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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 Winston, William C. and Agnes, House Number of contributing features: 1
and or common Winston, Harry A., House Number of non-contributing features: 2
(non-historic garage and storage shed)

2. Location

street & number Winston Section Road N/A not for publication
city, town Winston N/A vicinity of Fourth Congressional District
state Oregon code 41 county Douglas code 019

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Beverly E. Browne
street & number Star Route 1, Box 439
city, town Winston vicinity of state Oregon 97496

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Douglas County Courthouse
street & number 1036 SE Douglas Avenue
city, town Roseburg state Oregon 97470

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Douglas County Cultural Resource Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1982 federal state county local
depository for survey records Douglas County Planning Department, 205 SE Jackson
city, town Roseburg state Oregon 97470

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 _____ N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The large vernacular farmhouse built in 1887 for orchardist William C. Winston, his wife, Agnes Rice Winston, and their six children is located on the west bank of the South Umpqua River, less than half a mile northeasterly of the community of Winston, in Douglas County, Oregon. It is situated on a parcel bordered on the east by riverbank vegetation, including maple, oak, alder, cottonwood, and blackberry, and by Winston County Road No. 111 on the west. The house is nominated with all but the riparian zone of its 3.5-acre Tax Lot. The nominated area of 2.61 acres thus includes the house and its immediate grounds dominated by mature oaks and, to the south, a small orchard containing historic apple, peach and cherry trees. The house faces west, set back from the road about 75 feet. Its only out-buildings are a non-historic, three-car garage and a small storage shed which are not counted as contributing features. The cement walkway by which the house was approached was removed and replaced by a semi-circular driveway in the 1940s when landscape development was undertaken. The garage is offset from the southwest corner of the house, in front, and the storage shed, no larger than 6 x 10 feet, lies to the rear, offset from the northeast corner.

Historic photographs show that upon its completion in 1887 the house was a commodious, two-story building of balloon frame construction, T-shaped in plan, having a gable roof with partial cornice returns at the gable ends. Exterior elevations, clad with drop siding, were distinguished by one and two-story Italianate polygonal window bays and front and rear porches having chamfered posts and upper decks with railings. The main entrance consisted of a door with round-arched panels, top light and side lights. Over the years, the house was expanded by shed additions on the south and east elevations, which date from 1905 and 1940, and by a non-historic minor wing on the north end, which was added in 1970. The original porches were displaced in the process. A second story sleeping porch was added to the east, or rear elevation in 1905. Under the sheltering overhang of the front veranda of 1905 supported by square columns, original siding has been overlaid with asbestos shingles. All roof surfaces have been covered with composition material. Original drop siding, window and door frames, with their architrave moldings, double-hung window sash with four-over-four lights, and polygonal window bays remain intact. Although it was modified in two major episodes, together with its orchard setting, the farmhouse continues to convey the general feeling and Winston family associations of the historic period 1887-1940.

The house is oriented with its long axis in a north-south direction. The principal, west-facing facade is marked by a cross gabled section on the north end fronted by a two-story polygonal window bay. The elevation of the stem of the T is formally composed, having three windows in the upper story and the historic entrance and two 1940-vintage picture windows on the ground story. The stem section is fronted by the shed-roofed veranda of 1905 supported by square columns. At the southwest, or outer corner, the veranda was early enclosed for a sun porch. The original brick chimney with corbeled cap stands inside the east end wall of the cross-gabled section, where it vents the original sitting room fireplace. The living room chimney on the outside of the south end wall of the stem section is an addition of 1940. A minor brick furnace flue rises on the outside wall of the east, or rear elevation.

Interior spaces are organized around the central stairhall, which provides circulation. The living room and kitchen were in the stem section originally, and the parlor and sitting room were in the cross-gabled section. A downstairs bedchamber, pantry and porches made up the remainder of the ground story plan. In 1905 the parlor and sitting room were combined in one large space, and the kitchen was relocated to a shed addition, or enclosed porch on the rear elevation to enlarge the living room. It was at this time also that the rear porch on the cross-gabled section was enclosed and the front veranda with wrap-around sun porch was added.

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The major changes of 1940 were addition of a concrete foundation and front porch deck, addition of a rear porch at the southwest corner, and installation of picture windows on the front elevation. A single-story bedroom wing was extended at a right angle from the east end of the north elevation in 1970, and the former enclosed porch area at the rear of the cross-gabled section was remodeled as a separate kitchen.

