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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The South Oakdale District is composed of sixty individually owned tax lots on which the improvements are representative of the development of popular architectural styles between the late 1890s and the 1940s. The buildings, mostly residences, are examples of the Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Bungaloid, "Tudor," "Colonial," and other Period Styles. Within the district are 43 single family homes, 22 multiple family residences, a church and rectory, a public school, a professional law office, and two combined medical offices and residences. The offices and church are grouped at the north end of the district.

The visual effect of the district is one of a corridor lined by mature oak trees, horse chestnuts, sycamores and other street trees. In the spring and fall, when the trees are in leaf, the impression one has upon entering the neighborhood from north or south along Oakdale Avenue is that of a tunnel of shade. Large expanses of front lawn and the green open space of the public school commons about midway in the district enhance the park-like atmosphere. Paved sidewalks line the planted parking strips. The two-lane avenue was paved in 1910. On-street parking is allowed on the east side.

Historically, from the earliest development, retaining the natural trees and adding street trees from nursery stock, maintaining lawns and gardens have been important to the residents of the neighborhood. Most homes conform to a set back to the midpoint of the lot, which leaves a large area of lawn fronting Oakdale Avenue. The pattern is broken here and there. The earliest homes (Inventory nos. 38, 49, 53 and 56) are set farther back from the street. Nonconforming newer structures (Inventory nos. 5, 6, 9, 23, 24 and 39) are closer to the street front.

The triangle at/intersection of Oakdale Avenue and J Street at the north end of the district is commercial property on which are located a small grocery store and parking area. This property falls outside the district due to the wishes of the owner. Visually, it may be considered intrusive, but the use of the property has been commercial historically. The corner has been occupied by a neighborhood market of some sort since the turn of the century. The Catholic Church has been present in the district since 1908, and the Mid High School was erected in 1931.

A few blocks to the north of the district is the major cluster of Medford's civic structures, including the Jackson County Courthouse, Public Library, City Hall, Federal Post Office, and a new Justice Center now under construction. East and West of Oakdale Avenue are streetslined with smaller homes on smaller lots dating from the 1930s and 1940s, generally. Park Street, between Dakota and Eleventh, has a number of historically significant properties along it, but it is not included in the district owing to lack of interest on the part of home owners. Immediately south of Stewart Avenue, on the south end of the district, tract homes of a new subdivision are under construction. Until recent years, the area south of Stewart Avenue was given to orchards. Stewart Avenue is presently a major arterial.

A distinct cycle of land use can be seen in some areas of the district. During the early years, South Oakdale was among the most fashionable neighborhoods in the community, and homes were well maintained. As original occupants grew older, or their fortunes were lost in the Stock Market Crash, the standard of upkeep could not be sustained. Many homes were subdivided for multi-family use. A few were so dilapidated that they were razed and replaced by apartment buildings (Inventory nos. 5, 7, 9 and 24). The last ten to fifteen years have seen a reversal of the trend, and many prop-(continued)

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erties have been purchased by younger families with the intent of restoring and upgrading the houses. Apartment partitions have been removed from several of the houses. Extensive restoration has been accomplished or is in progress on Inventory nos. 17, 20, 27, 30, 38, 42 and 49. The catalytic effect of these improvements has spread a sense of pride throughout the district. The area is once again a fashionable neighborhood occupied by community leaders.

Generally, buildings dating from 1890 to the period of the First World War are ranked in the primary category. There are 26 primary properties. Those whose dates of construction range from ca. 1918 to 1940 are secondary properties, and there are 19 in the latter category. There are, including several early homes which have been significantly altered, 11 compatible properties, and 4 intrusions. It should be pointed out that in certifying properties for eligibility under state and federal tax programs, structures in the compatible category are reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office on a case-by-case basis. Only those compatible properties which, because of date of construction, historical associations or design qualities clearly can be considered contributing features of a district, are certified. Certain properties are non-historic but nevertheless may be compatible enough with the built environment to avoid being intrusive. These are considered non-contributing features in the compatible category and are not certified by the State Historic Preservation Office for purposes of the tax programs.

Since the South Oakdale Historic District was initially submitted to the National Register, it has been determined by the Chairman of the School Board in consultation with the Superintendent of School District 549C that the entire Medford Senior High School building (now Mid-High) may be included in the area nominated, with the clear understanding that the features of the property which contribute to the district are the foregrounds and the Modernistic facade fronting South Oakdale Avenue. The building has been enlarged by rear additions and remodeled internally over the years. The verbal boundary description has been corrected to reflect the inclusion of the entire school building instead of the facade and front lawn only, as originally proposed.

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INVENTORY OF PROPERTIES South Oakdale Historic District Medford, Jackson County, Oregon

Medford's 2nd Public School Building, 517 W. 10th Street

Tax Lot 5700, Wortman Addition

Current Owner: Counselor's Court Properties Fred Admundson and Dave Moore

517 West 10th Street Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Primary

Date: 1884

Two story, 30 x 50 feet, wood frame, horizontal shiplap, two story front veranda, column posts, block foundation, hip roof, building well kept, landscape inappropriate with large parking area, original 1890s porte cochere on east elevation removed. Earliest surviving public school in Medford, originally built at 8th and Oakdale (present Courthouse site) in Italianate style. In 1891 sold to and moved by A. A. Davis to present site. Remodeled to single family home in Colonial motif. In 1930s converted to apartments. 1976 restoration removed partitions to original rooms, present use as law offices.

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, 326 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 5500, Wortman Addition

Current Owner:

Roman Catholic Church Archdiocese of Portland

c/o Sacred Heart Church, Father Beno

326 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Secondary

Date: 1928

Romanesque Revival, two story with clear second story, brick building with concrete foundation, tile gable roof, front stoop, leaded stained glass, tracery rose window, bell tower, heavy wood front doors, well kept structure and grounds. Designed by Barrett & Logan architectural firm of Portland, constructed by another Barrett brother. Replaced earlier 1908 Mission Style Church of Nativity. Contemporary Parish Hall building to rear of church.

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Sacred Heart Parish Rectory House, 326 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 5600, 8000, Wortman Addition

Current Owner:

Roman Catholic Church Archdiocese of Portland

c/o Sacred Heart Church, Father Beno

326 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Primary

Date: 1909

Colonial Revival, two story, wood frame, horizontal shiplap, stone rubble foundation, hip roof, two story front portico with balcony, porch columns, enclosed screened porch, building and grounds maintained, large paved parking lot south of structure to lot boundary.

Young-Buonocore House, 510 W. 11th or 358 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 8200, Wortman Addition

Current Owner: Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buonocore

510 W. 11th Street Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Compatible

Date: 1941

"Colonial", two story, wood frame, horizontal shiplap siding, concrete foundation, wood shingle gable roof, front stoop, bay window, well kept building and grounds. Built by Robert Keeney (later partner of Frank Clark) for Dr. Young at the SE corner of South Oakdale Avenue and 8th Street. Medical office was situated with entrance facing Oakdale and residence section entrance facing 8th Street. The Dr. Buonocore family lived in it and maintained practice from it several years prior to property site being chosen as the location for the new Medford City Hall. To accomodate the city, the Buonocores in 1966 cut the structure in two parts, moved it three blocks and relocated the building at the present site with the family home facing 11th Street and the medical office entrance still facing South Oakdale. At this time a new 20 foot middle addition was made where the structure was rejoined.

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Norton (Judge H. D.) House, 408 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 100, Barr's Addition

Current Owner:

Bruce Stanley and Marlan Morse

408 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Secondary

Date: 1930

Combined Prairie and Mission Style, builder Earl Fehl, two story brick and stucco, 52 x 48 feet, flat hip tile roof, two story reentrant cut in porch, leaded glass, south elevation porte cochere, structure and grounds well kept. Remodeled in 1940s to combined single family residence (second story) and professional dental offices (first story) with appearance being that of single family residence.

