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**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 any 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 HAMILTON, BENJAMIN HOUSE
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 552 NW STATE STREET not for publication N/A
city or town BEND vicinity N/A
state OREGON code OR county DESCHUTES code 017
zip code 97701

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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]
Signature of certifying official, Deputy SHPO

January 26, 2000
Date

OREGON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
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 or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain): _____

[Signature]
Signature of Keeper: Edsa H. Beall Date of Action: 3/15/00

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS 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 the SHPO or FPO.)

name ERNEST MAZOROL & SHELLEY JOHNSON

street & number 552 NW STATE STREET telephone (541) 388-2963

city or town BEND state OR zip code 97701

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Narrative Description: Cont'd

Contrary to the common belief that most Craftsman bungalows have dark interior spaces, the Hamilton House sports a variety of windows which create a light and bright interior space. Two large sets of windows which consist of a 12-over-1 double-hung window flanked on either side by a single 6-over-1 double-hung window, allow a large amount of light into the Master Bedroom (Bedroom 1) and into the living room space. Several 9-over-1 double-hung windows are found individually and grouped in pairs around the sides and rear of the house to allow further light into the home. Typical of the Craftsman style, the Hamilton House boasts small six-pane fixed windows flanking each side of the chimney just above interior bookcases. Several 8-pane awning style windows are found on the north and south facades to provide lighting above a dining room sideboard and a bathroom tub. All windows and doors on the Hamilton House are surrounded by simple milled boards mounted flush with the clapboard siding. Following a program that allowed large amounts of light into the home, towards the apex of the main gable roof of the home, a small fixed 1-over-1 window originally allowed additional light into the attic space. Today, the window has been replaced with a rectangular vent on the front and rear facades.

Believed to be original, the front door is a full-light design with 15 individual panes of glass, allowing yet more light into the living room space. The side (rear) door into the breakfast nook is a half-light design with four panes of glass in the upper portion of the door.

INTERIOR

Most of the interior walls of the Hamilton House are clad with lath and plaster. A few places have been patched with sheetrock. Large 8" high baseboard moldings anchor the walls which are capped with a small cornice mold at the wall/ceiling juncture. Dividing the dining and living spaces is a 3' high wood paneled wall which raises from the floor. The south wood paneled wall was removed by previous owners. A partial wall which drops from the ceiling, further defines the dining room space.

The centerpiece of the Hamilton House is the fireplace in the living room. Referred to by many historians as the symbol of the hearth and home, the Hamilton House fireplace lives up to its stature covering one entire wall in the living room. The fireplace surround, constructed of blond brick (now painted white), is of an ornate design using a combination of rock and smooth face brick to create a rectangular center panel just above the fireplace opening. The inner and outer hearths of poured concrete are laid flush with the floor. Flanking each side of the fireplace surround are built in bookcases, a typical feature of the Craftsman style. The four-shelf bookcases boast leaded glass doors designed in a geometric triangular pattern.

Matching the living room bookcases, a 4'6" long sideboard has been incorporated into the north wall of the dining room. Here four drawers and two leaded glass cabinet doors hold the family china, linens and keepsakes. The sideboard is mounted flush with the interior walls, and was created by using a small rectangular bay window which protrudes out from the north facade.

Floors throughout the house are 3" tongue-and-groove fir decking. All interior woodwork is simple in design with a rectangular profile of 5" on door and window surrounds. All interior woodwork, including the single panel doors, have been painted white. Interior hardware is of a simple rectangular design finished in brass, which

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highlights cut-glass door knobs. No original light fixtures remain in the house.

The 23'6"x 26'6" basement has recently been finished. Here, a fourth bedroom, a full bath, and a family room provide additional living space for the current owners.

