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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Sutherland, John, House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 83246 Lorane Highway N/A not for publication

city or town Eugene vicinity

state Oregon code OR county Lane code 039 zip code 97405

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jane Hamrick Dec. 17, 1994
 Signature of certifying official/Title Deputy SHPO Date
Oregon State Historic Preservation Office
 State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

 Signature of certifying official/Title Date

 State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register
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determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Edson H. Beall Entered in the National Register 2/2/95
 Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Sutherland, John, House

Lane County, Oregon

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Rural Gothic - vernacular version

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls weatherboards

roof wood - shingles (split shake)

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The Sutherland House is located on the west side of Lorane Highway just one mile north of Gillespie Corners at 83246 Lorane Hwy. The site is part of an original Donation Land Claim.

SITE

The House is set back approximately 150 feet from the highway and sits on a knoll overlooking pasture land & Fox Hollow creek. Total acreage currently associated with the house is 5 acres.

The city of Lorane, which is just a handful of miles south of the Sutherland House was known for its vast acres of apple and pear orchards back in the early 1900's. The orchards were planted by a development firm from the eastern seaboard, who planted 1800 acres and then sold the orchards to investors in small tracts. By 1922, all but three tracts were actually owned by Oregonians. The residents of Lorane were the biggest supporters of the orchards since most of them were employed by its parent company. A half mile north of Lorane is where the oldest orchard was planted, known as the Lorane Valley Orchard, which is approximately three miles south of the Sutherland House. Unfortunately, disease swept over most of the valley and the majority of the orchards were destroyed. However, apple and pear trees which date back to this planting can be found on the Sutherland property. A small grove of mature black walnut trees is also located just west of the house.

The natural spring that originally provided the water for the home is in tact. It is found directly northwest of the house behind the northwest corner of the garage. The house was in poor condition before restoration began a few months ago, November 1993.

EXTERIOR

John Sutherland relied on his expertise as a carpenter when he built this, his last house in 1907. It is a simple balloon framed house that were commonly built during this era. This 2-story residence occupies approximately 1,800 square feet. Three bedrooms and one bathroom are found upstairs, while a kitchen, pantry, two living areas, and a fourth bedroom can be found downstairs. Two separate front single door entrances are located on the east side of the house. Facing the house, the one on the right measures 3.0/6.8, while the one on the left measures 2.8/6.8. One back entrance is on the west side of the house and leads into the Mud Room measuring 2.8/6.8. A double car garage sits adjacent and just northwest. The front porch extends across the entire east side of the home. Five weight bearing beams support the roof overhang.

The house is balloon framed with nine foot ceilings on the first floor. Both first and second floors are planked with tongue and groove clear fir 4" flooring. The single hung windows located downstairs measure 27" x 60", while the upstairs windows measure 28" x 48". All the windows have been retain throughout. The number of windows per room is as follows: Living

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Area A: 3, Living Area B/Kitchen: 3, Pantry: 1, Downstairs Guest Room: 2, Downstairs Bathroom: 1, Upstairs Bedroom A: 2, Upstairs Bedroom B: 1, Upstairs Bedroom C: 2, & Upstairs Bathroom: 2.

An area for a wood stove with connecting brick chimney can be found in Living Area A. The roof is an 8/12 pitch split shake. The foundation is split face block.

INTERIOR

Living Area A

One of the front doors located on the east side of the house, just south of the other front east side door, leads into Living area A. Two of the single hung windows are placed on either side of this door. A third window is located on the south side of this room. The area of this room is approximately 16' x 15'. There is a Woodstove Hearth in the Northwest corner. The wood stove provided heat for the entire home in the early years; an oil stove was added at a later date. Bricks extend on the floor from the west and north walls out 4 feet, while they also climb up these walls 4 feet.

The entrance to the Downstairs Guest Bedroom is found at the southwest corner of this room. The north wall is actually not a wall, but the entrance into Living Area B.

Downstairs Guest Bedroom

The entrance to this room is adjacent to Living Area A. The room measures 10' x 13' and has 2 windows, one on the west wall and one on the south wall providing plenty of light.

Living Area B

The other front door leads into Living area B. This room is 22' x 13' and includes the entrance to the downstairs bathroom and upstairs living quarters (the bottom of the stairs). The kitchen is included in this entire room.

