

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

Special entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Oregon
COUNTY:	Marion
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	DEC 19 1974

Jesse H. Settlemier House

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 355 North Settlemier Avenue				Representative Al Ullman	
CITY OR TOWN: Woodburn			CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Oregon Second Congressional District		
STATE Oregon	CODE 41	COUNTY: Marion	CODE 047		

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: French Prairie Historical Society				STATE: Oregon
STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 405				
CITY OR TOWN: Woodburn	STATE: Oregon	CODE: 97071	CODE: 41	
CITY OR TOWN: Woodburn				

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Marion County Courthouse				COUNTY: Marion
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Salem	STATE: Oregon	CODE: 97301	CODE: 41	
CITY OR TOWN: Salem				

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: State of Oregon Inventory, Historic Sites and Buildings				STATE: Oregon
DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Office of Historic Preservation				
STREET AND NUMBER: 319-B, State Highway Building				
CITY OR TOWN: Salem	STATE: Oregon	CODE: 97310	CODE: 41	
CITY OR TOWN: Salem				

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jesse H. Settlemier house at 355 N. Settlemier Avenue in Woodburn is a typical example of a medium to large frame house in the late Queen Anne style. Built in 1889, the central block of the two-story structure has a hip roof. Projecting wings to the north and east are gabled. The second story of the east wing overhangs a bay window. The northeast corner of the main block is rounded surmounting in a tower with a conical "candle-snuffer" roof, and has a concentric two-story porch with small balcony-like projections. The north side sports a porte-cochere off the dining room. Openings are square-headed except for two round-headed openings inside the northeast porch under the tower. The exterior is surfaced in horizontal tongue-in-groove siding with a slightly flared shingled skirt-like band at the base of the second story. A frieze-like band of vertical boarding flares out at the top of the walls into a molded cornice surrounding the house. Bracketing and trim of the catalogue-ornament variety are applied in a typical manner to porches and overhangs.

The interior of the house was remodelled in 1911 reflecting such Arts and Crafts movement influences as inglenooks, and much of the interior woodwork, finish, and fixtures date from that time. The house contains eleven rooms on two floors plus a basement and large attic. The ground floor flooring is oak. The dining room fir paneling and built-in China closet and buffet, as well as the porte-cochere off the dining room date from the 1911 remodelling, as do the bath rooms. The master bath contains a somewhat unusual foot bath. A wooden storage tank in the attic, still extant, provided water pressure for the plumbing, and an acetylene plant in the basement supplied the house with gas.

Since 1911, the only alteration to the house was the removal of a wall between two pantries in the 1950s, and the conversion of the resultant space into a kitchen. The living room wallpaper dates from 1911 or earlier. Thus, the house retains its 1911 appearance to an unusually high degree. A separate carriage house also stands on the grounds, which are landscaped with original Settlemier Nursery stock.

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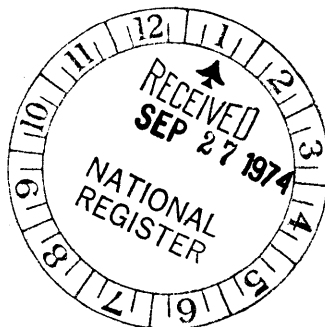
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JESSE H. SETTLEMIER HOUSE (CONTINUED)

2. Location

The Settlemier house is located in the SW 1/4 Sec. 7, T.5S., R.1W., of the Willamette Meridian in Marion County, Oregon, on Lot 11 of Block 2 of Smith's Addition to Woodburn.



**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) 1889

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Local community</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The French Prairie area is one of the oldest settled parts of Oregon. French Canadian trappers who had worked for John Jacob Astor and for the Hudson's Bay Company began relocating in the prairie areas near what is now Woodburn in 1829--hence the name French Prairie. Jesse Settlemier, a son of a pioneer nurseryman, purchased the original J. B. Duchane Donation Land Claim on the Boones Ferry Road, which was part of the main route from Portland to Sacramento, in 1863 and moved his father's business there where it flourished. In 1869-70 he was instrumental in getting the Oregon and California Railroad to locate its line through the area. Settlemier then platted out four blocks and offered a lot free to anyone who would erect a building. A community began to form and a city charter was adopted in 1895. J. H. Settlemier, long the unofficial leader of the community, became the first official mayor of Woodburn.

The J. H. Settlemier house is currently owned by the French Prairie Historical Society. The rooms are furnished with period pieces and with items associated with the French Prairie area. A collection of photographs illustrating the early history of the area is on display in the attic, and the Society is building a library of taped lectures on local historical topics.

Woodburn today is a community of middle-income housing developments sprawling rapidly across the flat fertile farmlands of the Willamette Valley. The town lacks a sense of cohesiveness or a clearly identifiable nucleus. The Settlemier house is a fine example of late nineteenth century architecture, though not an exceptional one by national standards. Yet it is the crowning jewel in a small neighborhood of houses contemporary with it, and assists greatly in providing an identifiable focus or historical prospective of Woodburn's organization and growth. It aids in providing a sense of stability and continuity in a somewhat disorganized community.

The house is in good condition and is being well-maintained. It is open for public inspection on a limited basis and is available for weddings, teas, receptions, meetings, and community oriented functions. The French Prairie Historical Society is active and has developed an energetic series of programs to acquaint citizens with the background of their community.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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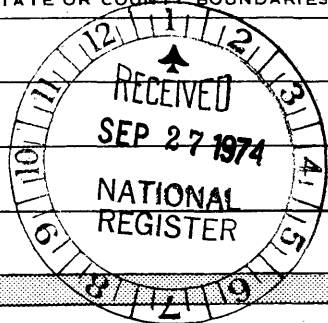
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

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:  
D. W. Powers III, Temporary Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Office of Historic Preservation      DATE: August 23, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
319-B, State Highway Building

CITY OR TOWN: Salem      STATE: Oregon 97310      CODE: 41

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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

*David G. Staller*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title State Parks Superintendent

Date September 18, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

*Alfred W. Hartman*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/19/74

ATTEST:  
*Charles H. ...*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 11-19-74