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Kate Brown, Governor

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Ms. Katy Coba  
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Dear Ms. Coba:

On September 9, 2019, our office received correspondence from the National Park Service (NPS) stating that the NPS accepted the proposed boundary decrease of the Oregon State Hospital Historic District. This action was completed under NRIS No. BC100004300. Enclosed is a copy of the accepted documentation, including a map of the reduced boundary.

If you have further questions about the National Register designation of the Oregon State Hospital Historic District, please contact Robert Olguin, National Register Program Coordinator, at (503) 986-0668.

Sincerely,

Christine Curran  
 Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Encl.

cc: Mayor Chuck Bennett, City of Salem  
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 Ms. Andrea Blaser, AINW





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Boundary Update

Property Name: Oregon State Hospital Historic District

Multiple Name:

State & County: OREGON, Marion

Date Received: 7/9/2019 Date of Pending List: 7/30/2019 Date of 16th Day: 8/14/2019 Date of 45th Day: 8/23/2019 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: BC100004300

Nominator: SHPO

Reason For Review:

Accept

Return

Reject

8/23/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: Accept Boundary Decrease and Additional Documentation. The SHPO has provided sufficient evidence for the removal/boundary decrease of certain areas of the 2008-listed Oregon State Hospital Historic District. The area being removed (38.05 acres) reflects areas of the former North Campus that have lost integrity and the characteristics for which they were originally deemed eligible for inclusion in the district. The area contained four historic hospital facilities (Buildings # 34, 35, 40 & 50/77) that have been demolished (2017) along with open land to the northern extreme of the boundary. While the area comprising the boundary decrease may have contained orchards and faculty housing during the earliest days of the hospital (see Sanborn maps), the areas retain no features or integrity reflecting that use. The original nomination and historic images of the hospital highlight the importance of the designed landscapes to the west of the main administration building and the Dome Building, which continue to retain integrity and contribute to the significance of the district; the area of the demolished buildings and the open land/lawn beyond do not contribute and are appropriately removed from the district boundary. The documentation also revises the description of the remaining district to reflect significant alterations (see AD)

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept Boundary Decrease

Reviewer Paul Lusignan

Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2229

Date 08/23/2019

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Additional Documentation

Property Name: Oregon State Hospital Historic District

Multiple Name:

State & County: OREGON, Marion

Date Received: 7/9/2019 Date of Pending List: Date of 16th Day: Date of 45th Day: Date of Weekly List: 8/23/2019

Reference number: AD08000118

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

Accept  Return  Reject 8/23/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments Accept Boundary Decrease and Additional Documentation. The SHPO has provided sufficient evidence for the removal/boundary decrease of certain areas of the 2008-listed Oregon State Hospital Historic District. The documentation also revises the description of the remaining district to reflect significant alterations to the historic campus. The revised acreage (92.3) and resource count (36 contributing resources and 4 non-contributing resources) reflect recent modernization efforts that significantly affected the historic district. While the modern (post 2012) work resulted in the demolition of several contributing resources and their replacement with a large intrusion to the east of the main buildings, the district on a whole retains sufficient integrity to convey its historic and architectural significance.

