

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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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 Young, Andrew, House Number of contributing resources 1

and/or common Nielsen, Jens, House Number of non-contributing resources 0

2. Location

street & number 3720 Duane Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Astoria N/A vicinity of First Congressional District

state Oregon code 41 county Clatsop code 007

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 | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <u>N/A</u> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <u>N/A</u> 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 Kristian and Jennie Thompson

street & number 496 37th Street

city, town Astoria N/A vicinity of state Oregon 97103

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clatsop County Courthouse

street & number 749 Commercial Street

city, town Astoria state Oregon 97103

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1984 federal state county local

depository for survey records Oregon State Historic Preservation Office
525 Trade Street Se

city, town Salem state Oregon 97310

7. Description

| | | | |
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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | date (rotated on lot) date unknown |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Andrew Young House in Astoria, built c. 1875, is a simple, vernacular house whose antecedents lie in the Gothic Revival tradition. One of the first houses constructed in what was then known as Upper Town, the residence once faced north towards the Columbia River. It was rotated on the lot at an unknown date, and today faces south. Its dominant veranda is of a later, unknown date. The building is well maintained and retains a high degree of integrity.

Constructed on a slightly westward sloping parcel, the Andrew Young House is set far back on the 75 x 100 foot Lot 7 of Block 14, Adair's Addition to Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon. Nineteenth and twentieth century houses are part of the neighborhood in which it stands. The house is said to be of box, or rigid vertical plank construction.

The original mass of the house is a one and one-half story rectangle with a composition shingled gable roof oriented in an east/west direction. Modest four-over-four, double-hung sash windows with cornice moldings are formally disposed on the weatherboard-sheathed elevations. It is doubtful if the glass paneled door on the south (front) elevation is original.

It can be postulated that the falsefront, squared-off wing with pent roof on the east elevation dates to the construction of the Italianate-style porch. The porch is composed of square posts, jig-sawn brackets, and a plain balustrade with decorative cross bracing. Its raised deck is skirted by vertical boards of an unknown date. The porch meets the east wing at the corner boards. The channel siding covering most of the walls is markedly different than that covering the main mass. The north and south elevation walls are falsefronts, and partially conceal the pent-roofed kitchen wing from view. Windows on this wing are practically identical to those found on the main section of the house. An extension of this wing, which follows the angle of the roof pent, is also sheathed differently. Horizontal siding of different dimensions cover the exterior, and windows are fixed, or double-hung, one-over-one sash. The window in the attic on the east elevation appears to have been altered.

The interior of the main block is simply finished, as would be expected in a vernacular dwelling place of such modest scale. Door and window trim is exceedingly plain. While the plank wall surfaces have been covered with papers, plasterboard or with modern paneling, the dining room displays its original board and batten ceiling.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1875 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The modest, one and one-half story house of box construction located near the northeast corner of Duane Avenue and 37th Street in the Upper Town section of Astoria, Oregon, is thought to have been built in 1875. It is locally significant under National Register criterion "c" as a rare, intact example of a vernacular type once common in the historic port at the mouth of the Columbia River. Astoria is the oldest permanent Euro-American settlement in the Oregon country, having been established as a trading post in 1811 by representatives of John Jacob Astor's Pacific Fur Company. Owing to attrition and a disastrous fire in 1922, Astoria retains almost none of the wooden buildings dating from its earliest period of development, 1847 through the 1860s. With the emergence of the canning industry, from 1864 onward, Astoria's upbuilding began in earnest. Small houses faintly reflecting current architectural fashions, including Classical Revival, Gothic Revival and Italianate styles, were commonplace in Astoria and the satellite settlement of Upper Town, east of Mud Scow Bay. Today, however, simple, vernacular houses in such well-preserved condition as the one erected for newly-arrived Swedish emigre Andrew Young in 1875 are far less frequently encountered. The Andrew Young House was enlarged by a kitchen shed addition with a false front presumably at the time it was rotated on its original lot, possibly after its acquisition by second owner, Jens Nielsen, in 1887. The kitchen addition and the wrap-around veranda having porch posts with jig-sawn brackets evidently are early, if not original features, and the main, gable-roofed volume with its bilaterally symmetrical composition remains discrete, its workmanship and materials fully apparent. The cornice moldings of exterior window and door frames are particularly fine for a building of such modest scale. Further, documented examples of box, or vertical plank wall construction in Astoria are few.

The house is significant secondarily as the first Astoria residence of Andrew Young (1850-1929), a native of Sweden, who exemplified the Scandinavians who flocked to the port in the later 19th century, drawn by the fishing and packing industries. Young pursued a prosperous career in salmon packing on the Lower Columbia and in British Columbia and Alaskan waters, though his fortune appears to have been exceeded by that of his older brother and sometime partner, Benjamin Young (1843-1911). Together, the brothers contributed materially to Astoria's prominence as a center of salmon packing on the northern Pacific Coast. Andrew Young occupied his house in Upper Town about 13 years before branching into real estate and ranching and moving elsewhere in the Astoria area. While unquestionably the oldest, the subject property is not the only property linked with Andrew Young. A ranch on the Youngs River, a town house built in 1906 at 12th and Harrison Streets, and the Young Building (1916) at 14th and Commercial in downtown Astoria also are associated with the successful businessman.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Weekly Astorian - 12/25/1886; 1/28/1888

Daily Morning Astorian - 8/23/1898; 3/23/1899; 9/23/1891; 1/31/1919; 11/29/1929

Astoria Daily Budget - 6/5/1900; 12/18/1905; 12/22/1905; 7/10/1916; 6/7/1925

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Astoria, Oregon-Washington

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The Andrew Young House is located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 9, T. 8N., R. 9W, W.M., on a 75 x 100 foot parcel known as Lot 7 of Block 14, Adair's Port of Upper Astoria Addition to the original plat, Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon. The property is otherwise described as Tax Lot 1400, Clatsop County Assessor's Map Ref. No. 9AC8

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

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| N/A | | | |

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Contractor for City of Astoria date July 5, 1985

street & number Box 223 telephone (206) 642-3860

city or town Seaview state WA 98644

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 *David Stoll*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date April 1, 1986

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

for Allene Byer
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 6-26-86

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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- 8. Andrew Young House, circa 1875
- 3720 Duane, Astoria OR 97103
- 8a. Benjamin Young House, 1888 (NRHP)
- 8b. "The Goonies" House

1956 Astoria Sanborn Atlas

