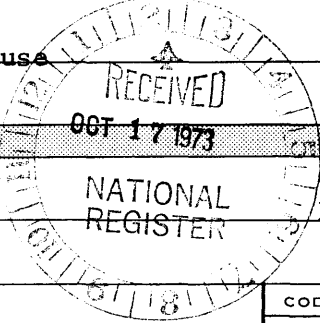


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1. NAME

COMMON:
Moyer (John M.) House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
204 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Brownsville

STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **97327**

COUNTY: **Linn** CODE: **043**

**Oregon Second Congressional District
Representative Al Ullman**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum 	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input 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: **Linn County Historical Society** (owner proponent of nomination)

STREET AND NUMBER:
c/o Brownsville Museum

CITY OR TOWN: **Brownsville** STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **97327**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Albany** STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **97321**

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 Division

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

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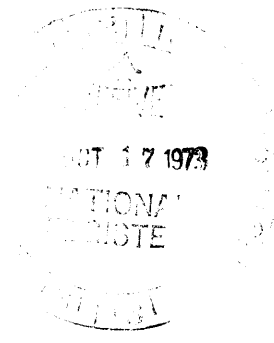
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The city of Brownsville, situated east of the Willamette River between Albany and Eugene, traces its history back to the 1850s when Hugh L. Brown founded the town. A community-wide preservation effort known as "Historic Brownsville" was instigated in the 1960s to restore structures that played a significant role in the city's development. A prime target of the project was the Moyer House built by John M. Moyer, early pioneer, manufacturer, financier and community leader. Designed in the Italian Villa Style, the house was personally constructed by J.M. Moyer in 1881 using material processed in his own plants. The effect of houses in this style was that they looked grand and imposing even though the actual dimensions could be relatively modest.

The T-shaped house has a basement, two stories and a cupola observatory. Whereas the European "Italian Villas", were of masonry construction, the Moyer House was of wood construction with flush wall boards of wood, painted to simulate a stuccoed masonry surface. But the substitution of wood, an American innovation, is especially perceptible in the trim, particularly at the corners, where lath is used to create decorative pilasters in a treatment which was typical of other Brownsville houses of the period. Several characteristic features of the house are a brick foundation, two small porches or verandas, one of which has a deck for the second story, regular fenestration, somewhat asymmetrical massing, bay windows, a low hipped roof, a decorated, bracketed cornice and a cupola.

The Hill Family Foundation of St. Paul, Minnesota, acquired the house and donated it to the Linn County Historical Society. Most of the restoration work was accomplished between 1965 and 1969. During that period, the brick foundation was replaced and the cupola reconstructed. Since then, additional work has been undertaken as possible. It remains for much of the decorative parapet of "antefixes" to be restored. The property is operated as a historic house museum by the Linn County Historical Society.



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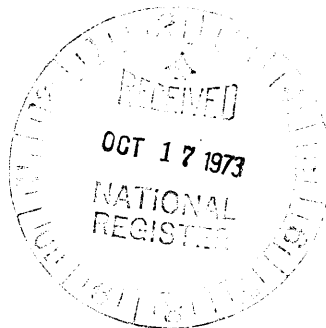
MOYER (JOHN M.) HOUSE

2. Location

The John M. Moyer House is located in NW ¼ SW ¼ Sec. 31, T. 13 S., R. 2 W., of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon. It occupies Lot 3, Block 11, of the plat of North Brownsville.

8. Significance

in 1852 and subsequently became identified with manufacturing and financial interests on an extensive scale, and who in the attainment of individual success contributed in substantial measure to the development and upbuilding of the commonwealth. He was energetic and determined, and what he undertook he accomplished."



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1881

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Moyer House was constructed in 1881 by John M. Moyer, who, by the time of his death in 1904 had become one of Oregon's leading manufacturers and financiers. Moyer, a carpenter by trade, built the house himself using native materials formed in his own manufactories. The house is a fairly typical expression of the Italian Villa Style translated into the vernacular. However, some of the decorative trim is handled in a manner peculiar to Brownsville houses of the period.

Having half ownership in a wagon, three horses, provisions, and his carpenter's skill, Moyer started from Ohio for Oregon in 1852. Favorably impressed with the mid-Willamette Valley, Moyer decided to locate near the present town of Brownsville. He worked there as a carpenter until 1857, when he and his new wife, the daughter of the founder of Brownsville, settled on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres near Brownsville. They later purchased sixty adjoining acres. They began house-keeping in a house of box construction. Moyer also provided furniture of his own making. When the new town of Brownsville was laid out, he purchased several lots and built another box or "slab" house in the town.

Moyer purchased a sash and door factory in North Brownsville in 1863. Subsequently, ^{improving} the plant, installing new machinery and other necessary equipment, he succeeded in developing a thriving business. In association with others, he organized the Eagle Woolen Mill at Brownsville in 1864. The mill was sold in 1875 to a syndicate organized by Moyer, and the Brownsville Woolen Company was incorporated with Moyer as president. Under Moyer's management, earnings of the mill increased each year.

It was during the period of growing prosperity from his local investments that Moyer built his Italian Villa. He had not yet achieved the level of prosperity in which he could afford to import laborers and materials to build the type of home he desired. He relied upon his own carpentry skills and his sawmill, door and sash factory to provide what was needed.

In 1889 the Brownsville Woolen Company was sold, and Moyer purchased a clothing store in downtown Portland. In that year he organized the Albany Woolen Mill, of which he became president. In 1888 he became one of the incorporators of the Bank of Brownsville, of which he was made president also.

Extending his efforts even further, he organized the Bank of Woodburn in 1890 and became its vice president.

When John M. Moyer died in 1904 at the age of seventy-five, he had extensive holdings in Brownsville, elsewhere in Linn County, and in Portland, where he had established a chain of stores known as the Moyer Stores. Charles Henry Carey wrote in his History of Oregon: "In the passing of J.M. Moyer of Brownsville, Oregon lost one of her honored pioneers who came to this state

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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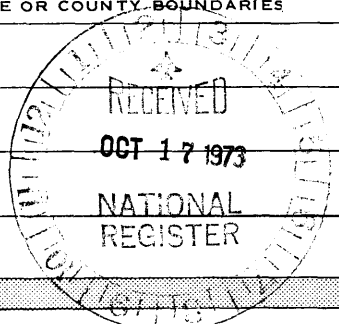
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **0.67 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paul Hartwig, Assistant Park Historian
 ORGANIZATION: Oregon State Highway Division DATE: September 1973
 STREET AND NUMBER:
State Highway Building
 CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Oregon CODE: 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

Name: *Ernest M. Baldwin*
 Title: Director of Transportation
 Date: 10-10-73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. H. Max Baer
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/21/74

ATTEST:
Ronald M. Greenberg
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1/18/74