



United States Department of Interior
National Park Service

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 Lincoln Street Historic District

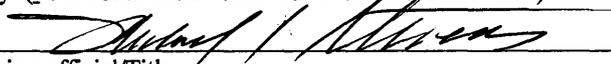
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number	West Lincoln Street, between Main Street and Market Street	N/A	not for publication
city or town	Oregon	N/A	vicinity
state Wisconsin	code WI	county Dane	code 025 zip code 53575

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.)

 _____
Signature of certifying official/Title Date 2/27/06
State Historic Preservation Officer-WI

State or 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 commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

Lincoln Street Historic District
Name of Property

Dane County
County and State

Wisconsin

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.
____ See continuation sheet.
____ determined not eligible for the
National Register.
____ See continuation sheet.
____ removed from the National
Register.
____ other, (explain:)

Edson H. Beall

4.12.06

[Signature]

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (check as many boxes as as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	building(s)	contributing	noncontributing
public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	6	3 buildings
public-State	structure	0	0 sites
public-Federal	site	0	0 structures
	object	0	0 objects
		6	3 total

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources
is previously listed in the National Register

0

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)

LATE VICTORIAN/Queen Anne
LATE NINETEENTH- AND TWENTIETH-CENTURY
REVIVALS

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE
walls WOOD

roof ASPHALT
other BRICK

Narrative Description

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

8. Statement of Significance

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

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1880-1900

Significant Dates

1880

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

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9. Major Bibliographic References

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

Previous Documentation on File (National Park Service):

- 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:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State Agency
 - Federal Agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - X Other
- Name of repository: Oregon Historical Society

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property _____ 2 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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2	<u>1/6</u>	<u>3/0/5/4/5/7</u>	<u>4/7/5/5/8/3/5</u>	4	<u>1/6</u>	<u>3/0/5/4/1/3</u>	<u>4/7/5/5/7/5/3</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		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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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps A U.S. Geological Survey 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.)

name/title Various (see attached list)

organization

street&number

city or town

state

date

telephone

zip code

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

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Lincoln Street Historic District
Oregon, Dane County, Wisconsin

Description

The Lincoln Street Historic District, located along West Lincoln Street in downtown Oregon, consists of five single-family residential properties that date from c.1880 to c.1900.¹ All of these residences are contributing elements within the historic district, which is located west of North Main Street and east of Market Street. The architectural style of the district is predominantly Queen Anne, but a vernacular, hip roof house and a home with Gothic Revival features add stylistic variety.

The properties along West Lincoln Street are primarily residential with the exception of the Oregon Area Historical Society, which was historically a railroad hotel. The railroad runs parallel to Market Street and the depot was located at the intersection of Lincoln and Market streets. The setbacks within the district average 25 feet, and mature trees line the sidewalk terrace. Four properties feature clapboard siding and the remaining house is constructed of brick. The properties display limited changes or alterations and retain good integrity. The district also includes one contributing garage and three noncontributing garages and sheds that were constructed outside the period of significance. Because of the small size of the district, all buildings in the district are included in the count.

The district contains a cohesive collection of residential properties. The homes are of a similar size and scale, and collectively represent the period of late nineteenth-century residential development in the village.

Historic Name: Gilbert House

Address: 116 West Lincoln Street

Date: c.1900

Resources: 1 Contributing Building (house); 1 Noncontributing Building (shed)

The residence at 116 West Lincoln Street is located on the eastern edge of the district on the south side of the street. Built c.1900, the vernacular frame house is a two-story cube and rests on a rusticated concrete block foundation. Exterior walls are sheathed in clapboard. It has a truncated hip roof with a central brick interior chimney. Gabled wall dormers are located on the front (north) facade and east elevation, and a single hip roof dormer is located on the west elevation. A wide band of trim accented with a series of small brackets delineates the second story from the attic story. The cutaway front porch at the northeast corner of the house has a simple balustrade and square wood support columns. First-floor windows are original paired wood-frame casements with smaller upper sashes. Second-story windows are one-over-one double-hung sash. Fixed windows are located in the gable ends. All windows have small crowns and wood surrounds. A modern shed-roof porch is attached to the rear elevation. A c.1940 side gable garage is attached to the west elevation. With the exception of the garage addition, the house remains relatively unaltered. A small modern noncontributing shed is located at the rear of the property.