Interior finish work is generally simple, consisting of plain base molding and window and door trim. There are several noteworthy features, however, including hallway wainscotting, a fine stair railing with turned, natural-finished newell post and balusters, and the original chimneypiece on the east wall of the parlor surmounted by built-in cabinetry containing a Seth Thomas clock. The bedchamber configuration of the upstairs remains unchanged.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates 1887 **Builder/Architect** Pritchard (given name unknown), builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The large vernacular farmhouse built for William C. Winston in 1887 is located on the west bank of the South Umpqua River in the fertile bottomlands of the Civil Bend District southwesterly of Roseburg, Oregon. It is locally significant under National Register Criterion A as the administrative center of the largest of the operations which pioneered the thriving prune industry in Douglas County. The house today occupies a three and one-half acre tax lot and is nominated with 2.61 acres to include the immediate landscaped grounds and a remnant of historic orchard which stands adjacent to the yard on the south.

A two-story, T-shaped volume with gable roof having partial cornice returns at gable ends, the house is clad with drop siding and is distinguished by one and two-story polygonal window bays in the Italianate vein. Over the years, the house was expanded by shed additions on the south and east elevations and by a non-historic minor wing on the north which was added in 1970. The original front and rear porches with their chamfered posts and upper decks with railings were displaced in the evolutionary process. Many of the alterations, such as the addition of a second story sleeping porch on the rear elevation and construction of the sturdy front veranda, were carried out in 1905, within the historic period of occupation by William Winston.

The Umpqua Valley in Douglas County shares with the Rogue River region the distinction of developing the finest fruit orchards in southern Oregon. The Winston family amassed the largest orchard acreage in the county on bottomland immediately downstream from the confluence of Lookingglass Creek and the South Umpqua. Their orchards included Bartlett pears, cherries and prunes.

The nominated farmhouse was not only family headquarters, its front hall was established as the first post office in the district in 1893. Winston's brother, Elijah, served as postmaster for five years and was succeeded by William's wife, Agnes Rice Winston, who was postmistress until the station was discontinued in 1903. The cabinet used for the distribution of mail remains in the house. The tiny nearby community of Winston (population about 3,290) took its name from the first postmaster.

William Chauncey Winston (1838–1926), a native of New York, acquired his property on the South Umpqua in 1871. Here he ran the major ferry in the district (substantial enough to take a four-horse team and wagon) and he was amongst those who petitioned for construction of a bridge at the ferry crossing site. The bridge was completed and opened for traffic in 1887. It was located very slightly downstream from the house which Winston had built for his growing family earlier in the same year. Only the surname of the house builder is known: Pritchard. The cost of the lumber was recorded as \$1,500. While the house was not particularly known as a hostel for travelers on the County road which passed by on the west, family records show that seven workers were boarded at the Winston house during the time the bridge was under construction.

The Winstons, along with the Agees of Dillard, set out the first prune trees in the county in the late 1870s. By 1910, prunes were the county's principal fruit crop. While farmers

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.61 acres

Quadrangle name Roseburg, Oregon

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated area is situated in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 15, Township 28S., Range 6W., Willamette Meridian in Douglas County, Oregon and is comprised of a portion of Tax Lot 900 at said location. The area, more particularly described below, is 2.61 acres to encompass the house, its grounds, and historic orchard south of the house.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code (continued)

state N/A code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Beverly E. Browne

organization N/A date March 31, 1987

street & number Star Route 1, Box 439 telephone (503) 679-8632

city or town Winston state Oregon 97496

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

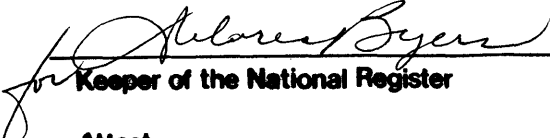
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date August 11, 1987

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


Keeper of the National Register

Entered in National Register date 9-10-87

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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raised prunes commercially in every county west of the Cascades by the latter date, Douglas County growers produced fully 20 percent of the state's entire prune market. As the pioneer prune growers, the Winstons and Agees had proven the particular suitability of the Umpqua Valley for specialization in the orchard industry. The Winstons specialized in Italian and French Petite prunes.

