

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Oregon
COUNTY:	Douglas
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	MAR 17 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:	Applegate (Charles) House
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: NE of Yoncalla on Halo Trail		Representative John Dellenback	
CITY OR TOWN: Yoncalla <i>vic.</i>		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Oregon Fourth Congressional District	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Oregon	97499	Douglas	019

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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 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:	Colonel Rex Applegate		
STREET AND NUMBER:	Box 366		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Yoncalla	Oregon	97499	41

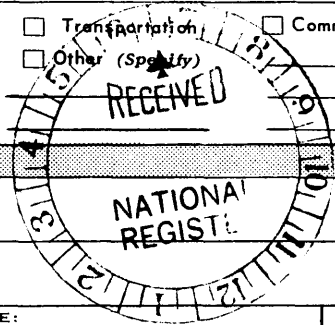
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:	Douglas County Courthouse		
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Roseburg	Oregon	97470	41

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:	Historic American Buildings Survey		
DATE OF SURVEY:	1934	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	National Park Service		
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Washington	District of Columbia	11	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated in central Western Oregon at the south end of the Willamette Valley, the Charles Applegate house near Yoncalla has been in the prominent pioneer Applegate family since it was built in 1852-57. An outstanding example of early Oregon craftsmanship and materials, it contains many original furnishings, some of which were made locally, some of which came across the plains in 1843, and some of which were shipped around Cape Horn in the 1850s and 60s.

The house as it exists today is T-shaped in plan. Roofs are gabled with a medium pitch. The original portion started in 1852 and completed in 1857, is a two and a half storey rectangular box c. 20 x 40 feet in dimension. It and the two-storey south-facing front piazza are detailed in a carpenterly Greek-Revival style. The roof extends over the piazza in an unbroken pitch. On the ground floor there are two large rooms, each with a door opening onto the piazza.

The East room is known as the men's room and the west as the women's room. There is no central hall between these rooms. There is however a long hall which runs the longitudinal length of the house behind them. A partition at the west end of the hall forms a cloak room for the women's room, and a partition at the east end forms a gun room off the men's room. The gun room is actually somewhat wider than the hall because of a slight extension of the house, salt-box fashion, on the north-east corner. The central portion of the longitudinal hall, accessible from both large rooms, contains the stairway to the upper floors. The present stairs date from the 1880s but are in the same place as the original stairs. There was originally another small stairway in the women's room, but it was removed in the 19th century. A door, possibly not original, connects the two large rooms, which are heated by fireplaces in a central chimney.

Cooking was originally done in the fireplace in the women's room, which still contains iron pot and utensil hooks. This room also contains quilting hooks. The chimney brick was made on the nearby Lindsay Applegate place and hearth and lintel sandstone came from a local outcropping. Lumber was milled by Washington Cannon in nearby Scotts Valley.

There are five bedrooms on the second floor at the present time, originally there may have been six. The third floor is a single large open space.

The wing on the north side measures c. 25 x 30 feet. It was built in the 1860s in the Stick style, though Applegate family tradition says that the house was originally built with a smaller wing which is now part of the large attic above, and contains a dining room and kitchen. Part of the kitchen space was converted to a bathroom in the 1930s. A porch on the east side of the wing butts against the gun room.

As the house has always been lived in and maintained, most of the original siding has been replaced. A rare survival however is (Continued)

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APPLEGATE (CHARLES) HOUSE (CONTINUED)

2. Location

The Charles Applegate house is in the SE 1/4 Sec. 34, T. 22S. R. 5W., on the Willamette Meridian, Drain, Oregon, off US Highway 99E, via Halo Trail to unimproved Applegate Section Road.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings
1970
Parks and Recreation Section
Oregon State Highway Division
Salem, Oregon 97310

7. Description

the original horizontal flush plank siding on the south side, where the piazza has protected it from the weather. The vertical board-and-bat siding on the north wing may date from the 1860s.

Among the furnishings is a small Oregon-made table signed Spores and dated 1852, a hand made bench from the Jesse Applegate house, which burned in the 1860s, a cabinet c. 1870 made by a member of the Applegate family, two violins inlaid with Oregon woods made by George (Buck) Applegate for his twin daughters in 1886. One depicts the ferryboat at Scottsburg and the head of an Indian woman who lived with the family; and the other depicts a pet dog and the Applegate house. There are numerous other furnishings and objects associated with this historic family. Especially noteworthy is a set of Harper's schoolbooks shipped around the Horn in the 1850s. The inside covers and fly leaves of these books contain finely-done drawings, made by the Applegate children, of the original log cabin on the site, members of the Applegate family, and other scenes of historic interest.

The first structures on the site were a log cabin and a springhouse, both built in 1850-51. Nothing remains of the cabin, however the six-sided sandstone-lined pit of the springhouse west of the house has been located and excavated by members of the Applegate family. The house is being maintained in good and substantially original condition by the Applegate family, with whom it is likely to remain in the foreseeable future.