¹ Joan Gefke of the Oregon Historic Preservation Commission researched tax records pertaining to properties located in the Lincoln Street Historic District. However, this search did not reveal any additional information regarding the history of the district or its early residents.

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It is believed that John Gilbert constructed this house c.1900. Gilbert, a farmer who retired to Oregon, also built a Queen Anne residence on an adjoining lot at 357 Main Street. The Gilberts did not have a large family and it is not clear why two residences were constructed.²

Historic Name: Gillette House

Address: 121 West Lincoln Street

Date: c.1880

Resources: 2 Contributing Buildings (house and converted horse barn)

The residence at 121 West Lincoln Street is located at the eastern edge of the district on the north side of the street. Built c.1880, the cross-gable brick house is one-and-one-half stories tall, has a central brick chimney, and rests on a stone foundation. It is the only building in the village displaying Gothic Revival features. Each of the four steeply pitched gables is identical and features a triangular vent near the gable apex, decorative bargeboards, and kingposts. A flat roof screened-in porch with the original balustrade spans the facade. The front (south) facade has twin entrance doors, each with two panels and transoms. The front entrances are flanked by original fixed-frame picture windows with headers. Windows are predominantly replacement one-over-one double-hung sash with segmental arch lintels, stone sills, decorative hoods with protruding keystones and arched brickwork, and louvered shutters. Small decorative detailing is incised into the head of each window frame, just below the lintel. Basement windows have been downsized. A flat roof portico with a decorative cornice and replacement support posts is located on the east elevation. It shelters a two-light door with a header that is accented with a segmental arch lintel and keystone. A c.1970 flat roof brick addition is attached to the rear elevation. Windows on the addition are fixed on the top and awning on the bottom. A one-panel, one-light door is located on the west elevation, and sliding glass patio doors on the north elevation open to a modern redwood deck. The addition does not detract from the historic integrity of the house. It is brick construction and windows are arched and similar in size to windows on the historic section of the house. The brick on all elevations has been painted white. A c.1900 contributing horse barn with a shed roof rear addition is also located on the property. It has been converted into a garage and two overhead doors are located on the facade. The barn has been counted as a contributing building because of its size and scale and historic integrity.

It is believed that William N. and Eva (Netherwood) Gillette built this house c.1880.³ The house belonged to the Otteson family for many years until the present owners purchased the property c.1969. They constructed the rear addition c.1970.⁴

² Mead & Hunt, personal interview with Janet Keenan, 1 July 2005.

³ Mead & Hunt, personal interview with Janet Keenan, 1 July 2005.

⁴ Mead & Hunt, personal interview with Warren and Sharon Tarkenton, 1 July 2005.

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Historic Name: House

Address: 126 West Lincoln Street

Date: c.1890

Resources: 1 Contributing Building (house); 1 Noncontributing Building (garage)

The residence at 126 West Lincoln Street is oriented to the north and stands on the south side of the street. Built c.1890, the cross-gable frame house is clad in clapboard, has an interior corbelled brick chimney, and rests on a cut-stone foundation. The house reflects elements of the Queen Anne style in its overall vertical emphasis, steeply pitched roof with a dominant front-facing gable, and turned posts. First-floor windows are a combination of two-light, fixed-frame, and one-over-one double-hung sash. Second-story windows are one-over-one double hung sash with aluminum storms. Most windows have louvered shutters. Simple wood crowns accent all windows and doorways. A historic shed-roof front porch located on the northeast corner has a wood balustrade, turned post supports, and decorative brackets. A modern shed roof addition clad in artificial siding is located on the southwest corner. A modern screened porch is attached to the rear elevation. These small additions do not detract from the historic integrity of the house. A c.1920 single-bay garage is located at the southeast corner of the property. With the exception of the rear addition and screened porch, this house is relatively unaltered.