Morse Apartments, 412 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 900, Barr's Addition

Current Owner: Marlan and Barbara Morse

4393 Tami Lane

Central Point, OR 97502

Significance:

Intrusive

Date: 1978

Four unit, two story, wood frame, plywood panel exterior, composition gable roof, no yard, area from front of structure to street is paved for parking.

Schipper Apartment, 418 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 1000, Barr's Addition Current Owner: Bob Schipper

75 Dean Road

Central Point, OR 97502

Significance: Intrusive

Date: 1972

Five units, two buildings, one story, wood frame, composition shingle gable roof, no setback, grounds unkept.

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7. Garrett (George) House, 426 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 1300, Barr's Addition

Current Owner: Harry and Joyce Withrow

1803 Gene Cameron Way Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1905

Bungalow with carryover of Queen Anne, one and a half story, frame, horizontal wood shiplap and shingle siding, composition shingle gable roof, front veranda with trunkated Obelisks posts, gallow brackets. Rental property with contemporary apartment building in rear camaflouged by the older house. Structure and ground unkept.

8. Fehl (Earl) House, 504 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 1500, Barr's Addition

Current Owner: Ruth and Albert Schenfisch

234 Alta Vista Road Eagle Point, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1900

Queen Anne, two story, frame, horizontal shiplap siding, stone and concrete block foundation, wood shingle gable and hip roof, wrap around veranda with turned posts, eave brackets, interior chimney, out buildings are shed, barn and carriage house, single family home, presently rental, structure and grounds maintained. Home of historically significant person, Fehl. Possibly moved to this site from block Sacred Heart Catholic Church presently occupies when first church was built. Fehl bought the house from William Glasgow in 1914.

9. Moss Court, 512 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 1900, Barr's Addition

Current Owner: Robert and Maecille Moss

c/o Arthur and Thelma Paddleford

400 Emigrant Road Ashland, OR 97520

Significance: Intrusive

Date: 1965

Nine unit apartment building, single story, frame, not set back, maintained,

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10. Young (Jim) House, 518 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 2100, Barr's Addition

Current Owner: William P. Rose Sr.

6245 Merced Lake Drive San Diego, CA 92119

Significance: Compatible

Date: 1905

Modified Queen Anne with later additions, one and a half story, frame, horizontal shiplap siding, composition shingle gable roof, reentrant attached porch, arcade, second floor French doors and balcony removed. Presently multiple family rental, structure and grounds unkept. Adjacent windmill buildings (razed in 1978) was high school class project of the Young brothers in late 1930s.

11. Eads (Clarence) House, 522 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 2200, Barr's Addition

Current Owner: John and Suzanne Jensen

522 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Secondary

Date: 1925

Prairie Style bungalow, with oriental motif, one and half story, central pavillion second story, frame, horizontal clapboard siding, composition shingle gable roof, front veranda with trunkated obelisks posts, half timbering, bargeboards, fancy work in gable, single family home, architect possibly Frank Clark, with Jim Young, contractor. Well kept.

12. Beeson House, 608 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 2500, Barr's Addition

Current Owner: David and Judy Grembemer

608 South Oakdale Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Secondary

Date: 1926

Bungalow, two story,  $32 \times 55$  foot, frame, horizontal clapboard, gable roof, front veranda, trunkated obelisks posts, leaded glass, full basement, gallow brackets, open stairwell, well kept structure and grounds with many native plantings. Single family home.

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13. Dodge (John) House, 610 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 2800, Dodge Addition

Current Owner: Darrell and Helen Leaven

610 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary Date: prior to 1910

Bungalow features, possibly early farm house with late ca. 1910 remodeling, two story, 32 x 65 foot, vertical overlap siding, front veranda, balcony with French doors, open stairwell, screened sleeping porch, well kept structure and grounds, single family home, built by John Dodge for own family.

14. (Cunningham (A. B.) House, 616 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 2900, Dodge Addition

Current Owner: George and Gertrude Holtzinger

616 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Secondary

Date: 1925

"Tudor", two story frame and stucco, 47 x 62 foot, covered front stoop, side porch, wood frame windows altered to metal sash in 1977, single family structure well kept, grounds maintained.

Dillon-Ebel House, 620 South Oakdale Avenue 15.

Tax Lot 3300, Barr's Addition

Current Owner: Chester E. and Joyce C. Defty

620 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1910

Bungalow, one and a half story, frame, 33 x 46 foot, front veranda, square porch posts boxed and grouped, stick work gable. Built as single family, with several additions including outside stairs, now owners home plus two rented apartments. Good condition, grounds maintained.

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16. Bungalow, 704 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 3400, Barr's Addition

Current Owner: Dwayne and Florence Grimes

1716 Woodlawn Drive Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Primary

Date: 1910

One and a half story, frame, front veranda, brick supports, leaded glass, rafter ends cut out. Landscape diminished by circular front paved drive and parking. Built as single family home, now multiple. Contemporary fourplex building in rear. Structure maintained.

17. Tuttle (Harry) House, 706 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 3700, Tuttle's Subdivision

Current Owner: Gerald and Virginia Bronson

706 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1905

Italianate with bungalow remodeling and porch possibly later addition, two story, 32 x 32 foot, frame, horizontal shiplap siding, composition shingle flat hip roof, wrap around veranda, porch posts boxed and grouped, corbelled chimney, widows walk, square nail construction throughout. Built as single family home was for many years apartments and very abused. Since 1971 extensive work restored it to single family, structure well kept, grounds with native 80 foot Emperor Cedar maintained.

18. Hamlin (H. W.) House, 710 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 3800, Tuttle's Subdivision

Current Owner: Frederick and Debra Sheppard

710 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Secondary

Date: 1927

Bungalow, one story, frame, corner windows,  $30 \times 34$  foot, builder W. E. Thomas. Well kept and grounds maintained. Older carriage house at rear of property seems to match No. 706 next door and originally may have been part of that property.

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Grey (Herbert) House, 714 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 4100, Tuttle's Subdivision Current Owner: Paul and Debra Hogan

714 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Secondary

Date: 1925

Bungalow, one story, 28 x 36 L shape, wood frame. Built by architect Frank Clark and contractor A. J. Sharp to sell as single family home. Structure well kept and grounds maintained.

20. Alendorfer (0. 0.) House, 718 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 4200, Tuttle's Subdivision

Current Owner: J. Grooms

718 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Secondary

Date: 1928

Spanish Colonial Revival, two story, frame, stucco, tile roof, wrought iron railing, lentils over windows with hewn beams, side porch. Architect Frank Clark, builder Larkin Reynolds for then city mayor as home to entertain in, thus large living and dining room areas. Remodeled into apartments in 1937 by same architect. Later restored to single family. Extensive maintainance, restoration work done in 1977-1978.

21. Reddy House, 800 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 100, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: Allan and Colette Wright

1113 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Compatible Date: ca. 1900 approximate

Originally large single family home with large front porch, remodeled 1940s by H. Prentice to apartments. Presently no style, porch removed. Built originally by Englishman R. Barker, better known for jeweler Dr. Reddy family. Set back, size and large trees make it compatible to district. Structure well kept, grounds maintained.

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22. The Cottages, 511-527 Dakota Avenue

Tax Lot 300, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: Allan and Colette Wright 1113 South Oakdale Avenue

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Significance:

Secondary

Date: 1937

Rental cottages designed and built by Harry Prentice, plus storage and carport buildings. One story wood construction, structures well kept, grounds maintained.

23. Duplexes, 810 & 812 South Oakdale Avenue and 507 & 509 Dakota Avenue

Tax Lot 200, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: William Mansfield

822 South Oakdale Avenue

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Significance: Compatible

Date: 1957

Duplex, two story "Colonial", compatible appearance of large single family home, smaller single story duplex in rear with Dakota address. Built by H. Prentice, structure and grounds well kept.