3. SIGNIFICANCE

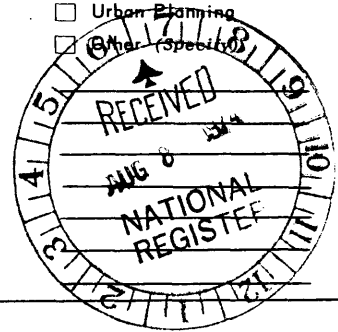
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1852-1857**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Charles Applegate, a prominent member of a family whose history is closely interwoven with that of Douglas County and the state of Oregon, took up a donation claim of six hundred and forty acres adjoining the present site of the town of Yoncalla, in the spring of 1850. Between 1852 and 1856 he constructed a house in the Classical Revival style that remains today a major landmark of the area. There he continued to reside until his death in 1879, when in his seventy-fourth year.

He was a Kentuckian by birth, while his wife, Melinda (Miller) Applegate, was a native of Tennessee. All of their fifteen children grew to adulthood. In 1843, in association with his brothers Jesse and Lindsay, Charles Applegate formed the Applegate Company, and with about eight hundred people crossed the plains to Oregon. Jesse Applegate, one of the most dominant characters in the pioneer settlement of western Oregon, was captain of the company. Charles had two wagons, each drawn by four oxen, and brought with him ten cows and one horse. Leaving his cattle at Walla Walla, Washington, he built a boat and made the journey by water to Oregon City, later going to Marion County. The following winter he worked for a Mr. Burr, "the mission blacksmith," whose shop was situated about fourteen miles from Salem. In 1844 he journeyed to Polk County and settled on a donation claim of six hundred and forty acres about four miles north of Dallas, continuing to reside thereon until he disposed of the property in the spring of 1850. At that time he took his family south to Douglas County, taking up a donation claim of six hundred and forty acres adjoining the present site of the town of Yoncalla. His brothers had already settled in the Umpqua Valley near Yoncalla. As the oldest brother, it fell to Charles to remain in the Willamette Valley and look after affairs while his younger brothers embarked upon a trail-seeking enterprise. In June 1846, only a year after Samuel K. Barlow had pioneered his road through the Cascades south of Mt. Hood, Captain Levi Scott formed an exploring expedition to determine a southerly cutoff from the Oregon Trail near Fort Hall in eastern Idaho. Jesse and Lindsay Applegate were among the fifteen pioneers who gathered to explore the uncharted territory. Because they became the most vocal and politically effective champions of the new Southern Immigrant Route, the Applegate name has been closely associated with this variation of the Oregon Trail. Jesse Applegate was also a leader of the Provisional Government from 1844-1849, was elected a member of the new Territorial Legislature in 1849, and was a member of the constitutional convention of the State of Oregon in 1857. He (Continued)

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Corning, Howard McKinley. Dictionary of Oregon History Portland: Bin-fords and Mort, 1956. p. 9.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

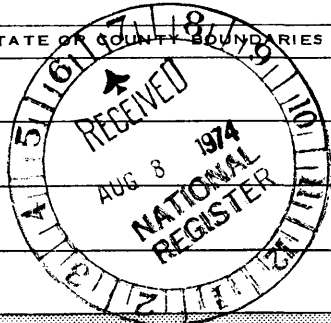
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

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, Park Historian and D. W. Powers III, Temporary Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Oregon State Highway Division

DATE: July 26, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Highway Building

CITY OR TOWN: Salem

STATE: Oregon 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

[Signature]

Title State Parks Superintendent

Date August 2, 1974

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/7/75

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3.14.25

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8. Significance

was the first Surveyor General in 1844.

In 1851 Charles Applegate and his brothers built the first schoolhouse in Douglas County, installing James Applegate as teacher and conducting the institution independent of outside aid. At the cost of one thousand dollars they purchased a library from Harper's Publishing Company of New York City, which was shipped around Cape Horn. James Applegate, the first teacher in Douglas County and the son of Charles, was later chosen county judge and subsequently served as county commissioner, and for several years was a member of the state legislature.

Charles Applegate was a successful stockman, race horse breeder and sheep-raiser, and thus acquired considerable personal wealth. Between 1852 and 1857 he constructed the house which stands today as the only remaining landmark associated with the Applegate family, and it was one of the earliest houses in the Umpqua region. The Applegate name remains synonymous with Yoncalla. Today there are still many Applegates in the region, one of whom, Colonel Rex Applegate, still owns the house.

The Charles Applegate house is the most significant landmark identified with the Applegate family. The Jesse Applegate house burned at an early date and the Lindsay Applegate house, which at one time according to family tradition bore many similarities to the Charles Applegate house, has been drastically remodelled.