The original owner of this property is unknown.

Historic Name: Williamson House

Address: 133 West Lincoln Street

Date: c.1890

Resources: 1 Contributing Building (house), 1 Noncontributing Building (garage)

The residence at 133 West Lincoln Street is oriented to the south and stands on the north side of the street. Built c.1890, the two-story house has a truncated hip roof with a central interior brick chimney and an irregular plan. It rests on a stone foundation and exterior walls are clad in clapboard. The house possesses many elements of the Queen Anne style, including a dominant front-facing gable clad in patterned wood shingles with decorative bargeboards displaying a sunburst motif and a narrow band of dentils delineating the attic story. Queen Anne windows with colored glass panels are located on the east elevation and in the attic story of the front-facing gable. The east elevation also features a paneled bay. A second-story balcony above the bay is enclosed with a scroll-cut balustrade and sheltered by a small projecting gable supported by turned posts and accented with decorative brackets and spindlework. Windows are predominantly one-over-one double-hung sash with crowns; some windows are paired. Windows on the west elevation are replacements and some of the crowns have been removed. Basement windows are three-light awning. The front porch, rebuilt with a concrete block foundation, is partially enclosed. The enclosed portion features a band of modern one-over-one double-hung sash windows. The open portion retains turned post support columns. A historic shed-roof side porch with turned post supports protrudes from the north end of the east elevation. A partially enclosed hip roof porch is located at the northwest elevation. A modern shed-roof addition clad in vertical siding is located on the rear. A c.1950 two-bay noncontributing garage is also located on the property. The garage is non-contributing because it is new and doesn't contribute to the history of the property.

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It is believed that J.S. and Phoebe (Bethel) Williamson built this home c.1895. Mr. Williamson farmed in the area for many years and also served as an assessor.⁵

Historic Name: Fischer House

Address: 145 West Lincoln Street

Date: c.1890

Resources: 1 Contributing Building (house)

The residence at 145 West Lincoln Street is located at the western edge of the district on the north side of the street. Built c.1890, the two-story frame house rests on a cut-stone foundation and is sheathed in clapboard. The house possesses elements of the Queen Anne style, including patterned shingles, decorative brackets, and an irregular plan. Gable ends on the front and side elevations are clad in patterned shingles and display bargeboards with decorative details and are supported by ornamental brackets. Windows are predominantly one-over-one double-hung sash with wood surrounds and crowns accented with decorative scroll-cut swags. Two original fixed-frame picture windows with headers are located on the front (south) and west elevations. Shed-roof awnings supported by decorative brackets shelter each window. The historic shed-roof front porch has been enclosed and rebuilt with a concrete block foundation. A modern bay window accented with decorative brackets has been added to the porch facade. An exterior staircase, located on the west elevation, accesses a second-story entrance. A modern garage with a concrete foundation has been attached to the rear. This house retains its historic form, siding material, and decorative Queen Anne details.

A c.1890 carriage house is located at the rear of the property. According to Sanborn maps, this building was converted into a residence on a subdivided lot by 1928. Because this building no longer retains its original appearance or function, and does not contribute to the residential character of the district, it was omitted from the district boundary.

Although Fischer did not build the house, he was the second resident and lived in it for a number of years. Fischer served as the local depot agent and was associated with the house during the period of significance.⁶

⁵ *History of Dane County: Biographical and Genealogical* (Madison: Western Historical Association, 1906), 966.

⁶ Mead & Hunt, personal interview with Janet Keenan, 1 July 2005.

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Statement of Significance

The Lincoln Street Historic District is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) under *Criterion C: Architecture* as an intact local grouping of distinctive houses from the late nineteenth century. The period of significance spans the dates of construction, 1880-1900. The Lincoln Street Historic District comprises a collection of houses that demonstrate intact and stylistically interesting examples of residential architecture built in Oregon near the time of the village's incorporation.

