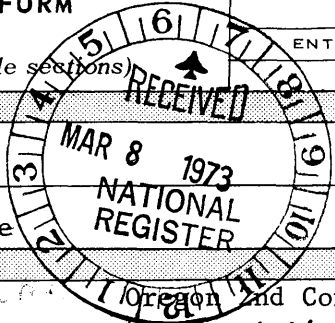


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1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Case (William) House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Route 1, Box 126  
Oregon and Congressional District Representative Al Ullman

CITY OR TOWN: -Aurora (Champoeg vicinity)

STATE Oregon	CODE 41	COUNTY: Marion	CODE 047
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Harold J. Arendt, Jr. (Owner notified of proposed nomination 1-4-73.)

STREET AND NUMBER: 1140 S. E. 141st Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Portland STATE: Oregon CODE: 41

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Marion County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Oregon CODE: 41

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Parks and Recreation Section

STREET AND NUMBER: Oregon State Highway Building

CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Oregon CODE: 41

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

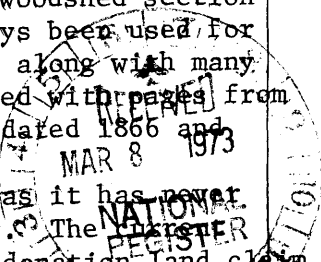
The William M, Case House, an unusual example of the peripteral type of Classical Revival architecture in Oregon, was erected about 1860. It is located three miles southeast of Champoeg, the site where Willamette Valley settlers moved to organize the Provisional Government of Oregon. The largest known house constructed between 1850 and 1870 in Western Oregon, the Case House measures 45 by 70 by 150 feet. The one-story "L" shaped structure with attic is comprised of a woodshed, kitchen and diningroom on the east-west axis and parlor and bedrooms on the north-south axis. The foundation is made up of brick piers. All of the brick used in the house, including that used in two fireplaces, a 20 by 40-foot brick basement and a 72-foot bricked well, was fabricated on the property. All of the hardware, including many of the larger square nails, were hand-forged in a small balcksmith shop on the site.

A distinctive feature of the exterior is the peripteral veranda or gallery around most of the house with the exception of the ell, or woodshed. The galleries are formed by set-back walls of horizontally laid boards and 31 turned columns. The 6 3/4-inch horizontal boards have splined joining sealed with white lead and paint. The appearance is that of a flat, jointless and unbroken wall surface. Two 10-inch boards slightly set out from the wall form the baseboard. Each column is set on a hewn sill supported by brick piers. The columns have simple Tuscan capitals and discernable entasis. A 6-inch cushion block is introduced between the capital and plate. Built-in gutters apparently went all around the house, for the gable ends are treated like pediments with a boxed-out eave running horizontally below the weatherboarding. The roof and the exterior of the house in general are in a state of disrepair. The large attached woodshed continues the roof line and architectural detail of the rest of the house. The containing walls of the house are 4 by 4-inch studs with interior and exterior painted horizontal boards. Room partitions are of single planks using two different systems of vertical joining; dowels and feathering. A German cabinetmaker, John Schatz, built the interior furnishings and built-in cabinetry. The high quality of the workmanship in the house is exemplified by areas of almost invisible joints in the horizontal board walls. Locations and original appearance of the various outbuildings are known. The wash house and smoke house, the only detached structures still standing, are in disrepair but recoverable.

The interior and exterior walls and ceilings are finished in one-inch lumber. The doors throughout the house have two-inch solid frames with small one-inch inset panels which are held together with wooden pins. All of the cabinet doors are built in the same manner. Wooden pins of various sizes are used extensively throughout the house. Six bedrooms open onto a long hallway with an unusual vaulted ceiling and a 9-foot door at one end which gives onto the porch. The basement is located under the woodshed section of the utility ell. The attic is unfinished and has always been used for storage. The original copper bath tub rests in the attic along with many other frontier relics. Some of the attic walls are papered with paper from Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper and Harper's Weekly dated 1866 and 1874 respectively.

The architectural integrity of the house is intact, as it has never been altered. However, the building is in need of repair. The owner of the house and 191.87 acres of the original Case donation land hopes to rehabilitate the historic house with the objective of making it habitable and admitting the public on a limited basis.