24. Apartments, 822 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 8200, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: William Mansfield

822 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Compatible

Date: 1978

Colonial duplex, two story, frame, supportive appearance of single family dwelling with single front door, new landscaping done with mature plantings. Single story fourplex in rear with parking between the two buildings. Designed by owner in attempt to fit district character. (original 822 Nash house razed late 1950s).

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25. 900 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 8500, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: Jay Hale

c/o G. J. Pendleton 900 South Oakdale Avenue

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Significance: In

Intrusive

Date: 1948

Concrete block, one story, incompatible, but not flagrantly intrusive, has yard space. Maintained.

26. Wortman House, 912 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 8600, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: Lucille and Maurice J. Griffin

4427 Longridge

Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Significance: Compatible

Date: ca. 1900, maybe as early as 1890.

Originally large two story farmhouse, Deuel home prior to No. 1018 being built, then Harry Wortman's residence until 1944. Remodeled to apartment use early 1950s and has newer siding, lost style, but size and lot compatible. Small cabin in rear.

27. Reum-Kent House, 922 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 9000, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: Michael and Suzanne Brian

922 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1910

Early years varied owners, two story, 53 x 29 foot, frame, horizontal siding, eave returns, wrap around veranda with Ionic columns, basement, leaded beveled glass, newer stained glass, small paned windows over large ones, bay window, rails missing second story balcony, extensive maintainance and restoration work done since 1973. Single family structure and grounds well kept.

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28. Bardwell (Ralph) House, 1002 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 9100, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: Otis and Nelda Swisher

1002 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1912

California Bungalow, one story, 61 x 39 foot, river stone foundation, frame, shingle siding, wood shingle gable roof, front veranda, porch posts squared, grouped, masonry piers, clinker brick chimney, six glass paned doors open to porch, interior dark elm wainscoting, one vaulted ceiling. Architect Frank Clark, also historic merit in craftsmanship and style. Slight alteration of enclosing screened porches in 1960. Single family home and grounds well kept.

29. English (Charles) House, 1006 South Oakdale Avenue
Tax Lot 9400, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: T

Thomas and Sue Hanke 1006 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1910

Bungalow, one and a half story, gable ends to sides, front veranda with oriental motif in porch columns, metal siding, basement. Interior moderately remodeled after 1941 fire. Screened porches enclosed, fireplace relocated. Single family home well kept.

30. Neff (Porter) House, 516 Belmont Avenue

Tax Lot 9300, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: Stuart and Karen Allen

516 Belmont Avenue Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1911

Possibly earlier farmhouse with later remodelings. Craftsman style, two story,

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wood shingle siding on upper, horizontal bevel on lower, exposed rafters, sandstone fireplace, lattice work, sleeping porch, two story buggy house to rear of house. Presently undergoing extensive restoration work, grounds surrounded by high hedge, many large oaks.

31. Porter (Dr. Elias H.) House, 1010 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 9500, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA Current Owner: Leonard R. and Dorothy E. Harvey

1010 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1910

Combined Western Stick and Bungalow, two story plus attic and basement,  $32 \times 48$  foot, ten foot wide veranda south and east sides, group columns, bay window, gallows brackets, tiny dormer window, trellis entry south side, distinctive chimney. Builder was Dr. Porter, single family home and grounds well kept.

32. Deuel (F. K.) House, 1018 South Oakdale Avenue
Tax Lot 9600, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA
Current Owner: Susan Robinson, E.P. Vilas, F. K. Deuel Jr.

c/o F. K. Deuel P. O. Box 1642 Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1909

Western Stick and Shingle Style, two story, brick lower, dark stained shingle upper, approximately  $50 \times 50$ , porte cochere north elevation, front veranda, beveled oval glass front door, second story sleeping porch now enclosed. Grounds with natural plantings. Merit due to craftsmanship and style plus significant family who still owns it. Structure and grounds well kept.

33. Deuel (Halbert) House, 1100 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 9700, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: John Chaney

1100 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Secondary

Date: 1925

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"Tudor", one and a half story, 1949 addition, steep roof, architect Oregon Home Designer's of Portland. Single Family structure well kept, grounds surrounded by hedge, maintained.

Bradley (Thomas) House, 1108 South Oakdale Avenue 34. Tax Lot 9801, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: William and Elizabeth Haberlach

1108 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Secondary

Date: 1939

Later Norman Farmhouse or Builders Tudor Style, one and a half stories, 38 x 40 foot, steep roof, heavy door with leaded glass, partial basement. Designed by Medford Lumber Company, builders S. O. McCroskey and LeRoy Johnson for Bradley who was living at No. 1114 and wanted a smaller home. Structure and grounds well kept. Screened porch north side enclosed.

Riddell House, 1114 South Oakdale Avenue 35. Tax Lot 9900, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA Current Owner: Eugene and Barbara Westlund

1114 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: ca. 1910

Colonial Revival, two story frame, front stoop with second story balcony, two story porch columns, structure and grounds maintained.

Driscoll House, 1120 South Oakdale Avenue 36.

Tax Lot 10000 , Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA

Current Owner: Alex and Patricia McDonald

1120 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Compatible

Date: 1950

Late "Colonial", one and a half story, 36 x 37 wood frame, clapboard, designed by Betty Driscoll, built by Jack Batzer. Single family home well kept, grounds with nine large oaks well kept.

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37. Getchell (DelRoy) House, 1121 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 8400, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 31BB

Current Owner: Esther Jensen

1121 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1916

Colonial Revival, two story, 62 x 32 wood frame, horizontal shiplap siding, gable roof, brick stoop across house front, small entry with columns, fan light windows, storage buildings to rear. Architect Frank Clark. Grounds surrounded by laurel boxwood hedge, many mature oaks, sycamore, stately entrance walk and drive. Single family structure and grounds very well kept. Historic merit for both architect and significant community leader.

38. Marshall House, 1113 South Oakdale Avenue
Tax Lot 8300, Tax Lot 8200, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 31BB
Current Owner: Allan and Colette Wright
1113 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1895

Queen Anne, two story, dressed stone foundation, lower horizontal wood shiplap, upper regular and fancy cut shingle, front wrap around veranda with columns, corbelled chimney, leaded glass windows, newer stained glass, decorative gables and varied roof angles, bay window north elevation, interior window seats south living room windows, separate entry hall with open oak bannister stairwell. Built by J. H. Stewart, orchardist and 1908 sold to George Marshall, orchardist, with extensive surrounding acreage, part of which was subdivided into Oaklawn Addition. Historically significant people resided here. Extensive restoration since 1973 has removed apartment on second story. Single family home well kept and very large grounds area well kept.

39. Suburban Ranch House, 1101 South Oakdale Avenue
Tax Lot 8100, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 31BB
Current Owner: Claude Jones

1101 South Oakdale Avenue Medford, OR 97501

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Significance:

Compatible

Date: 1956

Single story, wood frame and siding, single family home. Built by Nelson Construction. Fairly compatible, not especially intrusive to district. Structure and ground well kept. Set too close to street.

40. Keliehor (Annie) Home, 1019 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 7400, Oaklawn Addition

Current Owner: Michael and Gena King

1019 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Compatible

Date: 1907

Originally one and a half story bungalow extensively remodeled into full two stories by Boyle family in the 1950s, enclosed front porch area, gallows brackets under eaves, small glass panes at ends of picture window, square columns by front door, basement. Single family home built by George Treichlor. Structure well kept and grounds maintained.

41. Treichlor-Depner House, 1013 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 7500, Oaklawn Addition

Current Owner: Arnold and Helen Depner

1013 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1907

Bungalow, almost duplicate to one next door at No. 1019. One and a half story wood frame. 1950s remodeling slightly modified style. Built and occupied until 1913 by George Treichlor, who then built 995 South Oakdale Avenue. Structure and grounds well kept.

