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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Milne (James) House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

504 3rd Street

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Oregon City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Oregon

CODE

41

COUNTY

Clackamas

CODE

005

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

\_\_\_ DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 \_\_\_ STRUCTURE  
 \_\_\_ SITE  
 \_\_\_ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_ PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 \_\_\_ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 \_\_\_ IN PROCESS  
 \_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

\_\_\_ OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 \_\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED  
 \_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

## PRESENT USE

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE  
 \_\_\_ COMMERCIAL  
 \_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL  
 \_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT  
 \_\_\_ GOVERNMENT  
 \_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL  
 \_\_\_ MILITARY  
 \_\_\_ MUSEUM  
 \_\_\_ PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 \_\_\_ RELIGIOUS  
 \_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC  
 \_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION  
 \_\_\_ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webster

STREET &amp; NUMBER

18754 S. Upper Midhill

CITY, TOWN

West Linn

Oregon <sup>STATE</sup> 97068**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clackamas County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Oregon City

Oregon <sup>STATE</sup> 97045**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE

1976

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Salem

Oregon <sup>STATE</sup> 97310

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1922</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The James Milne House is one of the notable examples of Gothic Revival architecture in Oregon. The house was probably built by its first occupant, as Milne was a carpenter by trade. Today the house is in excellent structural condition, but needs extensive repairs to the interior plaster. Clapboard siding has been replaced to match the original on the weather, or west side of the house, and all broken windows have been replaced in the original sashes. This house is being restored to its original likeness as nearly as possible for residential use on a rental basis.

The house was moved in 1922 from its original location at 6th and John Adams to its present site to make room for the new Congregational Church. Only three blocks from its former location, it sits in the same quiet neighborhood. It faces north and occupies about one tenth of an acre. The main landscape feature is a very large walnut tree located in the front parking strip.

The excellent structural condition of the house can be attributed to solid box construction on post and beam foundation. The one and a half story structure has a steeply-pitched gable roof with central gablet lighted by a casement window with pointed arch head and ogee molding to the spring line. At some point, a transom bar was later added to this lancet window. The central entry with transom is sheltered by a simple porch with bracketed deck and a railing of turned balusters. The latter, having been lost to deterioration, is being restored. The floor of the porch was later changed to concrete. End windows have pedimented architraves. The projecting bay window on the east side of the facade was added in the 1880s. When the house was moved in 1922, the kitchen ell was jettisoned, and in its place was added a hip-roofed porch with square posts. A small single-story room was added to the rear of the house at this time also.

Interior spaces are organized around a central stairhall. Originally, both floors had two rooms to the east and one large room to the west. The downstairs parlor has been divided into two bedrooms but it retains its original trimmed chimneypiece. The northeast room retains the original wainscot, chair rail and fireplace mantel. Throughout the house is original windowtrim and picture molding.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

PREHISTORIC  
 1400-1499  
 1500-1599  
 1600-1699  
 1700-1799  
 1800-1899  
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
 AGRICULTURE  
 ARCHITECTURE  
 ART  
 COMMERCE  
 COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING  
 CONSERVATION  
 ECONOMICS  
 EDUCATION  
 ENGINEERING  
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  
 INDUSTRY  
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
 LAW  
 LITERATURE  
 MILITARY  
 MUSIC  
 PHILOSOPHY  
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION  
 SCIENCE  
 SCULPTURE  
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
 THEATER  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1869

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The James Milne House is significant as a well preserved example of Gothic Revival architecture in one of the state's oldest communities. James Milne was a carpenter, and his house represents the attainment of a skilled tradesman in mid-nineteenth century Oregon. The house is remarkably intact despite its relocation in 1922.

Little is known about James Milne except that he had arrived in Oregon by 1853, married, and had five children--all born in Oregon. He himself had been born in 1827 in New Brunswick and died in Lane County, Oregon in 1904.

Oral tradition has it that the house was built earlier, but deed records suggest that its construction did not occur much before 1869.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

U.S. Census of 1870, Clackamas County, Oregon.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one.

