

**Historic Resources Survey  
City of McMinnville  
Yamhill County, Oregon**

**Site Information**

**Site Address**

639 NW Birch St.

**Owner at Time of Survey**

David & June Druse

**Map/Tax Lot**

R4420AD05600

**Current Zoning**

R-2

**Special Tax Assessment**

No

**Downtown Historic District**

No

**Subdivision Name**

**Block**

**Lot**

**Lot Size**

**Quadrant**

22,420 sq.ft. NW

**Site Number**

7.15a

**Aerial Number**

J-10

**Resource Classification**

A

**Resource Number**

281

**Historic Significance**

Primary Resource #46

**Historic Information**

**Date of Construction**

1883

**Early Additions/ Remodels**

**Builder/Architect**

Unknown

**Historic Name**

Thomas Turner House

**Original Use**

Single Family Residence

**Common Name**

Druse House

**Present Use**

Single Family Residence

**Condition of Structure**

Excellent

**Comments (at time of Survey)**

**Building Type**

Residential

**Outbuildings**

Garage

**Building Style**

Italianate Victorian

**Stories**

2

**Porch**

**Basement**

**Roof Style**

Shallow Hip

**Roof Type**

**Moved**

**Demolished**

**Year/Date**

**Permit Number(s)**

**Additions/ Alterations**

**Resource Information**

**Recorded By**

Samuel C. Lowry, Ruth Stoller

**Date**

7-19-1980

**Sources**

Photo, June Druse  
Deed Records - Yamhill County

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

A281

This is a large, boxy, two-story house of wood frame construction in excellent condition, and a stylistic hybrid. The overall effect is Italianate Victorian, with a straight roofline, ornate bracketed cornice with molded frieze, tall windows with single lights and pronounced cornices and horizontal lap siding with corner boards. The roof is a very shallow hip. Large, single story, hipped roofed bays with similar, Italianate features are located at the rear of each side wall (north and south), each with a hexagonal bay window. The front porch, which extends halfway along each sidewall, was apparently a late addition, exhibiting square, splayed, pierced columns. Viewed from the front (east), the house is entirely symmetrical. Of note is the detached garage, apparently original. It is generally plain, but has an ornate, detached verge board with the crisscrossed lathe work of the Eastlake style. Overall, the house is in an excellent state of preservation with little alteration aside from the porch.

This property is not in any addition and has no block or lot number. Thomas Turner bought this 3 24/100 acres from David and M. A. Hursh for \$375 March 31, 1883. Property was next to west line of W. T. Newby D.L.C (Birch Street today is boundary line between Newby and Beary D.L.C.s) and west of Newby D.L.C. Turner still had this property in 1902 and in 1912 he is listed as living at 223 Mill Street (Mill Street has present Birch Street – numbering was from First Street which is now Fifth Street). He sold to the Talbot's in 1917 and they made various changes: the original wood porch which was supported by slender turned columns was replaced by the present bungalow porch with cement floor and large tapered square columns. David Druse, the present owner, (and only third) added the bay window on the south elevation.

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Photos August 2001



Original 1983 Survey Photo