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7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Alfred Dawson House was built as a residential dwelling and remains so today. A small apartment and a small antique business are contained in the basement. The architectural plans were drawn by Charles Burggraf and dated November 14, 1908 (15). The Sanborn Company's fire insurance map of Albany for 1908 shows no structures for the lot where the house now stands (22). However, the Albany Weekly Herald Newspaper makes note of the Dawson House on the present lot on March 18, 1910 (20). From this information, a construction date of circa 1910 has been determined. This Queen Anne-Colonial Revival style house is currently in good condition.

The house is located in Section 11, Township 3W, Range 7BB, Tax Lot 12500, and Block 52 (Plat number 11-3W-7BB-12500). The front of the residence faces west on Broadalbin Street and is set back about 40 feet. The south side of the house faces Eighth Avenue and is set back about 15 feet from the curb.

Large trees dating to the construction of the house, flowering trees and bushes, and other landscaping enhance the historic setting of the house. The house is located in the proposed Monteith Historic District for Albany which is the old, commercial core area of Albany. A number of historic homes and an historic church are in view from the residence and it is adjacent to the old Santiam Canal built in 1873 which supports a setting of green grass, trees and ducks.

The house is on a corner lot in the original site of another historical house which was moved to the north prior to 1908. The wood frame house with brick chimneys, concrete foundation, hipped and gabled roofs is $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories with a full basement. The $\frac{1}{2}$ story or attic is floored and contains 800 square feet of standing room and is about 12 feet in height at the center.

The present rectangular plan house has a "wrap around" porch with paneled square corner columns, and round interior columns, both classically detailed, as is the entry with a glased paneled door and sidelights with beveled, leaded glass. The lower door panel is decorated with a carved garland.

Centered at the second floor above the porch roof is a slant bay which breaks through the roof cornice, becoming a dormer with a paneled Queen Anne-style pediment depicting an owl figure. A bay also exists on the north side of the house as part of the dining room.

Typical windows are double-hung, one light over one, with plain casings and classical cornice mold on the first floor. The frieze board is the second floor window head. The walls are covered with horizontal lap siding and have corner pilasters with scroll work detail in the capitals. Few major alterations have taken place on the house.

Some changes were made during construction, in the original plans as follows: a basement door was placed on the south side of the house and not on the east; sidelights were placed in the main entry way; and lattice was used below the porches.

The known alterations to the house are as follows: (1) composition of roof shingles replaced wood shingles, (2) in 1967, a basement door was placed on the north side of the house for an apartment, and (3) prior to 1967, the two-story back porch was enclosed and steps were moved to the north side of the porch.

The interior of the house is noted for its extensive natural hardwork. Round and square columns with decorative capitals, hardwood floors and moulded beamed ceilings enhance the spacious living and dining rooms. The entryway contains a built-in buffet and brass light fixtures.

Two pantries, laundry chute and a dumbwaiter are some of the more unusual historic features of the house. Two sets of stairs lead to a common landing between the first and second floors. All of the doors in the interior of the house have raised panels.

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Few major changes have taken place in the interior of the house. Interior changes in the house are noted as follows: (1) prior to 1967, the enclosing of the two-story back porch led to the creation of a breakfast nook off the kitchen and an enlarged bathroom to the south of the breakfast nook, (2) the kitchen has been modernized by the installation of a breakfast bar and low cupboards, (3) on the second floor, an extra room or plant room was created by the alteration of the two-story back porch, and (4) a stool has been placed in the northeast corner of the second floor where shelves were originally placed.

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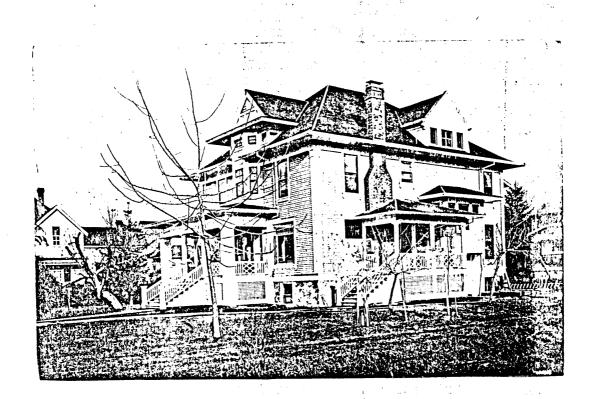
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The Alfred Dawson House in Albany, Oregon. The picture (21) is a xerox of a photographic postcard taken in 1911 or earlier. The view shows the west and south sides of the house.

