

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Fanno (Augustus) Farm House

and/or common Fanno Century Farm House

2. Location

street & number 8385 SW Hall Boulevard

N/A not for publication

city, town Beaverton

N/A vicinity of First Congressional District

state Oregon

code 41

county Washington

code 067

3. Classification

Category

- district
- building(s)
- structure
- site
- object

Ownership

- public
 - private
 - both
- Public Acquisition
- N/A in process
 - being considered

Status

- occupied
 - unoccupied
 - work in progress
- Accessible
- yes: restricted
 - yes: unrestricted
 - no

Present Use

- agriculture
 - commercial
 - educational
 - entertainment
 - government
 - industrial
 - military
- museum
 - park
 - private residence
 - religious
 - scientific
 - transportation
 - other:

4. Owner of Property

name Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

street & number 15707 SW Walker Road

city, town Beaverton

N/A vicinity of

state Oregon 97006

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse

street & number 150 North First Avenue

city, town Hillsboro

state Oregon 97123

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Inventory of
Historic Sites & Buildings

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1976

federal state county local

depository for survey records Parks & Recreation Branch, Oregon State Highway Division

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	n/a
<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 Fanno Farmhouse was designed and constructed by Augustus Fanno in 1859. The farmhouse is an Oregon adaptation of the Classical Revival which was fashionable at that time, and was occupied by the Fanno family until 1974. Eighty-three acres were sold to an industrial development firm in 1979 and then the house, plus 14 acres, were donated to the park district in March of 1982. The house will eventually be open to the public to provide an area for arts and crafts classes and for small conferences and community gatherings. The historical significance of the house will be available to the public through interpretive displays within the house. The house retains a high degree of integrity for its age and is currently being restored. The chain link fence is a temporary feature to deter vandalism.

The house is located at 8385 SW Hall Blvd., just south of Hall and west of Highway 217 in the City of Beaverton, off the intersection of Creekside Place and Nimbus Avenue, otherwise known as the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 27, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, of the Willamette Meridian in Washington County, Oregon.

The one and a half story rectangular mass measures approximately 78 x 50 feet and has a central gable on the front facade and an ell wing on the rear. Asphalt shingles have replaced the original cedar shingles on the steeply pitched gable roof. A brick chimney on the rear slope is offset to the right. The boxed cornice has returns, and completing the entablature is an unusually wide frieze board measuring 24 inches. Six inch clapboard siding covers the walls. The corner boards have three inch capital mouldings. Fenestration is formal. Originally, all windows had double-hung sash windows with six-over-six lights. The windows have simple architraves with moulded cornices over the ground floor windows. Ground story window cornices are applied to the frieze board. The central door has similar trim on both levels. A porch with deck supported by posts and braces was an early addition.

Several alterations have been carried out since the building's completion in 1859. A double center chimney was removed to create more space, and with it the original stairway was removed. The original first story plan is believed to have consisted of a shallow entry hall and two large front rooms, one on either side of a double chimney; a stair hall and two small bedrooms making up the back portion. There was a sleeping room upstairs. A kitchen wing was formed by adding a small structure to the back wall.

The house originally rested on wooden poles. The foundation has been rebuilt, using large fir timbers on river-run rock piers over concealed concrete footings. The grounds are maintained by the park district.

Structurally, the original timber framing is in good condition, except for some damage to the attic rafters at the roof peak and the main first floor log beam, which can be preserved with pest-rot control treatment. However, the perimeter support beams at the foundation must be replaced and new footings and supports installed. The house has settled at least 6" at the perimeter, and must be raised to its original elevation and leveled.

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The roof is presently composition shingles over wood shingles and must be replaced. The lap siding is in generally good original condition, except for some damaged and split pieces - probably 10% of the original siding will require repair or replacement. Later additions at the rear of the house are in poor condition, do not compliment the original design, and must be removed. The porch and porch roof have extensive dry rot damage and need rebuilding. Balusters, railings, and columns have been saved, but are damaged and need replacement.

Doors and sash are damaged or missing throughout. However, enough pieces have been saved to assure an accurate resoration. Window sashes will be restored with six-over-six lights. The trim cornices, architraves, corner mouldings, and other detail are in good condition, with some pieces needing repair. The water table and water table skirt are damaged beyond repair.

Inside, the house has been extensively remodeled, but some original framing remains. The original construction of wallpaper over boards has been followed during the remodeling, but the wallpapered walls and ceiling finishes need replacement. The bathroom and kitchen fixtures are in poor condition. The kitchen cabinets are in fair condition. Wiring is in poor condition and there is no heating system. The house does not have either electrical or water service. It also lacks sewer service. Flooring is in good condition. Interior doors are missing or damaged, and trim throughout is inaccurate or damaged.

