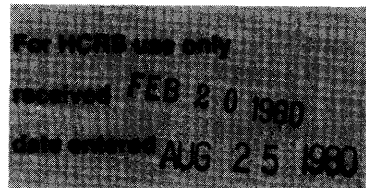


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



**1. Name**

historic Parker (Moses) House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 638 Fifth St. SE not for publication

city, town Albany vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Oregon code 41 county Linn code 043

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
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	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Richard M. Liebaert and Anne D. Barlow

street & number 638 Fifth St. SE

city, town Albany vicinity of state Oregon 97321

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Linn County Courthouse

street & number PO Box 100 (4th & Broadalbin SW)

city, town Albany state Oregon 97321

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Albany Architectural Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date May 1978  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records City of Albany Planning Department

city, town Albany state Oregon 97321

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Moses Parker House, built by Moses Parker between 1875 and 1877, is among the few remaining Gothic Revival houses in Oregon. It is in good condition and is still in use as a residence.

The house is located on Tax Lot 4900 of map number 11-3W-7AB, which is the east 75' of the north 110' of Block 27 of Hackleman's Second Addition to Albany. It is sited among mature trees and oriented to the north. Its dimensions are 46' in length by 28' in width, 1½ stories in height, and basically T-shaped in plan. The brick foundation (partially stuccoed) supports the wood frame construction. Walls are covered with horizontal drop siding and embellished with corner boards with capitals and wide, plain frieze boards. The steeply-pitched gabled roof is covered with recently-applied cedar shingles. Remaining original windows are double-hung sash, four lights over four, with plain casings and classical cornice moldings.

The original configuration of the north porch is unknown, as it was replaced by the present Bungalow-style, gabled-roof porch c. 1920. It was at this time that similarly-scaled windows were added to the first floor of this elevation. Additionally at this time, an exterior chimney and flanking windows were applied to the east elevation. In 1978, the previous owners constructed a foundation under the sagging portion of the back porch and created bathrooms on the first and second floors.

Of particular interest are the original Lancet-arched doors on the north elevation upper level. The lower third of each is paneled in wood, while the upper two-thirds of each are of traceried glass. Both doors are topped by hood moldings and could be mistaken for windows.

The internal spatial arrangement is little changed with the exception of the bathrooms, kitchen counters and cupboards, and the parlor fireplace. The lath and plaster walls on the first floor had seriously deteriorated and have almost entirely been replaced with sheet-rock. The original finish has been duplicated and the original plain baseboards, simple door and window moldings, doors, and hardware remain. There are single transom lights over the parlor door, back door, and upstairs bedroom doors. An original china cabinet and pass-through connect the kitchen and each living room, french doors with 15 lights separate the parlor and living room, original brass chandeliers hang in the parlor and living room. A window seat at the top of the stairs overlooks the Thurston Canal below.

The east side of the property is bordered by the Thurston Canal. Two large black walnut trees stand between the canal and the house. The front of the house is framed by a copper beech and a cedar. The backyard is enhanced by English walnut, filbert, cherry, quince and pear trees. The old grape vines along the west property line set the yard off from the neighboring property. All of these plants are believed to be original plantings.

The neighborhood is zoned R-3 (multiple family density), but most nearly all homes are single-family dwellings dating from the turn-of-the-century or before.

The Moses Parker House has been used as a residence continuously since its construction. The present residents have begun to reverse some of the alterations which have been made through the years. They hope to restore the house to its 19th-century appearance.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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**Specific dates** 1875-1877 **Builder/Architect** Moses Parker

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Moses Parker House is significant as one of the few surviving Gothic Revival residences in the state of Oregon. It is also significant as the home of pioneer Oregonian Moses Parker, who made important contributions to the growth of agriculture in Linn County.

The property is part of Hackleman's Second Addition to the City of Albany. Before Abner Hackleman emigrated to the Willamette Valley in 1845, he was one of the first settlers of Rush County, Indiana, and was later of the first emigrants to Des Moines County, Iowa. Albany was first settled by Abner Hackleman who, "seeing the broad prairies stretching away out between this point and the Cascades was the garden spot of the Valley,"<sup>1</sup> took up a donation land claim in 1845. He built a cabin on the claim and headed back to Burlington, Iowa, to bring his family back to Oregon with him. He fell ill and died, and his 17-year-old son, Abraham, crossed the plains in 1847 and took up his father's claim. In 1850, Abraham laid off the first of four additions to the City of Albany.