Recommendation/ Criteria Accept Additional Documentation

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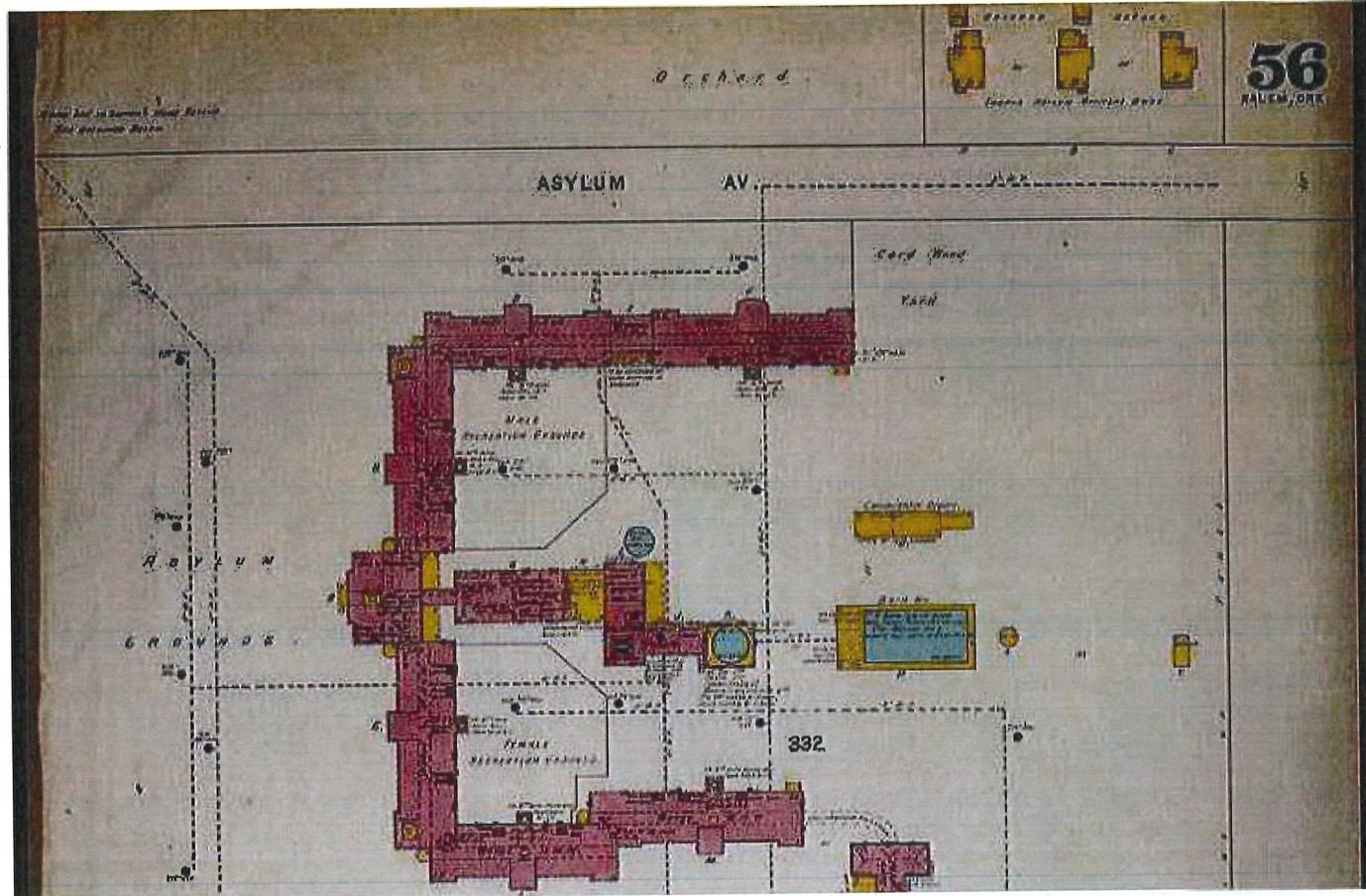