42. Marshall-Orth-Drury House, 1009 South Oakdale Aveneu

Tax Lot 7600, Oaklawn Addition

Current Owner: Bruce and Vicki A. Bryden

1009 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Pr

Primary

Date: 1910

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Bungaloid, two and a half story, 35 x 50 foot, partial basement, full attic, horizontal lower siding, wood shingle upper story, wood shake hip roof, dormer windows with small panes over large one, front veranda, square posts, leaded glass and newer leaded stained glass, second story sleeping porch enclosed, large entry and wide stairwell. Extensive maintainance and restoration work done since 1970. House has interesting history of few owners but many significant renters early years, Deury's owning it 1935-1970, originally built by William Roberts. Single family structure very well kept, grounds well kept with laurel hedges on south and north sides, large oaks and black walnut trees in rear half of lot.

43. Naumes (J. P.) House, 1001 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 7700, Oaklawn Addition

Current Owner: Davis and Patricia Smith

1001 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Secondary

Date: 1937

Craftsman Style, one and a half story, 35 x 59 foot, field stone with vertical board and batten on second story, gable roof, front stoop with small entry, basement. Architects Frank Clark and Bob Keeney, builders Joe Naumes and Frank Applegate (No. 53, 615 South Oakdale). Historically significant architect, relates to 1930s designs by C.C.C. Naumes personally hauled stone found county wide. Structure and grounds very well kept, hedges on north and south boundaries.

44. Treichlor-Bromley House, 995 South Oakdale

Tax Lot 7800, Oaklawn Addition

Current Owner: Don and Roberta McKav

995 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Primary

Date: 1912

Shingle Style, two story, front veranda with stucco columns, originally wrap around veranda, now partially enclosed. Architect probably Frank Clark. Structure and grounds of single family home maintained.

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45. Schade (Larry) House, 989 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 7900, Oaklawn Addition

Current Owner: Herbert Wing and Danielle Harms

989 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Secondary

Date: 1926

"Tudor", one and a half story, wood shingle siding, original screen porch enclosed, columns on small front porch removed, small arched window interest. Structure and grounds well kept.

Thierolf (H. A.) House, 907 South Oakdale Avenue 46.

Tax Lot 8000, Oaklawn Addition

Current Owner: Allen and Nadine Minger 907 South Oakdale Avenue Medford, Oregon 97501

Significance:

Secondary

Date: 1936

"Colonial", 73 x 34 foot, basement, arched dormer windows, fan light window over front door, Architect Frank Clark, builder W. D. Peckham. Laurel hedge surrounds back yard, house sits middle of double lot, many large oaks. Single family home, structure and grounds well kept.

Medford Senior High School, now Mid High, 815 South Oakdale Avenue 47.

Current Owner:

School District 549C Supt. Richard Langton 500 Monroe Street Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Secondary

Date: 1931

Two story concrete school, modernistic details. Architect Frank Clark. builder R. L. Stuart & Sons. Large open spaces of lawn, school commons, with walkways and west elevation of school face South Oakdale. West elevation unaltered facade is what is considered important to preserve. Modification to rear of building has occured over the years. Structure and grounds maintained.

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Quisenberry (Walter) House, 715 South Oakdale Avenue 48. Tax Lot 7600 Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 30CB

Current Owner: Clinton and Bess Archibald 715 South Oakdale Avenue

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Significance: Secondary

Date: 1928

"Colonial", one and a half story, double bevel wood siding, very steep roof, gallows brackets supports porch roof, diamond cut out shutters. In 1936 house moved from lot 5 to lot 4 to accomodate school district. Especially well kept grounds, native ponderosa pines and black oaks, laurel hedge north boundary. Single family structure well kept.

49. Whitman-Harris House, 707 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 7500, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 30CB

Charles and Carol Gates Current Owner:

707 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1895

Originally Italianate, later remodeling to "Colonial" Style. Many changes in composition and design over the years. Hip roof. Original part of house appears taller than wide with vertical windows. Set very far back from street, large grounds with many large trees well kept, hedge north and south boundaries. Historically important as one of the oldest houses, built by Whitman, a community leader, who owned extensive acreage around it. It was later owned by high school principal.

House, 705 South Oakdale Avenue 50.

Tax Lot 7100, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 30CB

Current Owner: Clyde Severson and D. L. Gressett

2817 E. McAndrews Road Medford, OR 97501

Compatible Significance:

Date: 1947

Built by Jack Batzeer, single story, wood frame and siding, large trees and plantings fit district.

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51. Blood House, 701 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 7000, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 30CB

Current Owner: Sidney and Lydia Blood

c/o Thomas and Linda M. Younger

701 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Secondary

Date: 1935

Supportive one and a half story wood frame, shake roof, Architect Frank Clark, builder H. W. Hall. Single family home, well kept, grounds maintained.

52. Applegate (John) House, 619 South Oakdale Avenue

Tax Lot 6900, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 30CB

Current Owner: Howard Helegson

619 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Compatible

Date: 1947

Supportive one and a half story wood frame and siding, 42 x 29 plus later dining addition in front, presently two family with outside stairs to second story. Lot given to John Applegate by father next door. Structure and grounds maintained.

53. Whitman-Williams-Applegate House, 615 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 6700, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 30CB

Current Owner: Elizabeth Applegate Barry

615 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1885

Italianate, two story, front veranda with columns, balcony above, set back from street and sits at slight angle to street. Built by J. Whitman prior to his building No. 707. Bought by Thomas Williams in 1903 who moved the house in 1906 from No. 511 site to this location, then 1908 moved it closer to the street. Became "Applegate" house when daughter Lida Williams Applegate (Mrs. Frank) and

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family took residence. Her daughter Elizabeth Applegate Barry resides there today. Single family home and grounds maintained. Square nail construction in older parts of house. Historically significant family.

54. Leverette (Walter) House, 611 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 6300, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 30CB

Current Owner: Alice Leverette

c/o Jean Reum 4126 Colver Road Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Secondary

Date: 1927-1928

"Norman Farmhouse", one and a half story, arched front entry, decorative panel on brick work in chimney, round window, sweeping roof line, archway for car to drive through, curved walkway. Architect D. R. Patrick, builders Patrick and Fry for Realtor Walter Leverette. Featured in a two page story in 1928, Medford Mail Tribune, as ultimate new "model home". Still owned by original family, structure and grounds well kept.

55. Myers (O. V.) House, 609 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 6200, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 30CB

Current Owner: Gary Rowden

1009 Oneida Circle Ashland, OR 97520

Significance:

Primary

Date: 1909

Bungalow, single story, north side glass doors, double bevel siding, service building in rear. Restoration work done early 1970s. Single family home well kept, grounds with trellis over drive maintained.

56. Warner (L. B.) House, 519 South Oakdale Avenue
Tax Lot 5900, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 30CB
Current Owner: Frank Servoss, E. Bostwick, G. Foster
P. O. Box 1047
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Significance:

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Date: 1895

rear of lot.

Queen Anne, two story wood frame, presently in poor condition. Remodelings have removed early detail work. Grounds unkept. Historically significant for its association with one of oldest and important families. Was in Warner family until past year. New apartment units under construction in

57. Warner (William ) House, 511 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 5600, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 30CB

Current Owner: Ruth E. Warner

511 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance: Primary

Date: 1907

Colonial Revival with several remodelings, two story, wood, flat roof on front addition inappropriate. William, son of Warner at No. 519, later lived in by his son Gordon. Still owned by Warner family, but for sale. Structure well kept, grounds maintained.

58. Samuelson-vonderHellen House, 507 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 5500, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 30CB

Current Owner:

Donald and Polly Smith 507 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

Significance:

Secondary

Date: 1928

"Colonial", two story wood frame exact same house plan as 715 South Oakdale Avenue, brick work addition, gallow brackets on porch. Different members of same family have owned since 1935. Structure fair, now being worked on. Grounds maintained. Built by Big Pine Lumber Company and Joe Gagnon.