After 1926, Winston's widow, Agnes (1852-1940), continued in the house to the end of her life. One of the Winstons' sons, Harry A. Winston (1883-1952) lived in the house from the time of his mother's death until his own demise in 1952. Harry's daughter, Beverly E. Browne, is the present-day occupant. Harry Winston had continued in the tradition of his father as horticulturist and orchardist. He cooperated with the Oregon State Agricultural College in experimental work and was the first in the county to use aerial spraying in his operation. At one time, the younger Winston planted several acres of Silver prunes, but because of their susceptibility to brown rot, they eventually were removed.

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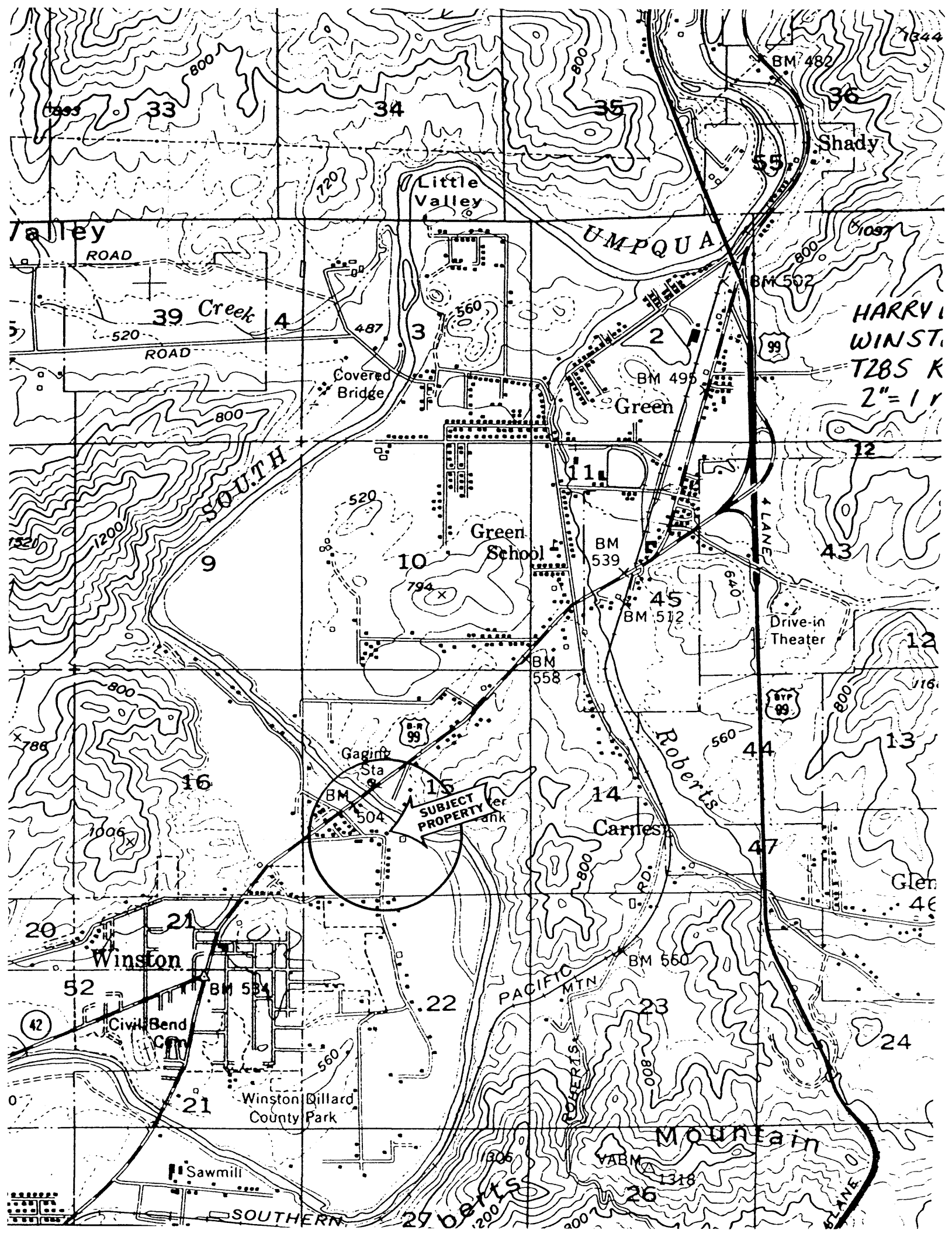
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Beginning at a one-inch iron pipe six inches below the surface of the ground from which a 48-inch oak tree bears S 14°00' W 46.0 feet, and which is described as being N 50° 17' E 2542.7 feet from the SW corner of Sec. 15, Township 28S., Range 6W., Willamette Meridian, thence N 48° 16' E 124.10 feet; thence S 61° 58' E 442.70 feet; thence S 60° 00' W 212.20 feet; thence S 18° 44' E 28.40 feet; thence S 81° 04' W 306.20 feet; thence N 2° 15' E 160.00 feet; thence N 6° 23' W 36.00 feet; thence N 37° 35' W 88.00 feet; thence N 48° 16' E 61.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing in all 2.61 acres. Excluded from the nominated area is that portion of Tax Lot 900 consisting of riparian vegetation on the bank of the South Umpqua River.