OUTBUILDINGS

A single garage is located on the site. The 12'0" x 18'0" structure is located at the rear of the lot parallel with the alley. The walls are balloon-frame construction clad with 6 1/2" tongue & groove horizontal clapboards. The gable roof, covered with cedar shingles, boast exposed rafter tails and simple bargeboards at the gable ends. Two carriage doors, with original strap-hinge hardware, swing outward to allow access to the space. A single six-over-one double hung window on the south façade, and a matching window on the west facade allow light into the garage. Entrance to the garage is via the alleyway behind the property, which is accessed off of Kansas Avenue.

ALTERATIONS AND REHABILITATION PLANS

Alterations to the Hamilton House are minimal. On the exterior they include the replacement of all of the siding with straight grain fir matching the historical exposure of 4 1/2 inches (1990). In 1992 the homeowners upgraded the kitchen space which included the enclosure and extension of a rear porch 3' to serve as a breakfast nook and the replacement of windows in the porch and kitchen. On the interior, the only apparent changes are a reworking of the kitchen in 1992, a remodel of the basement into living space also in 1992 and the installation of new fir floors in the living and dinning room in 1990.

Narrative Statement of Significance:

The Benjamin Hamilton House is historically significant for its high artistic value as classified under criterion "C". Built in 1923, at the height of the Craftsman style, the Benjamin Hamilton House boasts numerous intact features typical of the Craftsman Bungalow style including: A-frame eave brackets, native natural materials, a front porch, and exposed rafter tails. Additionally the Hamilton House is one of the best examples of a *double-front-gable* Craftsman Bungalow subtype as evaluated using the multiple property nomination Craftsman Bungalows in Deschutes County. In 1923 when the Hamilton House was built, the Craftsman style was at its height in Deschutes County.

The property also has an associative significance as the primary residence of Benjamin Hamilton and his family from 1923 to 1946. As Manufacturing Superintendent for Shevlin-Hixon Lumber Company, Benjamin Hamilton was directly associated to the expansion and growth of the Shevlin-Hixon Mill in Bend during the 1920s and 1930s. Hamilton remained at his post until the mill closed down in 1950.

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Narrative Statement of Significance: Cont'd

BENJAMIN HAMILTON

Born in 1877 in Lebanon, Indiana, Benjamin Hamilton came to Bend, Oregon at the age of 46 in 1923. He had previously been working in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for the Western Pine Association (Ben Hamilton Dies...). Upon his arrival, Hamilton took a position as lumber inspector for Shevlin-Hixon Lumber Company. His talents were soon realized and he was promoted to Manufacturing Superintendent for the company. He held this position until he suffered a stroke in 1950.

Before moving to Bend, Hamilton had meet his wife Elsa M. Acton in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Elsa, eight years his elder, was born April 26, 1885 (Elsa Hamilton Dies...). Together they raised two children, Wayne B. (1914-1983) and Evelyn (1919-?) in the home. In later years the Hamilton's son Wayne became Bend's first director of the Parks & Recreation Department, and is noted as the founder of Little League Baseball in the State of Oregon (Wayne Benjamin...). His mother Elsa died at age 71 on April 27, 1956 and is buried beside her husband in the Pilot Butte Cemetery in Bend.

Benjamin Hamilton (his friends called him "Ben") was active in many civic affairs. An editorial in the Bend Bulletin a week after his death noted that, "when any program for community improvement was underway you could always expect Ben Hamilton to be in the thick of it." They reported that Hamilton was a kind man, full of energy, and was deservedly popular by all who knew him (Ben Hamilton). Some of his activities included being president of the Kiwanis Club and chapter president of the Bend Red Cross. His work with the Red Cross lead him to be accorded a lifetime membership by the local chapter. Hamilton and his family were active members of the First Christian Church, and Benjamin was one of the early members of the Bend Golf Club. Hamilton's greatest civic achievement however was being one of the key members who helped campaign for a new St. Charles Hospital in Bend. He served on the board of directors as second Vice-President (Hamilton Rites....). After Hamilton's retirement he became interested in the theater and participated in the Community Players program. One of his roles had Hamilton playing a Catholic priest in "The Valiant" which was staged at the Thompson School auditorium.