59. Hedrick (E. H.) House, 503 South Oakdale Avenue Tax Lot 5300, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 1W 30CB Current Owner: Venita D. Jack

503 South Oakdale Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

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Significance: Primary

Date: 1908

Bungalow, two story, wrap around veranda, leaded windows, native sandstone, end of brackets cut out, rafter ends scalloped, interior paneled, wood beams, dumb waiter, windows open on side hinges, original light fixtures. Single family home well kept and grounds maintained. Historically significant person owned over thirty years, Hedrick, Medford Schools Superintendent.

### 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES 1890-1940 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Frank C. Clark, Robert Keeney, Medfo Barrett and Logan, Portland

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

D. R. Patrick, Medford

South Oakdale Historic District in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, is a lineal, 32-acre district in which South Oakdale Avenue forms the spine. The district, containing some seventy buildings on sixty separate tax lots, is significant as perhaps the grandest of several well preserved residential neighborhoods in Medford dating from the city's founding with the coming of the Oregon and California Railroad in 1883. On either side of the tree-lined corridor are stately and more modest homes ranging in date from the late 1890s to the 1940s and including examples of the Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Bungaloid, "Tudor," "Colonial," and other Period Styles. Outstanding among the residences are a number designed by the area's preeminent architect of the turn of the century, Frank Chamberlain Clark.

#### Land Development

The men who built the earliest homes in the district were key figures in land development of both residential and business areas of the new town, and the orchard industry as well. Those responsible for the South Oakdale development and adjoining additions built directly on the avenue.

On the west side of the avenue, W. H. Barr, for whom Barr's Addition is named, occupied the first house at 408 South Oakdale. John Dodge, for whom Dodge's Addition is named, lived at 610 South Oakdale. Harry Tuttle, who gave his name to Tuttle's First Addition and Tuttle's Subdivision, lived at 706 South Oakdale. Harry Wortman, of Wortman Addition, lived at 912 South Oakdale and was the developer of the west side of the avenue between Eleventh and Tenth Streets. Another major landowner in the south end of the district was F. K. Deuel, who gradually sold off his parcels.

On the east side lived J. H. Stewart, who built the home at 1113 South Oakdale and owned much of the land around it. Stewart sold his holdings in 1908 to George Marshall, who in turn subdivided much of the area between South Oakdale Avenue and the railroad lying to the east. Much of the remainder of the district, from Barnett Road to Eleventh Street, belonged to men named Whitman and Warner. Lot shapes and sizes in that section are irregular and reflect the manner in which they were sold piecemeal as someone wished to build.

In 1935, in a history of Medford, Jane Snedicor wrote: "Harry Wortman, Sr. was on the council and he asked that 7th Street be called Main Street and that South J Street be called Oakdale. When he lived in Rockford, Indiana /sic/ he lived on Oakdale Avenue and his place of business was on Main Street, so he felt quite at home when the council decided that he could still live on Oakdale Avenue and do business on Main Street. The name Oakland had already been given to the southwest section of Medford by those who were building there because of the beautiful oak trees to be found near the end of the street."

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South Oakdale was the west boundary, and Twelfth Street was the south boundary of the original town plat. The district which is the subject of this nomination falls to the southwest of the original plat. The district had a distintive atmosphere in its early days of development. Author Snedicor remarked: "Even in those very earliest days the people of Medford were interested in planting trees, shrubs and roses. South Oakdale was the first street where trees were planted extensively." The avenue was paved in 1910. Memories of one early resident are of the south end being thick with scrub oaks and being-called "the forest" by area children who played there.

Thomas Williams came from neighboring Klamath County in 1903 and bought the house at 615 South Oakdale upon his retirement from the Indian Service. He found work with the City as the Superintendent of City Parks, and proceeded to plan and lay out the Library Park. He planted the trees and was caretaker of the park until his death in 1913.

The pattern of building homes on South Oakdale by several generations of families is of interest. The elder Warner at 519 South Oakdale gave property to William, his son, to build and live next door at 511 South Oakdale in 1907. The elder Deuel gave his sons lots, and one of his sons, Halbert Deuel, built a home next door at 1100 South Oakdale in 1925. Frank Applegate, residing at 615 South Oakdale, gave his son John the adjoining lot at 619 South Oakdale in 1946. In 1910 Charles English built a home at 1006 South Oakdale and proceeded to built 1002, next door, for his newly-married daughter, Bertha Bardwell. George Marshall raised his family at 1113 South Oakdale, and son Edison returned in 1922, newly married, and bought the property at 1009 South Oakdale for his own use. The vonderHellen family bought 507 South Oakdale in 1935, and family members still occupy the property. Other families whose descendents are still in residence on the avenue are the Warners (since 1895), Deuels (since 1910), Applegates (since 1903), and the Leverettes (since 1928).

Charles English and George Treichlor came to Medford together from North Dakota and were involved up and down the avenue as land investors. They bought and sold vacant lots and houses. At one point County deed records showed the Oakland Land Corporation to be active, with English and Treichlor the principals.

District residents also were involved with downtown property development. Porter Neff (516 Belmont Avenue) was an attorney and also a friend of J. H. Cooley, who had Medford Lumber Company. Together, they built the Cooley Building which is still in use as a theatre and office building, the Jackson Hotel and Holland Hotel (the latter was razed in 1978)—all prior to 1920. Neff also was one of the signers of a 1920s agreement with Medco to leave the company's holdings outside the city limits for a more favorable tax condition. The issue is now controversial as Medford works to set its urban growth boundary for a local comprehensive land use plan. Captain Nash (822 South Oakdale) remodeled the building at Main and Front in Medford into the well-known Nash Hotel, which burned to the ground in 1978. Emil Mohr (610 South Oakdale) built the Medford Hotel on Main Street in 1910. He walked to work in town from Oakdale.

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Architecture

The January 1, 1928 issue of the <u>Medford Mail Tribune</u> featured a full page spread "Medford is a City of Many Beautiful Homes". One photo was a street view showing the houses at 616, 610 and 604. Another photo showed the Getchell home at 1121.

The development of different popular residential architecture over the years is one aspect that makes South Oakdale interesting. Architect Frank Clark was the designer for many of the homes and the school. He is important as having a major regional influence with buildings throughout the valley. Born in New York in 1873, he began his career in the East, moved to California to work, then moved to Medford in the early 1900s. When in California he reputedly was greatly influenced by work then being done by Greene and Greene of Pasadena.

"The" architect for Medford, Frank Clark and associate Bob Keeney (after 1932) are known to be responsible for the following structures on South Oakdale; Dr. Buonocore's (No. 3) at 510 W. 11th in 1941, No. 19 at 714 S. Oakdale in 1925, Alendorfers House (No. 20) at 718 in 1928 and designed its remodeling into apts. in 1937, Bardwell House (No. 28) at 1002 in 1912, Getchell House (No. 37) at 1121 in 1916, Naumes House (No. 43) at 1001 in 1937, Theirolf House (No. 46) at 907 in 1936, Medford Senior High School (No. 47) at 815 South Oakdale in 1931, No. 51 at 701 in 1935, and remodeled Warners (No. 57) at 511 South Oakdale. Also most likely, but unconfirmed at this time, he was probably the architect for Eads House (No. 11) at 522 in 1925 and Treichlors House (No. 44) at 995 in 1912. There is an unconfirmed connection with the Deuel House 1018, maybe an involvement with the original building along with another architect. Blueprints for 1018 are still retained, but show no name.

More research is being done on Frank Clark's influence in the valley by the staff at the Jacksonville Museum. We do know from his partner Bob Keeney and daughter Louise Patterson that he designed the well known Swedenburg House on the SOSC campus in Ashland. Also in Ashland the Elks Temple, the Hospital and the Natatorium. In Medford he worked closely with School Superintendent E. H. Hendrick designing many district schools. He was responsible for some civic buildings and downtown office buildings along with many of the large homes on East Main in Medford.