In 1871, Amos B. Colver purchased all of Block 27 of Hackleman's Second Addition from Abraham Hackleman. In 1873, the Thurston Canal was constructed. This canal still forms the east boundary of the Moses Parker property. The Thurston Canal is one branch of the Santiam Canal which taps the Santiam River near Lebanon, runs to Albany, and divides Eighth and Vine Streets. The Thurston branch runs down Eighth to Thurston, and down Thurston to the river, "furnishing the warehouses, twine factory, foundery, saw and planing mills, etc. with power."<sup>2</sup> According to the 1878 Albany City Directory, 14 turbine wheels were being propelled by water from this canal, and other turbines were to be added. Water power had replaced steam in the mills and the canal was regarded as "the next great step forward made by our City"<sup>3</sup> after the railroad.

In 1875, Moses Parker bought the still-undeveloped Lots 3 and 4 of Block 27 from Amos B. Colver. The Moses Parker House was constructed between 1875 and 1877, and was later sold in 1892.

Moses Parker was born in Ross County, Ohio, on November 4, 1830. "The ambitious lad saw beyond the borders of the paternal farm,"<sup>4</sup> and in 1852, he crossed the plains with his brother Allen, and took up a donation land claim on the Santiam River near Lebanon. (Allen Parker went on to become city councilman and later mayor of Albany in 1877.)

Parker cultivated 480 acres on his Linn County farm, raising mainly wheat and livestock. He was no ordinary farmer. His contributions to agriculture were described in the Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley Oregon of 1903: "No pioneer resident of Linn County has more substantially aided in the development of its agricultural and other resources than Moses Parker, who has been a resident of this portion of Oregon ever since 1852, and who, in 1855, bought the second threshing machine in the County, and has ever since operated some one of these necessary machines."<sup>5</sup>... "While his fellow-agriculturists were struggling with old-time cradle, gathering the golden grain into small bundles, and depositing it at intervals in rows in the field, this energetic and progressive tiller of the soil brought a reaper into the County."<sup>6</sup>

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Albany City Directories  
 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps  
 Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley, Oregon. Chapman Publishing Co, Chicago, 1903.  
 Willamette Valley, Oregon, by R.C. Clark, The S.J. Clarke Publishing Co, 1927.

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

(see continuation sheet)

Acreege of nominated property less than one (75x100')

ACREEGE NOT VERIFIED

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Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The east 75' of the north 110' of Block 27 of Hackleman's Second Addition to the City of Albany, Linn County, Oregon, comprising Lot 4 and the east 10' of Lot 3 of said Block 27, Tax Lot 4900.

### 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/title Anne Barlow/Richard Liebaert

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date November 6, 1979

street & number 638 Fifth SE telephone 503/926-9503

city or town Albany state Oregon 97321

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

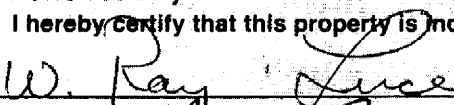
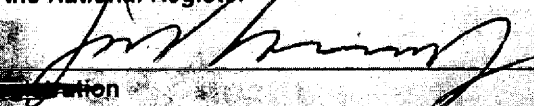
The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature  date 17 Feb. 1980

title Deputy SHPO date January 1980

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
	date <u>8/25/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: 	date <u>8/20/80</u>
Chief of Administration	

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Moses Parker married Mary C. Humphreys in 1856. The couple had eight children. Parker enlisted in the Second Oregon Mounted Calvary and saw service in Walla Walla County in the War of 1856. He was "connected with the grange and has greatly advanced the best interests of that helpful institution."<sup>7</sup> He was also a Democrat and a member of the Ancient Order of the United Workmen.

A contemporary described Moses Parker as "one who is inclined to look on the bright side of life."<sup>8</sup> In addition to his contributions to agriculture, Parker was respected as an innovator and leader in other areas. "To equal extent but in different directions Mr. Parker has fostered advancement in other fields, supporting with his influence and practical assistance, schogls, road building, good government, and humanitarian projects for the uplifting of people."<sup>9</sup>

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1 1878 Albany City Directory, published by Mansfield and Monteith, 1878, p. 21.