At the age of 73, Benjamin Hamilton suffered a stroke in June of 1950 and entered the hospital. He pasted away on December 27, 1952 (Ben Hamilton Dies...).

RESIDENTIAL HISTORY

Benjamin Hamilton (1877-1952) and his wife Elsa M. (1885-1956) owned the house for twenty-three years. In 1946 they sold the house and property to Alfred and Elma Swanes. The sale of the home in 1946 began 40+ years of rapidly changing ownership until the current owners purchased the home in 1986. The Swanes owned the home for just two short years selling to William and Lorna Cook. William was a ticket agent for Pacific Trailways Bus Company. The Cooks' sold the home in 1950 to Fred Rush, a salesman. Rush, lived there with his wife Anna for three years, and sold the home to William Dunn. Dunn was a night watchman for Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Mills.

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In 1960 William sold the house to Raymond A. and Thelma Deetz. For the next twelve years the Deetz's raised their four children (Ray, Corrine, Carolyn and John) in the home. Raymond was an office manager for Murray & Holtz Motors in Bend. In 1972 they sold the home, beginning another phase of a variety of owners. The Deetz's sold the house to Earle A. Patterson who immediately turned around and sold the home to William & Jane Farrens. William, who was president of Northwest Corporation, and his wife lived in the house for just two short years selling out to Reid and Linda Biggs in 1975. The Biggs owned the home for three years selling the property to Will Davis Swearingen in 1978. Swearingen retained ownership of the property until 1986, although he never resided at this address. Instead Swearingen rented the house out to a least three different persons within a ten-year period. Then 1986, Swearingin sold the home to its current owners Earnest Mazorol and Shelley Johnson.