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Alfred Dawson House is significant to the history of Albany because it is an excellent example of the architectural transition between the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles. The house is also significant because of its associations with the early development of drug stores in Albany. Three individuals, all of whom lived in the Dawson House at one time, were the owners of one drug store that occupied half a century of Albany history. Further, the house is also a surviving example of architecture designed by a prominent architect of Albany and of Oregon.

Alfred and Agusta Dawson were the original owners of the house. Alfred Dawson was born in Harrogate, Yorkshire, England, on September 16, 1867 (3). He immigrated to Toronto, Canada in 1881 (2,4) and spent eight years learning the drug business in Toronto (1). After graduating from the Ontario College of Pharmacy in 1888 (2), he came to Albany and began working as a druggist for the firm of Foshay and Mason in 1889 (1,4). In 1894 he established his own business on the corner of Second Avenue and Broadalbin Street where the City Hall now stands. His business, known as Fred Dawson's Drug Store, moved to 238 West First Avenue between 1898 and 1900 (1,4).

At the time of his retirement in 1936, Alfred Dawson's drug business was the second oldest store under one management in Albany (4). Alfred Dawson was credited with being the first person to put drug store advertisements on fences in Albany and the first person to put on a medicine show in the area (4). Examples of advertising and a newspaper article are attached on pages 12-13. Alfred Dawson was considered a pioneer drugist in Albany (3,4).

In addition to being a prominent Albany businessman for 42 years, Alfred Dawson was active in social and political organizations. He was a member of the Commercial Club (14), a member of the Masonic Lodge and an Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club (6). He was also a State Representative for Linn County for the 39th Legislative Assembly (7) and was on the Albany City Council from 1929-1930 (8).

Alfred Dawson's son, Stowell, became a druggist for his father as early a 1913 (9). Stowell lived in the Dawson House until sometime between 1918 and 1920 (24) and became the owner and manager of the Fred Dawson Drug Co. when his father retired in 1936 (5). Stowell Dawson was also very active in the Masonic Organization and was elected to various high positions in the Albany Lodge (10). He was also elected as the Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of Oregon in 1935 (11).

Dell Alexander, who lived in the Dawson House in 1933 (12), worked as a druggist for the Fred Dawson Drug Co. and had obtained ownership of the company by 1929 (13). Dell Alexander completed 50 years of association with the Dawson House and the Fred Dawson Drug Co. when the company went out of business as it was absorbed by Payless Drugs around 1944.

The architect for the Dawson House, Charles Burggraf, was an apprentice to an architecural firm in Colorado before he came to Oregon (16). He specialized in business and schoolhouse buildings. He was the architect for the following buildings in Albany: (1) early Albany Elks Club, (2) Hotel Albany, (3) Central School, (4) Maple School, (5) old Albany High School (now the Baptist Church), (6) Penny's Store, (7) the

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Burggraf Building, and (8) the Bain Building. Elsewhere in the state he designed the following: (1) Odd Fellows Building in Brownsville, (2) St. Thomas Academy in Condon, (3) First National Bank in Ashland, (4) Jefferson City School, and (5) a school in Medford.

The Alfred Dawson House is one of the largest older Albany homes that has not become an apartment house. It has 5,803 square feet of surface area. Its age, size, relatively unaltered form in good condition, combination of architectural styles, and example of the extensive use of interior woodwork make it historically important to Albany. The house was listed as a primary historical site in Albany in the 1978 City Cultural Resource Survey.