Two windows are on the east wall evenly spaced apart. One window is placed in the middle of the north wall where the kitchen is located. At the southwest corner of this room is the doorway and bottom of the clear fir stairs. Letting your eyes move to the right of the stair doorway, on the southwest wall, is the entrance into the downstairs bathroom. A few feet north of this entrance, on the same west wall, is the backdoor entrance into the house, while the entrance into the pantry is visible at the northwest corner of the room/kitchen.

Part of the southern wall is split allowing for a 4.5" x 7' size entrance into Living Area A.

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Kitchen

The kitchen measures 13.4" x 10' and shares space with Living Area B. It will include minor alterations to the original kitchen as found. The cabinets will be upgraded but will have an antique quality, similar in theme to the Sutherland's.

Pantry

Upon taking ownership of this house the pantry was an empty room. It is located just west of the kitchen and is 6.6" x 5.4". Along the north wall, sits a window. There is adequate room for a washer and dryer.

Mud Room

The mud room , 5.8" x 7', has been rebuilt to former conditions. The wiring has been upgraded and the 200 amp power panel, as well as the hot water heater, are located in this room. The former boot box and coat rack will be rebuilt with similar materials as most of the original wood was rotten beyond use.

Downstairs Bathroom

One window is in the middle of the west wall. The room measures 6.6" x 9.8". While serving as a guest bathroom, it will have a bathtub and shower, vanity, and linen closet.

Upstairs Living Quarters

The ceilings for these rooms are 7.6" feet high. Weight bearing beams cut across the ceilings in the hallway. The original banister upstairs is in excellent condition. Heating vents on the floor (gravity floor vents) can be found upstairs, which allow the warm air from downstairs to rise and heat the upstairs. These are found in the hallway. Prior tenants have told us that the heating system left the upstairs too cold to occupy in cold weather. The hallway upstairs measures 22' x 5.9" and has one window on the west wall near Upstairs Bedroom C for light.

Upstairs Bathroom

Atop the stairs and immediately to the right lies the doorway into the upstairs bathroom. It is approximately 6.6" x 13'. It will have a bathtub/shower, vanity and linen closet. Two windows, one on the west wall and one on the south wall, provide adequate light.

Upstairs Bedroom A:

Atop the stairs and a few feet to the left is the entrance into this room. The entrance is on the west wall of this room which is 13.3" x 12' in size. The south wall is actually the south wall of the house. One window can be found on this wall, which is positioned in the exact

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location as the window in Living Area A. A second window is located on the east wall of this room, which is also the east wall of the house and it is positioned in the exact location as the window in Living Area A. The north wall is also the south wall of Upstairs Bedroom B.

Upstairs Bedroom B:

This bedroom is between Upstairs Bedroom A and Upstairs Bedroom C. Its north wall is the south wall of Upstairs bedroom C and its south wall is the north wall of Upstairs bedroom A. One window illuminates this room located on the east wall, that is the same east wall of the house. The size of this room is 7.2' x 12'. The entrance to this room is located on the west wall and leads to the hallway.

Upstairs Bedroom C:

This bedroom is the furthest from the top of the staircase. It is located in the northern most area of the house and sits atop the kitchen and pantry. It is 9.4' x 13.2' in size. Two windows provide the light for this room, one on the west wall and one on the north wall. Both of these two walls and the west wall are also the same walls for the exterior of the house. The southern wall is the northern wall of Upstairs Bedroom B. The entrance for this room is also on the southern wall, slightly to the west.

ALTERATIONS

The Sutherland House will be left virtually intact. Some minor alterations have been made in the kitchen and pantry. The pantry has been wired to accommodate a modern washer and dryer.

RESTORATION

The current owners are in the process of restoring the Sutherland House to its original state. This will be accomplished by using historical photographs of the house and physical evidence.

