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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Drain, (Charles D., Jr.) House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

100 E. Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Drain

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Oregon

CODE

41

COUNTY

Douglas

CODE

019

CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL | <input 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: |

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

North Douglas School District No. 22

STREET & NUMBER

PO Box 428

CITY, TOWN

Drain

VICINITY OF

Oregon

STATE

97435

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Douglas County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Roseburg

Oregon

STATE

97470

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties

DATE

1971

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Salem

Oregon

STATE

97310

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 home of Charles D. Drain, Jr., was erected in 1893 on a rise of land southeast of, and overlooking the town of Drain. It is oriented toward the north. The design source attributed to it is George F. Barber's The Cottage Souvenir.

The Queen Anne Style house is a two-story, wood-frame structure with attic on a foundation of brick surfaced with stucco. The body of the house is covered with ship-lap siding, but shingle siding is used for a bell-cast belt course and a corner tower. As is typical of its style, the house is asymmetrical in plan and has a variety of wings projecting from a central, hip-roofed volume/ ^{and} porches, balconies, and bays on its principal facades. The entry--offset to one side--is marked by an elaborately-finished gable-roofed side porch with horseshoe arch set inside its framework and, also, a corner tower with conical roof. A central, stuccoed brick flare-top chimney, ^{and} a pyramidal-roofed porch atop a polygonal bay on the west face are other important features above the eaves. Original shingle roof cover has been replaced with composition shingles, and roof ridge cresting and turret finials have been missing for some years. Jig-sawn vergeboard decoration of the various gable ends is elaborate, employing pierced, or cut-out motifs as well as spindle work. Spindles and balusters with elaborate turnings proliferate also as porch and balcony trim and railings. Window openings employing one-over-one double-hung sash are typically grouped in pairs or tripartite arrangements. The foundation is crowned with a ground course consisting of framed vertical boards and panels beneath window openings.

As originally laid out, the ground story floor plan included entry stairhall and front parlor, parlor-dining area, library, kitchen, pantry, and bathroom. The second story plan consisted of front bedroom and corner sitting room, stairhall, and three additional bedrooms. Interior finish work, including staircase, hand-painted wood-grained doors and paneling, some original wallpaper, and brass hardware, is intact.

North Douglas School District No. 22 acquired the house for office headquarters in the late 1960s. Only minor alterations had been made by intervening owners. The house is well maintained by its current owners. Plywood ceiling panels and carpeting were added to ground story rooms. A central heating system, fluorescent light fixtures, and a sliding glass door between entry stairhall and front parlor were added also. The changes are essentially reversible in nature. The house has not been comprehensively remodeled to fill its current role.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--|
| <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/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Queen Anne Style house built in 1893 for Charles D. Drain, Jr., is significant to Drain as the town's most imposing residence and its most visible link with its founding family. Moreover, it is a well-preserved example of work attributed to a popular architectural design source of the period--George F. Barber's The Cottage Souvenir. The house in Drain strongly influenced the style and decoration of other structures in Douglas County after its construction. In 1902 a house of similar design, though slightly less imposing in scale and siting, was built at First and A Streets in Drain by one-time carpenter turned merchant, Charles E. Hasard. The Fullerton House in Roseburg--occupied by a Drain family lawyer--is also thought to have been designed to emulate the Drain House. Barber's designs were the inspiration of houses elsewhere in Oregon, most notably the Jeremiah Nunan House of 1891 in Jacksonville which features a massive corner flare-top chimney.

The lumber-manufacturing and farming community of Drain is situated at the confluence of Elk and Pass Creeks in the eastern foothills of the Coast Range. It was founded by Charles Drain, Sr., a native of Pennsylvania who emigrated from the Midwest to the gold fields of California in 1850, and thence to the Willamette Valley of Oregon in 1852. The donation land claim on which Drain is located had been taken up in 1850 by Warren Goodell, who sold it seven years later to Jesse Applegate, member of the family which pioneered the southern emigrant route of the Oregon Trail. The 320-acre claim was acquired by Charles Drain in 1861.

