s. The building rests on a new ARB (block filled with concrete) foundation. In poor-fair condition, the building is in the process of rehabilitation.

**HISTORICAL DATA:**

The Parman & Harris Building was constructed ca. 1903. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps and deed records suggest that the building was originally located on the northeast corner of Main and Walnuts streets (Block 50, Lot 7 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cornish Addition to Condon). On December 22, 1904, the Arlington Lumber Company sold the lot to J.H. Stricklin and H.C. Strickland for \$500. By 1916, the property was partially owned by Clifford W. Harris who sold his interest in October of that year to L.E. Shelley. It was at this time that the building was most likely moved across the street to the northwest corner of Walnut and Main streets (Block 49, Lot 6). Shelly later built a substantial automobile garage on the block the building originally stood.

In 1923, Harris joined in partnership with George Parman forming the Parman & Harris Lumber Company. Harris provided the land and building for the company, and Parman (an attorney) provided the financial backing. Circa 1954, the building was moved to the present location when a new concrete office and store was constructed for the company on the corner lot. The original buildings was moved to a lot just west and north (Block 49, part of Lot 8 and 9) of the previous site.

The Parman & Harris Building has survived two moves and is virtually intact. The building is an excellent example of a False Front style wooden structure in downtown Condon; there is only one other surviving example of this style in downtown (Resource #13).

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number    Amendments    Page    4

---

**Biographical information:**

George Parman was born in 1897, and was of Irish and Scottish decent. His parent, Gile and Rebecca, came to Condon in 1883. George was educated at Pacific University and attended law school in Salem, Oregon. He served as Gilliam County judge and was briefly president of the Condon National Bank. George continued his law practice while in partnership with Clifford Harris in the lumber business. He was an active member of the community until Parman died suddenly in 1939. His brother Lloyd continued to manage the family ranch along with his immediate family.

Clifford W. Harris was an employee of the Arlington Lumber Company (established c. 1903), and served as the manager of the company for many years. Part of his job was to shovel coal from the trains and then delivered the fuel to customers throughout the community. Harris began his own lumber company, and in 1923 began a partnership with George Parman, a local attorney. Harris was responsible for moving the original office to the northwest corner of Main and Walnut streets ca. 1954 when a new concrete store was built on the site. Harris remained active in his business until his death. The original wooden building remained in the Harris family (Boyd Harris) until April 2000 when it was sold to the current owners.

**Section 10: Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property**    9.95 acres

**Verbal Boundary Description**

Beginning at a point 4 feet south of the northwest corner of Lot 4, Block 49, Lancaster's Addition to Condon as recorded in the Gilliam County Deeds and Records, Gilliam County, Oregon; thence due east 180 feet to the west edge of Lot 9, Block 50; thence north 4 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 9, Block 50; thence due east 200 feet to the northeast corner of Lot 4, Block 50 of Lancaster's Addition; thence south 980 feet along the west side of Ward Street to the southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 3, Original Town of Condon; continuing south an additional 4 feet; thence west 100 feet to the mid-line between Lots 2 and 11 of Block 3, Original Town of Condon; thence south 20 feet; thence west 100 feet; thence 226 feet along the east side of Main