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Garage Description

The 34' x 24' garage was added in 1993. It replaced a very weak poorly built structure that had been built well after the Sutherland's sold the property. The new garage is built with the same gable pitch that was used on the original house. The windows are identical to the size and type of the Sutherland House. The garage is separated by 8' from the house, but it is connected by a side walk. We faced the east side of the garage with the same siding used on the house. The west, north, and south sides are rough sawn T111 with cedar battens.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Exploration and settlement

Period of Significance

1907-1917

Significant Dates

1907

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

John Sutherland (1846-1918)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

John Sutherland

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Sutherland, John, House

Lane County, Oregon

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property ca. 5.0 acres

Fox Hollow, Oregon 1:24000

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 10 480850 4862610
Zone Easting Northing

3 Zone Easting Northing
4 Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization date February 15, 1994

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city or town Eugene state OR zip code 97405

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

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SHPO SUMMARY

The vernacular gable front and wing type farmhouse erected by carpenter-preacher John Sutherland in 1907 occupies a tax lot of five acres in the Coyote Creek drainage in the foothills of the Coast Range, southwesterly of Eugene, Oregon. The lot extends its major frontage along the west side of the Lorane [Territorial] Highway, little more than a mile north of the crossing at Gillespie Corners and eight miles south of Crow.

The wood-frame house of two stories, with its gable roof of medium pitch, has in its core volume and wing the narrow, attenuated proportions characteristic of the Gothic Revival tradition. There are few stylistic embellishments, however. The house is plain, though well-crafted, and has the earmarks of evolutionary growth in an enclosed porch on the rear elevation of the wing. The house rests on a new foundation of split-face concrete masonry units and is finished with boxed cornice, wide, unadorned frieze boards, cornerboards and simple, in-kind replacement window frames with architrave moldings. It is clad entirely with shiplap. At the roof ridge, near the junction of gables, the historic brick stove flue has been replaced by a metal flue, but it may be reconstructed in due course. Regularly-spaced, double-hung windows are fitted with one over one sash which are vinyl replacement assemblies. On the east front, both core volume and wing are sheltered by offset hip-roof porches with plain posts and solid, ship-lap railings. A louvered vent has been added to the gable peak of the north wing. Decorative, slatted shutters which were on the exterior prior to the recent renovation have been reconditioned and rehung.

The east front expresses interior organization in which the primary entry in the core volume opens directly into the parlor and the secondary entry in the wing gives access to a sitting room, or livingroom. Kitchen and pantry take up the rest of the wing space, and bed chambers, upstairs and down, account for the balance throughout. Interior finish work was simple and conventional. Original wall boards and tongue and groove ceilings are intact beneath sheetrock. Bases and door frames are plain boards without molding. Access to the upper story is provided by an enclosed, straight-flight stairway in the south wall of the core living space. Much of the material replacement work was prompted by local fire safety code requirements.

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The site is studded by mature plantings, including remnants of a fruit orchard, decimated by disease, and a grove of black walnuts. A forested hillside forms a westerly backdrop to the knoll on which the house is situated.

The only other improvement on the property is a new 34 x 24-foot, double-bay garage that is set back from the house, some 8 feet off the northwest corner of the wing. Erected in 1993, the garage replaces an earlier garage that was in poor repair. It has a metal-clad, side gable roof and a weather envelope of T-111 and battens on side and rear elevations. There are three regular bays of double-hung windows made to match those of the house, in the south end of the garage. From the public right-of-way, the predominant view is of roll-up garage doors and metal roofing.

The owners, James T. Quade and Lauren Feltman, embarked on a long-deferred maintenance and rehabilitation regime upon acquiring the property in 1993.

The house might have been evaluated under National Register Criterion C as a well-documented work of John Sutherland, whose houses, barns, churches and industrial works typified traditional building practices during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. However, until the status of his various building projects is better known, the house is nominated because it meets Criterion B for its important association with a figure who helped shape rural communities in Lane County, Oregon.

John Sutherland (1846-1918) is succinctly described as a Union Army veteran of the Civil War who was skilled at carpentry and acted in the capacity of preacher of the Independent Church of Christ, which had been founded in Pennsylvania early in the 19th century as a progressive splinter group of the Presbyterian Church. Sutherland was a native of Missouri who emigrated to the West Coast in 1872 and, with his wife, the former Nancy Jane Bowring, produced as many as 14 children, raised 12 to maturity, the last three within the subject house. Before his death in 1918 at the age of 72, Sutherland conducted marriage ceremonies in the parlor of the house. In 1896, he ran for the state legislature as a Populist, and though he was defeated in this ambition, he served the public as a justice of the peace, county road supervisor, and local school board member. It is significant that he was responsible for a portion of the historic built environment in the district between Crow and Lorane,

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including his own meeting house, the Central View Church of Christ, which no longer stands. The church was located "about two miles west of Gillespie Corners."