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CASE (WILLIAM) FARM, MARION COUNTY, OREGON

The 7-acre area encompassed by this nomination is the core of the historic farmstead. The barn lies northeasterly of the house and abuts the entrance road leading from the County market road, which is on the east. The original cedar barn of 1844 no longer exists, although information about its layout, its dimensions and shape is known. The existing barn was built by Case around 1870 from fir lumber produced by his own sawmill on the claim. A cherry orchard, planted parallel to the main axis of the house and adjacent to the house on the south, is substantially intact. Detached service structures on the rear, or westerly side of the house include an early 20th-century carriage shed, which lies northeasterly of the main building, and a board-and-batten smoke house dating from the 1860s. The latter, to the southwest, is of pegged construction, and a brick hearth is set in the center of its wood flooring. A small detached bath, or wash house, also of pegged construction, was situated immediately off the veranda at the SW corner of the house. It matched the main building in its Classical Revival finish. Its temple form was recorded before it collapsed in recent years, and its restoration upon original foundations is under consideration by the current owner. Features contained within its ruins are a brick fire box and chimney with iron kettle and a brick-lined well with rope and windlass.

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

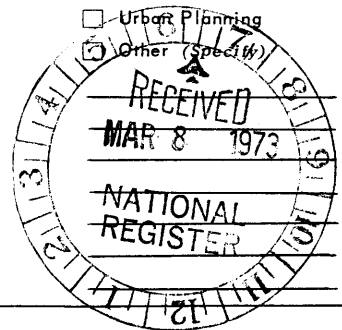
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 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. 1860

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William and Sara Case were prominent Willamette Valley settlers, Case built structures which were among the earliest lumber-framed barns and brick kilns in the state. Between 1856 and 1860 Case built his peripteral Classical Revival house which became a center of hospitality for neighbors, politicians, circuit riders and other travelers. The Case farm was the center of technical building skills for the immediate district, offering not only a brick kiln but a sawmill and an iron smelter.

William Case was born in Indiana in 1820. In 1841 he married Sara Ann Case and moved to Holt County, Missouri where he stayed until 1844 at which time he started for Oregon. It has been suggested that Case may have gained his impression of the peripteral type of architecture during his stay in the Mississippi watershed,

Case and his wife reached Willamette Valley settlements in December, 1844, following a journey of 209 days. In 1845 they moved to the site of the existing farm on Case Creek, three miles south of the Willamette River. It was an advantageous location for purposes of trade and travel. Case was trained as a carpenter in Indiana and was building barns in Oregon as early as 1845. The first house on the farm was a four-room log cabin with porch. In 1849 Case journeyed to Sacramento, California, to work the gold fields. Upon his arrival in California, however, he found he could make more money as a mechanic and trader to the Indians and miners. He returned to Oregon in the same year with \$2,800 and the equipment for a sawmill. Case constantly delayed construction of his permanent home because he was able to sell to other settlers all the lumber and bricks he produced as soon as the items were manufactured. When construction was finally commenced, it took over five years to complete the large structure. The Case farm was a center of activity in the Champoege district throughout Case's lifetime, and Case himself was involved in civic affairs. He was a Marion County Commissioner for eight years, a term which compassed the important Lake Labiche Drainage project which enhanced some of the richest farm land in the Valley. Willamette University in Salem was the recipient of his support and financial contributions. Seven of his daughters attended the University. His eldest daughter was graduated in the Class of 1866. The Cases raised thirteen children.

The enterprising William Case operated a prosperous farm. He employed both white and Chinese laborers who were quartered separately on the premises. Farming and hauling were accomplished by ox team. The farm has still an uninterrupted view of "La Butte," the landmark of generations of travelers in the Willamette Valley. Because the environment of the property is essentially as it was in the 1850s, the Case Farm has unique potential for demonstrating agrarian life of the Territorial period and the period of early Statehood. (Cont')

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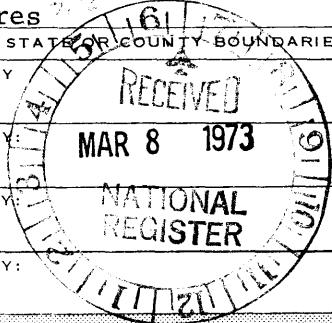
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9.5 acres

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: Paul Hartwig, Assistant Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: Oregon State Highway Division DATE: February 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: State Highway Building

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Name: Eugene Baldwin

Title: Administrator of Highways

Date: FEB 27 1973

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

Robert H. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/21/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3/20/73

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CASE (WILLIAM) HOUSE

2. Location

The Case House is located in Sec. 13, T. 4 S., R. 2 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in Marion County, Oregon.

