

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK 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 White, (John B.) House
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 86 N. River Road __NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN Rock Point CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Oregon VICINITY OF 4th
CODE 41 COUNTY Jackson CODE 029 ✓

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Leonard J. and Lenore D. Peck
STREET & NUMBER 86 N. River Road
CITY, TOWN Rock Point VICINITY OF Oregon STATE 97525

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Jackson County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER Main and Oakdale
CITY, TOWN Medford STATE Oregon 97501

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings
DATE 1970 __FEDERAL STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS State Historic Preservation Office
CITY, TOWN Salem STATE Oregon 97510

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house built for John B. White at Rock Point in 1859 is one of the "four other old buildings nearby" the Rock Point Tavern noted by HABS surveyors in the 1930s. The three other buildings were a dwelling, store, and a deteriorating barn. As is the Rock Point Tavern of 1864, the John B. White House is attributed to carpenter-builder W. O'Harra. It is of box construction, a method of construction employing hand-hewn framing timbers and heavy undressed boards placed on end without studding. Exterior siding is dressed clapboards.

The single-story house is oriented toward the south, facing the Rogue River, and has an L-shaped plan. The shingled gable roof was replaced recently. The shingle ridge cap is not an historic treatment, however, and the chimney was rebuilt with a flare top instead of a simple corbeled necking. The only other modification apparent from the public right-of-way is the rebuilt floor of the central portico. The solid paneled railing, which resembled wainscoting in the Wolf Creek Tavern in Josephine County, was not retained. Otherwise, the Classical Revival building is externally intact.

The 31-foot facade is formally organized, having a double-hung sash window with pedimented architrave and nine over six lights on either side of a central entry with transom and side lights. A gable roof with boxed cornice and frieze boards matching those of the main block shelters the main entry, and its gable end is finished with raking frieze and plain board tympanum. Capitals of porch posts and shadow pilasters are similar to those used on the neighboring Rock Point Tavern some five years later. The posts are composed of a decorative framework of verticals and diagonal braces. The railing of the second story porch of the Tavern also makes use of such cross-members to achieve a decorative pattern as well as rigidity. Window and door trim of the neighboring buildings is identical.

Either end of the main block is lighted by a single double-hung window with nine lights over six. The rear slope of the roof of the main block breaks to a lower pitch over the back rooms. Windows in the back rooms and the westerly ell have straight architraves and double-hung sash with six lights over six.

Originally, a shed-roofed porch extended the length of the inside, or east, elevation of the ell. Siding on the north end of the ell is board and batten. A lean-to bathroom addition was added to the northeast corner of the ell in 1943. It is believed that a gable-roofed portico originally sheltered an entrance in the west side of the ell. The existing porch at this location consists of a shed roof, two posts and wooden flooring.

Parlor and sitting room are situated on either side of the central entry hall. The parlor chimneypiece has a hand-painted wood-grain finish in fair condition. The sitting room has a working fireplace and an ungrained mantelpiece. Eight of the interior doors have one or both sides with their original graining in good condition, as do most of the door and window framements and the remaining baseboards. The sitting room ceiling was lowered by earlier occupants and, as previously noted, a bathroom addition was made to the ell some 35 years ago. The present owners are considering plans to re-do the bathroom addition siding to conform with that of the ell and to replace shutters, window screens, side porch, and paneled front porch railing.

Also occupying the property is a double garage and workshop. It is offset from the northwest corner of the house, to the rear, some twenty feet. Built about 1965, the garage is a wood frame construction with white-painted plywood sheathing, and a rolled paper roof.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Walling, A.G. A History of Southern Oregon, comprising Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Curry and Coos Counties (Portland, OR: author, 1884).

United States census records for Jackson County 1860, 1870 and 1880.

Obituary articles on Benjamin Haymond, unidentified newspaper clippings in collections of the Jacksonville Museum, Jacksonville, Oregon.

(see continuation sheet)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 164x154' *less than One*

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>1,0</u>	<u>4,9,2,5,0,0</u>	<u>4,6,9,7,6,7,0</u>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is a rectangular lot (Block 2, Plat of Rock Point) measuring 164'x154', bounded on the north by Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way, on the east by the Rock Point Tavern, on the west by vacant lots, on the south by North River Road.

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

Lenore D. Peck

ORGANIZATION

DATE

April, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

86 N. River Road

TELEPHONE

(503) 855-7221

CITY OR TOWN

Gold Hill

STATE

Oregon 97525

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

August 23, 1978

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

Henry L. ...

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 11/2/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *William ...*

DATE 10/20/78

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A solid financial man, prominent in several of the leading banking institutions, Haymond also took interest in public affairs. He served as Jackson County Commissioner two terms. He also was active in the Democratic Party. His private papers and letters show that he was called upon several times to execute wills and manage property for his friends and neighbors.

Widowed in 1891, Haymond married Rose Ann Morris in 1892. He died in 1906 after the couple had several children. The second Mrs. Haymond continued to live in the house at Rock Point, raising her children and keeping the store open a few more years. She closed the store without having to sell it. After her death in 1943, it was burned down. The post office at Rock Point was discontinued in 1912, and thereafter mail for area residents was distributed from Gold Hill.

With the exception of a small cottage on the river of a more recent date, the John B. White House and the Rock Point Tavern are the only surviving buildings used as dwellings from the original townsite. It should be pointed out that the Tavern is believed to have been built about five years later than the house for Lytte J. White (ca. 1819-1877), a native of New York. Hosteler White had a land patent immediately adjoining the claim of John White, and it is very likely that the two men were related. This would account for similarities in project design and construction as well as for the proximity of the buildings and claims. Upon his father's death in 1877, Henry L. White took charge of operating the Rock Point Tavern. L. J. White had arrived at Rock Point in 1858, the same year, or perhaps a year later than the time John White is understood to have arrived on the scene.

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Interview with Mrs. June Hutchins, granddaughter of Ben Haymond, January 21, 1978.
Obituary article on L.J. White, Oregon Sentinel (October 26, 1877), p. 3.