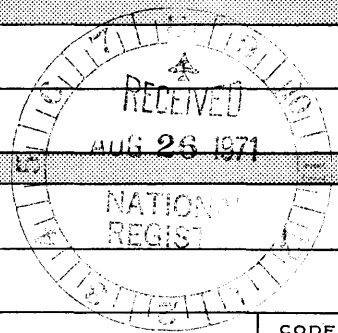


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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STATE: Oregon	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Orth (John) House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street at 3rd (NW corner)

CITY OR TOWN:
Jacksonville

STATE Oregon	CODE 97530	COUNTY: Jackson	CODE 029
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) -vacant-

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Robert Griffin

STREET AND NUMBER:
1828 Pine Gate Way

CITY OR TOWN:
Central Point 97501

STATE:
Oregon 97501

CODE:
41

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Jackson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Medford

STATE:
Oregon 97501

CODE:
41

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D. C. 20540

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The large, two-story house built in Jacksonville for local butcher John Orth was executed of local brick in the Italianate style by George Holt, the town's leading mason. Completed in 1880, it was one of the last substantial residences erected during the final decade of Jacksonville's active growth.

A rectangular block with hipped roof and bracketed cornice, the Orth House measures 20 by 60 feet. Stove flues are contained within the brick walls. The house had no fireplaces. ^{wood} Stone lintels and sills frame the double-hung sash windows. A single-story veranda with balustraded deck which once extended around the east and north sides of the house has not been standing for some years.

The main entry is located on the north end and gives access to a long side hall. Ground floor rooms are a front parlor, dining room, recessed loggia on the east side, and a kitchen. Four bedrooms occupy the second story.

Also erected during the later period were the Orth Building (1872), the Masonic Building (1875), and the United States Hotel, which was visited by United States President Rutherford B. Hayes and his party shortly after its completion in 1880. Among other important brick buildings in the town, the Kubli Building and Redmen's Lodge (1884) are documented works of George Holt. Holt also did the masonry for the Presbyterian Church (1881) and the brick Courthouse of 1883-1884.

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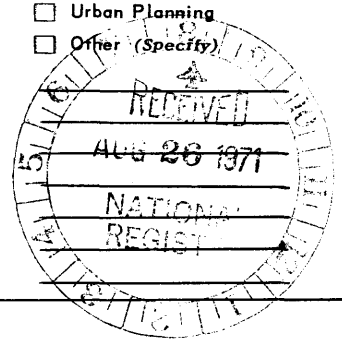
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1879-1880**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Following the California Gold Rush of 1849, prospectors working north through the Siskiyou discovered gold at several locations in Southern Oregon. Supplies for the mines were shipped from San Francisco up the Umpqua River to Scottsburg, at which point the goods were packed by mule team to the gold camps. Other shipments came to Crescent City on the northern California Coast and were packed north over a supply trail.

In 1852 placer mines were started at Rich Gulch on Jackson Creek in the Rogue River Valley by two California prospectors named Cluggage and Poole. At this spot Jacksonville grew and evolved as the commercial and cultural center of the region. The town became the county seat of newly-formed Jackson County in 1853 and served as such until 1927. In 1884 the Oregon and California Railroad by-passed Jacksonville, building instead through Medford to the east. Thereafter, the town's vitality declined. Having escaped development on any large scale over the intervening years, the town today retains its late 19th century character and contains more than sixty buildings of early date which are in generally unaltered condition. Among these is the large two-story brick home of John Orth.

John Orth was born in Bavaria in 1834. Emigrating at the age of 18, he settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he learned the butcher's trade. In 1856 he set out for Oregon via the Isthmus of Panama, and by 1857 or 1859 he was located in Jacksonville. He married Ellen Hill, daughter of an Irish immigrant who worked as a carpenter in Jacksonville for a time. Orth and his wife raised a family of seven children. He served as city councilman for several years and completed a term as county treasurer. When he died in 1896, the family butchering business was carried on by Orth's son, John Stephen Orth, who also interested himself in public affairs. The younger Orth was elected county clerk in 1902 and served on the Jacksonville board of trade.

In 1966, Jacksonville Historic District, an area unofficially described as the four blocks bounded by Oregon, Main, 4th and "C" streets, was designated a Registered National Historic Landmark. The Orth House is situated on the immediate perimeter of the four-block area, at the northwest corner of Main the 3rd streets. The landmark designation was made prior to passage of the National Historic Preservation Act and the requirement of a precise boundary description. A boundary recommendation is one of the expected results of an area study currently underway under joint sponsorship of the Historic American Buildings Survey and the Southern Oregon Historical Society.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory data sheet prepared December 15, 1965 by Mrs. Dwight L. Houghton, Medford, Oregon.
Portrait and Biographical Record of Western Oregon (Chicago: Chapman Publishing Co., 1904), 683-684.
 Ross, Marion D., "Jacksonville, A Oregon Gold-Rush Town," Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, Vol. 12, No. 4 (December 1953), 19-25.
 Walling, A. G., History of Southern Oregon, Comprising Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Curry and Coos Counties... (Portland, Oregon: A. G. Walling, 1884), 506.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **ca. 0.25**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Elisabeth Walton, Park Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **Oregon State Highway Division** DATE: **July 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **State Highway Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Salem** STATE: **Oregon 97310** CODE: **41**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *E. H. [Signature]* Title State Highway Engineer Date NOV 22 1971

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/11/72

ATTEST:

Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date April 5, 1972

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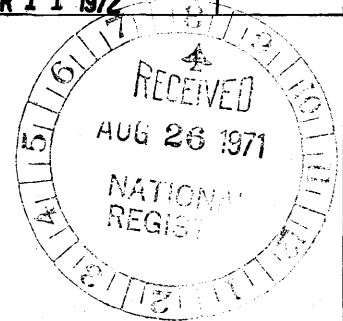
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ORTH (JOHN) HOUSE



2. Location

Street address of property: 115 Main Street, Jacksonville.

7. Description

Erratum, paragraph 2: Should read wood lintels and sills.

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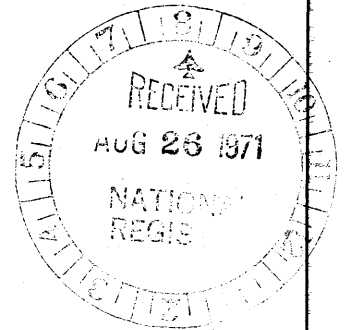
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ORTH (JOHN) HOUSE

2. Location

The property is located in NW 1/4 sec. 32, T. 37 S., R. 2 W., of the Willamette Meridian in Jackson County, Oregon.

Lot 4, Block 27 in Jacksonville.



6. Representation in Existing Surveys

a. Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

1970

Parks and Recreation Section
Oregon State Highway Division
Salem, Oregon 97310

Code: 41

b. National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

ca. 1960

National Park Service
Washington, D. C. 20240

CODE: 11

9. Major Bibliographical References

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