SHPO CONTEXTUAL OVERVIEW

The vernacular Gothic farmhouse John Sutherland built in the Coyote Creek Valley of rural Lane County in 1907 is significant, not so much as an example of a vernacular building construction, but as an icon. It is the culminating building project and last full-scale dwelling place erected by the carpenter-preacher whose long career was one of improving and shaping settlements as he moved his large family of 12 surviving children through northern California, Idaho and western Oregon, seeking opportunities for work and to preach.

Because of the photo-documented life story that one of the Sutherlands' granddaughters modeled on factual anecdote and published in 1980, the house resonates as a material link to a husband and wife whose lives were modest, honorable, striving and imbued with warmth and humor. The Sutherlands, in their restless migrations on the outskirts of developed communities, epitomized 19th century frontier values. They were self-reliant and possessed of a proud, independent spirit. Marguariete Overholser, the only child of Bessie, last-born of 14 Sutherland children, portrays her forebears as a family inured to moving, building new households and trading work for work with other resourceful folk in remote mill towns and farming communities in order to meet the needs of the day.

John Sutherland: His Life and Times [as] Union Soldier, Carpenter, Pioneer Preacher provides the context for appreciating Sutherland's career. He was born in Newton County, Missouri in 1846. Having preached in the Church of Christ from the age of 17, at age 19 he married Nancy Bowring on August 9, 1866. The pair and their first children were overland immigrants to northern California by wagon route in 1872. They settled, a year later, at New Pine Creek on the northern California/southern Oregon border in the vicinity of Goose Lake and returned there after trial periods in Arizona and the Palouse country of northern Idaho. The recurring pattern of the preacher's finding

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work as a carpenter, cabinet worker and mill hand was set during this time. About 1885, Sutherland built the church at New Pine Creek, in Modoc County, California with donated lumber and volunteer help. In 1891, the Sutherlands and all but three grown children, settled in Oregon's Willamette Valley, in the vicinity of Cottage Grove, in Lane County.

In the valley of the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, in the rural community of Hebron, Sutherland worked as a sawyer for J. B. Rouse's sawmill, preached and provided his family with house and barn of his own construction. Here, in 1896, he campaigned without victory on the Populist ticket for election to the Oregon State House of Representatives, appearing memorably at the Hebron Grange Hall and on other country platforms. Through his descendant-biographer, we see him seizing the opportunity to become the logging community's post master by building onto his house a lean-to store and postal station, which he named Amos in honor of one of his uncles. In 1898, he built at Amos the Liberty Church of Christ. By the turn of the century, Sutherland had entered into partnership with Levi Geer to make the community into a mineral springs resort, renamed New London, which visitors could reach by a 12-mile hackney coach ride from the railroad station at Cottage Grove. Toward this end, Sutherland complemented Geer's hotel and bottling operation by building a new store. In 1903, he built a new house for his family. In due course, Geer sold his share of the business to Herbert C. Niel, but Sutherland continued for two more years as proprietor of the London store before trading off his interest in the enterprise. The store Sutherland built is thought to be standing, still, at London.

After a interim job building a sawmill at Latham, immediately south of Cottage Grove, Sutherland relocated his family one final time. Around 1907, he and his wife, Nancy, were persuaded to enter into partnership with their daughter Rosa and son-in-law Bert McBee, who had a livestock spread in the Coyote Creek Valley between Lorane and Crow, approximately 17 miles southwest of Eugene. Their attraction to this valley was enhanced by the fact that another daughter, Maggie and son-in-law John Doak, also were living in the neighborhood. The elder Sutherlands' portion of the livestock spread was traversed by the Territorial road and included an old house and orchard. Sutherland soon commenced construction of the subject house and a barn, helped by Norton, a neighbor from across the Creek, and his partner/son-in-law, Bert

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McBee. [The Sutherland barn stood across the Territorial road on land that is now under separate ownership.]