HWY. NO. 42

WINSTON, HARRY, HOUSE
SECTION 15, T. 28S., R. 6W., W.M.
DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON
VICINITY OF WINSTON

SOUTH UMPQUA RIVER

6 15CB

WINSTON CO. RD. NO. 153

RD. Pepsi Rd

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WINSTON CO. RD.

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92°15W 170.3
SEE M24-80
N87°37E 256.6

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NE COR. 67-1801

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SEE CS37-35A

SS M9-7

SW COR. SEC. 15

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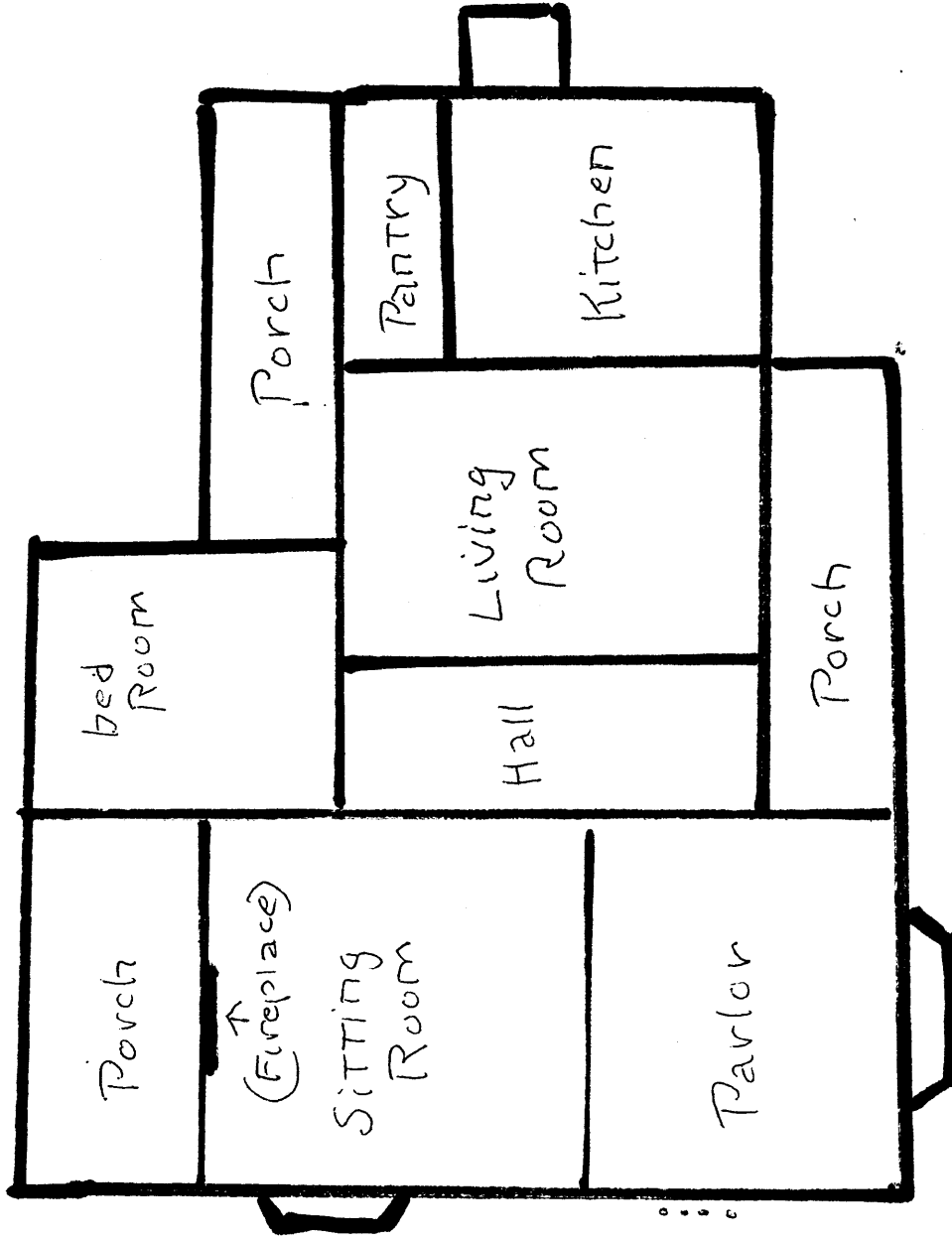
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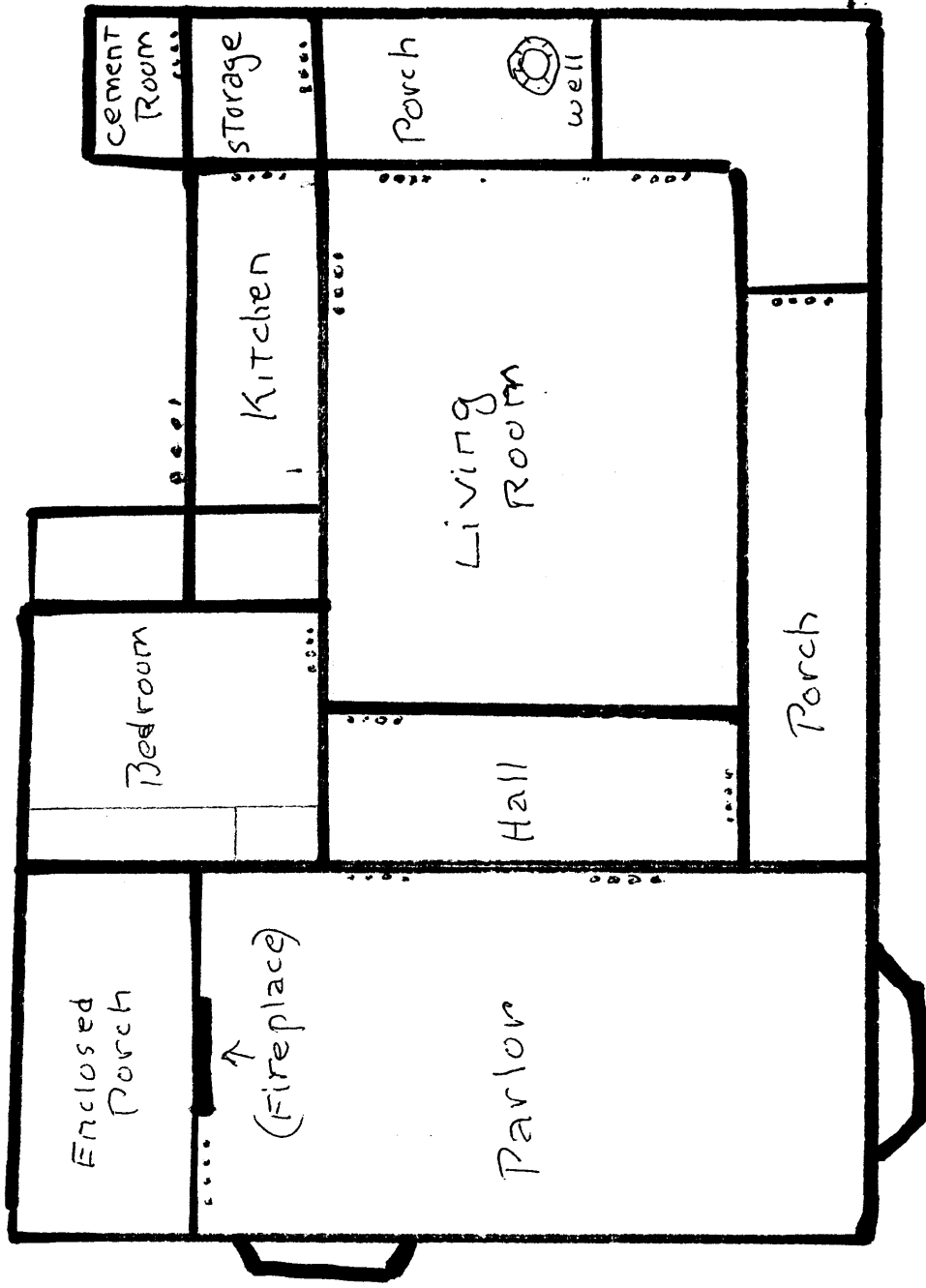
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Harry Winston House
Original floor plan

