

**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: 26845 MCFARLAND RD				*City: Bellfountain			
USGS Quad Name:			UTM (NAD83) Zone: 10		Northing:		Easting:
Township: 14S	Range: 05W	Section: 08	Block:	Lot:	Map: 1450800	Tax Lot #: 00700	
Historic Name: Edwin & Anna Starr House					Grouping or Cluster Name:		
*Date of Construction: c. 1890		Other Name:					
Historic Use or Function: Single-family residence			*Current Use: Vacant			Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	

Architectural Classification(s): Gothic Vernacular		Plan Type/Shape: T-shaped		Number of Stories: 2	
Foundation Material: Brick		Structural Framing: Box		Moved? No	
Roof Type/Material: Gable / Wood shingle		Window Type/Material: 1/1 wood double-hung			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Drop		Secondary:		Decorative:	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: Front porch removed.					
Number and type of associated resources: Fruit house, mobile home (2)					

Integrity:	Condition: Poor	Local Ranking: 3C	National Register Listed? Unknown																				
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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:

Two original chimneys bisect roof at ridge (one in each volume) and have corbelled chimney caps. Two entry doors on main façade have transoms above doors. Door under gable dormer on second floor also has transom. This door once gave access to porch in this location. Interior of the house has four panel doors, gothic hinges, pass through cabinet from dining room to kitchen, architrave trim around windows and doors. Original fireplace mantel in dining room. Partial mantle in parlor. Projecting slanted window bay on main façade. Recessed, molded panels below windows. Foundation consists of brick piers. There is no basement. The roof is a steeply-pitched gable form with overhanging eaves. Rafters enclosed, cross gable on main façade. Windows have cornice-style heads. Horizontal drop siding is trimmed with capped cornerboards, rake and frieze boards.

An old orchard is located behind the house. Adjacent to the south side of the house are two oak trees.

A recent double-wide mobile home is located just to the west of the house. The only other outbuilding, which may be contemporaneous with the house, is a small, square, hip roof outbuilding with lowered cupola. The walls of the building are filled with sawdust.

The Edwin Starr House is located on the south side of McFarland Road approximately two miles west of the intersection of McFarland Road and Highway 99W. Situated on a slight rise in the alluvial lowlands adjacent to Muddy Creek, access to the property is gained by a raised gravel road bed approximately 1/3 of a mile in length. An ephemeral watercourse is located behind the house and vast farm fields surround the house. The house fronts north.

Statement of Significance:

Written by Mary Weber & Kathy Schutt in 1/10/1986:

This house was probably built in the late 1880s or early 1890s for Edwin Starr and his wife, Anna Reeves Starr. The current house is situated on a parcel of the former Thomas Reeves Donation Land Claim. Anna Reeves, a daughter of Thomas Reeves, married Edwin Starr in 1879. Edwin Starr was the son of George Starr and Elizabeth Dimmick Starr. The Starrs emigrated west in 1852 and in 1856 Edwin was born near Monroe, Oregon. Several years after his marriage, Edwin Starr moved to the Reeves farm. Upon the death of Thomas Reeves, c. 1886, Anna and Edwin received the title to a portion of the Reeves Donation Land Claim. In the proceeding years, the Starrs made many improvements to the property, including the current house. A biography of Edwin Starr, written in 1903, notes: "He has excellent buildings of all kinds, good commodious barns and outbuildings, and a comfortable dwelling."

Edwin Starr died in 1914. Just prior to his death, in 1911, the Starrs transferred the title to the parcel of land and the current house to Punderson Avery and John Foster, and in 1918, J.C. Smith, M.H. Bawer, and John Hyde received interest in the property. These men used the farm for recreational purposes, specifically duck hunting. The farm was maintained by tenant farmers. Harold Larkin was a tenant farmer on this property from 1915 to 1930. The Zysett family became tenant farmers by 1937 and in 1948 received 1/6 interest in the property. In 1976, E.E. Zysett, along with Lucile Hout and Ada Foster, relatives of John Foster, sold the property to Crocker Farms, the current owner. With the exception of the mission porches, the Edwin Starr House is an intact example of the Gothic Vernacular farmhouse of a configuration which was once apparently common in Benton County from the 1870s to the 1890s. The Starr House is among the best remaining examples of its type and period in the county. Other examples include the Silas Tharp House (#473), the Andrew Gellatly House (#482), and the Caleb Davis House (#260). The Tharp House dates to the late 1890s, while the Davis and Gellatly Houses date to the 1870s.

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McFarland Road

↑ view to Lone Pioneer Fir

Grass seed field

Grass seed field

Mobile Home



pine



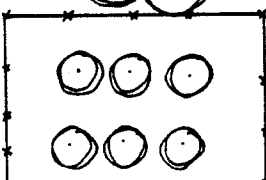
willow



House

shed

oaks



orchard

↑ NO SCALE

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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: BROOKS FARM LLC 26845 MCFARLAND RD MONROE OR 97456
Addition or Subdivision Name:	
Area(s) of Significance: 19th 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 checked="" 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 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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Bibliographic References (books, articles, interviews, etc.):

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