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#### **National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form**

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FEB 1 0 1987 See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms Type all entries—complete applicable sections Name historic Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church (preferred) No. of contributing features: 1 and or common Condit Church No. of non-contributing features: 0 Location 1313 Mill Street SE N/Anot for publication street & number Salem N/A vicinity of Fifth Congressional District city, town **Oregon** 41 Marion 047 code county state code Classification Status Category **Ownership Present Use**  $\underline{X}$  occupied  $\frac{\chi}{}$  museum \_ district public agricuiture \_\_\_\_\_ private \_x building(s) \_ unoccupied \_ commercial park \_\_\_\_ structure both work in progress \_ educational private residence **Public Acquisition** Accessible entertainment \_ site religious \_\_ object N/A in process \_ yes: restricted government scientific \_\_X\_ yes: unrestricted N/A being considered industrial transportation military other: `no Owner of Property Mission Mill Museum Association name 1313 Mill Street SE street & number Salem N/A\_\_\_ vicinity of Oregon 97301 city, town state **Location of Legal Description** Marion County Courthouse courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. 100 High Street NE street & number Salem Oregon 97301 city, town state **Representation in Existing Surveys** National Register of Historic Places this property been determined eligible?

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Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church originally stood in the Santiam drainage, approximately one mile northwest of West Stayton. A small, single-story meeting house completed in 1858, it was situated on a prairie bordered by the Waldo Hills on the north and by the Salem Hills on the west. Oriented to the east, it stood on the north side of an east-west, gravel-surfaced market road and was shaded on its south elevation by a towering native oak. To the rear, or west, lay the church burying ground and a grove of firs. The church, along with its associated cemetery, together comprising a parcel of 2.6 acres, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on August 7, 1974.

The church fell into disuse in the 1960s and as time went on suffered increasingly the effects of vandalism and deferred maintenance. Ten years after the church was listed in the National Register, the State Historic Preservation office arranged a meeting of interested parties, including church neighbors, heirs of members of the original congregation, Trustees of the Presbytery of the Cascades, representatives of the Marion County Historical Society, and others. It was determined that all reasonable means of safely maintaining the church at its original location had been explored an exhausted. Accordingly, on September 23, 1984, the church was moved 20 miles to Salem, where it was permanently sited and restored on the grounds of "Mission Mill Village," formerly known as Thomas Kay Historical Park, a 4.5-acre holding owned and maintained by the Mission Mill Museum Association. The church restoration was completed and dedicated on October 7, 1985.

As there are no compass-oriented throughways in the museum grounds, and owing to a varied topography, conditions of the original setting could not be reproduced in detail in the permanent resiting. However, a decided rural spirit has been captured in the relocation. The building is now situated on a rise of land which makes it visually discrete within the museum complex. It faces to the southwest and is backed up to the mill race of the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill. As was the case in the original setting, the church is dominated by a sheltering oak. At the new site, the oak stands at the bottom of the slope, near the building's southeast corner. The knoll on which the church is presently situated was, in part, artificially created at the time the diversion channel was excavated for the mill race. No archeological values were disturbed in the resiting process.

Despite removal and reconstruction of its gable roof, Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church survived the relocation to Salem without loss of its essential architectural integrity. The simple vernacular building is of frame construction. According to tradition, its lumber was hauled from a mill at Oregon City and planed at the building site. Framing members and rafters were rough-hewn from native firs. It has been observed that the floor joists were joined by oak pegs.

The one-story, one-room building measures 30 feet square and presently rests on a concrete foundation, which closely approximates the height above grade of the original pier foundation. The waterskirt of vertical tongue and groove millwork matches historic material. The building has a shingle-clad gable roof of medium pitch and boxed eaves with cornice returns. The frieze boards and corner boards

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are plain, unadorned. Exterior elevations are clad with lapped weatherboards showing 6 inches to the weather. Window and door frames are without architraves. Window openings are formally placed, three in either side elevation, and are

Originally, the rear gable end was blind. As the building now is used as a wedding chapel and for assemblies of various kinds, a doorway was cut near the west corner of this face to satisfy fire and life safety codes. On the rear elevation also is exterior ducting for the heating-ventilating system, which is otherwise fully concealed in the attic and crawl space.

fitted with double-hung sash with twelve lights over twelve.

The principal facade is distinguished by its two formally placed doors and a  $7 \times 24$ -foot porch having a hipped roof supported by four slender chamfered posts. Whereas, originally, three steps at either end gave access to the porch, the sloping grade and circulation requirements of a wedding chapel dictated two flights of steps aligned with either entrance. A railing consisting of square balusters between top and bottom rails also was added in consideration of the building code. The doors are two-panel doors with a single central stile, and they bear the distinctive signs of their hand workmanship.

The interior is simply finished with wide floor boards, ceiling, and plain, horizontal wall boards laid flush. The original, hand-hewn box pews and centrally-placed, broad pulpit with its paneled front are intact. Before its abandonment in the 1960s, the church had been wired for overhead electrical lighting. The church's wood stove, which was vented by stovepipe and a brick chimney which straddled the rood ridge at the center, was taken from the building after its abandonment, as was an organ acquired by the church ladies in 1915. However, the cabinet bookcase fashioned by Cyrenus Condit, son of the church founder, is an historical case piece which has remained in the church since construction was completed in 1858. It stands to one side of the pulpit and originally contained the congregation's bible, and hymnals and communion pieces.

