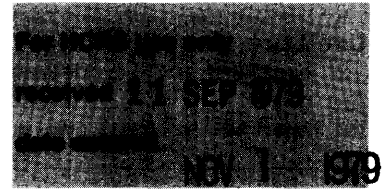


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic CAMPBELL, (ROBERT E), HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location E of Eugene at

street & number 890 Aspen Drive not for publication

city, town Eugene vic. vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Oregon code 41 county Lane code 039

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	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. Clifford R. Bryan

street & number 890 Aspen Drive

city, town Eugene vicinity of state Oregon 97401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lane County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Eugene state Oregon 97401

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Robert E. Campbell farmhouse is located on the Donation Land Claim which Campbell took up in 1852. The house, built 1870-1873, is an interpretation of the Rural Gothic Cottage Style with traditional horizontal siding painted white. The land was used to grow grain and to raise stock. Today the house is a residence in a suburban, semi-rural area on the 0.44 acres remaining from the original 320 acre claim. The house is in good condition and is essentially intact in form and detail.

Site

The site is located between Springfield and Eugene, in Lane County, in Sec. 34, T.17S., R.3W., of the Willamette Meridian. It is outside the city limits of either community at present, and the Aspen Drive setting is suburban-rural with large trees shading a road lined by comfortably-spaced older farm homes. The door yard contains twenty six varieties of rhododendrons. Most of the trees in the front yard have been on the site as long as the house, which sits centrally on the lot, facing east and overlooking Aspen Drive. The house has about 30' clearance on all sides, and there is a large garden in the back.

Plan and Organization

The one and a half story house contains 1162 square feet on the ground floor and 542 square feet on the upper floor, a total of 1704 square feet. The organization of the house is a T-form with the main front gabled elevation facing east. This portion is about sixteen feet by twenty feet and has a central entry sheltered by a front porch with shallow roof. It contains the living room in front and the main bedroom to the rear. Both rooms have fireplaces sharing the same chimney. The northerly stem of the "T" faces the street also and has a recessed porch. This wing, approximately fifteen by forty feet, contains the dining room, kitchen, and pantry, with a chimney for the kitchen stove. An enclosed stairway acts as a spatial separator between this wing and the living room wing. The rather compact ground story had a total of seven outside doors (one has since been removed), which is typical of nineteenth century Oregon farmhouses.

Structure and Exterior

The building is of box construction. It has no vertical frame elements other than a single thickness of vertical planks. Exterior shiplap siding is nailed directly on the planks. It has no plaster, as the ceiling is boards and the plank walls were papered. The hand hewn 8" by 8" sills have mortised and tenoned joints. The tall second story lancet opening centered over the front door was built as a glazed door. It opened out onto the front porch which originally had a deck with railing. The original door and pointed arched transom are still in place. It became inoperable when the porch was rebuilt, however, probably about 1910. The porch along the wing section is original with jigsaw detailing in a honey-suckle leaf pattern, in keeping with Gothic Revival interest in organic motifs.

Most of the double hung window sash still contain the original four over four lights. The house has two brick chimneys: the major one serving two fireplaces in the main block, minor chimney serving a stove in the kitchen wing. The major chimney is unusual and distinctive. In panels framed by brick pilasters, are raised motifs of hearts, stars and diamonds in cast tile. Undoubtedly these

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were designed especially for this job and probably made from clay on the site, as was the usual practice in the Willamette Valley. It might have been the work of the Rev. Charles Hamilton Wallace, a circuit rider for Cumberland Prebyterian Church. While on circuit, Wallace would obtain commissions for his chimneys, returning in the summer to make the brick and build them. His work gained favor for its reliability and fanciful detail. Wallace was known to have done the equally distinctive chimney on the Obidiah Beach House on River Road, Eugene, in 1870 with cast tile detail featuring the Masonic emblem. Similarities between the chimneys suggest Wallace also did the main Campbell chimney. The other similar chimney is that of the John Stevens house built in 1875 by an unknown builder, located only two miles north of the Campbell house. Apart from those of the two houses just mentioned, no other examples of the Rev. Wallace's work are thought to remain in the Willamette Valley.

Interior

The interior is characterized by 11' ceilings and ample light provided by the tall window openings. Interior trim is intact. The tongue and groove wainscoting has cap moldings of complex curves, yet is simple in overall effect. The wall finish, originally of paper, now is covered with plywood paneling. The handsome living room fireplace is made of cut stone, apparently a local sandstone. The wooden mantelpiece has details of two raised panels reminiscent of contemporary furniture detail. The same panels are on the front door, which is directly in line with the fireplace. The wood burning rear fireplace is unusual in the quality of the carefully laid brickwork. The opening is only eight inches deep and twenty inches wide. This fireplace suggests a recognition of the greater efficiency of shallow openings, as well as a brick mason displaying his proficiency.