Another much smaller influence was by Realtor Walter Leverette. Known for dealing in commercial properties, he did make an exception and arrange for the "model home" at 611 to be built in 1928 by Patrick and Fry. The May 20, 1928 issue of the Medford Mail Tribune devoted almost two full pages to the Open House 8AM-8PM, that day, of the ultimate in efficiency, "Free treatment of English Design" model home. Leverette was quoted as saying he would sell it, however his widow still resides in it. We do not know if his efficient style was copied elsewhere in town.

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The Catholic Church is observing its 50th anniversary date and thus has begun to research the church history. At this time we couldn't find out much about the architects other than it was a Mr. Barrett of Barrett and Logan in Portland, who was himself a Catholic. Hopefully we will in the near future discover why the particular style was chosen, who the stained glass artist may have been, etc.

#### Orchardists

The development of South Oakdale can directly be attributed to the young men who came to the Rogue Valley in search of wealth as orchardists, many already with considerable money to buy property. "The establishment of the first commercial fruit acreage in the Medford area dates back to 1885 when J. H. Stewart, a nurseryman from Missouri, and J. D. Whitman, a friend of Stewart, came to the valley with their families," recently wrote C. B. Cordy in a fruit industry history for the extension service.

J. H. Stewart sold his land within the district by 1908. However, his early success influenced the orchardists who followed. In 1890 he shipped the first carload of fruit out of Jackson County. He took an active part in the business life of Medford. J. D. Whitman, earliest street resident and shipper of pears, helped start the Southern Oregon Fair Association in 1897 and was a member of the board of trade.

George Marshall bought Stewart's large home at 1113 along with his acreage and orchards in 1908. Living there until the late 30s, he was an orchardist by occupation, also being the subdivider of Oaklawn, Oakhurst and other adjacent developments.

Many others in the district had other professions or businesses but also were orchard owners as shown by listings in early city directories. Among them were F. K. Deuel (1018), Dr. E. Porter (1010), Stuart Patterson (1009), Ralph Bardwell (1002), Allen Drury (620, then 1009). Maurice Spatz (912) was the founder of Crystal Springs Packing Co. Unconfirmed information is that Harry Holmes of Harry and David of Bear Creek Orchards lived at 912 for a period. The Naumes family of pear growers built the unique stone house at 1001 in 1937.

### Business and Professional Life

South Oakdale had many of the early community business leaders. The Medford Bank was founded in 1899 with J. H. Stewart as President. Later years John Orth Jr. (1009) was its cashier. The First National Bank was incorporated in 1905 with F. K. Deuel (1018) as a director. Later Charles English (1006) was its Vice President. The Farmers and Fruit Growers Bank was originated in 1909 by its owner and President, DelRoy Getchell who built 1121 in 1916.

L. B. Warner, a nurseryman, came from Nebraska and his children put up the

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money to build 519 in 1895. His son William built 511, but moved back to 519 by 1915. William Warner was president, director and appraiser for Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan. He also was Medford Postmaster for years, during which time occurred the infamous D'Autremont train robbery in Ashland and murder of one of his postal employees. He is said to have been bitter for years over the way their trial was handled. This same man also started a family gladiola bulb growing business which continued under his son Gordon until just a couple years ago.

Merchants from South Oakdale included Wortman, Gore and Warner's large meat industry and grocery store. F. K. Deuel (1018) was partner in a dry goods mercantile business downtown. The jewelry business was represented by Dr. Reddy (veterinarian, 800) but went bankrupt in 1932. In 1926 Larry Schade, also a jewelry store owner, built 989. O. V. Myers (609) had an auto dealership.

A. A. Davis (517 W. 10th) came to Medford in 1889 and built the first and only flouring mill. He was also founder and president of the short lived 1904-1907 Crater Lake Railroad Company, also known as Pacific and Eastern. Tracks to Eagle Point never connected with the transcontinental as expected.

Other major business connections with South Oakdale were People's Electric Company owned by brothers-in-law A. B. Cunningham and O. O. Alendorfer, who built 616 and 718 respectively in the late 1920s. However, they went bankrupt around 1932, selling out to employee Ben Trowbridge Sr. Bert Theirolf built 907 South Oakdale in 1936 when a lumber broker owning Big Pines Lumber Company, namely, Halbert Deuel, was a partner with brother-in-law Gain Robinson in Valley Fuel Company. Gain and his wife (Susan Deuel) later returned to live at 1018 South Oakdale. John Boyle, who remodeled 1019, was general manager of Cal-Ore Power Company.

Many residents were well educated professional men coming from the East to find their fortunes. Attorney Porter Neff built 516 Belmont about 1911. He came from Duluth, Minn. in 1908 and practiced law until 1955. He originally shared downtwon offices with brothers Harry and David Holmes when they were new in town. Stuart Patterson, a 1897 Yale graduate came west to practice law (also grew pears), renting 1009 from its builder, W. J. Roberts, a state university 1886 graduate and civil engineer. Earl Fehl, carpenter amongst other professions, reputedly had a law degree by correspondence---he bought 507 in 1914.

The medical profession had Dr. E. H. Porter, graduate of Cinncinati Medical in 1898, who built much of 1010 personally in 1912. He then moved his wife and children from Massachusetts residing there about 20 years. He built the Medford Sanatorium, the city's first other hospital besides the Catholic one. It was remodeled by Porter in 1921 into Carghill Court Apartments when his health demanded he cut back his practice. Dentist Dr. Riddell lived at 1114 in his early years, selling it to another dentist, Dr. Elliot.

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#### **Politics**

When Medford incorporated in 1885, one of the original trustees on the city board was W. H. Barr, South Oakdale land developer whosename, with an oak leaf logo, is still stamped into the concrete sidewalk at the SW corner of South Oakdale and 11th Street.

Three South Oakdale residents had the distinction of serving as city mayor. Mayor Dr. J. F. Reddy served 1907-1908, lived at 800 later. Mayor O. O. Alendorfer served 1927-1928, during which time he built 718 South Oakdale as a residence suited for social entertaining befitting his position. During the years 1940-1942 Halbert Deuel was Mayor, having grown up at 1018, then building 1100 South Oakdale.

Circuit Judge Norton built 408 in 1930 with the house designed to house his enormous library. Judge Cruz lived at 707 for many years. William Warner's father-in-law, Judge William Colvig lived at 519 with the Warners in his later years. Unconfirmed is that both Judge Kelly and the Justin Smith families lived briefly at 1013 South Oakdale.

The most notorious of South Oakdale's political figures was County Judge Earl Fehl, whose ambitions proved his downfall. As a carpenter he bought house no. 514 in 1914 and was active building in the area, including the neighboring home of Judge Norton.

In 1919 he bought the <u>Valley Herald</u>, second oldest Medford paper, started in 1888. A weekly paper, he renamed it the <u>Pacific Record Herald</u>. Editorials were of a violent nature denouncing the government. At the same time a similar weekly, the <u>Daily News</u> was published by a Llewelyn Banks. The two joined and formed an organization called the Good Government Congress with members paying them dues.

To try to make a very long story short, Banks and Fehl masterminded a plan to get control of the county government which included electing their cohorts to office. Earl Fehl was elected County Judge and took office January 1, 1933. The losing incumbent Sheriff demanded a recount which was denied by Judge Fehl. A suit was filed and awarded to recount, but the ballots were then discovered "missing". During this same period Fehl and friends were denouncing his neighbor, the upstanding Judge Norton, as incompetent.

Huge front page headlines in the <u>Medford Mail Tribune</u>, day after day for six to eight months unfold the story of the ballot theft, discovery of who and how and finally the arrest and conviction of those involved. For their coverage of the "scandal" that found its way into papers nationwide, the local paper received the coveted Pulitzer Prize.