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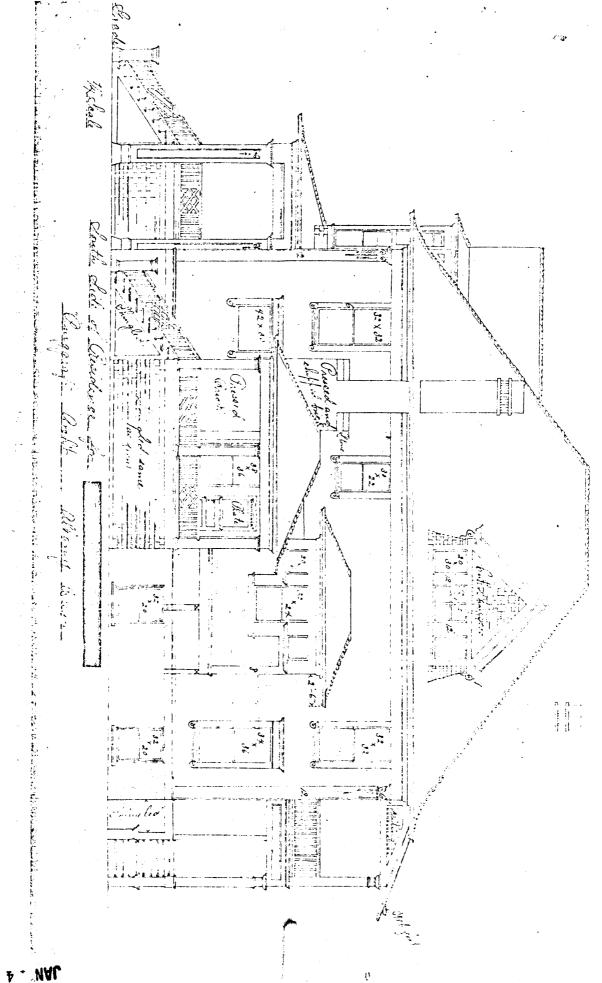
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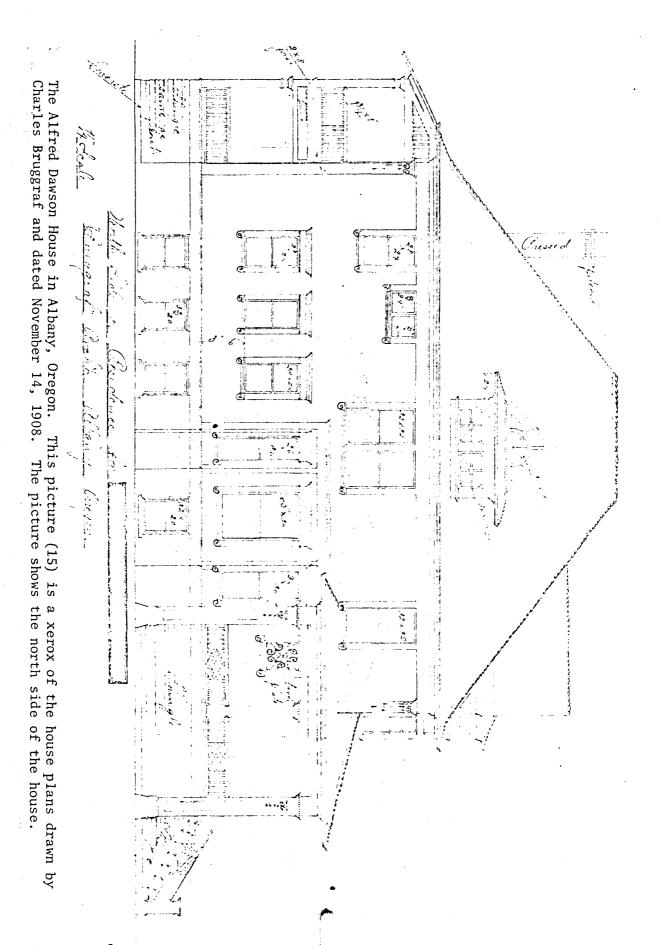
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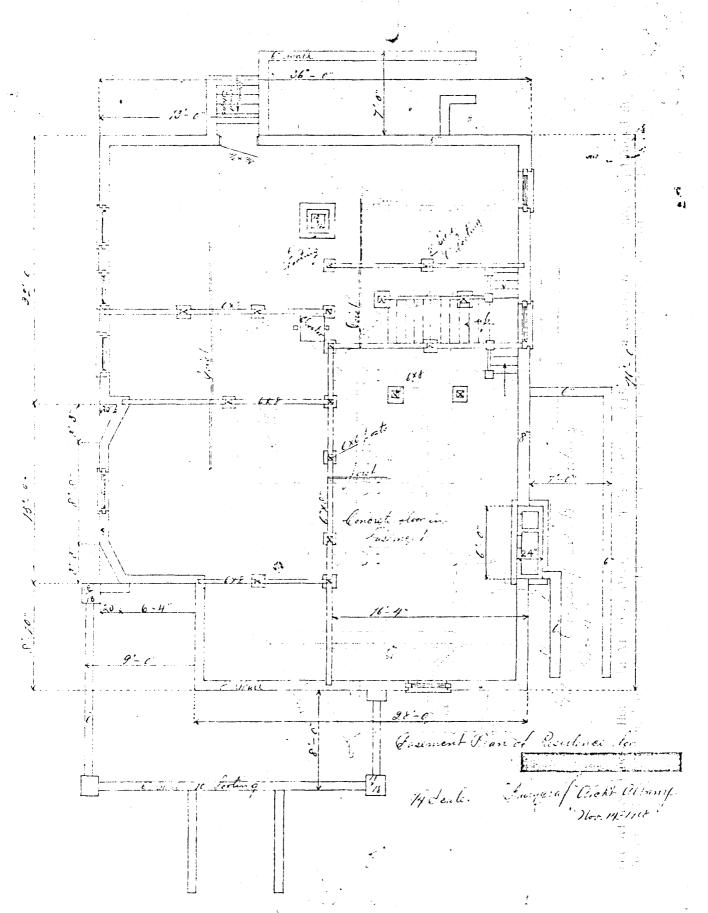