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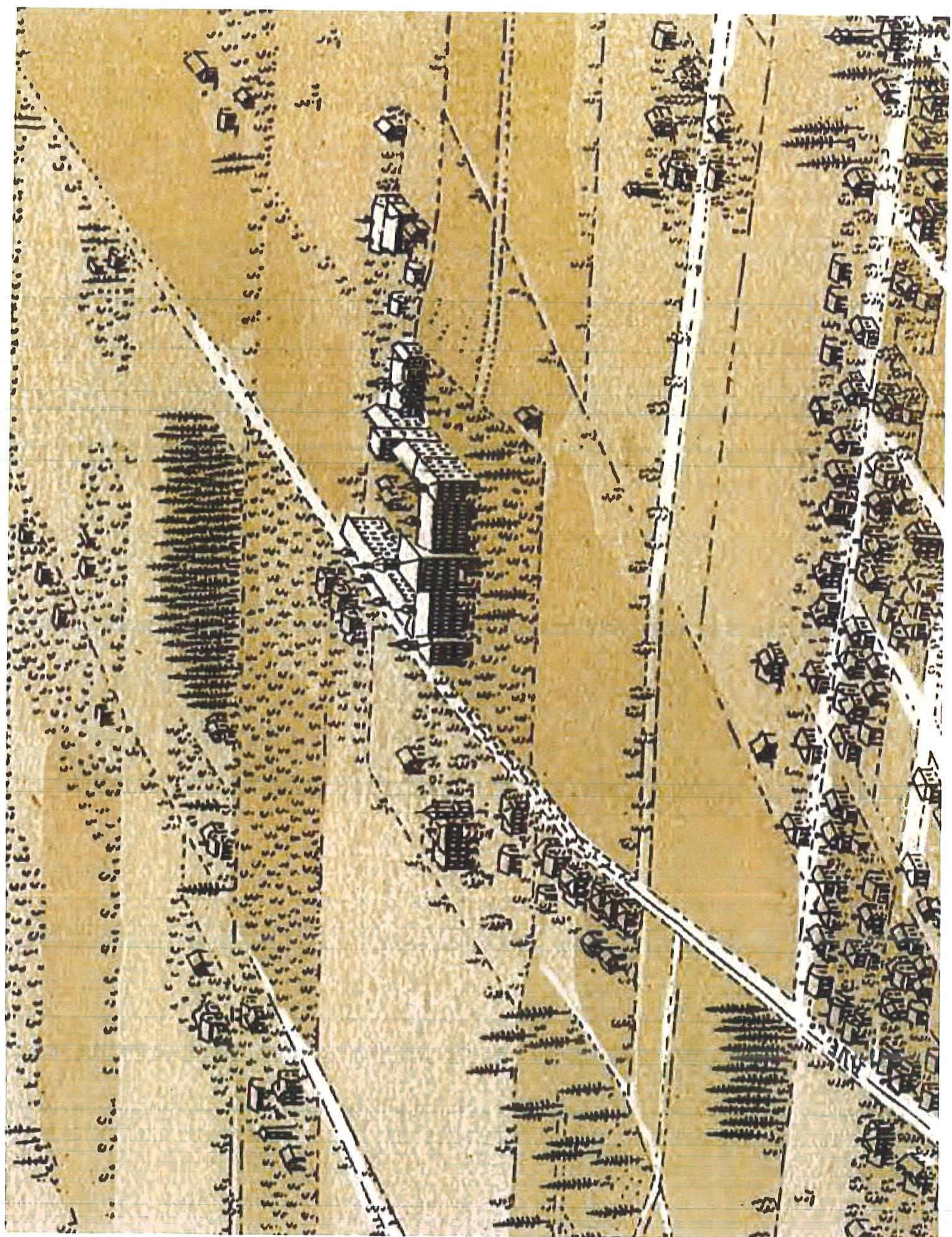
# Image 57 of Sanborn Fire Insurance Map from Salem, Marion County, Oregon.