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It appears that the northerly end of the porch may have been enclosed to provide additional space. A small bathroom was added off the dining area on the backporch, and the kitchen has been modernized. A small springhouse and a woodshed have been removed. Several of the kitchen window casings have been altered at different times. A garage was added to the NW corner of the ell. All changes have been made in sympathetic manner and do not detract from the essential character of the house.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1870-1873

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Robert E. Campbell House is significant to Lane County as one of a small number of rural pioneer farm houses remaining in the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area. The land claim on which it is situated was one of the earliest settle in the locality. Within a mile of the Campbell House were the farms of well-known large pioneer families--those of William Stevens, John Stevens, Mahlon Harlow, Elmer Calef, and George Armitage. Few of these early homesteads have survived to the present day.

The Campbell House is a simple example of the Rural Gothic Style popular in Oregon around 1870. Most noteworthy in the Campbell House are the fireplaces and the main chimney stack, which is a local landmark of inventive detailing. The mass, stack, and cap of the chimney fulfill principles of the Gothic Revival, but the patterned brick work and decorative motifs of stars, hearts and lozenges are highly original. Only one other house in the ^{near} vicinity has similar fancy brick-work in the chimney stack, namely the John Stevens House.

Robert E. Campbell, son of Henry and Nancy (Ashburn) Campbell, was born in Lafayette County, Missouri, on September 4, 1830. Robert left home at the age of 20 to begin a career as an agriculturist, the same year marrying Ruth Campbell. With his cousin, Alexander King, Campbell purchased a team of four oxen and two cows, and started across the plains in a wagon. The party left home in April and arrived in Lane County, Oregon in October of 1851. In 1852 the Campbells acquired a Donation Land Claim of 319.46 acres (a mile from Springfield and two miles from Eugene) on the north bank of the Willamette River, in Sections 27, 28, 33, 34, T.17S., R.3 W., of the Willamette Meridian. The family lived for over twenty years in a log cabin, 7' x 24' with two rooms, until the house was built in 1873. The land was mostly prairie land on which general farming, stock and grain raising were supported. Campbell was enterprising and involved himself in hauling goods from Portland to Springfield. In 1859 he built a flatboat and took 35 tons of flour to Portland, receiving \$2.75 per barrel.

Campbell had three wives. After Ruth's death in 1858, he married Martha Delzell (1840-1865) in 1861, and Rebecca Hutchinson in 1867. The children were Harvey, Eliza, George E, and Ernest.

Robert Campbell was listed as a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church (Rebecca was a Baptist). According to the 1870 census, the value of the Campbell real estate was \$5000, and personal estate \$727. Quite substantial for the period, the property value suggests an earlier date for the building of the house than the 1873 date recorded in the County Assessor's office.

The Centennial History of Oregon brought out in 1912 summarized:

For many years Mr. Campbell applied himself tirelessly to the cultivation of his vast holdings, thereby accumulating a substantial competence, and in addition to his fine ranch he is the owner of residence property in Oregon City and has various other financial interests. He is one of the highly respected pioneer citizens of this section and has many friends throughout the county of long years standing.

9. Major Bibliographical References

(see continuation sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 0.44 acre

Quadrangle name _____

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References Eugene East, Oregon

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property nominated is a rectangular lot containing the Campbell House and measuring 150' by 127'. It is bounded on the east by Aspen Drive, and on the north, south, and west by other residential land ownerships.

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 Shirley McDougall

organization Architecture Student, School of Architecture and Allied Arts

University of Oregon

date June 3, 1978

street & number 1860 Potter, No. 3

telephone (503) 345-5354

city or town Eugene

state 97403

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

David H. Talbot

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date August 27, 1979

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

Carol Shull

Keeper of the National Register

date 11-1-79

Attest:

Kristin O'Connell

Chief of Registration

date 10/31/79

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After Robert Campbell's demise, his son George lived in the house, and following him were the Andersons, descendents of a neighboring family who settled a nearby claim and intermarried with the Campbells. In 1943 Anderson sold the small portion of the Campbell claim containing the farmhouse to Clifford R. Bryan, the present owner. Mr. Bryan is native to the area and was raised with the Campbell offspring.

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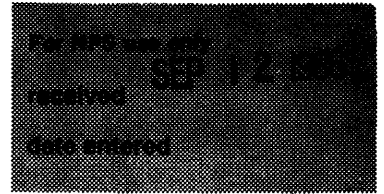
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CAMPBELL, ROBERT E., HOUSE
890 Aspen Drive
Springfield
Lane County
Oregon

Control number: 79002088

Listing date: 11-1-79

The purpose of this continuation sheet is to verify that, owing to annexation proceedings by the City of Springfield, the correct and current address of the above-named property is Springfield, not Eugene: 890 Aspen Drive, Springfield, Oregon.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: September 5, 1986