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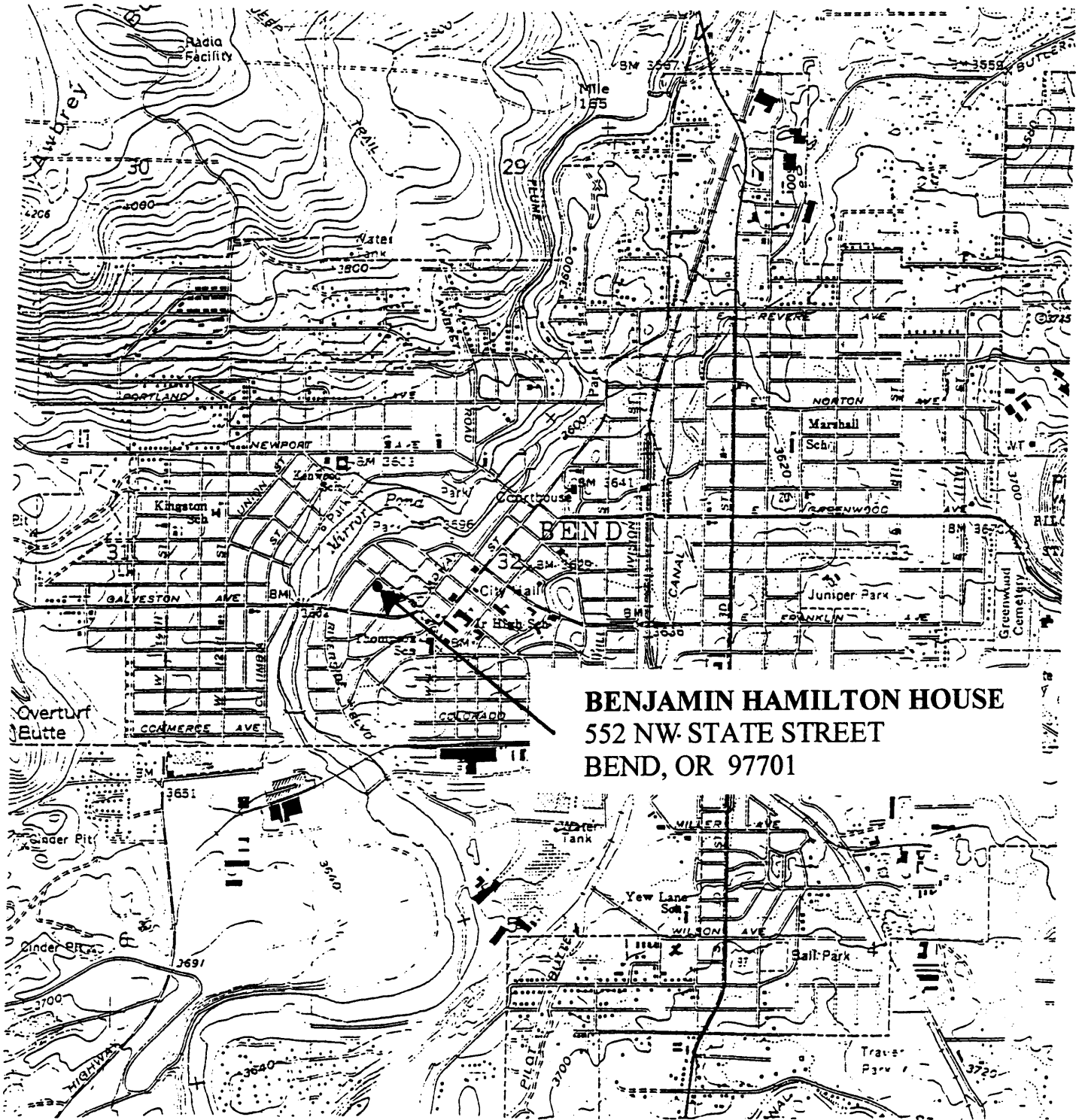
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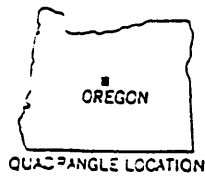
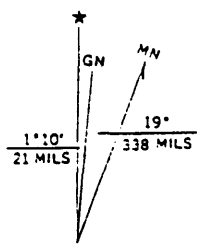
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Benjamin Hamilton House.