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 0	5, 3, 0	7, 3, 0	5, 0	2, 2	1, 0, 0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		
C						

B						
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		
D						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 8, Block 58, Plat of Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jeff Lohr, Chairman, Historic House Committee

ORGANIZATION

Clackamas County Historical Society

DATE

August 29, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1206 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

(503) 656-7679

CITY OR TOWN

Oregon City

STATE

Oregon 97045

# 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 Grattet*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE January 22, 1979

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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

DATE

3-2-79

DATE

2/29/79

Property Milne, James, House

State Oregon

Working Number 1.30.79.194

79002044

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 2  
Maps 1

**CONTROL**

*OK 2.1.79*  
**HISTORIAN**

*EXCEL ON ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE; ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN  
THE HOUSE REPRESENTS A WELL-PRESERVED EXAMPLE OF ACCEPT  
THE GOTHIC REVIVAL STYLE IN OREGON. THE WINDOW  
MOULDS DISPLAY A HIGH DEGREE OF CRAFTSMANSHIP.*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

*Nomination is in order. Says 2/8/79*

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

*Good Oregon example of Gothic Revival  
Cottage.* **REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*Accept  
w. Reserve  
2/14/79*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register Entry \_\_\_\_\_

4-3-79

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Continuation sheet

Item number 2

Page 1

MILNE, JAMES, HOUSE  
224 Center Street  
Oregon City  
Clackamas County  
Oregon

Control number: 79002044

Listing date: ~~3-12-79~~  
8-2-79

The purpose of this continuation sheet is to verify that, owing to street renumbering, the correct and current address of the above-named property is: 224 Center Street.



Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: September 5, 1986

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Page

Name Milne, James, House

State OREGON

Nomination/Type of Review

Address change approval

Date/Signature

10/9/86

*for* Keeper William B. Buckley

Attest

Keeper

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Milne, James, House  
Clackamas County  
OREGON

Working No. SEP 12 1986  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88  
Date Due: 10/27/86  
Action:  ACCEPT 10-9-86  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Street numbering has changed  
accept new address.*

Recom./Criteria Accept  
Reviewer Bushy  
Discipline Historic  
Date 10/9/86  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period      Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates                      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title                      date

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Clackamas County  
Historical Society  
603 6th Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045

#1042

Milne (James) House  
504 Third Street  
Oregon City, Clackamas  
County, Oregon

MAR 2 1979

JAN 30 1979

Historic view, ca. 1885  
showing house on original  
site at 6th and John  
Adams Streets. Note  
intact chimney caps,

picket fence, front  
porch deck railing (to  
be restored), and ell  
which was lost in re-  
location of 1922.



#2072

Milne (James) House  
504 Third Street  
Oregon City, Clackamas  
County, Oregon

JAN 30 1979

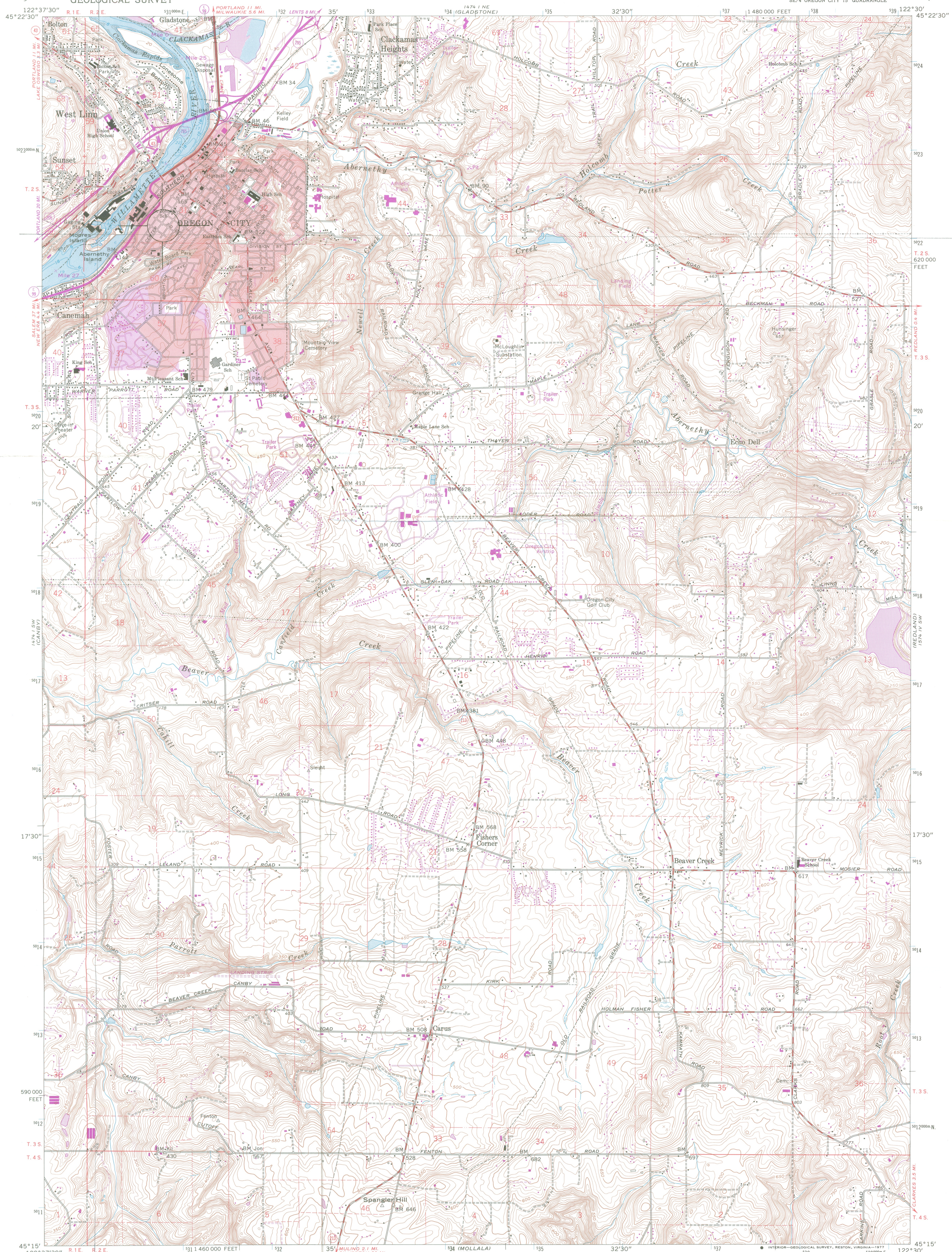
East and north eleva-  
tions showing end porch  
which replaced ell in  
relocation of 1922