8. Significance

Case's holdings grew to 1500 acres from the original claim of 642.57 acres. He held his original claim intact, enlarged it as the home ranch, and acquired additional acreage in Yamhill County. At his death his estate was sizable. In 1902, a year before his death at the age of 82, Case received a certificate of honorary membership in the Grand Cabin of the Native Sons of Oregon.

The property in Marion County was controlled by the Case family until 1943 when the place was sold to its current owner.



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Case (William) Farm, Marion County, Oregon

Parcel "A"

A parcel of land lying in Section 13, T.4S, R2W.W.M., County of Marion, State of Oregon. Said parcel being a portion of the property described in that deed to Harold J. Arendt and Alfretta P. Arendt from George B. Guthrie as receiver of the Oregon-Washington joint stock land bank of Portland, Oregon and recorded in Vol. 300 at Page 11, Marion County records of deeds, and more fully described as follows.

The point of beginning being at a 5/8" X 30" Iron Rod which is 1395.7 feet South and 4070.3 feet West of the North East corner of the William M. Case Donation Land Claim in T.4S.,R.2W.W.M.; thence N 53°10' E - 395.22 feet to a 5/8" X 30" Iron Rod; thence S 31°44'E - 103.49 feet to a 5/8" X 30" Iron Rod; thence S 10°44'E - 181.0 feet to a point; thence N 85°54'36"W - 405.51 feet more or less to the point of the beginning.

The herein described parcel of land contains 1.2 Acres, more or less.

Parcel "B"

A parcel of land lying in Section 13, T.4S., R.2W.W.M., County of Marion, State of Oregon. Said parcel being a portion of the property described in that deed to Harold J. Arendt and Alfretta P. Arendt from George B. Guthrie as receiver of the Oregon-Washington joint stock land bank of Portland Oregon and recorded in Vol. 300 at Page 11, Marion County records of deeds, and more fully described as follows:

The point of the beginning being at a 5/8" X 30" Iron Rod which is 1365.8 feet South and 4488.3 feet West of the North East corner of the William M. Case Donation Land Claim in T.4S.,R.2W.W.M.; thence S 85°54'36"E - 824.59 feet to a point; thence S 10°44'E - 306.86 feet to a 5/8" X 30" Iron Rod; thence N85°54'36"W - 858.35 feet to a 5/8" X 30" Iron Rod; thence N 4°29'37"W - 300.0 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

The herein described parcel of land contains 5.7 Acres, more or less.

18' Wide Roadway Easement Parcel

A parcel of land lying in Section 13, T4S.R.2W.W.M., County of Marion, State of Oregon. Said parcel being a portion of the property described in that deed to Harold J. Arendt and Alfretta P. Arendt from George B. Guthrie as receiver of the Oregon-Washington joint stock land bank of Portland Oregon and recorded in Vol. 300 at Page 11, Marion County records of deeds, and more fully described as follows:

The point of beginning being at a 5/8" X 30" Iron Rod which is 1246.8 feet South and 3699.6 feet West of the North East corner of the William M. Case Donation Land Claim in T.4S.,R.2W.W.M.; thence N 59°05'42"E -533.59 feet to a point

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18' Wide Roadway Easement Parcel

in the centerline of County Road No. 415; thence  $S4^{\circ}29'37''E$  along the centerline of said County Road a distance of 20.10 feet to a point; thence  $S59^{\circ}05'42''W$  - 531.27 feet to a point; thence  $N10^{\circ}44'W$  - 19.18 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

The herein described parcel of land contains 0.22 Acres, more or less, 0.02 Acres lie within the Right of Way of County Road No. 415 and 0.20 Acres more or less lying outside the Public Road Right of Way.