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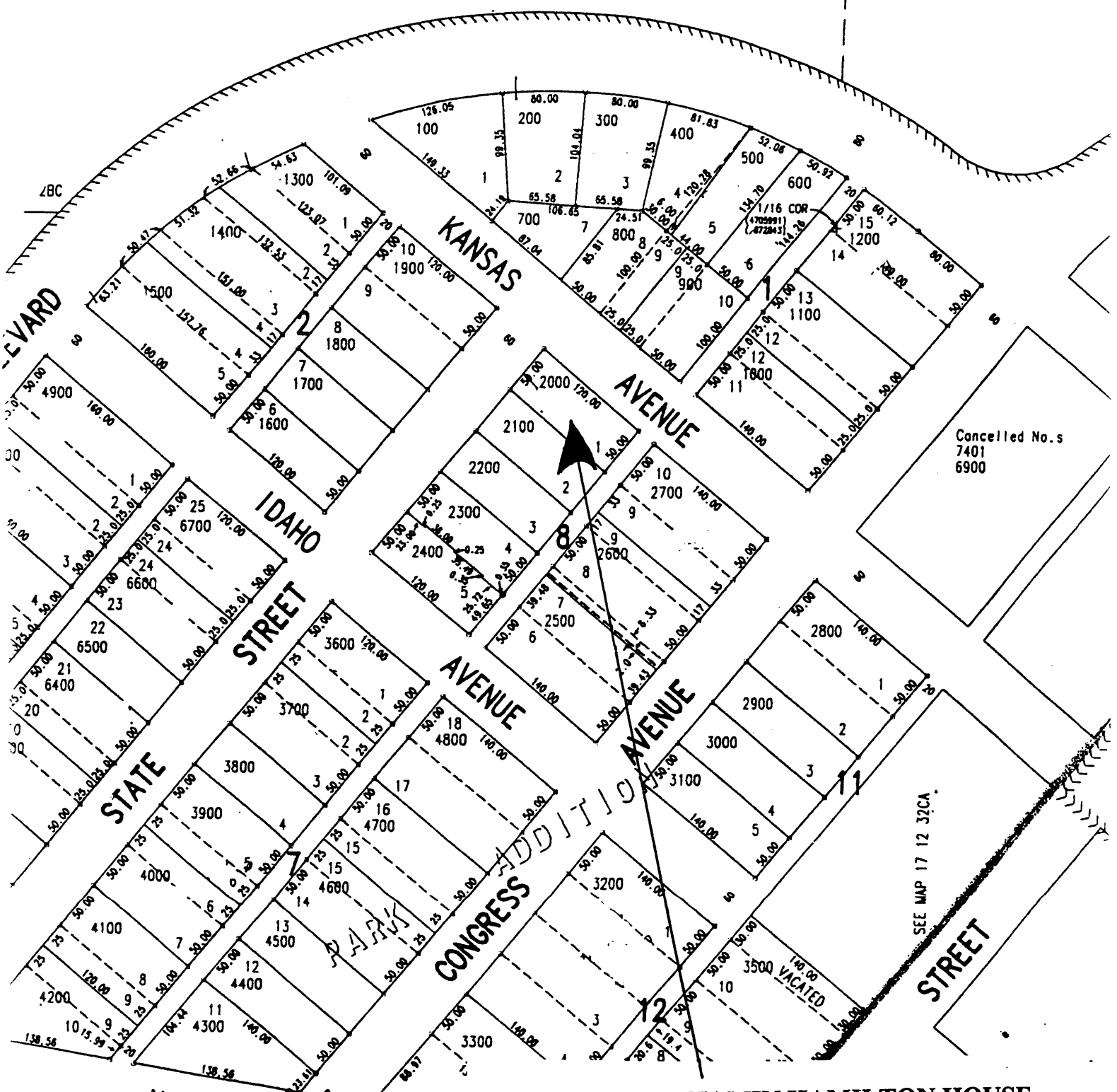
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