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

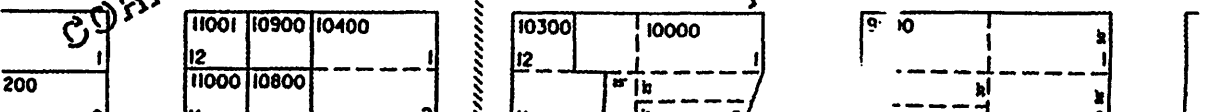
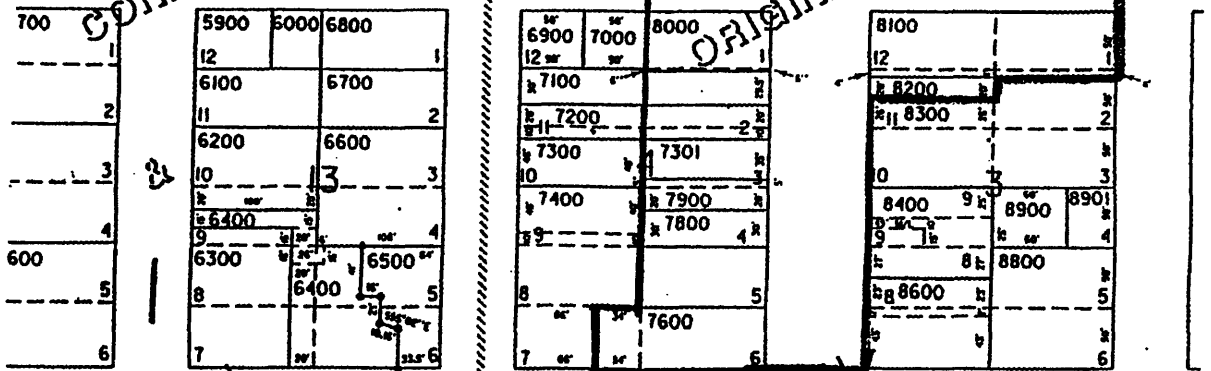
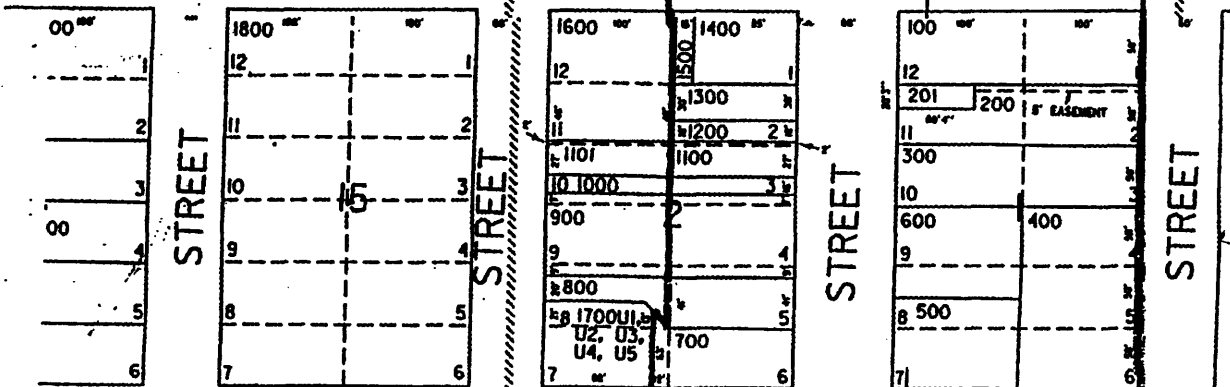
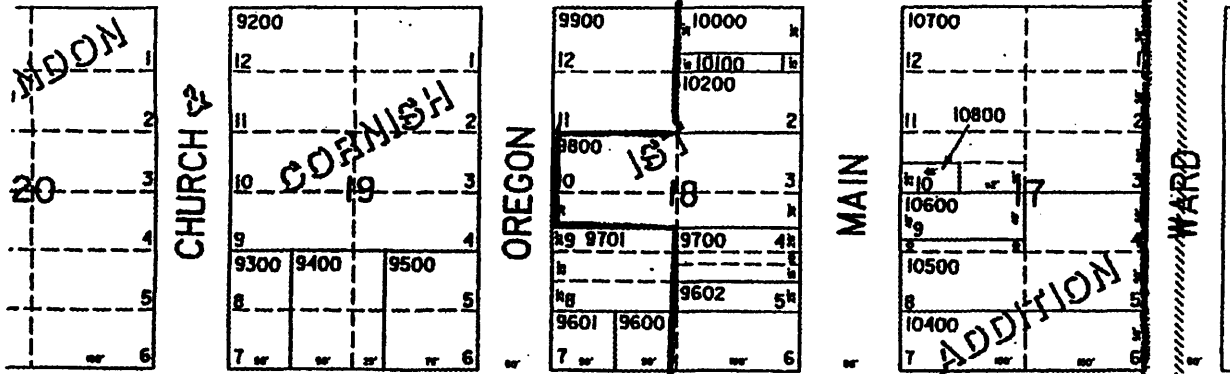
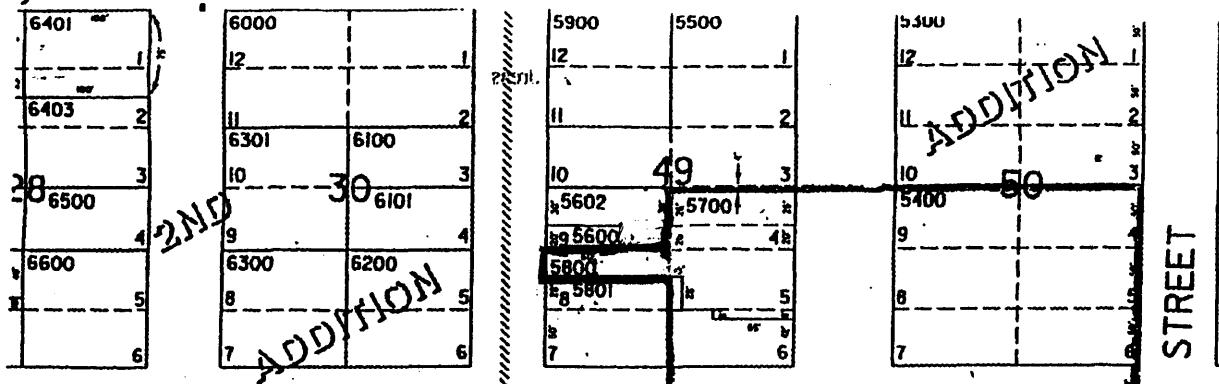
Section number    Amendments    Page    5