The ballots had been stolen from the County vault February 21, 1933. State

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Trooper Prescott served warrants on Fehl, then went to serve Banks, who in turn shot and killed the officer. That was March 16. April, Banks was on trial in Eugene and convicted of murder. Out on bail, Fehl openly continued his friendship with Banks. He arrogantly tried orating stirring speeches to the Good Government Congress, but they were finally getting wise and disbanding.

Earl Fehl's trial was held in Klamath Falls since he claimed he couldn't get a fair one in Medford. As the number two ringleader, he was convicted in August of 1933 to four years in the state penitentiary. He was soon paroled and returned to live at 514 South Oakdale. For awhile he tried to give inflammatory speeches, but evidentally didn't go over too well. He planted his front yard with potatoes during WWII, later was taken to Salem to the mental hospital. His widow lived there until the late sixties.

#### Social

South Oakdale was a very socially active place in its early years. The residents were active in various city clubs and societies, besides the personal entertaining done in their homes.

Many of the men belonged to the Rogue River Valley University Club. Begun in 1910 and still functioning today, it was a luncheon club and meeting place for men only. Some of the South Oakdale members were Bardwell (1002), Patterson (1009), E. Porter (1010), Grey (714), H. Deuel (1100), Driscoll (1120), all joining "the" men of stature from the whole valley. Mrs. Drury (1009) filled in as club luncheon cook during the mid 1940s. For a period in the 1930s, due to finances, it combined with the "Town Club" of young couples, with Hobb and Amy Deuel leaders of that set.

The ladies were also organized. Mrs. Davis (517 W. 10th) and Mrs. E. N. Warner (519) were 1903 charter members of the "Lewis and Clark Club" later to evolve into the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Wortman (912) and undoubtedly others, belonged to the Ladies Improvement Society, through which each lady gave a tree to be planted in Library Park.

Her daughter, Genevieve Wortman McCorkle, today has vivid memories of the family carriage with rubber tires, double seats and shades. In a recent interview she recalled "early Medford was a very charming place" and that she had an "ideal girlhood." Her parents would have sit-down dinners for up to forty of her friends. Fred K. Deuel Jr. (1018) and Norris Porter (1010) tell of a "club" in the 1920s of the neighborhood boys, including Dick Applegate (615). They used the then vacant "haunted" house at 800 for a clubhouse. Many parties for the younger set were recalled by those who were teenagers in the 1920s.

As today, tennis was a popular 1910-1920s recreation with the well-to-do. Susan Deuel Robinson remembers playing early morning games with Dr. Riddell on a court between their two homes, 1018 and 1114. There were at least four courts

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in the two block section between Stewart and Barnett. Her brother Fred Deuel recalls courts at the NW corner of Oakdale and Stewart belonged to Getchells (1121) and also at the SE corner of Barnett and Oakdale. The Wortman's (912) had a court between their house and the Nash House (822). It seems all the young people played and were free to use whichever courts were free.

In "Recalling a 'fragment of time' in the Rogue Valley," which appeared in the Medford Mail Tribune January 23, 1977, Helen Thompson vanderHellen gave a vivid glimpse of South Oakdale's social life. As a 15 year old governess for the six year old Sonny Patterson in 1914, she lived at 1009 South Oakdale. "They employed a Japanese cook-butler...entertained at formal dinners, both men and women wore formal attire. The women's gowns were elaborate and they wore jewelry---real pearls and diamonds and other gems." She remembers the Deuels, Englishes, Bardwells, and Edison Marshall and some of the dinner guests from South Oakdale. She also thought the Deuel sisters debutantes and enviously watched their coming and going to parties.

Englishman Reginald Barker who built 800 is remembered for his stuffy ways. Nanine Patterson of 1009 for her "eastern" ways and using calling cards to call on her new neighbors. Her Husband Stuart loved to race his Pierce Arrow touring car on Kings Highway, attaining speeds up to 60 mph, finally hilling himself in it.

The Applegate family history is varied and influential county wide. Many of this large family lived at 615 at different times, Elizabeth Applegate Barry being the third generation and still living there. The oil stove still functioning in that house was the second oil stove in Jackson County. Alice Applegate Sargent lived at 800 when her husband retired, then they moved on to the Nunan House in Jacksonville. Alice had travelled world wide with her husband following his military career right into war with him. Applegates were city and county recorders, builders, story writers and married into many of the other prominent families. Rachel Applegate Alford lived at 517 W. 10th Street many years until about 1937. Dick Applegate named the Medford High team the "Black Tornadoes" when he worked for the Medford Mail Tribune.

The "old maid" Kehielor sisters Annie and Katie resided at 1019 from 1910 until 1940. They were known to be very charitable, especially within the Catholic Church. They sent John Applegate to Mt. Angel College. They donated the large organ to Sacred Heart Church when it was dedicated in 1928.

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#### Church

The Catholic parish moved to Medford from Jacksonville in 1908, a socially and culturally significant event for the "new" town. There had been a small mission on 6th Street, but parish headquartered in Jacksonville. In 1908 the present rectory and small stucco mission style Church of the Nativity south of it were built in the Wortman Block on South Oakdale between 10th and 11th Streets. In 1928 the present large brick Romansque style Sacred Heart Church was constructed to meet the needs of the fast growing congregation. The mission church was razed for parking. One house that stood on the church site was moved by Earl Fehl to 511 S. Park, adjacent to the district.

The church has been an important influence on the neighborhood, building a school at 10th and Holly Streets. Traditionally many families have located homes in the area to be within walking distance of their church and of the school for their children. It is still true that the majority of the South Oakdale children attend Sacred Heart Elementary rather than the public schools.

#### Education

Two of Medford's best remembered educators lived on South Oakdale, their influence touching thousands of students. The property at 503 is well known as the Hedrick House. Although he did not build it, E. H. Hedrick lived there the 30 years he served as the popular Medford Schools Superintendent, 1925-1955. Hedrick Junior High School built in 1955 in east Medford is named for him.

In 1931 the homes on the east side of South Oakdale between Barnett and Monroe were either moved or razed to make way for the new Senior High School building. In 1944 Lester Harris came to Medford as principal of that school. He also in 1944 bought the property of 707 South Oakdale, just steps from the school grounds. He continued as a much-loved principal until his death February, 1965.

Along with the founding of Medford in 1883, in the summer of 1884 a frame school was built on Oakdale between Main and 8th Streets. In 1891 it was moved to 517 W. 10th Street and turned into a stately residence by A. A. Davis. Today that early school house is a professional law office. (No. 0)

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#### Literature

In 1935 Jan Snedicor wrote "Medford has been more than fortunate in numbering among her citizens artists of national reputation. Edison Marshal is the one great writer...". Born 1894 in Indiana he came to Medford when his father George bought the J. H. Stewart properties. He grew up at 1113 South Oakdale, attended UO 1913-1916, U. S. Army 1918. Married in 1920, he returned to Medford and bought 1009 in 1922 which he owned until 1930. From there he moved to Georgia for the rest of his life.

His career was long and successful. Upon his death the Medford Mail Tribune stated "one of the most prolific and successful authors in contemporary America. His first national prominence occurred when he was awarded the O. Henry Memorial Prize for his short story 'The Heart of Little Shikara' in 1921." Elizabeth Applegate Barry recalls his coming to her high school English class at that time to read his award winning story. A hunter, he made exploring trips into Alaska, Siam, Central Africa, Indo-China and India and "brought stories of his conquests in person as well as fiction to his Medford friends."

A few of his some forty novels written and published between 1922 and his death were: "Heart of the Hunter", "Infinite Woman", "The Bengal Tiger", "Yankee Pasha", "Castle in the Swamp", and "The Viking", on which the popular 1950s movie "The Vikings" was based. His books were the basis of five silent movies and four other sound movies. His novels were also regularly translated into nine European languages. In 1941 the University of Oregon granted him an honorary masters degree. Unfortunately he died a year before he expected to complete an autobiography.