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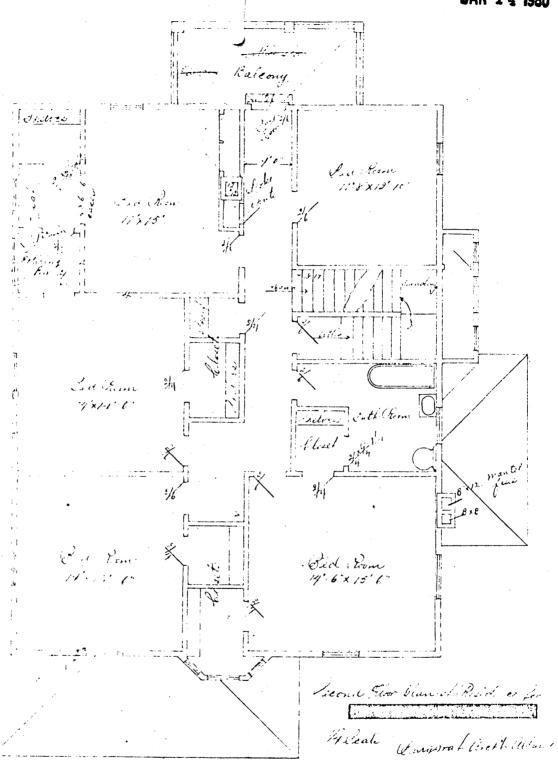
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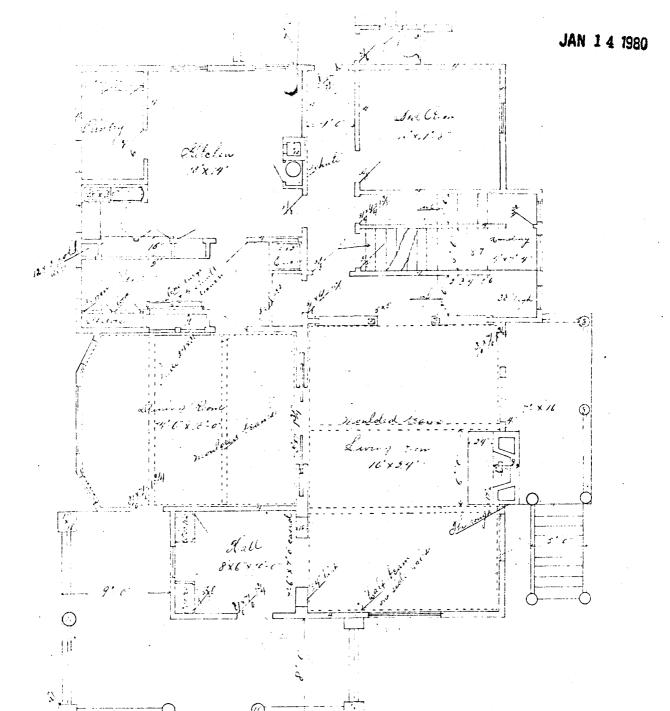


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