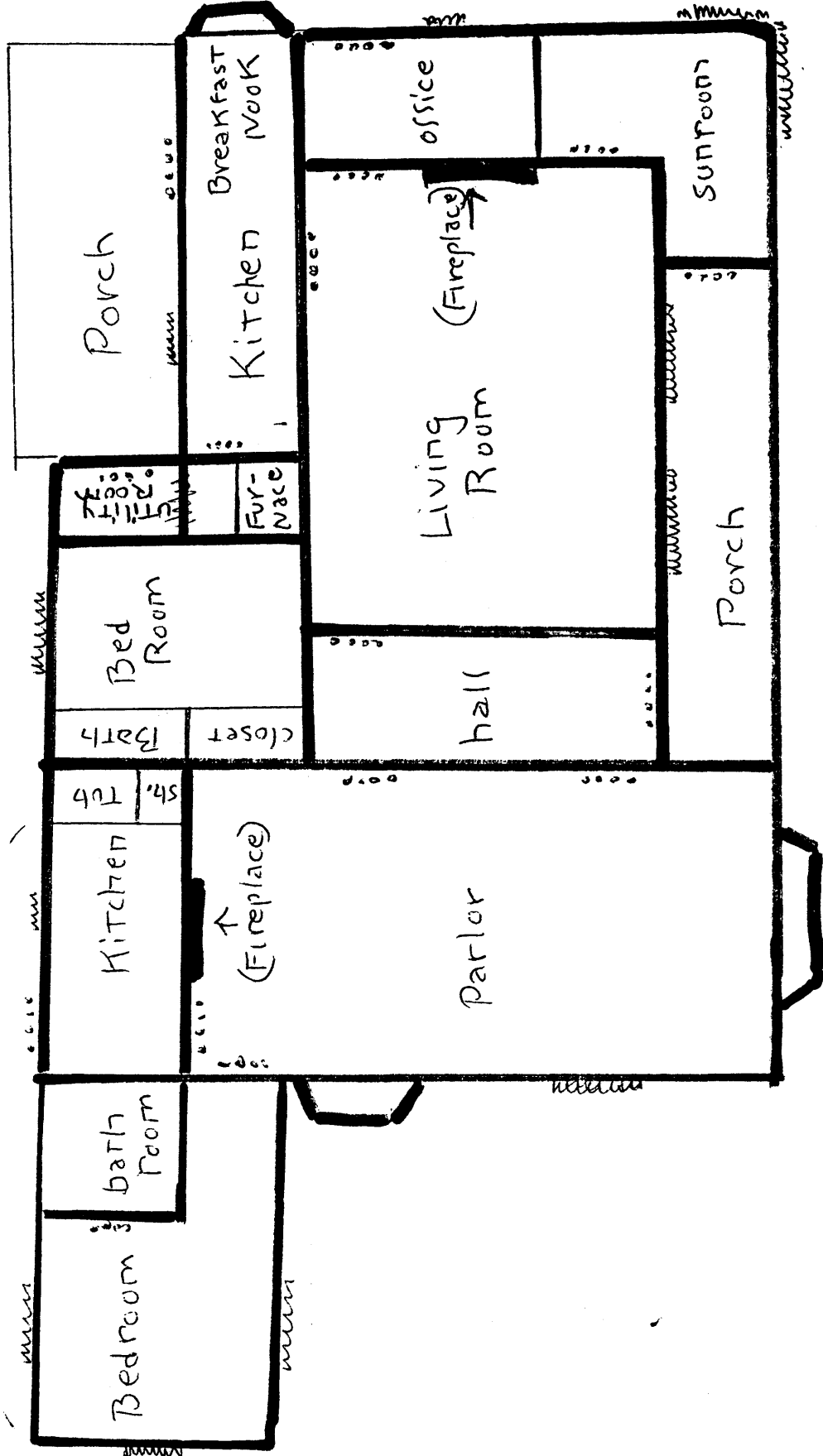
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Harry Winston House
 1905 Remodeled floor plan

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 (1905)

1970



Harry Winston House
1940 & 1970 Remodeled floor plan

← windows
 ← doors

1940