As he was accustomed to doing wherever he settled, Sutherland pursued his primary mission, which was to preach. He held services in a school building in the vicinity until the farmhouse was completed and he could begin construction of his own meeting house. An acre of ground at a northerly corner of the farm holding of Frank and Sarah Hemenway bordering the Territorial road was donated for the purpose. With the assistance of his two sons-in-law, McBee and Doak, he erected a crisp frame building on rock pier foundation having a gable roof, no belfry or spire. The gable-end front had two entrances, the side elevations each had three window bays. Sutherland and his helpers created the rostrum and pews. The interior was lighted by kerosene lamps held by wall brackets. Because the church was sited against a foothill and faced out over the valley, it was named Central View Church of Christ.

Continuing his authorities as an elder of his church and justice of the peace, Sutherland married his daughter Eva to C.C. (Ted) Hayes in a ceremony in the subject house on November 1, 1908. This recorded event establishes that the Sutherland house was finished by that time. The number of Sutherland children settled near their parents grew for a time. Daughter Nora and her husband John Henderson bought the blacksmith shop at Lorane, and daughter Emma and her husband George Powell moved onto the Norton farm as renters when the Sutherlands' neighbor decided to relocate. Mrs. Overholser recounts several high points of family life in the Coyote Creek settlement, including a bonfire for family and neighbors to watch for Halley's Comet on May 18, 1910. In 1912, Bessie, the last-born of the Sutherland's 14 children was married by her father in the subject house to Jesse Hooker, a local timber cruiser. In August, 1916, John and Nancy Sutherland celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a picnic under the apple tree in the front yard of their farmhouse. For this occasion, the preacher built a table 30 feet long and benches for 175 guests.

The carpenter-preacher ended his days on the subject property. After the marriage of his youngest son, Horace, who had been his father's hand in the livestock business, Sutherland cut back on all but his preaching. Slowed down by a heart condition, in 1917

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he built a small "retirement" cottage and milk cow shed on the farm at road grade that was easier of access. In that year, he logged the last of 66 marriage ceremonies he had performed since 1882. After her husband's death at the age of 72, on January 9, 1918, Nancy left the property to live with daughter Emma Powell and her family. While some of the Sutherland kin had moved away from Lane County by this time, Bessie and Jesse Hooker lived nearby in the Coyote Creek Valley, and Sutherlands remained in Lorane and London. Nancy lived on as a valued member of the Powell household until her death in 1938 at the age of 87. The senior Sutherlands' last remains are interred at McCulloch Cemetery. Their 1907 farmhouse house, so prominently sited on a knoll above the Lorane [Territorial] Highway, remains evocative of the time when they were central figures in the community.

In addition to this subject house, the Sutherland clan have left names on the land in the Coyote Creek drainage. Preacher Creek has its outfall opposite the Sutherland House, and Doak Creek is another nearby feeder stream.

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The residence built by John Sutherland in 1907 is located in Lane County, in the vicinity of Eugene/Crow, Oregon. John Sutherland, his wife, and three of his 14 children occupied this house. The Sutherland House is proposed for nomination under Criterion B.

John Sutherland: Union soldier, carpenter, road builder, and pioneer preacher was born December 27, 1846 in Newton County, Missouri. He met and married his wife of 52 years, Nancy Sutherland when he was in Bourbon, Kansas. The two of them bore 14, but due to early deaths for two of them, reared 12.

John traveled out west not long after he and Nancy married. His calling to be a preacher came early and the two of them moved from Kansas to the west coast in 1872 where he started spreading the word of God. Over the next few decades, John & Nancy lived in Idaho, Arizona, California, and Oregon building churches wherever they went. He not only spread God's word, but built many houses, churches, and a couple of general stores. During his lifetime he married over 66 couples, 43 of them were from Oregon. His last church to be built was the Central View Church of Christ (Crow, Oregon) and his last house to build was the Sutherland House located at 83246 Lorane Hwy. in 1907. John Sutherland presence is still known by many of the residence of the Lorane Valley.

The Sutherland House sits atop a knoll and was built approximately 150 feet from Lorane Highway. The two story, 4 bedroom, 2 bath residence is characteristic of the homes built during the early 1900's. The house is typical of the two story frame farm houses built in the early 1900's.

