

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Oregon	
COUNTY: Wasco	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71,941,0002	DATE 9/10/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Fort Dalles Surgeon's Quarters

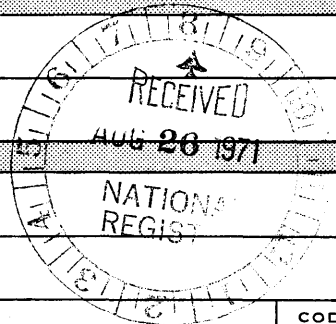
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Garrison Street, at 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN:
The Dalles

STATE: Oregon CODE: 97058 COUNTY: Wasco CODE: 065



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Oregon Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
1230 S. W. Park Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Portland STATE: Oregon CODE: 97205

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Wasco County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: The Dalles STATE: Oregon CODE: 97058

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Oregon State Highway Division, Parks and Recreation Section

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Highway Building

CITY OR TOWN: Salem, STATE: Oregon CODE: 97310

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Surgeon's Quarters erected ca. 1857 at Fort Dalles on the middle Columbia River is virtually the only surviving structure of the military post which once commanded the gateway between Indian territory of Eastern Oregon and Washington and the Willamette Valley. It is the earliest known building in the Gothic Revival style erected in the state, and it is the best documented example based upon the designs of Andrew Jackson Downing.

Adapted from Downing's design for a "Symmetrical Bracketed Cottage," the two-story gable-roofed building on ashlar foundation has a formal T-shaped plan. A central entry gives access to two rooms with end fireplaces. The stairway is contained behind the foyer, between the main block and a kitchen ell.

Following the pattern published as "Design III" in Downing's *The Architecture of Country Houses* of 1853, the Surgeon's Quarters has vertical board and batten siding, sash windows with mullions and leaded panes, bracketed hoods and sills. The front door with sidelights and the openings in a central overhanging bay have tripartite surrounds which give the effect of stylized lancet windows. Cut stone outside end chimneys terminate in clustered brick flues with corbelled caps.

Drawings for the post buildings were executed by Louis Scholl, a German emigrant trained in Karlsruhe at the Lyceum and Polytechnic School. As a civilian employee of the Quartermaster Department, he was supervising architect for rebuilding at Fort Dalles and for programs at Fort Walla Walla and Fort Simcoe in Washington. Scholl's buildings at Fort Dalles had a degree of refinement unusual in military architecture of the period in Oregon. The total cost of construction at Fort Dalles between 1856 and 1858 reportedly reached a half million dollars.

Cottage designs were naturally suited to post buildings of domestic scale. However, architect Scholl managed, with vertical boards and battens and simple detailing, to achieve a uniform character in the barracks, guard-house, quartermaster and commissary storehouses, and stables. At present, the Surgeon's Quarters is not polychromed in the manner advocated by Downing and specified by the architect's water color drawings.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1857-1867

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "dalles," one of a series of formidable rapids which interrupted navigation along the middle Columbia River, was an important stopping point for Indians, trappers and overland emigrants in the days before Oregon became a Territory. The Methodist Mission began its outreach from headquarters in the Willamette Valley by locating a station among the Wasco Indians at The Dalles of the Columbia in 1838. When the Methodists were forced to retrench, "Wascopam" was sold to Dr. Marcus Whitman of the American Board Mission in Cayuse country in Washington's Walla Walla Valley. The Cayuse Uprising in 1847 resulting in the massacre of the Whitmans and their personnel at Walla Walla brought an end to missionary activity in the region of The Dalles. "Wascopam" was enclosed by a stockade and became the post from which militia under Major Henry A. G. Lee directed early phases of the Cayuse War.

When Oregon became a Territory of the United States, Fort Wascopam, or Fort Lee, as it was officially named, was embraced by Fort Dalles Military Reservation. The U. S. Army post was established in May 1850 by Major S. S. Tucker, commanding a detachment of two rifle companies from Fort Vancouver.

Between 1856 and 1858 a sizable new construction program was carried out within the square-mile reserve under the direction of Quartermaster, Captain Thomas Jordan. The Surgeon's Quarters is the most significant remaining landmark of this peak period of activity. The Fort was a principal base of operations during Indian disturbances between 1856, when territory east of the Cascades was closed to settlers, and the mid 1860s. The post was released by the military in 1867.

Today, most of the hillside site overlooking the City of The Dalles and the Columbia River has been subdivided and is occupied by private residences. The parcel of nearly an acre on which the Surgeon's Quarters is situated is held by the Oregon Historical Society. The property is operated by the Wasco County-Dalles City Museum Commission and a historical site and museum.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Knuth, Priscilla, "'Picturesque' Frontier: The Army's Fort Dalles," Part I, Oregon Historical Quarterly, Vol. 67, No. 4 (December 1966), 293-346.
 Ross, Marion D., "Architecture in Oregon, 1845-1895," Oregon Historical Quarterly, Vol. 57, No. 1 (March 1956), 12, 42-43.
 Ross, Marion, A Century of Architecture in Oregon, 1859-1959 (Portland: Women's Architectural League of Oregon Chapter American Institute of Architects, June 1959), 3.
Soldier and Brave, Indian and Military Affairs in the Trans-Mississippi West...
Vol. XII, The National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings, National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior (New York, Evanston and London: Harper and Row, 1963), 216, 217. Fort Dalles among "Other Sites Considered."

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: ca. 0.82 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Elisabeth Walton, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: Oregon State Highway Division DATE: July 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: State Highway Building

CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Oregon 97310 CODE: 41

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: R. P. Pate

Title: State Highway Engineer

Date: JUL 28 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connelly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

SEP 10 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:

William J. Huntley
Keeper of The National Register

SEP 3 1971

Date: _____

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FORT DALLES SURGEON'S QUARTERS

2. Location

The property is located in NW 1/4 SE 1/4 sec. 4, T. 1 N., R. 13 E. of the Willamette Meridian, in Wasco County, Oregon.

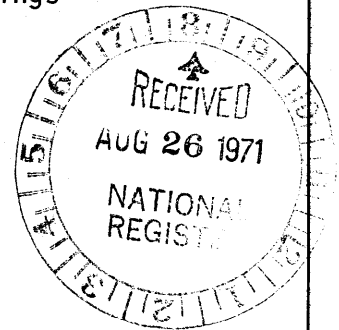
Lots A, B, C, L, K, J, and a portion of I, in Block 39, Military Addition, The Dalles.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

The National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

ca. 1960

National Park Service
Washington, D. C. 20240



9. Major Bibliographical References

Downing, A. J., The Architecture of Country Houses...
(New York: D. Appleton and Co., 1853), 83-92. Design III,
figs. 13-14.