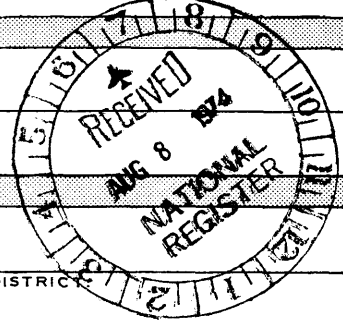


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Oregon
 COUNTY: Marion
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1. NAME

COMMON: Parsonage of the Methodist Mission
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: ~~Thomas Kay Historical Park~~, 260 12th St. NE
 CITY OR TOWN: Salem CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
 STATE: Oregon CODE: 41 COUNTY: Marion CODE: 047

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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: Mission Mill Museum Association
 STREET AND NUMBER: 580 State Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Oregon CODE: 41

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Marion County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Oregon CODE: 97301 41

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Methodist Parsonage, built in 1841, is a 24 by 32-foot, two-storey structure, 24 feet in height with walls of planks 13 to 21 inches wide laid horizontally. It has lap siding and a gable roof with a 6 in 12 pitch, molded cornice and over-hanging eaves. The openings, two doors flanked by a sash window on either side of both doors below, and four windows above, are formally arranged. The doors open onto a single-storey porch. As best as can be determined, there was originally one chimney on the longitudinal axis eccentric to the lateral axis of the building, though there may have originally been two chimneys.

Within, the rectangular plan was quartered creating four rooms on both floors. There was no central hall. The south-west room contained the stairway connecting the floors. The present dog-leg stair with winding quarter space, though very early, is probably most original, for traces of a simple straight stairway have been located under it. Simple interior trim includes five to seven-inch baseboard with molded coping, architraves and window frames both molded and elementary, and two built-in cabinets with paneled doors.



S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

3. SIGNIFICANCE

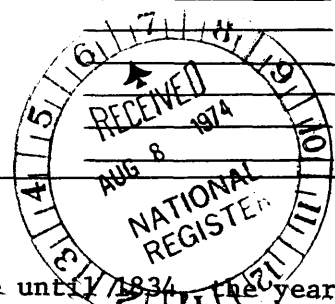
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1841

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Oregon was the domain of men of the fur trade until 1834, the year in which the Reverend Jason Lee and his small band of Methodist missionaries established a station on the Willamette River, some ten miles north of present-day Salem. This mission to the Indians, the first to be established anywhere in the Pacific Northwest, operated satellite stations at The Dalles, Clatsop Plains, Oregon City and south of Puget Sound.

In 1841 the mission expanded to Salem, and a house for Superintendent Lee and a parsonage for the Preacher-in-Charge and Director of the Indian Manual Labor Training School (forerunner of Willamette University) were erected. These white-painted frame buildings are the only structures to have remained from the mission period anywhere in the region. Their significance relates to the founding of Salem and Willamette University, and on a national scale relates to the evangelical missionary movement and westward expansion.

Those of the mission's secular department who were skilled in joinery and the mechanical arts were dispatched to Mill Creek on Chemeketa plain south of the original mission station to build a grist mill and saw mill. By spring of 1841 the first lumber milled by the missionaries was available, and the ambitious construction program began. First of the buildings to be erected with the new lumber was "Mill Place," adjacent to the sawmill. As headquarters of the principal station of the mission, it housed Superintendent Lee and three other families. At some distance away on Chemeketa plain, construction was started on a sophisticated edifice for the Oregon Mission Manual Labor Training School, and some 40 rods east of the school, the parsonage for the school's Director, Gustavus Hines, was hurried to completion for use as a temporary classroom early in the summer of 1841. The Parsonage evolved as the official boarding house of the Willamette Station throughout the Territorial period and the transformation to Methodist Conference status.

The parsonage and the Jason Lee "Mill Place," now on the same grounds, outdates the establishment of the American Provisional Government in 1843 and Territorial Government in 1848-49. These buildings are symbols of the American presence in Oregon which eventually caused Britain to yield her claims to the Oregon Country. They are also symbolic of the "good," in Jason Lee's words, influence of the Methodist Mission and its (continued)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Elisabeth Walton, "Jason Lee's Home on the Willamette," Pacific Historian (Stockton, California, University of the Pacific), pp. 70, 71.

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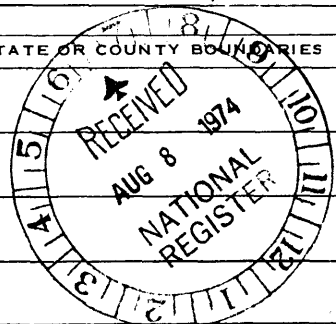
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4.5

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: Paul B. Hartwig, Park Historian, and Elisabeth Walton, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: Parks and Recreation Section DATE: July 15, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: Oregon State Highway Division

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: *David B. Talbot*

Title: State Parks Superintendent

Date: August 2, 1974

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

A. R. Mortensen
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DEC 31 1974

Date: _____

ATTEST: *Ronald M. Greenberg*
Keeper of The National Register

DEC 31 1974

Date: _____

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PARSONAGE OF THE METHODIST MISSION (CONTINUED)

2. Location

The Thomas Kay Historical Park comprises fractions of blocks 35, 36, 37 and 38 of the University Addition to Salem, NW 1/4 Sec. 26, T. 7S., R. 3W. of the Willamette Meridian, Marion County, Oregon.

8. Significance

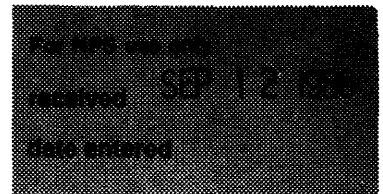
importance as a cultural center which eventually caused Salem to be selected as Oregon's capital.

Alterations were made to the house at a very early date. In 1848, William Roberts, Superintendent of Oregon Institute, successor of the Indian Manual Labor Training School and direct predecessor of Willamette University, reported that he had made alterations such that "two families can reside in it entirely distinct." The Methodist Parsonage, now part of the Thomas Kay Historical Park, is located several yards from its original site. It was moved some time ago, originally standing about where the water tower for the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill is now, one of the oldest houses in Salem. The house has been restored with private funds and is open to the public on a limited basis. An exception to the authenticity of the restoration is the addition of an outside stairway for fire and safety purposes. The stairway is in a style compatible with that of the original structure.



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Continuation sheet

Item number 2

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METHODIST MISSION PARSONAGE
1313 Mill Street SE
Salem
Marion County
Oregon

Control number: 74001701

Listing date: 12-31-74

The purpose of this continuation sheet is to verify that the correct and current address of the above-named property is 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, Marion County, Oregon. The address change owes not to a change of location, but the establishment of a new address for the owner organization, whose property fronts both 12th Street and Mill Street.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: September 5, 1986