To summarize, the general physical condition of the house is fair to good, with all areas requiring restoration. Water and pest damage is moderate.

IMPROVEMENTS

All improvements have been completed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation Projects. All improvements have been with the supervision and assistance of Art Middleton of Art Middleton Associates/Architects.

Spring/Summer 1982: Detailed drawings of the house and elevations and general research. Fencing was installed to protect the house from additional vandalism.

Fall/Winter 1982: Rear additions were demolished and removed. Interior cleaned up and debris removed. The house was raised, the floor supports were treated (bug control) or replaced. Perimeter 12 x 12 wood beams replaced the deteriorated water table skirt. The main north/south log floor support on the ground was salvaged with treatment and the secondary log floor joists were footings with rock piers were constructed for a more accurate restoration.

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- Spring 1983: The front porch was removed along with the front steps, roof columns, balusters and rails. Samples of the above were saved for accurate reproduction and detailed drawings were obtained from architect before removal.
- Summer 1983: The composition roof was removed and the upper rafters and exposed boards were treated to arrest dry rot and insect damage. Badly damaged boards were replaced and new vertical grain old growth cedar shakes were installed (laid). Exterior paint was removed to determine siding damage. Original color of the house was yellow ochre.
- Fall 1983: Scheduled is termite/pest spray.

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"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1859 **Builder/Architect** Augustus Fanno

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Augustus Fanno Farmhouse, erected in 1859, is significant as the oldest house in the City of Beaverton. It is additionally significant for its associations with Oregon Pioneer Augustus Fanno. We feel that it is eligible under criteria "b" and "c".

Augustus Fanno homesteaded on his Washington County Donation Land Claim in 1847. Agricultural success allowed him to build a fashionable farmhouse. The Fanno Farmhouse is the only structure in Beaverton which is representative of the current style at that time. It is also the oldest existing house within the City of Beaverton. The Fanno Donation Land Claim was registered in Oregon City under the lowest certificate number in the county. The original land claim grant of 640 acres was signed by President Abraham Lincoln in November of 1864. Four large evergreen trees, "Freedom Trees," (Douglas Firs, White Fir, Rock Elm and Pine) were planted south of the house in 1876 to commemorate the centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. (The Rock Elm no longer exists).

In pioneer days, the Beaverton area was a swampy lowlands and the home of the beaver. Mud and silt carried down by Beaverton and Fanno Creeks created large beaverdams. Fanno was a pioneer, not only in draining these dams, but also in the cultivation of onions. The Fanno Century Farm is one of several distinctive examples of early rural settings in Oregon. Augustus Fanno homesteaded on the Washington County Land Claim in 1847, and in 1859, with sawn lumber from his brother-in-law's sawmill, constructed the older of the two existing farmhouses on the property. The Fannos pioneered the growing of onions in Oregon by developing a breed of onion which was adapted to Oregon's damp climate. The Fanno Farm gained a local and regional reputation for producing large, fine-textured, succulent onions.

Augustus Fanno was of French ancestry, the family having left France during the French Revolution of 1789. The family immigrated to America and settled at Cumberland, Maine, where Augustus was born on Marcy 26, 1804. At the age of twenty, he began a three-and-one-half year career as a seaman by boarding a ship bound for the West Indies. His seafaring profession ended at New Orleans where he contracted yellow fever. After he recovered, he began teaching school at what was known as a subscription school (a private one-man school which charged his pupils a fee). He moved to Mississippi for three years when a yellow fever epidemic closed the school and then to Cass County, Missouri teaching schools in both locales. In 1840, he married Martha Ferguson. One son was born of this marriage.

In 1840, Augustus Fanno, with his wife and son, joined the immigration train of that year at Independence, Missouri, and began the journey to Oregon. After a six-month trip, the company reached Oregon City, Oregon Territory, and disbanded. The Fannos settled at Linn City which was directly across the Willamette River from Oregon City. Martha died shortly after their arrival in Linn City during childbirth.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Hines, H. K., Illustrated History of the State of Oregon (Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1893), pp. 1282-83.
Lockley, Fred, "Impressions of a Fournal Man," Oregon Journal, (July 30, 1937) p. 6.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property one acre

Quadrangle name Beaverton, Oregon

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	0	5	1	6	2	5	0	5	0	3	3	7	1	0
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B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel #3, Lot 13 of the recorded plat of Marathon Industrial Park as recorded in Plat Book 53, Page 31, Washington County, Oregon

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

state None code county code

state None code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jean Keating, Planning Coordinator

organization Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation Dist. date September, 1983

street & number 15707 SW Walker Rd. telephone (503) 645-6433

city or town Beaverton state ORegon 97006

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

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date Mar 2 '84

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

date 4/5/84

J. Melrose Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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In searching for suitable land for a donation land claim in 1847, Augustus Fanno followed the old Tualatin Plain Indian Trail which ran from Oregon City to Tillamook. He decided to settle in an unpopulated section of present Washington County, on the bank of a small creek which became known as Fanno Creek. His 640 acre claim was situated twelve miles northwest of Oregon City and five miles from his nearest neighbor. Fanno selected the location because of its nearness to a stream and the lack of trees in that section. He employed Indians to take his supplies, pigs, calves, chickens and nursery stock from Oregon City, as there was no road. With their assistance, he cleared the land and put up log buildings.

Fanno married the daughter of an 1849 immigrant who settled near Fanno. Rebecca Jane (Denney) Fanno gave birth to six children, four of whom grew to adulthood. Augustus Fanno was the first deputy sheriff appointed to Washington County and director of the local school. All of their children attended Tualatin Academy and Pacific University.

When Thomas H. Denney, Fanno's brother-in-law, built a sawmill on an adjoining section, Fanno constructed several new buildings on his farm with sawn lumber. Most architecturally meritorious of the buildings was his farmhouse built in 1859 in the common rural style of the period, the Classical Revival. The log buildings were eventually removed.

In the early fifties, Augustus Fanno began the cultivation of onions of which he was the pioneer grower. He improved on the eastern yellow Danvers by careful selection of bulbs over a period of twenty years, until he developed an onion which would keep in the damp climate of Oregon. In the 1870s, the Fanno Farm specialized in onions and became the main producer of onions in Oregon. After Augustus Fanno's death in June of 1884, his son, Augustus J. Fanno, further developed the onion raising business and became known as the "Onion King." In the 1890s, the Fanno Farm was the largest producer and distributor of onions in Oregon.

The Fanno Farmhouse is intact but the other buildings constructed by Fanno have been demolished. In 1958, the property was designated an Oregon Century Farm under a registration program established and jointly administered by the Oregon Historical Society and the State Department of Agriculture. The program was begun in preparation for the State's Centennial year. To be eligible, a farm must have been owned and operated by members of the same family for 100 years or more.

MARATHON INDUSTRIAL PARK

STATED IN THE
E 1/2 SECTION 27, T. 1S., R. 1W., WM.
CITY OF BEAVERTON
WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

SURVEYED: MARCH 1981
WAKER Associates Inc.
CIVIL ENGINEERING
PLANNING - SURVEYING
1001 S. MILLER AVENUE, SUITE 100, BEAVERTON, OREGON 97005

Layman as per June Copy
Joseph M. Waker

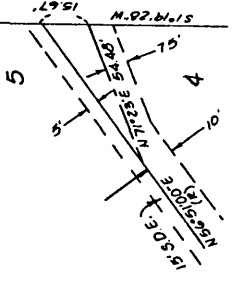
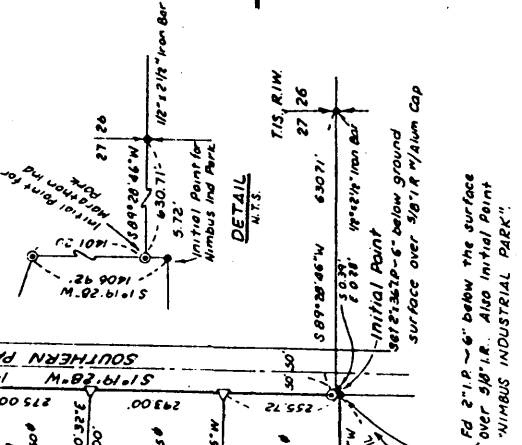
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EMERSON TITLE COMPANY OF OREGON

