

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Furry, (Frederic E.) House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 1720 N. Phoenix Road <sup>SE of Medford at</sup> not for publication

city, town Medford me. XX vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Oregon code 41 county Jackson code 029

## 3. 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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:

## 4. Owner of Property

name James and Beverly Roberts

street & number 1720 N. Phoenix Rd.

city, town Medford me. vicinity of state Oregon 97501

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jackson County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Medford state Oregon 97501

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Jackson County Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Jackson County Department of Planning and Development

city, town Medford state Oregon 97501

## 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

The setting of the Frederic E. Furry House is today, as it was during the historic period, rural/agricultural, and is thus far free from encroachment despite its proximity to the urbanizing area between Medford and Phoenix in the Bear Creek Valley of Jackson County. The pear orchard surrounding the site was planted after Furry's departure from the land in 1909. On his own holdings, Furry grew corn and grain and alfalfa, and raised cattle and hogs, and had a few horses. His outbuildings included a barn, silo and chicken house. None of these outbuildings remains today. The farmhouse is the only historic structure on the two-acre nominated property, but a stately locust, two mature willows, and six other trees 25 feet or more in height are among the noteworthy landscape features. A detached, two-car garage, a 1942 shed relocated from Camp White, and a turkey coop dating from 1950 are non-historic structures included within the property boundaries.

The house and its assorted porches and wings are generally of frame construction and have shingled gable roofs with boxed eaves and clapboard siding. Simple exterior trim--frieze and corner boards, etc.--is rooted in the Classic Revival.

As initially developed ca. 1887, the house was T-shaped in plan, with the front elevation of the major single-story 17 x 24-foot block oriented toward the east and North Phoenix Road. The central entry of this block, with its four-panel door, is sheltered by a screened front porch running the length of the facade. On the west, a kitchen ell forming the stem of the T had porches on either long elevation. As these porches were enclosed to provide pantry and bedroom space, etc., the utility areas of the west face were joined in a continuous wing encompassing a gable-roofed well and milkhouse off the NW corner of the original block. Between 1901 and 1905, a two-story parlor and bedroom wing--now the salient feature of the house--was added at the SE corner of the T. It matched the original block in material and detail. Fenestration in the two-story wing is regular. Tall window openings with linteled surrounds are fitted with double-hung sash with one over one lights. Initially, the ground story opening in the east end is reported to have been a polygonal bay, presumably in the Italianate vein. This opening is said to have been remodelled to its present form sometime between 1909 and 1944. It is now a tripartite window, flush with the wall plane, consisting of three double-hung windows trimmed to match the typical window frames. The porch between the kitchen ell and milkhouse and the porch on the south side of the kitchen ell were enclosed between 1945 and 1969, and a new concrete foundation was added also during this period.

In the original block, the space which initially was subdivided as a parlor on one side and two bedrooms on the other, is now one large space used as a livingroom. This change appears to have been carried out in the 1930s. The kitchen and its northerly porch have been combined without change to the roofline and remodeled as a single, enlarged kitchen space by the current owners. New wood-trimmed, double-hung windows in proportion appropriate to the west face were opened in the kitchen wall at the time of the room enlargement in 1976. The porch on the west end of the milkhouse was enclosed by the present owners in 1976 also, and two deteriorated brick chimneys with corbelled caps were rebuilt at the same time. The two-story wing of 1901-1905 containing parlor and bedroom downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs remains unchanged with the exception that the downstairs bedroom is now used as a den. All four-panel doors, hardware and interior trim have been retained in place or reduplicated to match original as required. All 9 to 10-foot ceiling heights remain unaltered, except for that of the original block, which was lowered two feet in the remodeling of the 1930s.

The following details of construction and development are given by the current owners in their 13-page typescript, "Frederic E. Furry House, c. 1887," prepared in 1977.

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...The original part of the house consisted of a kitchen, a front room, three bedrooms, a milkhouse, and four porches. As the family was growing and needing more room, it was decided around 1901 to add a two story addition on the south side consisting of three bedrooms and a parlor with a bay window. This was done, and Nina (Furry Reames) remembers being given the new west bedroom upstairs for her own. Also, in 1908 Nina was married in the parlor of the new addition by a projecting bay window (east end wall). The projecting bay was later removed by the Gannaways (subsequent owners) for some unknown reason. Fred had six children while living in the house.

...After Fred and Mary had sold the house at 1720 North Phoenix Road to A. A. Davis in 1909, it was kept by Davis for only a few months. Davis, in turn, sold it the same year to W. C. and Anna Gannaway. The Gannaways started a pear orchard on the property, obtained water rights from the Medford Irrigation District in 1920, removed the parlor bay window, received electricity in 1936, and wired the house. The Gannaways sold the property to Melvin and Lesbia Lattie in 1944. The Latties enclosed some of the porches, installed a foundation, and put in a bathroom; and they eventually sold all but two acres of the former Furry farm to Naumes of Oregon. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Lattie lived alone in the house for a few years, eventually selling it, in 1974, to James and Beverly Miller Roberts. The Roberts enclosed a porch, replaced the old chimney stacks which were falling down, and installed new kitchen windows. They also replaced the wood shingle roof in kind in 1978.

...The original driveway used to go in front of the house on the east side, where the two large willows are located.