MAR 2 1979

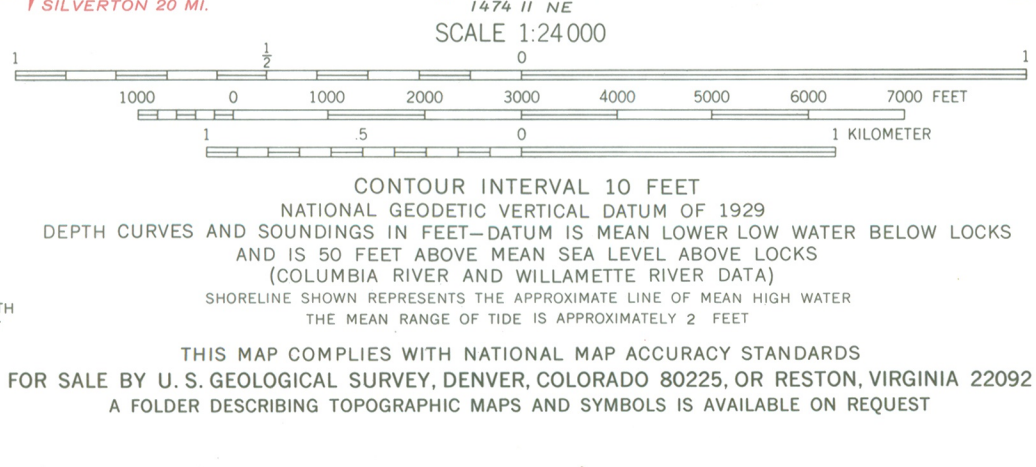
Jeff Lohr photo, 1976  
1206 Washington Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

OREGON CITY QUADRANGLE  
OREGON-CLACKAMAS CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SE 1/4 OREGON CITY 15' QUADRANGLE



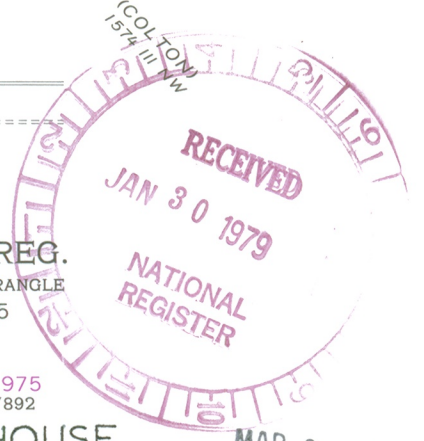
Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA, USCE, and State of Oregon  
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
Aerial photographs taken 1952. Field check 1954  
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1960. Field check 1961  
Selected hydrographic data compiled from NOS/NOAA Chart 6171 (1958)  
This information is not intended for navigational purposes  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Oregon coordinate system, north zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 10, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———  
Interstate Route ———