---

Condon; thence west 214 feet to a point 34 feet west of the southwest corner of Lot 6, Block 4, Original Town of Condon; thence north 50 feet; thence east 34 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 5, Block 4 of the Original Town of Condon; thence north 310 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 6, Block 2; thence due west 12 feet along the south edge of Block 7; thence north 63 feet; thence southeast 18.38 feet to the southwest corner of Lot 5, Block 2; thence north 200 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 2, Block 2, Original Town of Condon; thence west 15 feet; thence north 50 feet; thence east 15 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 2, Original Town of Condon; thence 180 feet to a point 20 feet north of the southwest corner of Lot 4, Block 18 in Condon and Cornish 1st Addition to Condon; thence due west to a point on the west edge of Lot 9, Block 18, Condon and Cornish 1st Addition; thence 80 feet north to the northwest corner of Lot 10, Block 18, Condon and Cornish 1st Addition; thence 100 feet due east along the northern line of Lot 10, Block 18, Condon and Cornish 1st Addition; **thence north 238 feet just over the mid-point of Lot 8 in Block 49, Lancaster Addition; thence due west 100 feet; thence north 22 feet along part of west line of Lot 8 in Block 49; thence due east 100 feet between lots 8 & 9; thence due north 50 feet to the point of beginning.**

### **Boundary Adjustment Information**

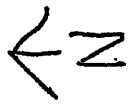
When the original Condon Commercial Historic District nomination was being prepared in 1998, the Parman and Harris Building was included in the District boundary. The building was only one of two commercial wooden False Front buildings in Condon's downtown that represented the earliest development of the town. Although moved from its original site on Main Street, the building remained in the downtown core. The building was only removed from the preliminary district boundary after the owner at that time said he was going to move the building to a residential lot outside the downtown. The building was not moved to the residential lot. The new owners want to rehabilitate the building and feel that the building is an integral part of the development of Condon's commercial core and should be included in the district boundary. The Parman and Harris building is architecturally and historically significant and would meet the National Register criteria for inclusion in the downtown District.