Active in Oregon's Territorial and State Legislatures, Charles Drain, Sr. resigned his position of president of the Senate in 1860 and removed his wife and children, John and Catherine, to Douglas County to take up farming. Eventually, he added some 1700 acres to the original acquisition.

In 1872 the Oregon and California Railroad reached north Douglas County. A year earlier, Drain and his son, John, had sold 60 acres of their land to the railroad for one dollar "in consideration of establishing a station... and laying out a town to be called 'Drain.'" The new townsite was a promising shipping point and grew rapidly to a population of 300 by the 1880s. Hotels sprang up along Main Street, and the Drains entered into the mercantile business. The Drains also were instrumental in establishing, in 1879, Drain Academy, which evolved as the Central Oregon State Normal School.

John Drain became the town's leading merchant and its first and long-time Mayor. He was elected speaker of the State House of Representatives in 1870, and was a leader of the Grange movement in Douglas County. Catherine Drain married Simon R. Lane, son of Joseph P. Lane, first Territorial Governor of Oregon. Charles D. Drain, Jr., born in Douglas County, succeeded to the family store and fortune upon his older brother's demise

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Roseburg Plain Dealer (July 24, 1890). Note on Charles D. Drain's plans to "erect a fine residence" from a "design drawn up in New York."

Brown, Tracey and Patton, Valerie. "The Castle in Drain, Oregon: The Charles and Anne Drain Home." Illustrated study prepared for Architecture 431, U of O School of Architecture and Allied Arts, Fall 1975.

(see continuation sheet)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.30 acres

UTM REFERENCES

| | | | |
|---|------|-----------|-------------|
| A | 1,0 | 47,38,2,5 | 4,83,36,0,0 |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |

| | | | |
|---|------|---------|----------|
| B | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See attached

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

R.A. Smith, Superintendent

ORGANIZATION

North Douglas School District No. 22

DATE

March 8, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

PO Box 428

TELEPHONE

503/836-2223

CITY OR TOWN

Drain

STATE

Oregon 97435

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 Stalbot

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE September 27, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles Atkinson
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 12-12-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *W. Ray Luce*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12/11/78

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in 1891. He and his wife, Anna Kent Drain, apparently had been planning to build a new home as early as 1890, according to the Plain Dealer published in Roseburg, Douglas County seat. The July 24, 1890 edition reported: "Charles D. Drain is preparing to erect a fine residence in East Drain... finest and most costly ever built in Douglas County... design drawn up in New York." It was planned that the building would be two stories above the basement and would have seventeen rooms of "elegant design and elaborate finish." It was set off with palm trees--fashionable landscape materials of the period--which remained in place until the 1970s. The house had been planned and carried out in a climate of prosperity before the Panic of 1893. Charles Drain lived in it seven years before his untimely death in 1910. As it turned out, the community had not lived up to its promise as a social and economic backdrop equal to the grandeur of this apogee of Drain family residences. Fire struck the commercial center in 1903 and again in 1914. A telegraph scheme fell through, and the town endured the closure of its prestigious State Normal School in 1907-1908 (the school was moved to Monmouth in Polk County). Finally, growth ground to a halt in 1914 when the railroad which gave Drain its early importance as a shipping and trading center relocated its planned connection to the Coast.

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The following described property in Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 5 West, Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon, described as follows:

Beginning at a point which is South 02° 39' West 250 feet from the southeast corner of Block 6, Eastmoreland Addition to the City of Drain, Douglas County, Oregon, thence South 87° 05' East 164.8 feet, thence South 0° 54' West 199.6 feet, thence South 85° 26' West 515.7 feet, thence North 04° 55' West 330 feet, thence North 89° 07' East 85.1 feet, thence South 87° 12' East 150 feet, thence South 02° 39' West 66.6 feet, thence South 87° 05' East 150 feet to the place of beginning. Excepting that parcel of 0.80 acres now in private ownership (Tax Lot No. 18-14, Account No. 2006-41) which is recorded on Reel 65-9640, Douglas County Clerk's Office.