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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Adolph (Samuel) House
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2493 State Street
CITY, TOWN Salem VICINITY OF 2nd
STATE Oregon CODE 41 COUNTY Marion CODE 047

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mark Nelson
STREET & NUMBER 2493 State St.
CITY, TOWN Salem VICINITY OF Oregon STATE 97301

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Marion County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Salem STATE Oregon 97301

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE

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
<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 Samuel Adolph House is a substantial, two-story frame house in the Italian Bracketed (or Italian Villa) Style dating from 1878. Gable-roofed and T-shaped in plan, the house is oriented to the south. The main projecting block is three bays wide and contains the major entry offset to one side. Initially, this entry was reached by steps with railing and was sheltered by a hood supported by large console baskets. In the southwest corner of the "T" was a subsidiary entry and porch with fancy decoration. The latter was enclosed for use as a bedroom some time after 1920. By 1905, a wrap-around veranda with posts and spool work in the Queen Anne Style was added to the main block, encompassing the south and east elevations of the latter.

Clapboard siding, segmental-arched, double-hung window sash, hooded lintels, a round-arched attic window with balcony in the front gable end, and an elaborately bracketed cornice and raking cornice with returns are other exterior finish details. Drop ornaments decorate brackets; incised, Eastlake Style motifs decorate frieze panels; and corner boards are especially fancily treated with capitals, bead molds and bosses set off by scrollwork.

Bathrooms were added to the rear of the west wing, or stem of the "T", and--on the east elevation--a portion of the veranda was enclosed for storage purposes in later years. Almost all of the finish work is intact in the principal downstairs rooms, including stair hall and diningroom wainscoting, a geometric (but not free-standing) stair case, wooden chimney pieces in parlor and dining room, and so on. The kitchen has been somewhat modified over the years. The upstairs contains five rooms--including a small bedroom at the head of the stairhall. Until recently used as an apartment, the upstairs rooms have undergone certain alterations, most of which are reversible. The hall is lighted by its original skylight, open through the attic floor to the roof. Access to the attic is by ladder through the hall bedroom. The house has no basement, but a small cellar.

The Adolph's original farm tract of five acres was subdivided in 1909 as the East Side Addition to Salem. The present lot measures 83x200 feet and includes part of the orchard as well as other older plantings. Detached structures on the rear of the property include a small barn, or storage shed, and a double garage. A single-story butcher shop was built on the street front corner of the property in the 1940s. The new owners plan to demolish the latter building and commence stabilization and repairs to the house. The veranda of 1900-1905 will be retained but fully opened up again, and the 1920s front bedroom addition may be removed.

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<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 1878

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house built for Salem brewer Samuel Adolph in 1878 is significant to the city as one of the several outstanding examples remaining of Italian Villa architecture. Certain similarities in plan and detail between Adolph's house and the Asahel Bush House--completed across town in the same year--point to (but do not necessarily prove) a common design source or builder. The carpenter-builder of the Bush House--a National Register property--was J. Walter Boothby. That of the Adolph House is as yet undocumented. Recently acquired by the present owner, the house will continue its historic function as a single-family dwelling.

Built on a five-acre tract as a fashionable suburban farmhouse with picket fence enclosing its dooryard, the building today fronts a busy thoroughfare in a residential neighborhood which is partially zoned for commercial uses along State Street. The 20' setback and the mature trees and shrubs in the front yard have been preserved and provide the house a protective setting. A block to the east lie the green open spaces of the State Penitentiary grounds and the landscaped precincts of the State Forestry Department.

Samuel Adolph was a German Jew who emigrated from the outskirts of Berlin, arriving in the United States in 1855. He enlisted in the Regular Army, and served eight years--rising to the rank of Lieutenant. He was stationed in the West most of the time. In 1867, he came to Salem from Idaho and entered into the brewery business with John Brown. He also tried his hand at commercial baking and farming. By 1868, he was an independent brewer and had laid the foundation for later investments. He built several business blocks in downtown Salem and ran a saloon. He served on the City Council.

The house was next occupied by Adolph's son-in-law, Isadore Greenbaum, upon the demise of Adolph's widow. Greenbaum, continuing the enterprise of this prominent Jewish family, founded a dry goods firm with another of Adolph's sons-in-law. The Greenbaum store is still an important institution in the community--owned and operated by Adolph's descendants.

The third occupant of the house was Roy Bremmer, a warden for the State Game Commission, a deputy sheriff for Marion County, and a guard at the State Penitentiary. The present owners acquired the house from Bremmer's widow in 1978.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Union Title Company indexes, and Marion County deed records and plats.

Oregon Statesman, July 20, 1879; September 22, 1893 (Adolph's obituary); December 24, 1904 (Mrs. Adolph's obituary); October 1, 1947 (Bremmer's obituary).

Abstract of title (in possession of Mrs. Roy Bremmer).

Salem City Directories--1878, 1880, 1889, 1905, 1917, 1921, etc.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 83x200' ± 0.4 acres *15.600*

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 1 and the easterly 33' of Lot 2, Block 1, East Side Addition to the plat of Salem, Marion County, Oregon.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David C. Duniway

ORGANIZATION

DATE

May 11, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1365 John St. S

TELEPHONE

503/581-2338

CITY OR TOWN

Salem

STATE

Oregon 97302

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 State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE August 11, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

~~DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION~~

ATTEST: William Tolbooth

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

10/2/78

DATE

9/25/78