A 2003 community-wide historic survey identified the Lincoln Street Historic District as the best collection of intact residences from the late nineteenth century located in Oregon.⁷ While many of the homes in Oregon have been altered with the application of siding and other modern materials, this cohesive collection of homes in the Lincoln Street Historic District retains integrity and conveys a period of early residential development in Oregon. The Gothic Revival style is rare in Oregon, and the district's example located at 121 West Lincoln Street is from the end of the style's period of popularity. While the Queen Anne style is prevalent in Oregon, many of the other examples in town have been altered to various degrees and do not retain the high level of integrity of the Queen Anne homes located in the district. The Lincoln Street Historic District possesses an intact, cohesive collection of late nineteenth-century homes linked historically by their period of development and aesthetically in their architectural styles.

Historic Context

Historical Background

The Village of Oregon, located in south-central Dane County, was originally known as "Rome Corners." Rome Township originally encompassed an area that included the towns of Fitchburg, Dunn, Rutland, and Oregon. In 1842, C.P. Mosley built a cabin, which was also a tavern, on what is now Janesville Street. I.M. Bennett soon purchased the property and opened a general store. Approximately one year later, James Coville constructed the second cabin of the village on the corner of Main and Grove streets, present site of Oregon High School, and operated a cobbler business from his home. A permanent settlement gradually took shape and Oregon Township was officially formed in 1847 after Rome Township was divided.⁸

⁷ Mead & Hunt, "Village of Oregon Historic Residential Survey" (Mead & Hunt, Inc., April 2004), 22.

⁸ "Souvenir of the Oregon Centennial," *Oregon Observer*, 26 June 1941, 9-10; Elizabeth Miller, "South Main Street Historic District," National Register of Historic Places Nomination, National Park Service, Listed 15 June 2000.

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In 1848, the first post office was established, with its first postmaster, Egbert Bennett, erecting the first frame house in the future village a year later. The first church in Oregon was the First Presbyterian Church, constructed in 1855. The original plat of the village was filed on April 7, 1857, after Charles Waterman had his 40-acre parcel surveyed as "Oregon." However, the village was still known as "Rome Corners" until the arrival of the railroad in the 1860s.⁹

The year 1864 saw the arrival of the Beloit and Madison Railroad, which was later part of the Chicago and Northwestern line. The original train depot was named Oregon, which led to the settlement being known as Oregon rather than "Rome Corners."¹⁰ The railroad provided Oregon with an advantage over smaller nearby communities, allowing the town to flourish economically.¹¹ The 1860s and 1870s were witness to several fires in the downtown district that damaged not only businesses, but brought large losses in inventory as well.¹² In 1876, a new depot (nonextant) was built west of the railroad tracks near the intersection of Market and Lincoln (then Third) streets. Stockyards and a water station were also added in the railroad corridor.¹³

By 1880, the population of Oregon was 527.¹⁴ At this time, the downtown commercial district was established along Main Street with enterprises such as general stores, groceries, a hardware store, and a hotel. Oregon served as a commercial center for residents of the surrounding agricultural landscape. In 1883, Oregon incorporated as a village with 581 inhabitants, and the population was 595 in 1890.¹⁵ Oregon village government began operating in 1883 with Manual Wolfe as the first president and M.J. Fisher as the first clerk. Wolfe Street, named after Manual Wolfe, is located on the east side of the village. Netherwood Road, on the north side of the village, is named after Charles W. Netherwood, a Civil War veteran and former village president during three separate terms (1884-1899, 1902-1905, and 1911). An early village hall

⁹ "Souvenir of the Oregon Centennial," 15; Miller, "South Main Street Historic District."

¹⁰ "Souvenir of the Oregon Centennial," 39.

¹¹ Miller, "South Main Street Historic District."

¹² W. L. Ames, *History of Oregon and Trade Territory* (Oregon, Wisc.: W. L. Ames, 1924), 20-21.