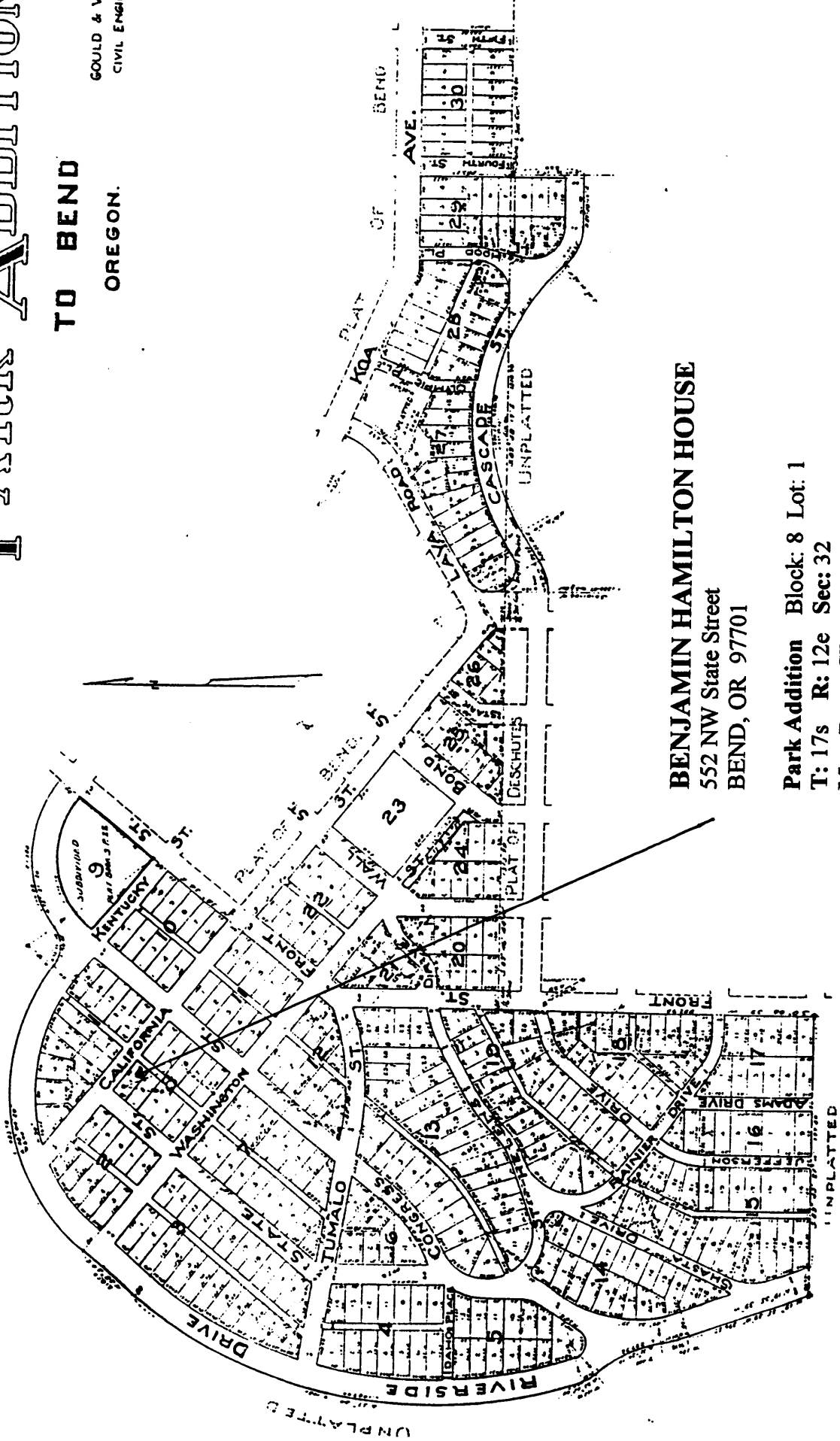
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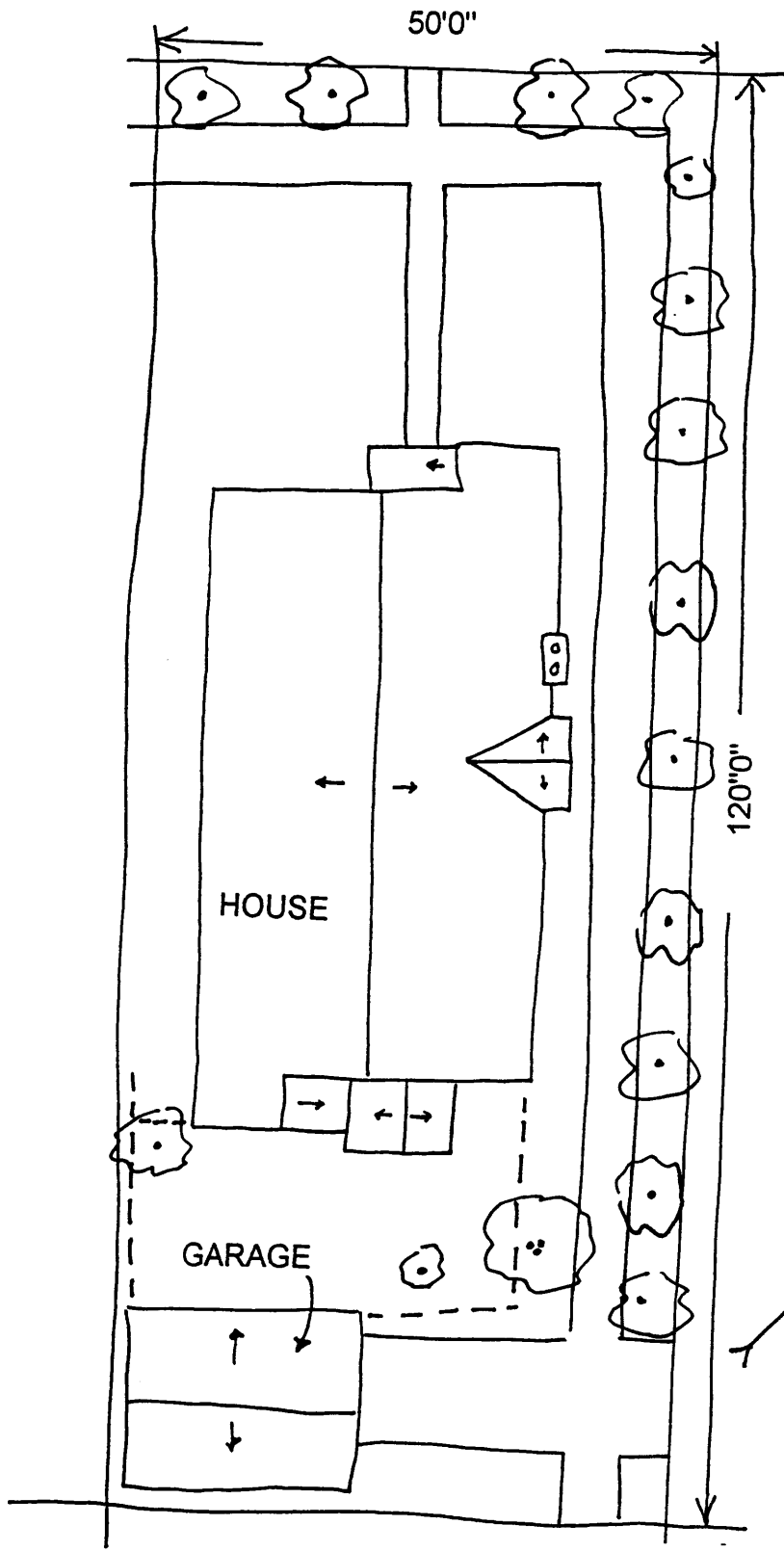