Another outstanding and colorful figure is Dick Applegate, son of Frank, who grew up at 615 South Oakdale. He began his reporting career with the Medford Mail Tribune. In the 1930s he went to work for United Press International in Salem. WWII he was in the Navy, but after again went to work for UPI covering the Korean War. He then progressed to become Bureau Chief in Singapore and Saigon.

As an NBC correspondent in Hong Kong in the early 1950s, he was heard by those who kenw him here on radio news broadcasts. At that time he purchased a pleasure boat, and while sailing with friends they sailed into international waters between Hong Kong and China. The boat and crew were seized by Chinese Communists and held prisoners in China for about eighteen months. Citizens of Medford during this time gathered thousands of signatures on petitions and sent them to the Secretary of State to help secure his release.

When released, he came home to Medford and a big welcome from the town. He retired to Madrid, Spain for a few years; now lives in Boston.

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There were other South Oakdale literary connections. Earl Fehl published his newspaper The Pacific Record Herald 1919-1933. Alice Applegate Sargent (800) wrote a paper "The History of the Rogue River Valley" and the book "Following the Flag" about her adventures with her military husband. John Reddy, son of Dr. Reddy (800) and a contemporary of Dick Applegate, left to eventually become an editor of Reader's Digest.

#### Arts

The musical arts on South Oakdale were strongest at the Wortman home, 912 South Oakdale. Mrs. Wortman was from the Gore family, who were all very musical. Daughter Genevieve gave piano recitals there, easily seating up to sixty in the living room. Her father gave her a baby grand piano as a birthday present and it now is in the Madison House lobby (the retirement home in Medford where she lives). In 1944, Mrs. Wortman sold 912 South Oakdale for cash. She wanted the money to buy a school in Mt. Shasta where she then had a music school.

The celebrated Madame Schumann-Heinkrented 1009 during WWI, maintaining a low profile professionally, leaving once the war and anti-German feelings were over. \*

<sup>\*</sup>Ernestine Roessler Schumann-Heink (1861-1936), Austrian-born contralto.

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The following Medford residents were interviewed personally or by telephone during the summer of 1978.

Elizabeth Applegate Barry Genevieve Wortman McCorkle Susan Deuel Robinson F. K. Deuel, Jr. Norris Porter Pearl Fehl Coverdale Sammye Harris Ruth Warner Liberta Lennox

Joe Naumes
Otto Frohnmayer
Bob Keeney
Louise Clark Patterson
Laura Drury Porter
Helen Leavens
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Beginning at a point in the center of the intersection of South Oakdale Avenue and Stewart Avenue, thence west 155' to a point opposite the SW corner of Tax Lot 10000, Jackson County Assessor's Map 37 2W 36AA, thence northerly approximately 538' to the north edge of Belmont Avenue, thence west along the northerly edge of Belmont Avenue to the SW corner of Tax Lot 9300, Jackson Co. Map 37 2W 36AA, thence northerly along the westerly lot lines of Tax Lots 9300, 9100, 9000, 8600, 8500, 8200 and 300 of said Map No. approximately 816' to the center line of Dakota Avenue, thence east along the center line of Dakota Avenue to a point opposite the SW corner of Tax Lot 4200 in Tuttle's Subdivision, thence north approximately 30' to the northerly edge of Dakota Avenue, thence northerly along the westerly lot lines of Tax Lots 4200, 4100, 3800 and 3700 in Tuttle's Subdivision and Tax Lots 3400 and 3300 in Barr's Addition and Tax Lots 2900 and 2800 in Dodge Addition and Tax Lots 2500, 2200, 2100, 1900, 1500, 1300, 1000, 900 and 100 in Barr's Addition approximately 1,302' to the center line of West Eleventh Street, thence west along the center line of West Eleventh Street to a point opposite the SW corner of Tax Lot 8200 in Wortman Addition, thence north approximately 25' to the northerly edge of West Eleventh Street, thence northwesterly along the southwesterly lot lines of Tax Lots 8200, 8000, 5500, and 5700 in Wortman Addition to the SW corner of Tax Lot 5700 in said Addition, thence north along the west lot line of Tax Lot 5700 approximately 238' to the center line of West Tenth Street, thence east along the center line of West Tenth Street to the center point in the intersection of West Tenth Street and South Oakdale Avenue, thence southeasterly along the center line of South Oakdale Avenue approximately 500' to a point approximately 50' north of the northwesternmost point of Tax Lot 5000, Jackson Co. Map 37 1W 30CB, thence south to the northwesternmost point of said Tax Lot, thence east approximately 10' and south approximately 331' to include only the parking strip fronting South Oakdale Avenue of Tax Lots 5000, 5101 and 5102 of said Map No. , thence east along

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the north edge of a 10-foot-wide easement or right of way 135.80', thence southeasterly 62.42' to the northernmost lot line of Tax Lot 5600 of said Map No., thence generally in a southerly direction along the easterly lot lines of Tax Lots 5600, 5900, 6300, 6700, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7500, and 7600 of said Map No. approximately 850' to the center line of Monroe Street, thence east along the center line of Monroe Street to a point opposite the NE corner of Tax Lot 6600 in the Oakhurst Addition, thence south to include the front of Mid High School approximately 380' to the center line of Barnett Road, thence west along the center line of Barnett Road approximately 188' to a point opposite the center line of the alleyway between the west boundary of Oakhurst Addition and the east boundary of Oaklawn Addition, thence south ca. 653' to the north edge of O'Gara Street, thence east to the SW corner of Tax Lot 7300 in the Oakhurst Addition, thence east along the south lot line of said Tax Lot 7300 approximately 80', thence southerly along the easterly lot lines of Tax Lots 8200 and 8400, Jackson Co. Map 37 1W 31BB approximately 362' to the center line of Stewart Avenue, thence west along the center line of Stewart Avenue approximately 321' to the point of beginning.

The foregoing metes and bounds description is based upon Jackson County Assessor's maps in use in 1978.

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erties have been purchased by younger families with the intent of restoring and upgrading the houses. Apartment partitions have been removed from several of the houses. Extensive restoration has been accomplished or is in progress on Inventory nos. 17, 20, 27, 30, 38, 42 and 49. The catalytic effect of these improvements has spread a sense of pride throughout the district. The area is once again a fashionable neighborhood occupied by community leaders.

Generally, buildings dating from 1890 to the period of the First World War are ranked in the primary category. There are 26 primary properties. Those whose dates of construction range from ca. 1918 to 1940 are secondary properties, and there are 19 in the latter category. There are, including several early homes which have been significantly altered, 11 compatible properties, and 4 intrusions.

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the north edge of a 10-foot-wide easement or right of way 135.80', thence southeasterly 62.42' to the northernmost lot line of Tax Lot of 5600 of said Map No., thence generally in a southerly direction along the easterly lot lines of Tax Lots 5600,5900,6300,6700, 6900,7000,7100,7500, and 7600 of said Map No. approximately 850' to the center line of Monroe Street, thence due east along a line extending from the center line of Monroe Street approximately 546' to a point opposite the NW corner of Tax Lot 5400 in the Carlton Addition, thence south to include the Mid High School building approximately 380' to the center line of Barnett Road, thence west along the center line of Barnett Road approximate ly 528' to a point opposite the center line of the alleyway between the west boundary of Oakhurst Addition and the east boundary of Oaklawn Addition, thence south ca. 653' to the north edge of O'Gara Street, thence east to the SW corner of Tax Lot 7300 in the Oakhurst Addition, thence east along the south lot line of said Tax Lot 7300 approximately 80', thence southerly along the easterly lot lines of Tax Lots 8200 and 8400, Jackson Co. Map 37 lW 31BB approximately 362' to the center line of Stewart Avenue, thence west along the center line of Stewart Avenue, thence west along

The foregoing metes and bounds description is based upon Jackson County Assessor's maps in use in 1978.