HISTORICAL NAME: William Theil House
COMMON NAME: William Theil House
ADDRESS: 4442 Eagle Valley Road
CITY: Yoncalla, OR 97499
OWNER: Judy McClanahan
ARCHITECT:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Unknown
ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Residence

THEME: Residential
STYLE: Classical Revival; vernacular; full width porch on east elevation

BLOCK: 
PROPERTY I.D. NO.: R33519
PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Piers, stone
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Frame construction; clapboard; 1" X 6" shiplap
STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood

ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Gable; frieze board; boxed eave; composition shingles
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 4/4 (original) and 1/1 double hung sash, multipane fixed (replacement)

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATE): Top story, porch enclosures and a lean-to at rear added by Theils
OTHER:
CONDITION: GOOD __ FAIR ___ POOR ____ MOVED ____ DATE ___

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:

KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES:

SETTING: The William Theil House is located on the west side of Old Highway 99 approximately 1-1/2 miles north of the City of Yoncalla. It is situated on relatively flat land with a small forested hill rising to the rear.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY): According to Delton Theil, the grandson of William Theil, this house was originally owned by an Applegate. William Theil built it as a one story house in c. 1889 and added a second story. It is unknown from which Applegate, William Theil purchased this house. The year of construction of the original structure is also unknown. However, the clapboard on the lower portion of the house might indicate that it was built prior to the 1880’s, when milled siding became common.

William Theil (1837-1905) was born in Breslau, Germany. He immigrated to New York in 1853 and shortly thereafter sailed to San Francisco and later settled in Douglas County on a 160 acre homestead near Oakland. He lived in the Oakland area until 1889, when he moved to the subject house near Yoncalla. Theil was a surveyor and farmer and rancher by occupation. One biographer states that “He was a Democrat and active politician and served his party as Justice of the Peace for several terms, being chosen also to represent his locality in the State Legislature.” Other sources, however, do not show Theil as a State Legislator. The Theils had eleven children, one of whom was Herman Victor (1885-1951). Herman continued to reside at the William Theil House after his father’s death in 1903. It was Herman who constructed the barn and small shed approximately ¼ mile east of the house, on which advertisement signs are painted. (See Pierce’s Advertisement Sign).

The William Theil House is in fair condition.

Theil, Delton. Telephone interview. 23 June 1982. Mr. Theil was born in 1919 at the Herman Theil residence north of Yoncalla. He is the son of Herman Theil.
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