

**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**

Note: For properties 35 years old and newer, starred (*) sections are the only required fields.

*County: **Benton**

*Street Address: 25821 STARR CREEK RD				*City: Corvallis	
USGS Quad Name:		UTM (NAD83) Zone: 10		Northing: 	
Easting: 		Township: 13S		Range: 05W	
Section: 07		Block: 		Lot: 	
Map: 1350700		Tax Lot #: 00400		Historic Name: Currier-Thompson House	
*Date of Construction: 1911		Other Name: Thompson House		Grouping or Cluster Name: 	
Historic Use or Function: Single-family residence		*Current Use: Single-family residence		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	

Architectural Classification(s): Villa Style Farmhouse		Plan Type/Shape: L-shaped		Number of Stories: 2	
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Wood		Moved? Unknown	
Roof Type/Material: Intersecting hip / Tile		Window Type/Material: 1/1 double-hung sash			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Lap		Secondary: 		Decorative: 	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: 					
Number and type of associated resources: Garage, barn frame (2)					

Integrity: 		Condition: Excellent		Local Ranking: 3C		National Register Listed? Unknown	
Preliminary National Register Findings:		Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Altered (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Potentially eligible individually or in district <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Ineligible as it lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old <input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity					

Description of Physical and Landscape Features:
SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

Statement of Significance [Required ONLY for Intensive Level Surveys] (use additional sheets if necessary)
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Physical and Landscape Features:

French doors leading from porch to dining room; wrap around verandah on the east and north elevations. One story slant bay on south elevation. Overhanging boxed eaves, flat soffit. Cornice-style window heads. Cornerboards and frieze board.

The Currier House is located on the north side of Starr Creek Road, slightly over two-tenths of a mile west of the intersection with Bellfountain Road. Situated on a terrace on Beaver Creek, which flows just north of the house, the house fronts east.

An old orchard stands across Starr Creek Road to the south of the house. Planted around the edge of the yard are trees which predate this house and mark the boundary of the yard which surrounded the previous 19th Century house on this site. Most of the other numerous planting and landscape features are 20th Century and were done by the present owner, Mrs. Evelyn Currier Thompson, who has lived here all her life.

The hewn post and girt frame of a c.1850 barn (the original J.M. Currier barn), is located to the west of the house. The walls of the barn are no longer standing. A very intact five bay auto garage is located behind the house. The garage, which also contained quarters for the hired hands, was built sometime around 1930.

Statement of Significance:

Written by Nahani Stricker & Mary Weber & Kathy Schutt in 3/3/1985:

The Currier House is the only example of a "Villa" style house in Benton County. The house is remarkably intact and includes a Craftsman style interior. The house is owned and occupied by the family of the original Donation Land Claim holder, J.M. Currier.

J.M. Currier was a prominent citizen of Benton County. He was one of the earliest settlers, arriving where Corvallis now stands in 1846. Currier served for six months in the Cayuse War of 1848, one of his duties being to help bury the dead of the Whitman Massacre. He served as a commissioner of Benton County while Oregon was still a territory, and later filled other minor public offices. Among his business ventures was the ill-fated Willamette Valley and Coast Railroad Company formed by Colonel Hogg in 1874, of which he was a director. His estate was one of the largest in the area, growing to 1,600 acres by 1885.

J.M. Currier was born in 1827 in Vermont and came to Benton County in 1846 along with two sisters. In 1850, he settled his Donation Land Claim of 640 acres after trying his luck in the California gold fields. That same year he married Maria Foster and they worked together developing their farm living in a cabin made of hewn logs. Maria died in 1859 and Mr. Currier married Helena S. Buchanan (sister of R.L. Buchanan, a close neighbor) in 1863. Sometime after the December 1861 flood, a rise which remained dry was chosen as the site for the first real-lumber house. This house stood until 1904 when it was destroyed by fire. At the time the family erected a temporary house while work on the present house progressed.

The house, completed in 1911, was built on the site of the previous home. Because it was designed to accommodate eight family members, it is quite large. This number included J.M. Currier who was no longer active as the manager of the farm. By this time, Currier's son-in-law, Richard W. Scott, managed the farm. Richard married Evelyn Currier in 1900 and proceeded to manage the farm from that time. It was Richard Scott who was active in contracting and overseeing the building of the present house, which was designed by an architect and built by the local barn carpenter, Frederick, Seedenburg. The lumber came from the xxeason Mill located further up on Beaver Creek.

J.M. Currier participated in general farming and stock raising. In 1903, he had 800 of his 1600 acres under cultivation. His son-in-law, Richard Scott, continued with general farming on an extensive scale. Evelyn Thompson, daughter of Richard Scott, and her husband, Cy Thompson, are the current occupants of the house.