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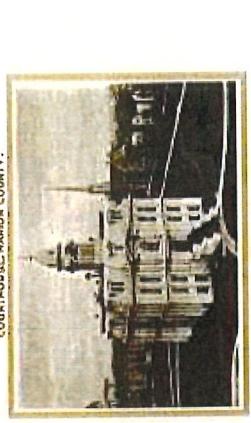
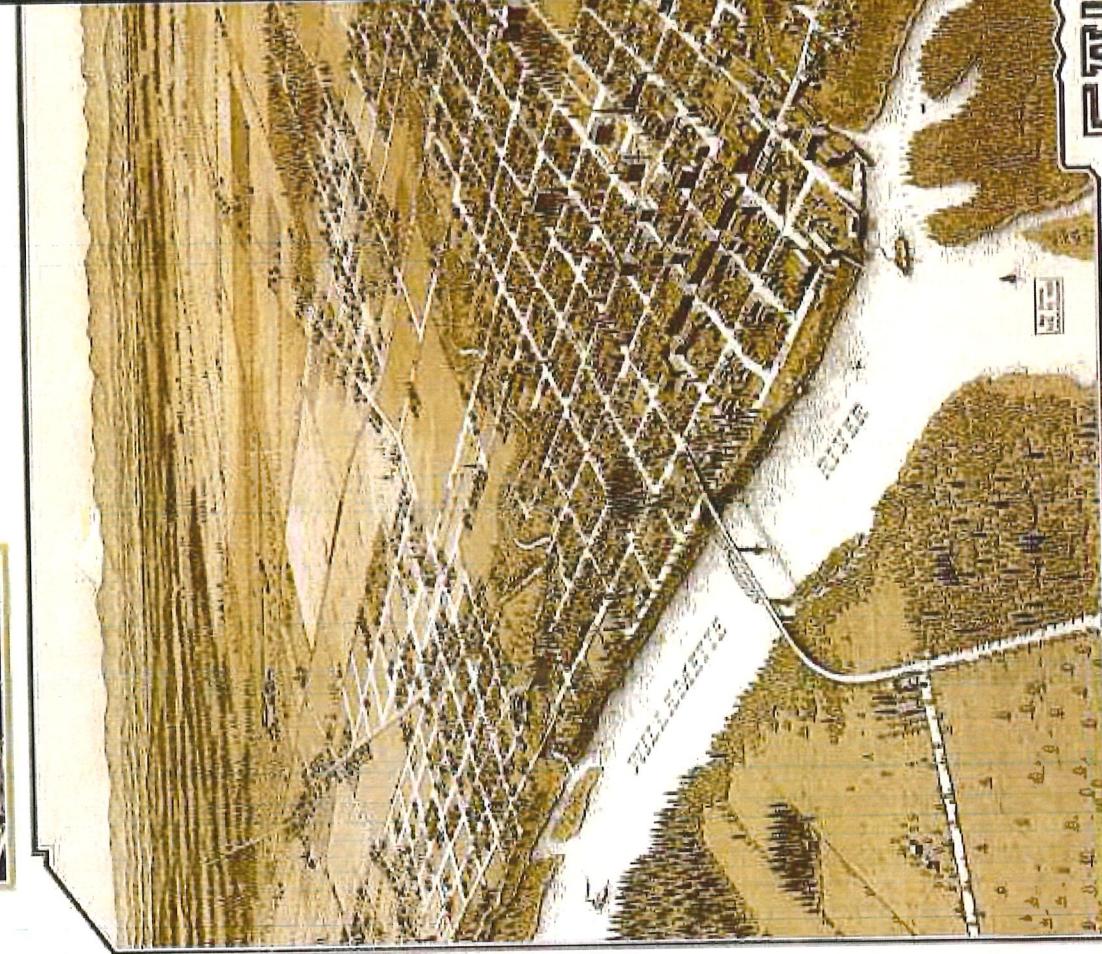


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# Capital City of Oregon.

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Oregon State Hospital Historic District  
(Boundary Decrease)

Name of Property

Marion Co., OR

County and State

08000118

NR Reference Number

**State Agency Certification:**

It is my opinion that the boundary decrease documentation for the Oregon State Hospital Historic District has made the case for the proposed boundary amendment. Therefore, I am recommending that the National Park Service accept the boundary decrease documentation submitted herewith. This recommendation disagrees with the recommendation of the Oregon State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation, which voted on June 21, 2019 to recommend against decreasing the boundary.

Since the Oregon State Hospital Historic District was listed in the National Register in 2008, hospital operations were consolidated to the south campus, resulting in the demolition of 28 buildings and structures, most of them contributing. While the district's overall integrity does remain intact, the area within the proposed boundary decrease, which comprises the majority of the north campus, now lacks sufficient historic integrity to justify the current National Register boundary. Of the six buildings contained in the north campus when the district was listed, only two remain. The boundary decrease documentation seeks to exclude 38 acres of bare land.

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Signature of Certifying Official/Title: Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Date of Action

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office  
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

**National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- additional documentation accepted
- other (explain: \_\_\_\_\_)

Signature of the Keeper

8/23/2019  
Date of Action