CONDON COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT, GILLIAM COUNTY, OREGON

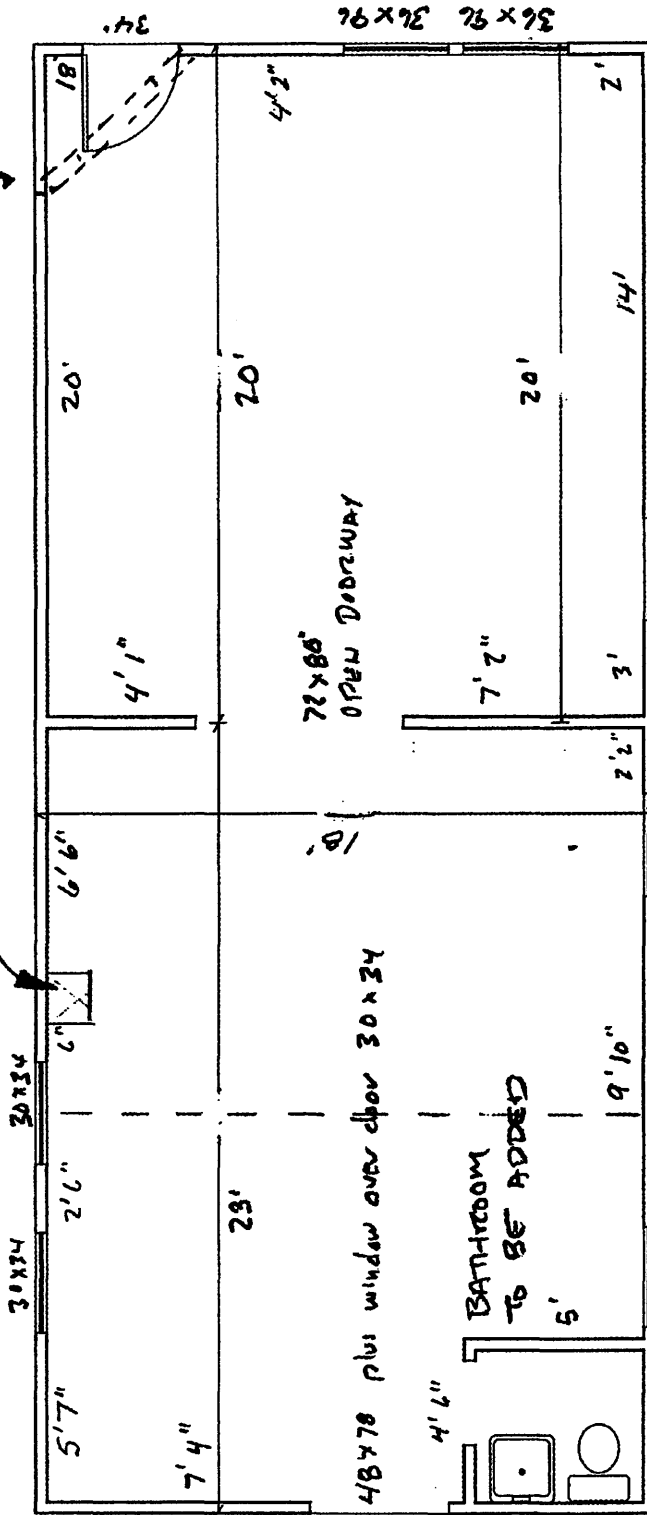






OLD AUGIERS DOOR

CHIMNEY 21x16



END OF ORIGINAL BUILDING

20x72

