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CONCERNING PHASED SUBDIVISION CASE NO.: SUB21-09 APPLICATION NO.: 21-113071-LD

Following is an exchange of emails between myself, and archeologists David Lewis PhD including topological data and Thomas Connolly PhD (CC to Henry Zenk PhD, Robert Boyd PhD).

At the end is my followup email to Dr. Connolly.

Please add all to my Dec 28, 2021 History report.

Thanks,
Charles Faulk, MD

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Subject: Re: Meyer Farm Hill and Arrow
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2021 21:17:45 +0000
From: Thomas Connolly <connolly@uoregon.edu>
To: Charles Faulk <charles-fa@comcast.net>
CC: David G. Lewis <dgl.coyotez@gmail.com>, henry zenk <henryzenk@gmail.com>, Robert Boyd <rtboyd@pdx.edu>

Dr. Faulk,
David Lewis forwarded your message to several of his colleagues, including me.

Oak woodlands were important resource areas for the Kalapuyans, and maintained with regular low-intensity burns to keep competing brush down and to reduce diseases. I suspect the arrow shape of the extant grove is more a function of clearing lines for adjacent agricultural fields than an artifact of intentional planting. I think it is more likely that the establishment of a stand of essentially even-aged oaks may mark a time when annual burns were waning, as the Kalapuyan population was in decline. Historic records confirm that devastating mortality from introduced epidemic diseases began at least by the 1770s, but archaeological evidence suggest the declines began much earlier. Decreased burning frequency may have allowed germination of more-or-less even-aged oaks in an area where annual burning of an oak woodland would have once limited the survival of small sprouts.

I also suspect that the mound you see on maps is a natural formation; there are many human-made mounds in the valley, but they are generally immediately adjacent to significant streams, and even the largest are generally sufficiently subtle to not be captured on topographic maps. Nonetheless, I don't doubt that artifacts are found in the area; the Salem area was a major Kalapuya population center, with many archaeological sites up and down Pringle and Mill Creeks.

Tom Connolly
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University of Oregon, Eugene, 97403-1224

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From: *Charles Faulk* <charles-fa@comcast.net <<mailto:charles-fa@comcast.net>>>
Date: Sun, Dec 26, 2021, 1:07 AM
Subject: Meyer Farm Hill and Arrow
To: David Lewis, PhD <dgl.coyotez@gmail.com <<mailto:dgl.coyotez@gmail.com>>>

Dear Dr. Lewis,

Please forgive the interruption. I found your name by chance doing volunteer research for a Neighborhood Association's effort to stop a subdivision. This led me to your excellent exhibit with the Art Association. I was hoping to find someone who could tell me if the topographical map data I found might be a Native mound. Let me explain.

Meyer Farm in south Salem is a 30-acre piece of farm land mostly undeveloped since being 'claimed' in 1847 with known history until the present. It is located at approx. 44.891625, -123.028374, a half-mile south of Pringle creek. Land developers threaten and I may have found something you would like to know about. Farm History of white man attached.

I became interested when one of our members said, "The oak trees are all estimated to be approx. 300 years old. Since the trees are the same age that means they were intentionally planted by the Kalapuya tribes 300 hundred years ago. When looking at an aerial view on google maps it is interesting to note that the trees form an arrowhead pointing to the north. Also, arrowheads and other types of Native American artifacts have been found in the past in this area. Could this be a sacred native American burial ground? I suggest someone contact the Grand Ronde confederated tribes before this property is developed."

I learned about the Kalapuya people, their history and the areas they occupied. When I looked at a topographic map I got a surprise. I noticed a solitary circle or low hill in the same place on several maps now, in 1969 and in 1915. There are other hills around but none so symmetrical and unchanged for over a hundred years.

A satellite view of the farm.

A terrain view with 100 x 150 foot hill.



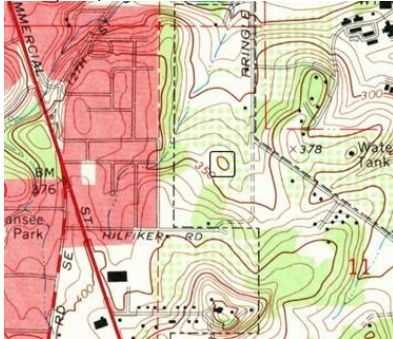
Current topo map.



