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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 Milne (James) House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 504 3rd Street

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Oregon City VICINITY OF 2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Oregon CODE 41 COUNTY Clackamas CODE 005

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webster

STREET & NUMBER 18754 S. Upper Midhill

CITY, TOWN West Linn VICINITY OF Oregon STATE 97068

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clackamas County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Oregon City STATE Oregon 97045

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS State Historic Preservation Office

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 type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1922</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The James Milne House is one of the notable examples of Gothic Revival architecture in Oregon. The house was probably built by its first occupant, as Milne was a carpenter by trade. Today the house is in excellent structural condition, but needs extensive repairs to the interior plaster. Clapboard siding has been replaced to match the original on the weather, or west side of the house, and all broken windows have been replaced in the original sashes. This house is being restored to its original likeness as nearly as possible for residential use on a rental basis.

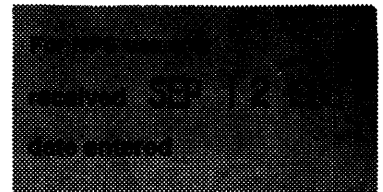
The house was moved in 1922 from its original location at 6th and John Adams to its present site to make room for the new Congregational Church. Only three blocks from its former location, it sits in the same quiet neighborhood. It faces north and occupies about one tenth of an acre. The main landscape feature is a very large walnut tree located in the front parking strip.

The excellent structural condition of the house can be attributed to solid box construction on post and beam foundation. The one and a half story structure has a steeply-pitched gable roof with central gablet lighted by a casement window with pointed arch head and ogee molding to the spring line. At some point, a transom bar was later added to this lancet window. The central entry with transom is sheltered by a simple porch with bracketed deck and a railing of turned balusters. The latter, having been lost to deterioration, is being restored. The floor of the porch was later changed to concrete. End windows have pedimented architraves. The projecting bay window on the east side of the facade was added in the 1880s. When the house was moved in 1922, the kitchen ell was jettisoned, and in its place was added a hip-roofed porch with square posts. A small single-story room was added to the rear of the house at this time also.

Interior spaces are organized around a central stairhall. Originally, both floors had two rooms to the east and one large room to the west. The downstairs parlor has been divided into two bedrooms but it retains its original trimmed chimneypiece. The northeast room retains the original wainscot, chair rail and fireplace mantel. Throughout the house is original windowtrim and picture molding.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



Continuation sheet

Item number 2

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MILNE, JAMES, HOUSE
224 Center Street
Oregon City
Clackamas County
Oregon

Control number: 79002044

Listing date: ~~3-12-79~~
2-2-79

The purpose of this continuation sheet is to verify that, owing to street renumbering, the correct and current address of the above-named property is: 224 Center Street.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: September 5, 1986

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Name Milne, James, House

State OREGON

Nomination/Type of Review

Address change approval

Date/Signature

10/9/86

for Keeper William B. Buckley

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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
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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 ca. 1869

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The James Milne House is significant as a well preserved example of Gothic Revival architecture in one of the state's oldest communities. James Milne was a carpenter, and his house represents the attainment of a skilled tradesman in mid-nineteenth century Oregon. The house is remarkably intact despite its relocation in 1922.

Little is known about James Milne except that he had arrived in Oregon by 1853, married, and had five children-all born in Oregon. He himself had been born in 1827 in New Brunswick and died in Lane County, Oregon in 1904.

Oral tradition has it that the house was built earlier, but deed records suggest that its construction did not occur much before 1869.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

U.S. Census of 1870, Clackamas County, Oregon.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		
C						

B						
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		
D						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 8, Block 58, Plat of Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

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 / TITLE

Jeff Lohr, Chairman, Historic House Committee

ORGANIZATION

Clackamas County Historical Society

DATE

August 29, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1206 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

(503) 656-7679

CITY OR TOWN

Oregon City

STATE

Oregon 97045

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

Spind Grattor

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE January 22, 1979

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *W. Ray Lee*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-2-79

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTER

DATE

2/29/79