30x34

30x34

30x34

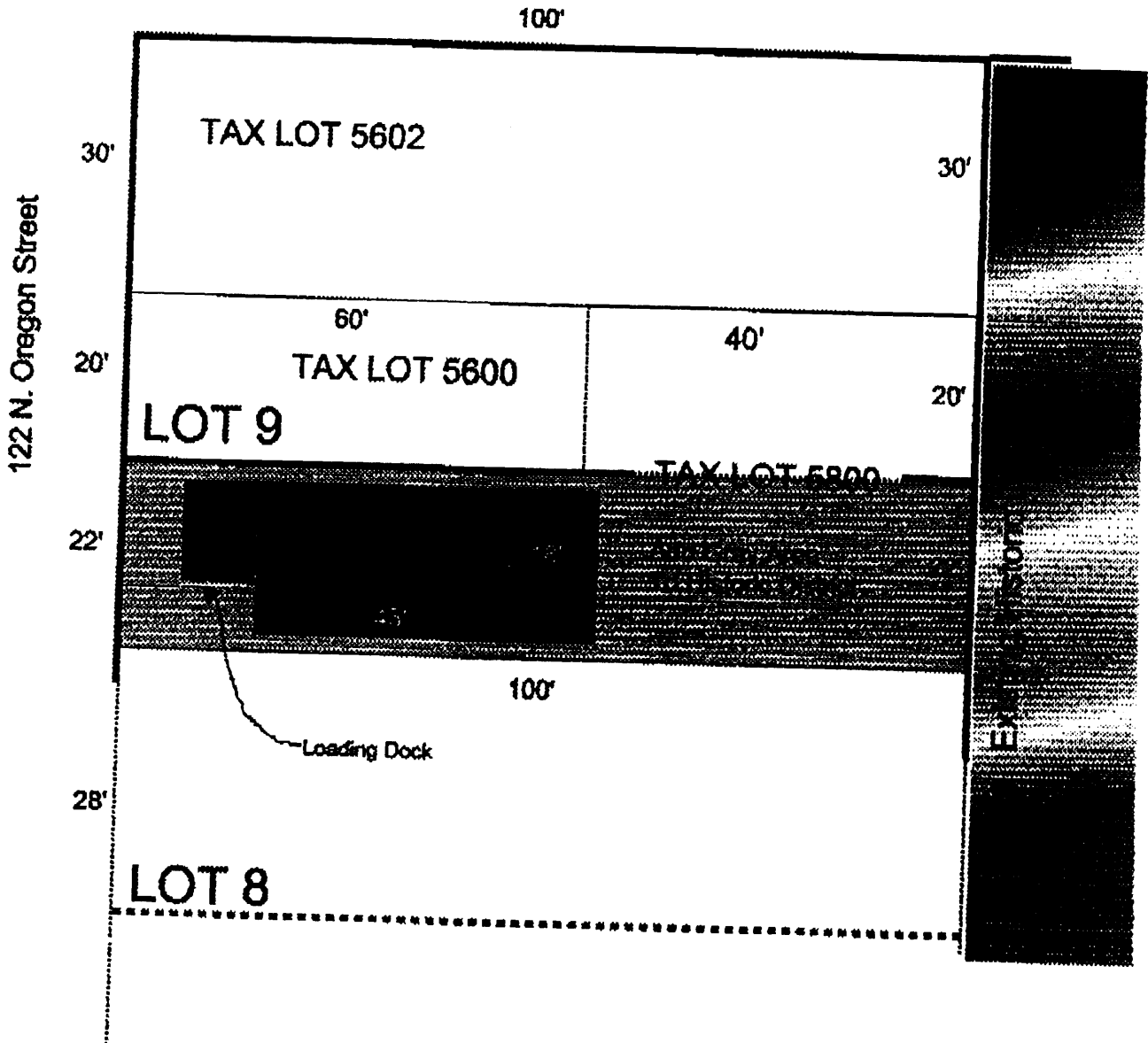
30x34

30x34

30x34

PARMAN + HARRIS  
BLDG  
FLOOR PLAN

BUILDING ADDITION



J. L. FESSLER  
 312 W. Gilliam  
 P.O. Box 808  
 Condon, OR 97823