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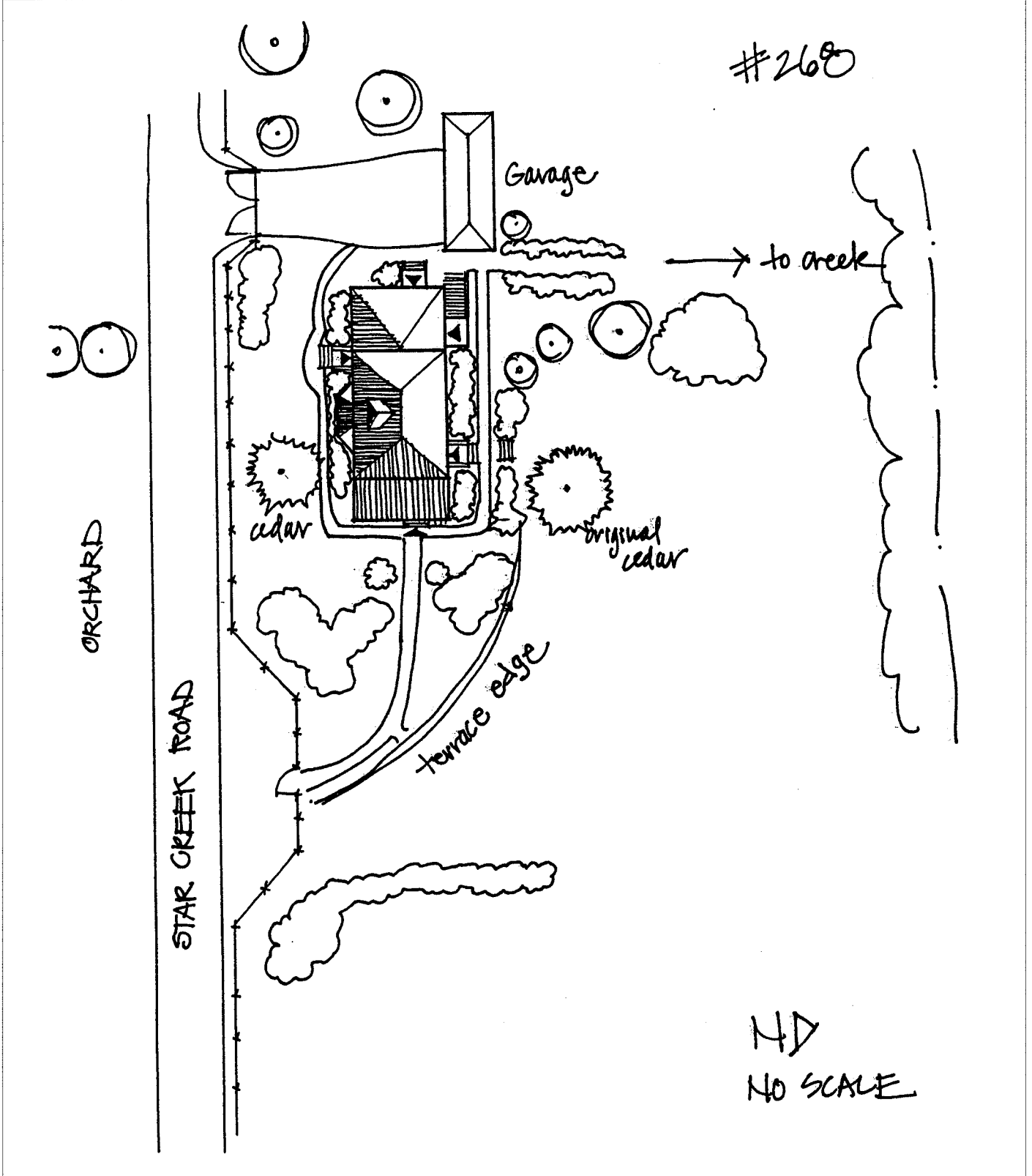
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Note: This page of the survey form is required ONLY for Intensive Level Survey

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Architect and/or Builder:	Owner Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Owner Info: VINCENT HELENA LYNN, TR 25821 STARR CREEK RD CORVALLIS OR 97333-9541
Addition or Subdivision Name:	
Area(s) of Significance: 20th Century Architecture	
Property Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District	

Documentation		
Research Sources: <input type="checkbox"/> Title/Deed Records <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs	Local Library (specify): University Library (specify): Historical Society (specify): Other (specify): Benton County Historical Museum

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