The Sutherland House was in poor condition, but is currently being restored to its original state by its current owners. Slight alterations in the pantry and kitchen have occurred.

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John Sutherland may be equally significant to the Lorane area as is his Homestead. In addition to building the Sutherland House on Lorane Hwy., he built several other houses, a church, a number of barns, a post office, and a small grocery store in the Lorane area.

In addition to being an excellent carpenter, he was also a well known preacher. He held services in the Hadleville School on the corner of Briggs Hill Road and Territorial until his own church was built: Central View Church of Christ. A house now stands where this Church use to. As told by Marguarite Overholser, the author of John Sutherland: His Life and Times, the people started to move closer to the towns of Veneta and Eugene as they "got on in years" because they couldn't afford to make the trip to town for errands or see the doctor. As more and more people moved, the size of the congregation dwindled and the church was eventually abandoned. The only Sutherland structure left still standing is the Sutherland House on Lorane Hwy.

John Sutherland also performed numerous marriage services in the parlor of his Lorane Homestead up until his death in 1918. The Lorane home is still known as the "parsonage." During his lifetime he married over 66 couples, 43 of them were in Oregon, 36 of them in Lane County. The last marriage he performed was on July 21, 1917 at the Sutherland House on 83246 Lorane Hwy. (Mr. Alva E. Davis & Miss Anna Chafiman). We have had grandchildren of couples married by John, stop by to see the parsonage.

In 1896, John ran for Oregon State Representative from Lane County on the Populist Party ticket. He advocated a graduated income tax and the free coinage of silver. The year 1896 was also the year William Jennings Bryan ran for President. John "stumped" the Lorane, Cottage Grove and Creswell areas.

Although John lost the election, his start in politics had begun. Before his death, he served as Justice of the Peace, County Road Supervisor, and was on the local school board.

Both John Sutherland and his last home on Lorane Hwy. were well known as well used by the local Lorane Community.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is situated in Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, in rural Lane County, Oregon. It comprises a portion of Tax Lot 501 at said location and is described as follows.

Beginning at the point of intersection of the westerly edge of the Lorane Highway, also known as Territorial Highway, and the west boundary of Donation Land Claim No. 50, thence north along the west boundary of said claim 1,050 feet, more or less, thence due east approximately 620 feet to the west edge of the Lorane Highway, thence southwesterly along the west edge of the Lorane Highway to the point of beginning, encompassing in all approximately 5 acres to include the John Sutherland House and its immediate setting.