¹³ "Souvenir of the Oregon Centennial," 13.

¹⁴ Miller, "South Main Street Historic District."

¹⁵ "Souvenir of the Oregon Centennial," 39; Elizabeth Miller, "Oregon High School," National Register of Historic Places Nomination, National Park Service, Listed 23 April 1998.

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operated out of a two-story frame building formerly used as a school, which was moved to the downtown area in 1895.¹⁶ Early churches in Oregon include the Holy Mother of Consolation Church, which began serving Catholics in Oregon in 1885, and St. John's Lutheran Church, which organized in 1898.¹⁷

The village continued to prosper between 1890 and 1900 with the addition of a flour and grist mill, a creamery, and two banks. A second main railroad track was constructed in 1897. The first bank was established in 1892 by Wiggins and Starbuck, but quickly failed. The Bank of Oregon opened in 1900 under the leadership of J.F. Litel. The livestock trade was a significant component to Oregon's economy during this time, which contributed to Oregon's position as the busiest stop for grain and livestock between Madison and Chicago on the Chicago and NorthWestern Railroad.¹⁸

Residential Development

Historically, Oregon's residential development began in areas immediately surrounding the commercial district, and as the village's population increased, it expanded first eastward and then southward. Like many other developing towns in the late nineteenth century, the depot and railroad also served as a hub for residential development. An 1870 map of the village shows both commercial and residential development around the public square and along the railroad corridor on the north side of town, especially near the intersection of Market and Fourth streets, the site of the original depot.¹⁹

Homes along West Lincoln Street were built by prosperous individuals whose involvement in local commerce and politics enabled them to build significant residences in the late nineteenth century. William N. and Eva (Netherwood) Gillette built and resided in the home at 121 West Lincoln Street. Mr. Gillette was active in the insurance and real estate businesses and served as justice of the peace for several years.²⁰ Eva came from the locally prominent Netherwood family who were active in local politics in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Williamson family built the home located at 133 West Lincoln Street and owned large tracts of land near Oregon. Mr. Williamson farmed for many years and also served as an assessor.²¹ The Fischer family resided at 145 West Lincoln Street. Mr. Fischer was the depot agent at the

¹⁶ Ames, *History of Oregon and Trade Territory*, 26; "Souvenir of the Oregon Centennial," 33, 57.

¹⁷ "Souvenir of the Oregon Centennial," 17-19.

¹⁸ Miller, "South Main Street Historic District."

¹⁹ "Souvenir of the Oregon Centennial," 58.

²⁰ "William N. Gillette," [1935]. Obituary photocopied from Oregon Area Historical Society files. Accessed 1 July 2005.

²¹ History of Dane County, 966.

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nearby train depot. John Gilbert, a local farmer who retired to the village, built the house located at 116 West Lincoln Street and an adjacent house located at 357 Main Street.

Architecture

Oregon's late nineteenth-century residential buildings tended to mirror architecture developments in Wisconsin and throughout the entire country. After about 1840, nearly every national or regional style appeared in the state. Styles that received their impetus from the Eastern Seaboard of the United States, however, generally made their appearance along local streetscapes a decade or so later. The most prominent late nineteenth-century residential architectural styles found in Oregon include the Gothic Revival, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, and numerous vernacular styles.

The Gothic Revival style, popular in Wisconsin from 1850 to 1880, originated as a reaction against the formality of the Greek Revival. Elements of the style include the pointed arch, steeply pitched roofs, pinnacles, and battlements. Houses usually display a verandah or porch and steep pointed gables, often with decorative bargeboards; while larger houses sometimes display a tower or turret of square or octagonal plan. Its popularity was due in part to the wide dissemination of pattern books featuring picturesque styles like the Gothic Revival. The Gillette House, located at 121 West Lincoln Street, is an example of the adaptation of the elements of this architectural style. Here, the elements include the steeply pitched cross gable roof; decorative bargeboards; and one-story, full-width porch.