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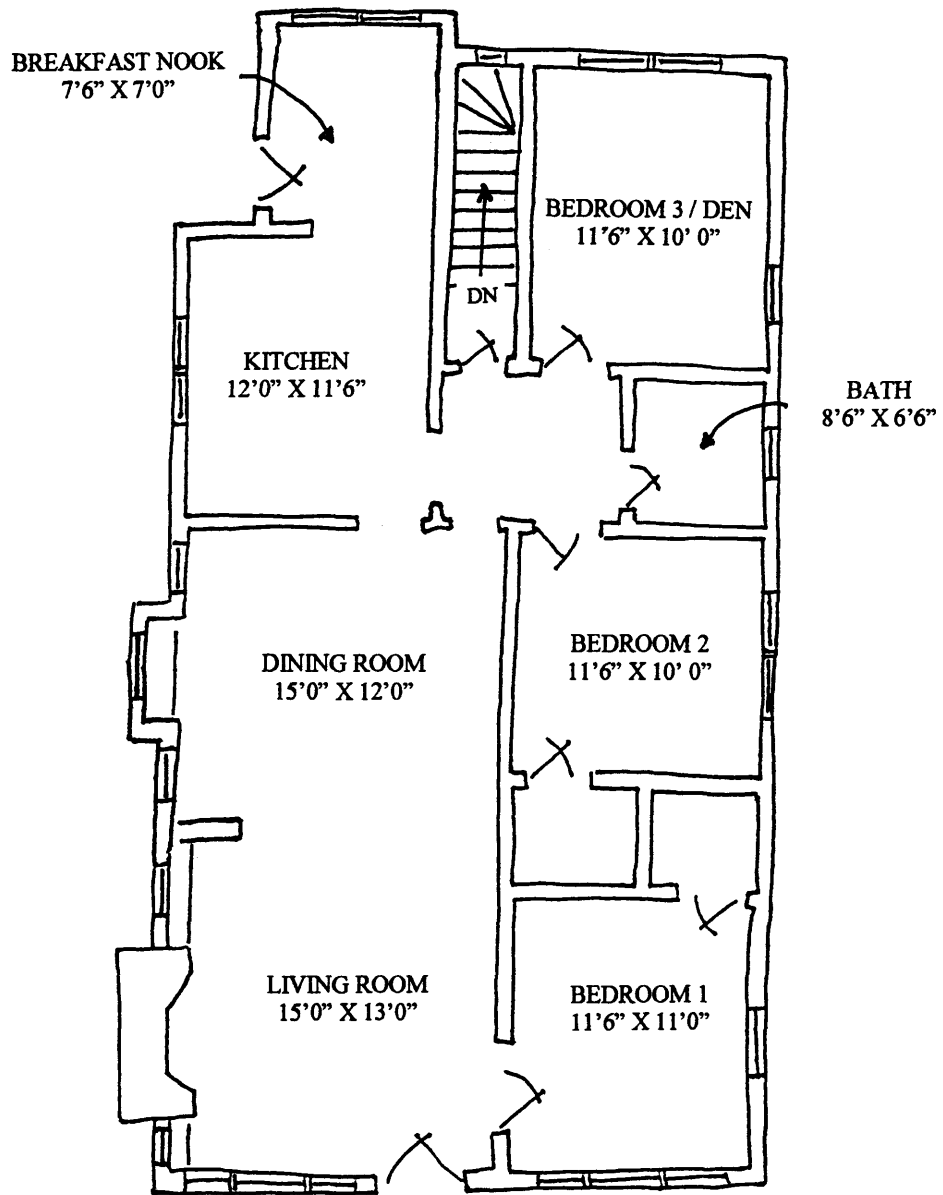
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