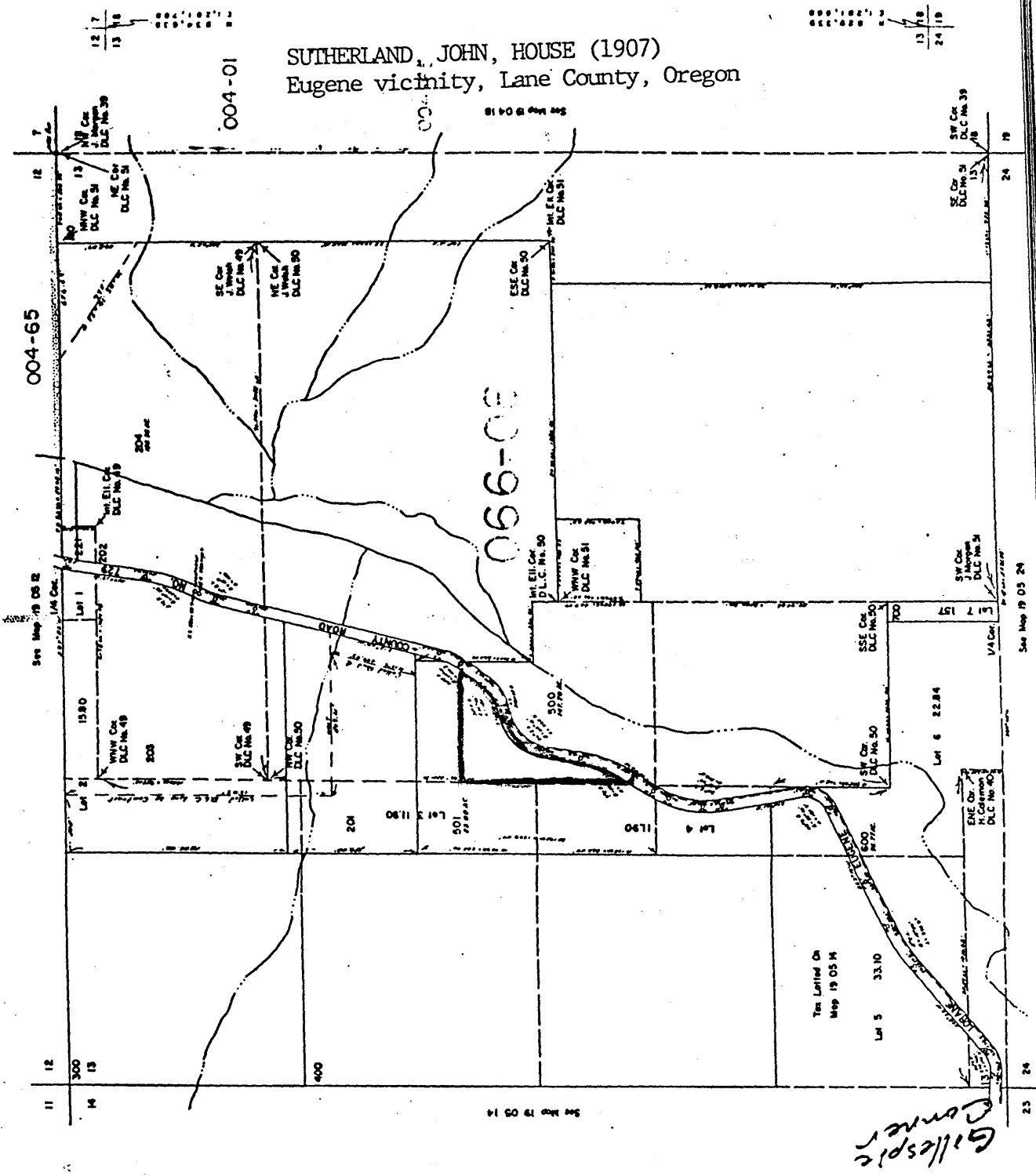
BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property of five acres encompasses the historic house built by John Sutherland in 1907, its associated garage, which is a non-historic, non-contributing feature, and its immediate setting on a rise of land above the Lorane Highway. The setting includes a walnut grove remnant and, in front of the house, mature pear and apple trees which shaded guests during the documented celebration of the Sutherlands' golden wedding anniversary in August, 1916.

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LANE COUNTY
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SUTHERLAND, JOHN, HOUSE (1907)
Eugene vicinity, Lane County, Oregon

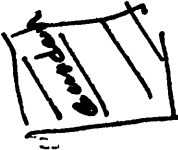
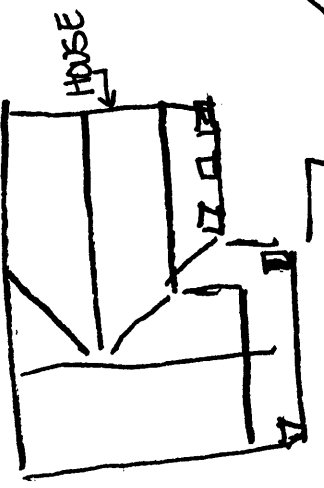
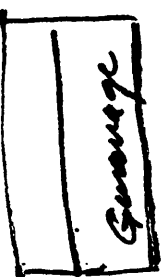
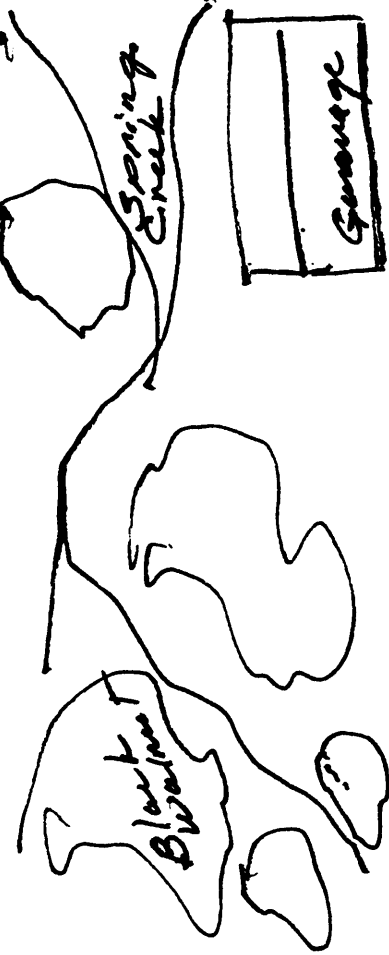


