

## 838 S. Main Street



**Classification:**

Secondary

**Year Built:**

1914

**Style:**

Craftsman

This one and one half story residence is rectangular in plan with an extension to the rear. It has a gable roof with a projecting gable entry and gable dormer. The roofing material is composition shingles. Asbestos shingles cover the original siding. A concrete foundation supports the residence. The windows are one over one double hung wood sash. The front door is paneled and glazed, flanked by fixed sidelights. The porch and projecting gable have elephantine square supports set on battered concrete pedestals with ionic caps. There are large rafters and oversized bargeboards on the main elevation. The building faces east on Main Street and is in excellent condition. There is a two car contributing detached garage with shiplap siding and a battered concrete raised foundation. The building is covered with a hip roof with intersecting twin gables on the front elevation. Brackets decorate the gable ends. The garage is associated with 814 and 838 S. Main Street. The building was constructed by Alma and Arch Sloper in 1914. Arch Sloper was born in Independence in 1879. He married Hattie Miller in 1908. Arch and brother Buzz operated a farm six miles south of Independence and also owned a hardware store in Independence with Bill Cockle. The Slopers resided in the building from 1914 to 1919 when they returned to farming. Sloper designed the Sloper Hop Plow which was used extensively by the leading hop growers in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Other hop machinery that Sloper developed include an electric hop bailer, hop spraying equipment, a hop hoeing machine, hop drying fans and a hop duster.

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**Directions**

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