CURVE DATA TABLE

LOT	RADIUS	DELTA	LENGTH	CHORD	CHD. BEARS
1	260.0'	49°19'27"	14.67'	14.67'	N 3°49'12" E
2	260.0'	80°56'58"	128.53'	127.23'	N 1°48'38" E
3	340.0'	37°38'53"	193.74'	191.13'	N 1°18'55" E
4	340.0'	39°28'28"	204.58'	201.50'	N 1°54'46" W
5	340.0'	89°28'00"	174.86'	172.94'	N 47°53'00" W
6	340.0'	2°58'24"	17.69'	17.64'	N 64°06'12" W
7	340.0'	84°19'00"	382.62'	349.01'	N 23°25'50" W
8	340.0'	24°00'34"	142.48'	141.44'	S 6°43'19" W
9	16.0'	80°56'58"	22.61'	20.77'	S 35°11'31" W
10	460.0'	17°52'45"	143.59'	142.96'	S 84°36'37" W
11	460.0'	26°59'15"	216.67'	214.67'	N 72°57'37" W
12	340.0'	1°39'58"	15.70'	15.70'	N 60°17'59" W
13	340.0'	17°59'02"	169.50'	168.80'	N 70°07'29" W
14	16.0'	80°56'58"	22.60'	20.77'	N 38°38'37" W
15	340.0'	23°49'58"	141.45'	140.41'	N 10°05'40" W
16	340.0'	17°49'00"	105.73'	103.30'	N 50°54'50" W
17	260.0'	51°25'35"	233.37'	225.61'	N 14°06'12" W
18	40.0'	100°48'01"	70.37'	61.64'	N 67°00'36" E
19	40.0'	63°46'19"	58.48'	53.41'	S 25°42'15" E
20	340.0'	37°02'53"	190.18'	187.71'	S 0°9'27" W
21	260.0'	23°37'00"	142.12'	141.09'	S 71°50'30" E
22	260.0'	8°08'22"	36.94'	36.90'	S 22°35'50" W
23	340.0'	37°57'38"	225.26'	221.17'	S 7°41'03" W
24	340.0'	17°25'12"	103.37'	102.97'	S 20°00'22" E
25	25.0'	35°38'03"	14.23'	14.05'	S 12°43'27" E
26	56.0'	65°59'03"	6.44'	60.97'	S 39°02'58" E
27	56.0'	67°32'00"	6.61'	62.25'	N 68°12'00" E
28	14.0'	19°15'20"	116.56'	96.63'	N 4°11'40" W
29	25.0'	49°10'27"	18.40'	17.99'	N 47°44'07" W
30	260.0'	5°18'46"	241.93'	233.89'	N 0°00'29" E
31	340.0'	6°43'51"	39.94'	39.82'	N 23°17'57" E
32	16.0'	80°56'58"	22.60'	20.77'	N 60°23'17" E
33	460.0'	19°39'00"	157.76'	156.99'	S 69°17'50" E
34	540.0'	18°20'37"	172.68'	172.15'	S 68°38'18" E
35	340.0'	26°37'23"	249.97'	247.75'	N 68°55'42" E
36	16.0'	80°56'58"	22.60'	20.77'	S 63°51'30" E
37	340.0'	34°50'00"	206.70'	203.54'	S 40°48'02" E
38	340.0'	7°22'23"	43.73'	43.77'	S 61°54'13" E
39	260.0'	66°54'52"	303.63'	286.68'	S 37°07'59" E
40	260.0'	3°10'53"	148.15'	146.16'	S 17°30'55" W
41	340.0'	7°00'21"	41.37'	41.55'	S 30°28'17" W
42	340.0'	25°38'32"	132.16'	130.90'	S 45°28'44" W
43	16.0'	80°56'58"	22.62'	22.26'	S 45°28'44" W
44	260.0'	30°51'02"	144.00'	138.31'	S 31°05'59" W

- NOTES**
- 1) 2 MONUMENTS to be set upon completion of paving or improvements
 - 2) NO vehicular access to SW HALL BLVD from Lots 5, 6, 10, 11
 - 3) Lots 11-23 partially in flood plain as shown
 - 4) Subject to declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions as recorded 6/11 July 17, 1981, Fee No. B1025026.

- Legend**
- - 3/4" DIA. UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE
 - - 6" DIA. 30" IRON ROD
 - ⊙ - 36" DIA. 30" IRON CAP
 - ⊖ - 36" DIA. 30" IRON CAP
 - (R) - Radial
 - (NR) - Non-Radial
 - 100 year flood plain line
 - SDE - Storm drain easement
 - S.S.E. - Sanitary sewer easement



I, Thomas J. Brown, hereby certify this tracing to be a true and exact copy of the original plat of "MARATHON INDUSTRIAL PARK"

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR
THOMAS J. BROWN
OREGON
JAN 14, 1979
THOMAS J. BROWN
1979

Dedicated to
City of Beaverton
Doc. No. 81005102

Scale: 1"=200'
Boundary and Basis of Bearings: CS° 18237

TRACT 14
374026
14.33 A.
To be added to Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District

FD 2" L.P. - 6" below the surface over SW 1/4 R. AND INITIAL POINT "NIMBUS INDUSTRIAL PARK"

NIMBUS INDUSTRIAL PARK