...The two-story addition had been placed on the south side to protect the living area from the summer sun and to collect as much heat as possible from the winter sun. The north part containing the milkhouse was protected from the sun. The upstairs rooms were only used for sleeping as they are very warm in summer and cold in winter. Living was done in the cool north side of the house, which could be heated from a wood stove when necessary.

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<sup>1</sup>James and Beverly Miller Roberts, "Frederic E. Furry House, c. 1887," Medford, Oregon, 1977. Typescript based on personal interviews with Nina Furry Reames, daughter of Frederic Furry, and other research.



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Roberts, James, and Roberts, Beverly Miller. "Frederic E. Furry House, c. 1887," Medford, Oregon, 1977. Typescript based on personal interviews with Nina Furry Reames, daughter of Frederic Furry, born in house in 1889, and other research. 13 pages.

"Nina Reames Recalls Nine Decades of Living," Medford Mail Tribune (April 22, 1979)

# 10. Geographical Data

see continuation sheet

Acreeage of nominated property c. 2 acres

Quadrangle name Medford, Oregon

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A 

10	514890	4683490
Zone	Easting	Northing

B 

Zone	Easting	Northing

C 

Zone	Easting	Northing

D 

Zone	Easting	Northing

E 

Zone	Easting	Northing

F 

Zone	Easting	Northing

G 

Zone	Easting	Northing

H 

Zone	Easting	Northing

**Verbal boundary description and justification** Beginning at the NW corner of tract described in Vol. 263, page 626 of the Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon; thence South along the west line of said tract 470'; thence East 185'; thence North 470'; thence West 185' to the point of beginning, being a portion of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 33, T37S, R1W, W.M., Jackson County, Oregon.

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries** (Code 4-3, Acct #371W33, T.L. 1000)

state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title James and Beverly Roberts

organization

date May 1, 1979

street & number 1720 N. Phoenix Rd.

telephone 503/773-8991

city or town Medford

state Oregon 97501

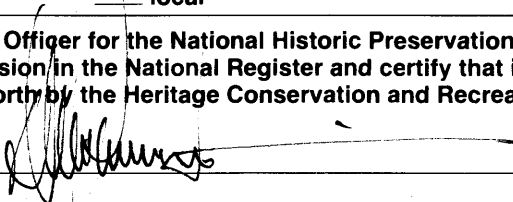
# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title SHPO Designee

date September 20, 1979

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

*Sally G. Oldham*

date 2/29/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Justin O'Connell*

date 2/25/80

Chief of Registration

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*never recorded in his name until after his father's death. At that time, his father's will, written in 1896, bequeathed to Fred that property plus 40 more acres a short distance away. His father also paid his taxes for 1886 but in Fred's name. After that, Fred paid the taxes on the property until he sold it in 1909.*

*From reading the Assessment Roll of Jackson County, Oregon, 1888, it can be assumed that the house was built between the time of his father's land acquisition of August 16, 1886 and the Assessment Roll record of 1888 which showed that Frederic Erry's "value of improvements" increased to \$275 from the \$80 of the previous year. It also suggests that he had gained household furniture not recorded in the prior year.*

*It is known that the original part of the house was built by 1889. Nina Erry Reames, Fred's second child, has stated that she was born in 1889 in the house her father built and that she "always lived there" as a child. Also, when the ceiling of the pantry was being removed in 1976, pieces of a San Francisco Examiner dated Thursday, May 1, 1890, were found underneath two inches of sawdust. The newspaper was put there to keep the sawdust, which helped insulate the pantry, from coming through the cracks between the boards...*

*After emigrating west in 1860 with his wife, Amelia Barnesburg, and his son, Fred, who was born in Iowa in that same year, Samuel Erry stayed close to the Phoenix area. He held many official offices, including county commissioner and representative in the state legislature. He operated a hotel in Phoenix before moving to what is now known as 4365 Coal Mine Road. One of his daughters, Edmona, married a W. E. Anderson and moved next door to him at what is now know as 4507 Coal Mine Road. Both Samuel's and Edmona's houses still stand. Samuel died in 1899 at the age of 76 and left a last will and testament in his own handwriting which can be seen at the Jackson County Courthouse. He and other members of his family, including Fred, are buried in the Phoenix pioneer cemetery. The family plot is marked by an imposing marble monument.*

*... In 1909 Fred and Mary Isabelle sold the property to A. A. Davis, a pioneer flour mill owner, and moved to a house on Main Street in Phoenix. Nina (Erry) Reames said that her mother began cooking for the men building the road through Phoenix, and thus began the second Hotel Erry. They also purchased a busy stable down the street and ran it until the automobile became popular. The hotel was run by them until Frederic Erry's death in 1931. Frederic Furry's widow moved out, but retained ownership of the hotel, living with various children until her own demise in 1947. Then, the hotel was sold. It is the same building now occupied by the Kachina Lounge at 117 South Main Street, Phoenix.*

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Gaston, Joseph, Centennial History of Oregon, 1811-1912 (Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1912), Vol. 3, page 352, biographical note on Frederic E. Furry.

Portrait and Biographical Record of Western Oregon (Chicago: Chapman Publishing Co., 1904), 312, biographical note on family patriarch, Samuel Furry.