Popular in Wisconsin from 1880 to 1910, the Queen Anne style was developed in England by a group of architects who rejected the opinion of their peers that the Gothic Revival was the only proper style. Queen Anne houses are characterized by irregular massing and ornamentation achieved through the use of complex volumes, textural variety, polychromatic detailing, and decoration. The Queen Anne Style is one of the most predominant styles found in Oregon and examples of the style are found in the Lincoln Street Historic District. The Queen Anne style is exhibited in the decorative gables with ornamental shingles and details, porches with turned post supports, elaborate window crowns, and colorful glass.

The Lincoln Street Historic District qualifies for the National Register under *Criterion C: Architecture* as an intact collection of late nineteenth-century homes that represent the architectural styles popular during the period of early development in the Village of Oregon.

Preservation Activity

The Village of Oregon and the Oregon Historic Preservation Commission have been very active in initiating preservation activities, including a 2004 intensive survey of the village that identified the homes along West Lincoln Street as a potential historic district. In addition, these local entities have been active in educating property owners in the districts as to the importance and value of historic preservation, including acting as the sponsor of this nomination.

Archaeological Potential

Research indicates that these buildings are original to their respective sites and, therefore, it is unlikely that any historic archaeological remains exist in the district. No information about possible pre-historic remains in the district was found during the course of research. It is likely that any remains of pre-European cultures located within the district would have been greatly disturbed by the building activity associated with subsequent development in the area.

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Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Lincoln Street Historic District encompasses the current legal lots associated with the parcels for 116, 121, 126, and 133 West Lincoln Street. The boundary for 145 West Lincoln Street is the legal parcel with the exception of the western 28.25 feet, which was drawn to omit 153 West Lincoln Street from the district boundaries. The legal boundaries are described below.

116 West Lincoln Street – North 16.5 feet of east 63.67 feet of west 119 feet of Lot 12, Block B and east 63.67 feet of west 119 feet of Lot 13, Block B, Johnson's Addition.

121 West Lincoln Street – East 19.25 feet of Lot 9, west 122 feet of Lots 10 and 11, Block C, Johnson's Addition.

126 West Lincoln Street – Part of Lots 12 and 13, Block B, Johnson's Addition, described as commencing at center line of West Lincoln Street, 264 feet west of center line of Main Street, thence south along west line of said Lot 13, 148.5 feet, thence east parallel with said West Lincoln Street 55 feet 4 inches, thence north parallel said west line of said Lot 13, 148.5 feet to centerline of said West Lincoln Street, thence west along center line of said Street 55 feet 4 inches to point of beginning.

133 West Lincoln Street – East 74.25 feet of west 112.65 feet, Lot 9, Block C, Johnson's Addition.

145 West Lincoln Street – Lot C of Johnson's Addition, described as commencing 82 feet east of the southwest corner of Lot 1, thence north to line of Lot 2 in said Block C, thence 90 feet, thence south to south line of Lot 9 in said Block, thence west 90 feet to point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

The district boundary corresponds to the historic area associated with these properties and provides an appropriate setting. The boundary omits 153 West Lincoln Street, although it is located on the same parcel as 145 West Lincoln Street. This property is excluded from the district because its size, style, and setback are not compatible with the other properties in the district.

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Lincoln Street Historic District
Village of Oregon, Dane County
Oregon, Wisconsin
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Overview of district
View looking northeast

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Lincoln Street Historic District
Village of Oregon, Dane County
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Gilbert House and 126 West Lincoln Street
View looking south

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Lincoln Street Historic District
Village of Oregon, Dane County
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Fischer House
View looking northwest

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Lincoln Street Historic District
Village of Oregon, Dane County
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Williamson House
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Gillette House
View looking northeast

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Front (east) facade of Gillette House