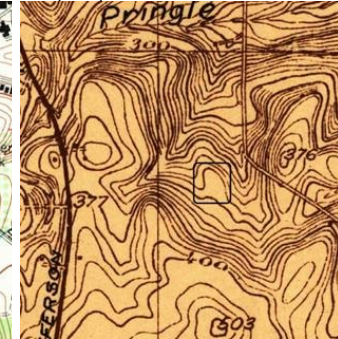
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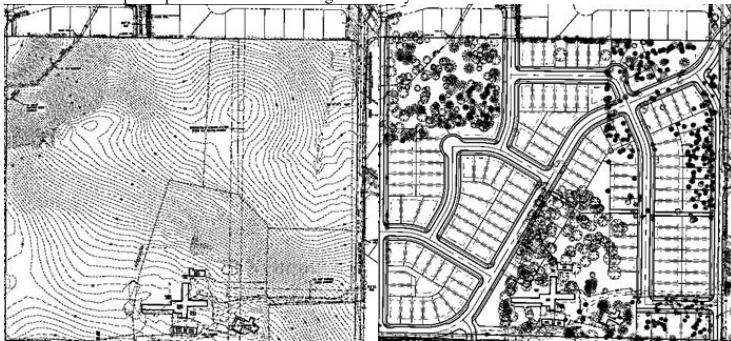
1969 topo map.



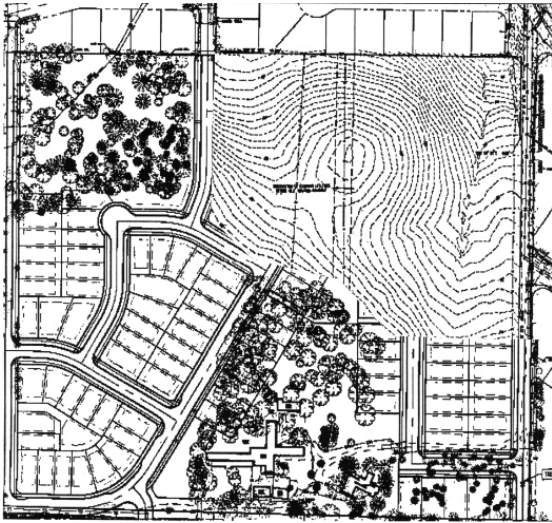
1915 topo map.



A one foot scale topo map of the mound and diagram of Meyer Farm with the oak trees at bottom.



Combining mound contours and trees and lining them up with roads and borders. (Mound=200'x400')



I was not allowed on the Farm but here are 2 photos from across the field showing the mound at left.



My evidence is amateur, scant and consists of land elevations, some old trees, native history and the finding of artifacts. The hill may be nothing more than a geologic formation. But if it's real I felt it was yours and you needed to know about it before the developers come. I am not concerned with the current owners, only the land, it's history and contents.

Why would people plant an arrow of oaks 300 years ago pointing at a hill?

Thank you,
charles faulk, md

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Subject:Meyer Farm Hill and Arrow

