

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

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

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| *Street Address: 26515 BELLFOUNTAIN RD | | | | *City: Bellfountain | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| USGS Quad Name: | | UTM (NAD83) Zone: 10 | | Northing: Easting: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Township: 14S | Range: 06W | Section: 13 | Block: | Lot: | Map: 1461300 Tax Lot #: 00100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Historic Name: Augustus Buckingham House | | | | Grouping or Cluster Name: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Date of Construction: c. 1894 | | Other Name: Buckingham House | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Historic Use or Function: Single-family residence | | | *Current Use: Single-family residence | | Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Architectural Classification(s): Vernacular / Queen Anne | | | Plan Type/Shape: Rectangle | | Number of Stories: 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Foundation Material: Poured concrete | | | Structural Framing: Balloon | | Moved? No | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Roof Type/Material: Gable / Unknown | | | Window Type/Material: 1/1 wood double-hung | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Drop | | | Secondary: Wood shingle | | Decorative: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: Lean-to added to south elevation, c. 1965. Concrete foundation replaced cedar post foundation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number and type of associated resources: Barn, brick shed (2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Integrity: | | Condition: Good | | Local Ranking: 3C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Register Listed? Unknown | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preliminary National Register Findings: <table style="width:100%; border:none;"> <tr> <td>Potentially Eligible:</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Individually</td> <td>or</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not Eligible:</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Altered (choose one):</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Potentially eligible individually or in district</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Ineligible as it lacks distinction</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | | | | | | 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"/> Not 50 years old | <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Ineligible as it lacks distinction | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity | |
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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) SEE CONTINUATION SHEET | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Researcher/Organization: May Dasch, Irene Shrock, Mary Weber & Kathy Schutt / BCHM | | | | *Date Recorded: 1/4/1986 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Physical and Landscape Features:

This vernacular farmhouse has Queen Ann decorative elements. It has a rectangular plan, with the entry set just off center on the front façade. The house is two stories high and sits on a poured concrete foundation that does not contain a basement. The medium-pitched gable roof has steeply-pitched cross gable dormers at each side. The overhanging eaves have enclosed soffits. The balloon framing is covered by exterior wood drop siding. The walls are trimmed with capped cornerboards and molded rake and frieze boards. There are decorative fish scale shingles in the gable ends. One-over-one, wood, double hung windows are the primary type. All first story windows have decorative hoods, while the frieze board acts as the hood of the second story windows. Windows are grouped in pairs. The one story hip roofed porch across the front façade features turned posts, decorative brackets and a small projecting hip roof element over the steps up to the porch. A Queen Ann window with stained glass panes around the edges is located in the upper half of the entry door. Recessed molded panels are located in the lower portion of the door. A one-story projecting, rectangular bay window is located on the front façade. Molded recessed panels are located above and below each window on thin bay. Brackets are located between panels on the upper portion of the bay. The gable dormers are clad with fish scale shingles and spindle stick work is located at the peak of each gable end. A round window is located in the south gable end. Muntins divide this window into nine diamond shaped lights.

Behind the house are two large Big Leaf Maple trees. Just to the northeast of the house are four apple trees, possibly over fifty years old. A lilac and holly on the west side of the house are also possibly old.

A small barn is located to the southeast of the house. There are scattered contemporary outbuildings associated with the current tree farm. A brick shed-like structure is located to the west of the house.

The Buckingham House is located approximately one-half mile south of the Bellfountain community, on the east side of Bellfountain Road. Access to the house is gained by a quarter-mile long driveway. Situated on the western slope of a hill, the house fronts north.

Statement of Significance:

Written by May Dasch, Irene Shrock, Mary Weber & Kathy Schutt in 1/4/1986:

This house was probably built around 1894 for some member of the Buckingham family. Legal documents such as deed records and tax rolls indicate that Augustus Buckingham was the owner of this property. Augustus was the son of Heman Buckingham. Heman settled a Donation Land Claim of 641 acres just to the west of the current house in 1850.

Augustus Buckingham married Lillian Frink in 1879. After spending some time on the "home place," the Buckinghams moved to Philomath or Pendleton. (There is some confusion on this point.) Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Buckingham died. In 1886, Augustus remarried to Henrietta Dyer of Coos County. The following year, they moved to Coos County to operate a mercantile business. Heman Buckingham died in 1893. His land was divided among his sons.