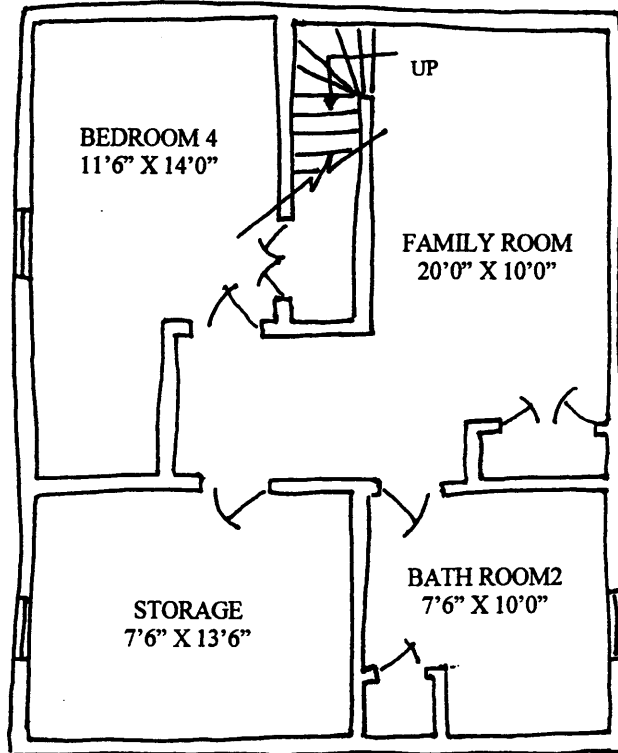
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SITE PLAN



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