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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Dunn (Patrick) Ranch

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4224 Highway 66

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Ashland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE

Oregon

VICINITY OF

CODE

41

COUNTY

Jackson

CODE

029

CLASSIFICATION

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

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Albert and Margaret Meyer

STREET & NUMBER 4224 Highway 66

CITY, TOWN Ashland

VICINITY OF

Oregon

STATE 97520

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Recorder's Office, Jackson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER Oakdale and Main

CITY, TOWN Medford

STATE Oregon 97501

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties

DATE 1977

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Patrick Dunn house and its auxillary structures sit upon a 270-acre working farm, facing a road which once was the major transportation route into the Rogue River Valley, Highway 66. The two-lane, paved road, built c. 1912, has since been supplanted by two more recent highways constructed to the west of the nominated property. It should be noted that the most recent highway, Interstate 5, does not show on the attached USGS topographic map.

The Dunn House faces east and is rectangular in plan; the long axis running east-west. The house is two stories in height. Auxillary structures include a henhouse, a privy, the woodshed, and a large barn. These structures have been stabilized but left in their somewhat deteriorated condition for the ambiance they lend to the nearby house. The house is surrounded by fields to rear, a walnut orchard to the north, and recent landscaping which sets the house off as a local showplace.

Based on recollections of members of the Dunn family, the house is understood to have been remodeled somewhat and enlarged around 1910. The rear portion of the house was raised to two stories, and a rear porch was added. A polygonal bay window in the north wall of the kitchen is believed to date from this time. The back porch was enclosed by the present owners in 1970, and structural tie-beams were also added by the new owners to downstairs rooms as a stabilization measure.

Architectural Description

Foundation -- rubble sandstone ashlar, laid dry.

Structure -- wood frame.

Style -- vernacular farm house.

Walls -- clapboard. The portion nearest Highway 66 employs siding with a 6" face while the rest of the house features clapboard with a 4½" face. A 10" board covers the sill above the foundation. Corner trim is plain except at the front (east) porch where the corner trim features recessed panels from sill to frieze.

Unlike the rest of the house's facade, the front porch wall is sheathed in board and batten. The differing wall surfaces are presently believed to be original in application.

Windows -- two French windows, thought to be the first utilized in the area, open to the front porch; along with a central door which is eight feet high. Other windows are either square or rectangular (vertical). The former are glazed with sash that employs a total of six lights while the latter are double hung with lights in six over six arrangement.

The sun room, originally the screened porch on the west end of the house, is enclosed with fixed sash windows employing a total of 10 lights each.

Front (east) Porch -- access to the porch is via four risers (wood). The porch is covered by a low hipped roof supported by four turned wood columns. Two additional posts are engaged with the east wall. A simple railing of square members engages the columns and defines the porch. An historic view of the house taken sometime prior to the turn of the century shows that the porch posts at one time were decorated clustered columns, typically paired, and they had a more substantial--perhaps pierced--railing in between them.

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Roof -- the house and attached root cellar are covered by gabled roofs. Although the house is generally rectangular in plan due to similar widths of the two sections, the east portion has an axis which aligns north-south; therefore, the roofs of each section intersect with each other. On the ends, gable verges project. Eaves feature a boxed cornice above a wide frieze. Two brick chimneys project through the roof; one from each of the two sections. The roofs are presently sheathed with wood shakes.

Brief Interior Description

Interior spaces have been retained in essentially their original arrangement. Surface alterations (paint, wallpaper, etc.) have been confined, generally, to the first story. The front, four-paneled door opens inward to a central hall and a stairway which leads, via 15 risers, to the second level. On the first floor, a parlor is seen on the north as one stands in the hall. On the left (south) is the original bedroom. To the rear of these two rooms is the present, wide living room. The living room and the aforementioned parlor share fireplaces back-to-back. Continuing to the rear of the house, one finds the kitchen which exhibits the one major alteration to the house; a small polygonal bay window added to the north wall. To the rear of the kitchen is the sun room, formerly the screened-in porch. From the sun room, one may enter the root cellar which is a partial basement with a woodshed above it. A second set of stairs leads from the downstairs laundry room to the bedrooms above.

While mostly redone in contemporary wallpapers, carpeting, etc., the upstairs provides an excellent feel for the original interior finish because the present owners have left the walls and ceilings of the top stair landing and small bedroom in their original surface treatment. Here, the walls are white painted horizontal boards while the ceiling suggests a coffered appearance by employing a kind of overhead board and batten treatment. Beyond the stair landing, to the rear of the house, lies the master bedroom and adjacent dressing rooms, bath, and so on.

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1860 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Patrick Dunn Ranch is significant to Southern Oregon in several respects. The house is one of the oldest standing in the Rogue River Valley, and the farm is a designated Oregon Century Farm. The property remained in the same family for over a century with members or descendants serving in local, territorial, and state political positions.

Patrick Dunn, a native of Ireland, settled in the Rogue River Valley of Southern Oregon after an unsuccessful attempt at California gold mining. He arrived in the valley in 1851, and first lived in a log cabin which he erected a short distance from the property reported in this nomination. In 1860, one year after Oregon achieved statehood, Dunn, then married, built the two-story frame home nominated here. In the years between 1851 and 1860, Dunn had seen service as a member of the Territorial Legislature, served as Jackson County assessor, county commissioner, and county clerk. He also fought in the hostilities with Indians of the area in 1855 (Rogue River uprisings).

At the age of 77, Patrick Dunn died. A son, George W. Dunn, assumed responsibilities for the ranch and later became a state senator. Mrs. Mary Hill Dunn, Patrick's wife, was named "Mother Oregon" of the Oregon Pioneers in 1927 in a Portland ceremony while four generations of descendants looked on.

The Dunn family continued to own the property until the Meyers purchased it in 1970. At that time, the house, while still intact, was in a state of advanced deterioration. Restoration efforts took the form of structural repair and general fix-up of the interior and exterior. To help stabilize the structure, two exposed beams were added to the downstairs rooms. The beams, set into the ceiling, were obtained from a local structure, now gone, in order to tie the building together.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Medford Mail-Tribune, (March 6, 1966).

Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Meyer, property owners, April 1977.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>10</u>	<u>529650</u>	<u>4667000</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

That area encompassing the main house, the henhouse, the weighing house, the privy, the woodshed, and the barn, containing five acres. Generally, the area extends from the right-of-way of Highway 66 west to the rear of the henhouse; from the south yard of the house to the north side of the barn.

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

Robert Fink

ORGANIZATION

DATE

May 5, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

2209 Kansas Street

(702) 885-4370

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Carson City

Nevada 89701

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

David H. Talbot

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE January 20, 1978

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

ATTEST:

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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