

Washburne Historic District



The Washburne Historic District was listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 1987 and is named for C.W. Washburne, who was a prominent banker and mill owner in Springfield. He was the owner and operator of Lane County's most successful grist mills. Elias Briggs filed a donation land claim in 1852 in the Washburne neighborhood area located north of downtown Springfield at the western edge of the city. With the exception of a few businesses in remodeled older houses, the district essentially retains its original residential character. It represents an era when Springfield experienced dramatic population growth, and it illustrates the impact of the Booth-Kelly Mill on Springfield's development.

The district is characterized by the late and post-Victorian vernacular housing forms that became common throughout Oregon as small farming communities grew into logging towns. The emphasis was on simple, solid construction designed to serve the residential needs of a rapidly growing lumber mill town of the early 1900s. The age of the buildings in the neighborhood spans from the 1890s through the 1940s. Nearly 44% (136) of the residences are primary, built between 1890 and 1915, and as many as 98 are secondary, built between 1916 and 1930. The majority of the District's contributing residences can be classified as Bungalow, Mill Cottage, Transitional Box, Tudor Cottage, or Homestead style houses.