The land on which the current house is located was part of the John Loos Donation Land Claim. Heman purchased 128 acres of this claim in 1856. In 1857, he transferred this property to his son Randolf. At some point in time, Heman regained ownership of the property. Upon his death in 1893, title was transferred to his sons, Victor and John. Augustus had received a portion of Heman's claim in 1880. In 1894, Victor and John transferred the current property to their brother, Augustus. Tax rolls indicate an improvement to the property beginning in 1895. Although Augustus maintained his residence in Coos County until around 1900, he is listed as owner of this property and associated improvements according to the 1890s tax rolls. Augustus' son, George, in a 1938 interview, noted that after Heman Buckingham's death, Augustus alternated somewhat between Bandon and Bellfountain. This at least suggests a reason for Augustus building a house in this location. Possibly Victor Buckingham lived in the house during the 1890s. One member of the family, Howard Buckingham, the son of John Buckingham, has referred to this house as Uncle Vic's house. But, by 1903, Victor had moved to Roseburg.

In 1900, Augustus and his family returned to Bellfountain, engaging in general farming until March of 1903 when he purchased a general mercantile store in Bellfountain. A picture of Augustus Buckingham and his family, taken in front of the current house in the early 1900s supports the fact of their residency in the early 1900s. Augustus died in 1918. Ownership of the house passed to his wife and then to his son, George. Other owners of the property have included Red Smith. The current owners are John and Juliette Dilworth.

The Buckingham house, with its intact design, materials, and location, is an excellent Benton County example of a farmhouse with Queen Anne design elements. Several comparable examples exist in the county. Based on some of the detailing of the house, it may predate the other examples by several years. Other examples include the Buchanan-Hunter House (#592) and the Robert Smith House (#265).

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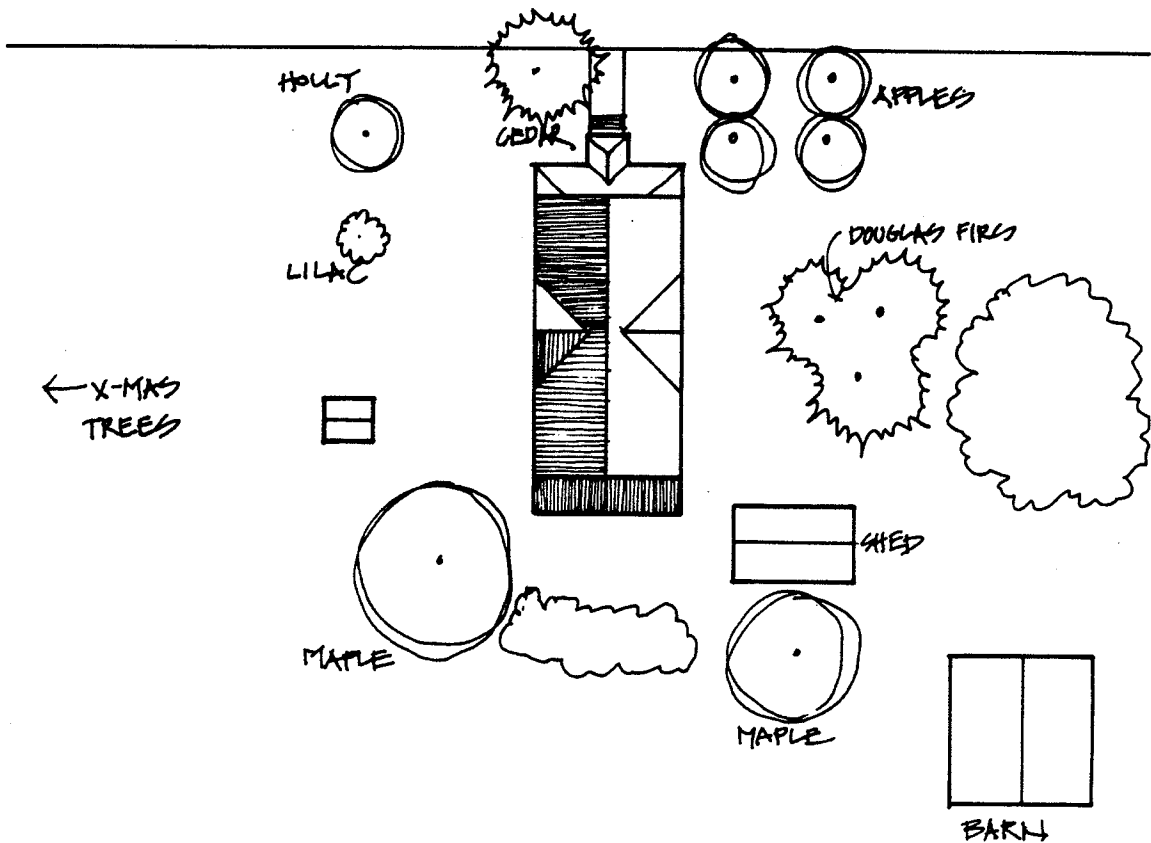
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#462
BUCKINGHAM
HOUSE

VIEW TO BELLFOUNTAIN

X-MAS TREES



NO SCALE

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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: DILWORTH JOHN R JR & JULIETTE 3610 NW HARRISON BLVD CORVALLIS OR 97330-4934 |
| 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 | |

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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library <input 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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