REVISIONS SHOWN IN PURPLE COMPILED FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS  
TAKEN 1970 AND 1975. THIS INFORMATION NOT FIELD CHECKED  
PURPLE TINT INDICATES EXTENSION OF URBAN AREAS

1961  
PHOTOREVISED 1970 AND 1975  
AMS 1474 1 SE-SERIES V892



OREGON CITY, OREG.  
SE 1/4 OREGON CITY 15' QUADRANGLE  
N4515-W12230/7.5

MILNE (JAMES) HOUSE  
10/530730/5022100

MAR 2 1979

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Attention: Charles Herrington, Chief of Registration

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I am the owner of the following property which is soon to be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Milne (James) House  
504 3rd Street  
Oregon City (Clackamas County), Oregon 97045

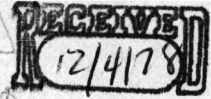
In order for my property to be eligible for special assessment under Oregon Tax Law in calendar year 1979, word of the final action taken on the nomination will have to be received on or before March 15, 1979.

Therefore, I request that the customary 30-day commenting period be waived. I will greatly appreciate whatever means can be taken to expedite the review of my nomination. Thanking you in advance, I am,

*Fred G. Webster*

Fred G. Webster  
18754 South Upper Midhill Drive  
West Linn, Oregon 97068

27 November, 1978



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OREGON

Date Entered      MAR 2 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Flinn Block	Albany Linn County
Ashley, Mark A. M., House	Portland Multnomah County
Milne, James, House	Oregon City Clackamas County

Also Notified

Honorable Bob Packwood

Honorable Mark O. Hatfield  
Honorable Al Ullman  
Honorable Les AuCoin

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. David G. Talbot  
State Parks Superintendent  
525 Trade Street SE.  
Salem, Oregon 97310

NR      Byers/bjr      3/6/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Milne, James, House  
 ② OTHER NAMES:  
 ③ date of entry: MAR 2 1979  
 ④ county code: 5

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 504 3rd St.  
 city / town: Oregon City  
 vicinity of:  
 state: OR  
 county: Clackamas  
 ⑥ NPS REGION: NW

⑦ OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name)  
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL  
 ⑩ FUNDED?  YES  NO  
 ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 2  
 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION  STATE  FEDERAL  
 if state who prepared form?

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME:  NO  
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME:  NO  
 ⑮ ACREAGE:  
 LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site  
 excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved  
 good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  
 fair  unexcavated  excavated  
 ⑰ features:  
 INTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  
 NOT INTACT-0  NOT INTACT-0  
 UNKNOWN-4  UNKNOWN-5  
 NOT APPLICABLE-7  NOT APPLICABLE-8  
 EXTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  
 NOT INTACT-0  
 UNKNOWN-6  
 NOT APPLICABLE-9  
 ENVIRONS

⑱ ACCESS  YES-Restricted  YES-Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown  
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO  
 ⑳ SAVED?  YES  
 ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  
 AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  
 ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  
 ART-5  EDUCATION-10  
 ENGINEERING-11  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  
 ENTERTAINMENT-26  LAW-16  
 EXPLORATION-12  LITERATURE-17  
 HEALTH-27  MILITARY-18  
 INDUSTRY-13  MUSIC-19  
 INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20  
 POLITICS/GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28  
 RELIGION-22  SETTLEMENT-29  
 SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31  
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY)  
 SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30  
 TRANSPORTATION-25  
 ㉓ CLAIMS: explain  
 'first'   
 'oldest'   
 'only'

㉔ functions  
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:  
 CURRENTLY:  
 ㉕ dates of initial construction:  
 major alterations:  
 historic events:  
 ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s):  
 ㉘ architect:  
 ㉙ master builder:  
 ㉚ engineer:

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer:  
 ㉜ interior decorator:  
 ㉝ artist:  
 ㉞ artisan:  
 ㉟ builder/contractor:

㊱ NAMES give role & date  
 PERSONAL:  
 EVENTS:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP

reviewers initials \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE