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DATA SHEET

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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

Minthorn

Minthorn (Dr. Henry John) House

AND/OR COMMON

(Herbert Hoover House)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

115 South River Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Newberg

— VICINITY OF

First - Rep. Wendall Wyatt

STATE

Oregon

CODE

41

COUNTY

Yamhill

CODE

071

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<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
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Herbert Hoover Foundation of Oregon

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Mr. George Layman, Secretary Treasurer, P. O. Box 68

CITY, TOWN

Newberg

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Oregon 97132

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Yamhill County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

McMinnville

STATE

Oregon 97218

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE

1970

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Oregon State Office of Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Salem

STATE

Oregon 97310

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HERBERT HOOVER HOUSE

2. Location (cont.)

The Minthorn House is located in the NW 1/4 Sec. 20, T. 3 S., R. 2 W, of the Willamette Meridian, Yamhill County, Oregon, in the original plot of Newberg, Block 4, Lot 3.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

View?
The Minthorn house, also referred to as the Herbert Hoover house, is a straight-forward owner-built farm house dating from 1881. It is L-shaped in plan, two stories high, and is covered with a low-pitched hip roof. A brick chimney with a corbel-flared cap straddles the ridge of each of the two legs of the "L" near the point where they meet. Fenestration is regular; the upper sash windows have four lights over four, whereas the bottom ones, slightly broader, have six lights over six. The eaves have a pronounced overhang and are supported by eave or cornice brackets near the corners. Other ornamentation consists of a frieze-like band of flat boards which surrounds the house at upper-window cornice level, and simple window architraves with a slightly projecting board cornice on the lower windows. A large ungainly shed has been added to the southwest corner of the house with the upper half of the sloping end of the shed roof butted against the house. A ground floor porch is attached to the house inside the ell. An attempt to identify the house by style would be a vernacular interpretation of the nineteenth century Italian Villa style.

The house was restored in 1955 to the original plans "in general". The kitchen and stairway had been relocated, and the plan was changed back as remembered by Mr. Hoover and others, including Miss Lillian Nicholson, whose father bought the house from Dr. Minthorn. Furnishings in the house are associated with the Minthorn Family or are of the period. The house is operated as a historic house museum.

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
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1881, 1884-1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Minthorn house is locally significant as the oldest house in Newberg, and nationally significant as the boyhood home of Herbert Hoover. The house was built in 1881 by Jesse Edwards on his newly purchased farm. The plan and style are common for the time in Oregon. It was sold in 1884 to Dr. Henry John Minthorn who had come from West Branch, Iowa in 1882 to superintend the Chemawa Indian School in Forest Grove, and who was to be superintendent of the newly established Friends Pacific Academy in Newberg.

Herbert C. Hoover was born in West Branch, Iowa in 1874. His parents' families on both sides were Quakers for many generations. His father died of typhoid fever in West Branch in 1880 and his mother, who was Dr. Minthorn's sister, died in 1883 of pneumonia. Young Hoover was passed from relative to relative for two years, and then was asked to come West and live with the Minthorns. Dr. Henry and Laura Minthorn had known Herbert in West Branch, where Dr. Minthorn is said to have saved him from a very severe attack of the croup when others thought the case to be hopeless. The Minthorns had lost a son about Herbert's age in 1883, and young orphaned Hoover was a natural replacement.

Hoover spent the years 1884-85 in a small country school and entered Pacific Academy, where Laura Minthorn taught, when it opened its doors in September 1885. Dr. Minthorn resigned as superintendent in 1889 and moved to Salem, Oregon, but Hoover's name does not appear in school records after 1888. The Quaker heritage of Mr. Hoover's parents and step-parents, as well as the Quaker education he received in Newberg, is credited with encouraging his humanitarian interests, such as his Belgian Relief Program, for which he was internationally known and respected.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Minthorn House, Boyhood Home of Herbert Hoover, pamphlet prepared by the Herbert Hoover Foundation of Oregon.

Research and personal interviews with Mr. Hoover by Mr. John Sprause, 1745 SW Highland Road, Portland, Oregon 97221.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

D. W. Powers III, Greg Olson, State Historic Preservation Office Staff

ORGANIZATION

Oregon State Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

July 25, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

319-B, State Highway Building

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CITY OR TOWN

Salem,

STATE

Oregon 97310

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL X

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

David A. Talbot

TITLE Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

10/29/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

OCT 24 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

David A. Talbot