Date:Mon, 3 Jan 2022 15:12:29 -0800

From:Charles Faulk <charles-fa@comcast.net>

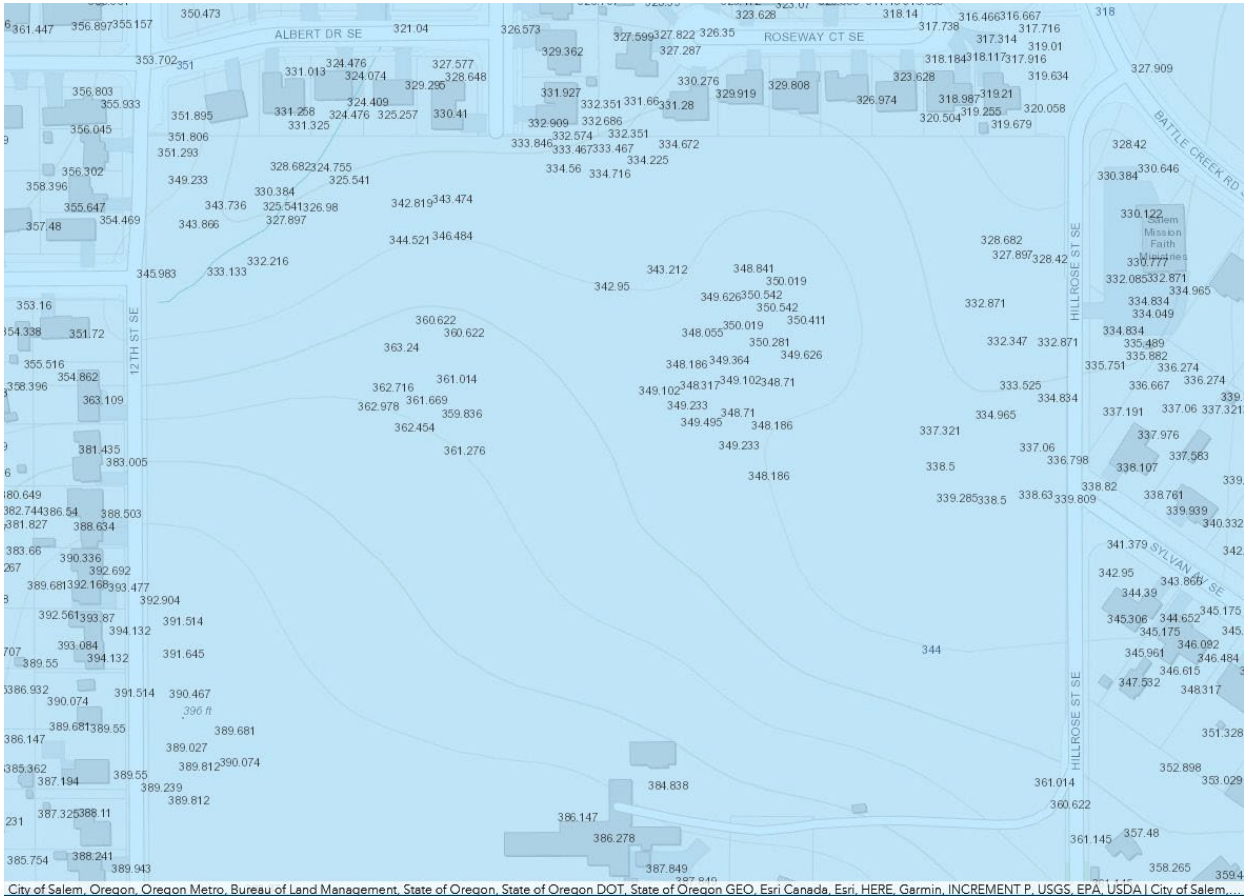
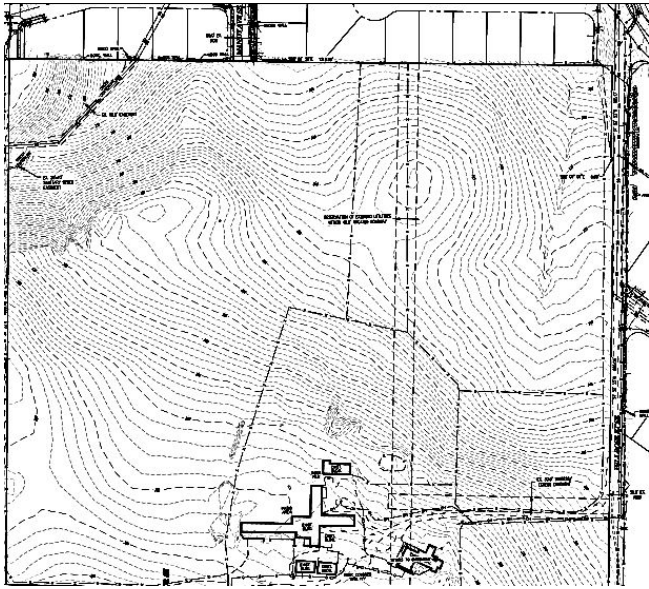
To:Thomas Connolly <connolly@uoregon.edu>, henry zenk <henryzenk@gmail.com>, Robert Boyd <rtboyd@pdx.edu>

Dr. Connolly,

Thanks for the prompt reply and the information. As you recall I was doing volunteer research for a Neighborhood Association's effort to stop a subdivision of Meyer Farm in south Salem. A 30-acre piece of pristine farm land undeveloped since being 'claimed' in 1847 by Joseph Waldo with known history until the present located at approx. 44.891625, -123.028374, a half-mile south of Pringle creek.