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Property Boundary

Property Boundary

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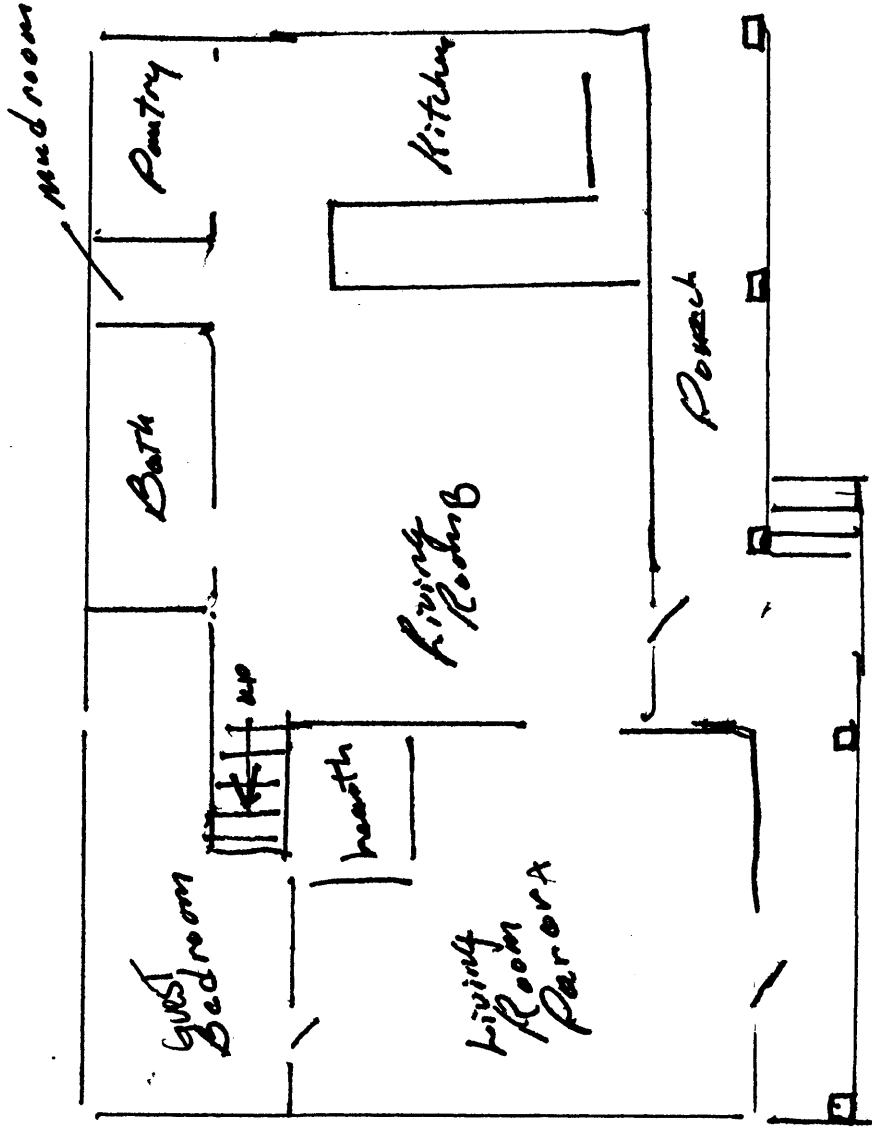
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SITE PLAN
SUTHERLAND HOUSE

FLOOR PLANS - FIRST FLOOR
SUTHERLAND HOUSE



FLOOR PLANS - SECOND FLOOR
SUTHERLAND HOUSE