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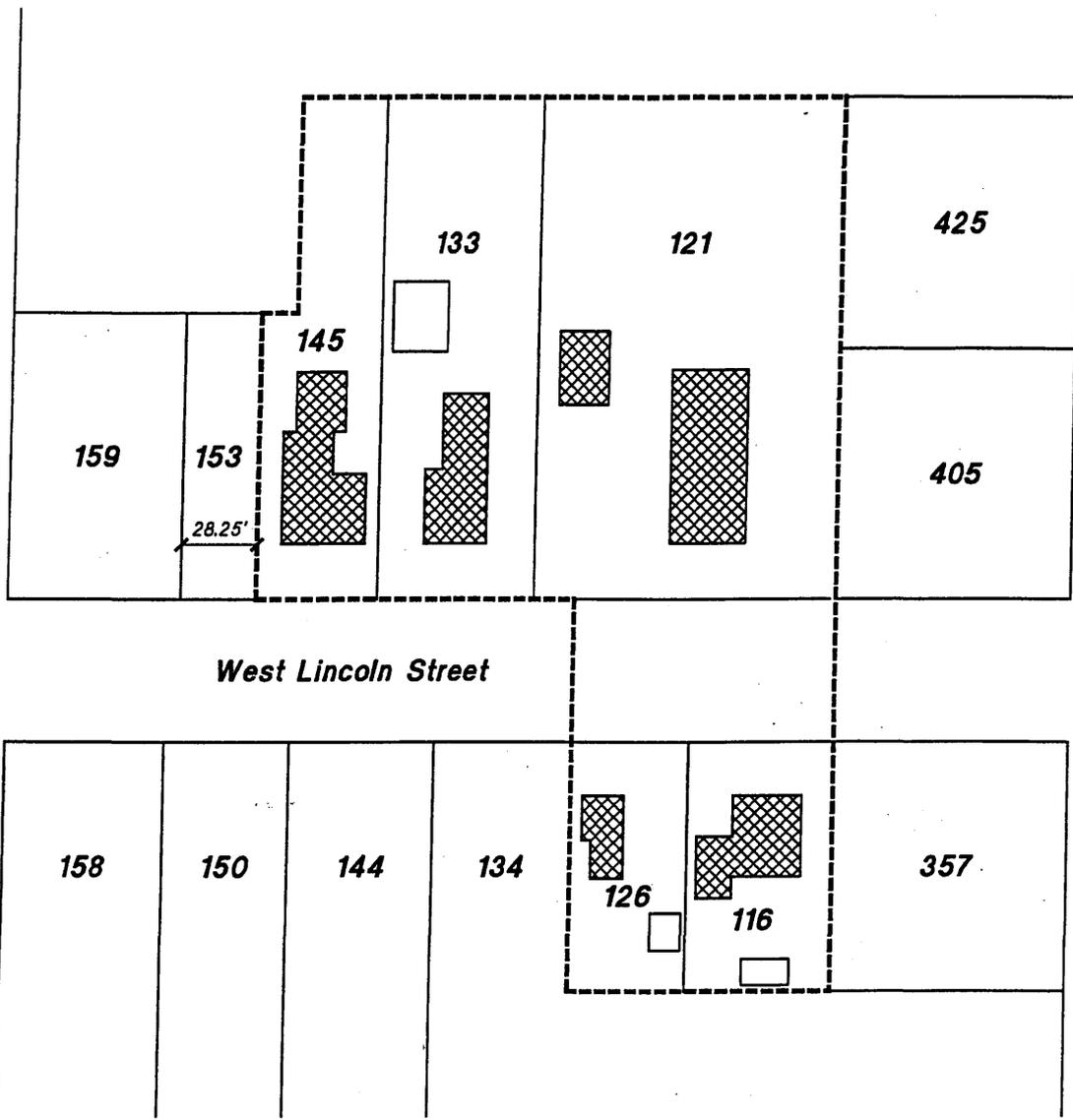
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Gilbert House
View looking southwest

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126 West Lincoln Street
View looking southwest

Market Street

Main Street



- Key:**
-  Historic District Boundary
 -  Contributing
 -  Noncontributing

no scale

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