I knew I had to find a way to link the Kalapuya to the farm to establish history. I found Hager's Grove and Pringle/Mill Creek & got stuck until you made the association between the tree arrow, the oak woodlands and their clearing lines by burning leading to even-aged oaks. I know it must seem a small thing but in dealing with heritage trees in subdividing land is a science in and of itself.

About the circle on the topo map. I neglected some things. I saw it because it was too round & the ground around it was bare and was so in other years. I found a construction map with one-foot contours. Left-right ~1250' Hill base = 200x400' There's a tributary of Pringle Creek at upper left. Too small now? What about 300 years ago? Next page is a arcGis elevation. That hill looks 2' high and you're right, wouldn't show on topo. Call me crazy but that thing probably hasn't been touched since the wagons rolled in. Don't the tribes deserve right of refusal?



Thanks,
Charles Faulk, MD

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of lailoc@yahoo.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:00:59 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Kristin Santose
Your Email	lailoc@yahoo.com
Your Phone	503-581-6313
Street	476 Oregon Ave NE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97301
Message	<p>I continue to oppose the development of the Meyer farm into a subdivision. The historical significance of this property is immense as it dates back to before the creation of Oregon Statehood. If nothing else it should be preserved on this basis. I have a BA in history. In addition a number of trees are old growth oaks that will be adversely affected by development. We all know how well the old oaks on the new Costco were handled. Development here will lead to the demise of these trees despite any assurances. There is wildlife dependent on this land. The city continues to allow development of most vacant land. The creation of small neighborhood parks does not meet the needs of citizens or wildlife. I realize urban planning attempts to concentrate development within city boundaries, but that doesn't mean we don't need any natural areas. If Minto-Brown had not been preserved by progressive thinkers years ago it would not exist. It is clearly the gem of the city and the envy of other metropolitan areas. Meyer farm should be saved as another jewel in the city's crown. Unlike many others who live near this farm and really don't want to see their neighborhood affected by this that doesn't affect me. I live nowhere near it. My views are as a citizen of the city. This farm has been there since the mid 1800's and should not be destroyed to build what I consider to be higher end homes or any other housing or commercial development. I doubt my objections will make any difference, but I feel compelled to voice them. Thanks.</p>

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of lainyak@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:39:25 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	LaLainya Kruger
Your Email	lainyak@gmail.com
Your Phone	5039903120
Message	Hello, Lets please secure as much natural land as possible, while developing on land that already has huge areas of blacktop. Our climate is in danger, therefore so are we. Nature is the best defence against rising CO2. PLEASE do not allow the 30 acre Meyer Farm to be developed. Salem area needs as much greenspace as possible. Thank you, LaLainya Kruger

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of nwbaxter11249@gmail.com
To: [CityRecorder](#)
Subject: City meeting public comment
Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:02:25 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

Your Name	Norm Baxter
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Your Phone	5036023551
Street	980 Lefor Dr. NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	Salem City Council Members, I am writing in opposition to the destruction of the Meyer Farm. In addition to being one of the last pieces of open land in the city, this wonderful property serves as a refuge where several local wildlife species that need the Meyer Farm to survive are protected by local, state, and federal law, along with their required habitats. An integral part of wildlife preservation is the vegetation present and a tree inventory submitted as part of the development application appears to be out-of-date and incomplete. So there's no way to tell how many trees are planning to be removed, and how many saved. The Council must not allow this property and its unique environment to be desecrated by greedy developers as have other places in the city. Respectfully, Norm Baxter, Salem Resident

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