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#### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church meets National Register criterion "c" as one of an important group of small churches in the meeting house tradition built in the Willamette Valley in the 1850s. Whereas the type was more numerous in the early settlement period, in pre-Territorial days, there are no more than four standing today. Each, including the Pleasant Grove Church, has been entered into the National Register. This nomination document seeks to establish that because of its rarity and essential architectural integrity, the building should remain in Register listings notwithstanding its relocation from the Aumsville/West Stayton area to Salem in 1984. The other remaining buildings of comparable character are West Union Baptist Church (1853), Rock Creek Methodist Church (1854), and Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church (c. 1854). Though similar in style and feeling to each of these but West Union Baptist Church, Miller Cemetery Church in the vicinity of Silverton, in Marion County, was not constructed until 1882. Pleasant Grove Presbyterian is not only among the oldest churches in the state, it is generally believed to be the oldest standing Presbyterian church of documented date in the Pacific Northwest.

The Presbyterian Church was among the first Protestant denominations active in the Oregon Country. Marcus Whitman, a missionary doctor sent to the Indians of the Pacific Northwest by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, was an ordained minister and organized the first Presbyterian church in the region at Waiilatpu on the Walla Walla River in 1838. The first Presbyterian church in what ultimately became the state of Oregon was organized on the coast, at Clatsop Plains, at the home of Dr. William H. Gray, a former member of the Whitman Mission, in 1846.

While the Presbytery of Oregon was formed as early as 1851, there were not more than half a dozen formally organized Presbyterian churches—those at Clatsop Plains, Lafayette, Corvallis, Portland, Brownsville and Eugene, when the Reverend Philip Condit established his church in the Santiam drainage east of Salem in 1856.

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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While moving the church 20 miles from its original setting in an effort to preserve it is in one sense extreme, the relocation to Salem is historically appropriate. Administratively, the church established by the Condits was linked to the First Presbyterian Church of Salem from 1866 onward. When, in 1961, most of the Pleasant Grove tract was sold and the church was no longer used on a regular basis, the Condits' silver ewer and communion cup were placed with the Salem congregation for safekeeping.

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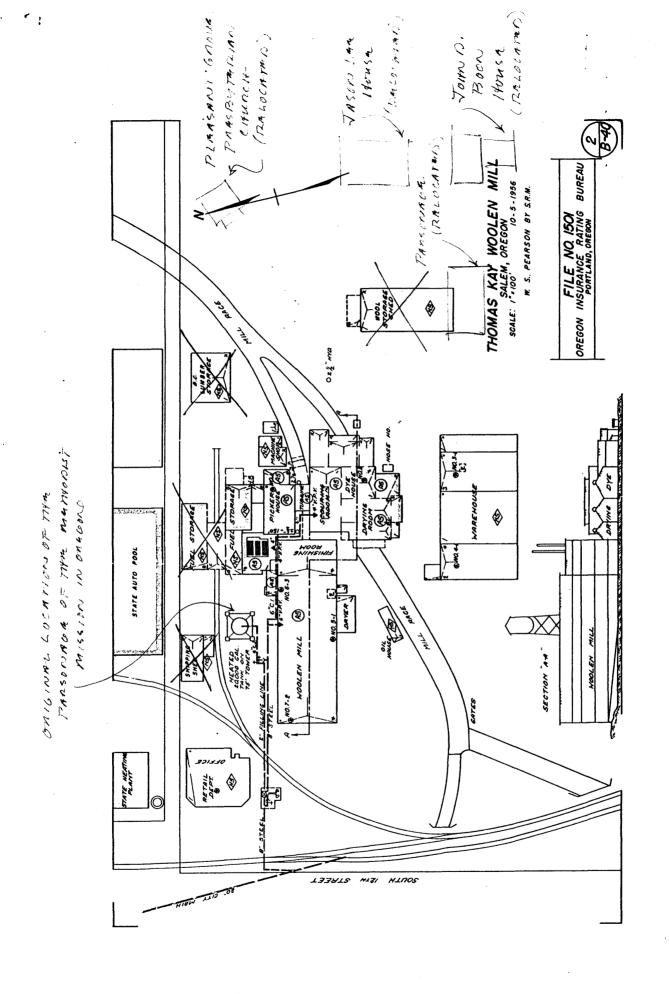
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The church was finished in 1858 by followers of the Presbyterian Minister Philip Condit. A single-story meeting house type in the vernacular tradition, the church has a nearly square plan measuring approximately 24 by 28 feet. The shingled gable roof has a medium pitch, and a brick stove flue straddles the ridge at the center. The eaves are finished with a plain boxed cornice with returns on the east and west gable ends, and a plain frieze. Clapboards forming the exterior wall cover show six inches to the weather. Plain corner boards were used. There are no windows in the gable ends, but there are three windows in either side elevation. The openings have plain surrounds and are covered with plain wooden shutters when the building is not is use. The building rests on wooden piers which are not exposed to view, being covered by a water skirt of vertical boards. A porch extends nearly the length of the east face. The hipped porch roof is supported by four chamfered posts and shelters two formally arranged two-panel doors on either side of the facade.

A wood stove heats the building, and the interior is equipped with electric lighting. The church and its cemetery are shaded by a grove of mature oak trees. The property is maintained by members of the congregation and the Presbyterian Church.

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| 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION   | -                    |
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| As the designated State Liaison Officer for the Na-  |                      |
| tional Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion National Register. |                      |
| in the National Register and certify that it has been  |                      |
| evaluated according to the c-iteria and procedures set   |                      |
| forth by the National Park Service. The recommended  |                      |
| level of significance of this nomination is:  Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation                         |                      |
| National State Local &   |                      |
| Name All Market Date - 7/1/4   |                      |
| ATTEST:  |                      |
| Title State Parks Superintendent   |                      |
| Keeper of The National Register  |                      |

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