2 Ibid, p. 27.

3 Ibid, p. 27.

4 Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley Oregon, Chapman Publishing Company, Chicago, 1903, pp 742-743.

5 Ibid

6 Ibid

7 Ibid

8 Ibid

9 Ibid

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The Moses Parker House is a noted example of the Rural Gothic T-shaped house type in which the stem is part of the principal facade and is distinguished by a pair of dormers with steeply-pitched gable roofs containing lancet windows with molded frames and pointed arch tracery. Notwithstanding its modification around 1920 by the addition of a Bungalow-style porch and several 1920 vintage window openings in the ground story, it is significant to Albany--a community known for its range of 19th century residences--as a rare and well-maintained example of its style. It is significant to the community also as the only house in Albany known to be associated with Moses Parker, an Oregon Trail pioneer of 1852 who figured prominently in the agricultural affairs of Linn County. According to title records researched by the current owners, Parker acquired the property in April 1875 and had built his Gothic house by 1877.

Documentary sources available do not reveal when Parker left the property, but the local directories show that tenants were occupying the house by 1892. Parker divested himself of house and property in May 1895, and it is not known where he lived thereafter. However, it may be that he migrated to Eastern Oregon, for he died in 1905 and was interred at a place called Sand Ridge--probably the community in Union County's Grande Ronde Valley, another of the important agricultural centers of Oregon.

Sanborn Insurance Atlas maps show the configuration of the original porch of the house. If owners are able to locate photographic evidence of the original facade treatment to complement the record of porch plan dimensions, a plan for reversing the modifications of ca. 1920 will be considered.

The house occupied by Parker's brother, city councilman and mayor Allen Parker, at the southwest corner of First and Montgomery in Albany is no longer standing.

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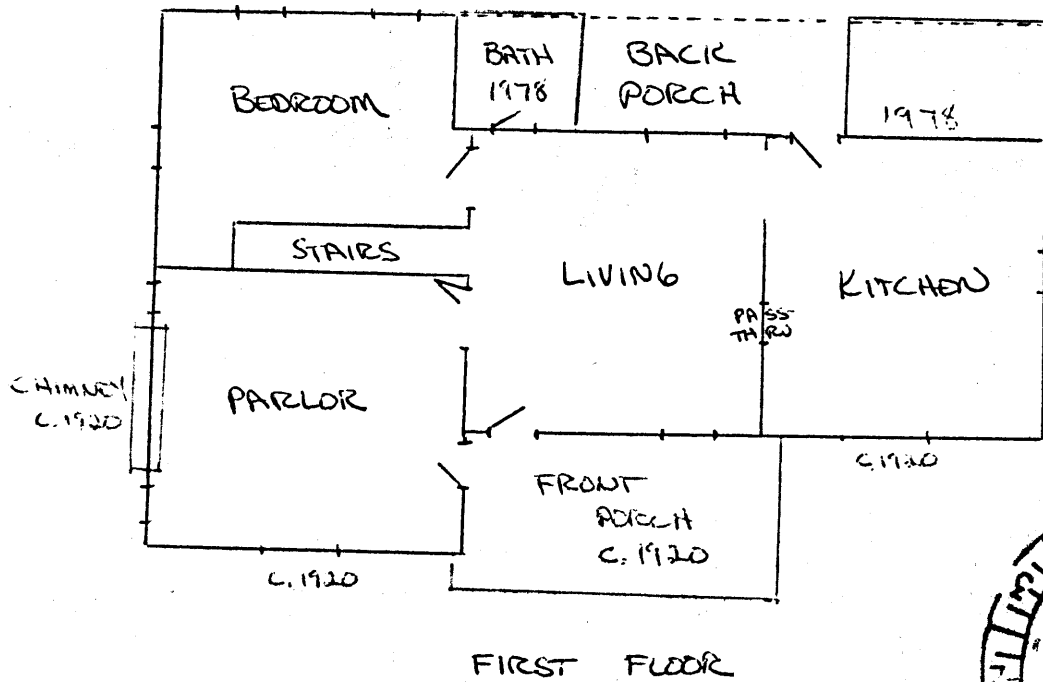
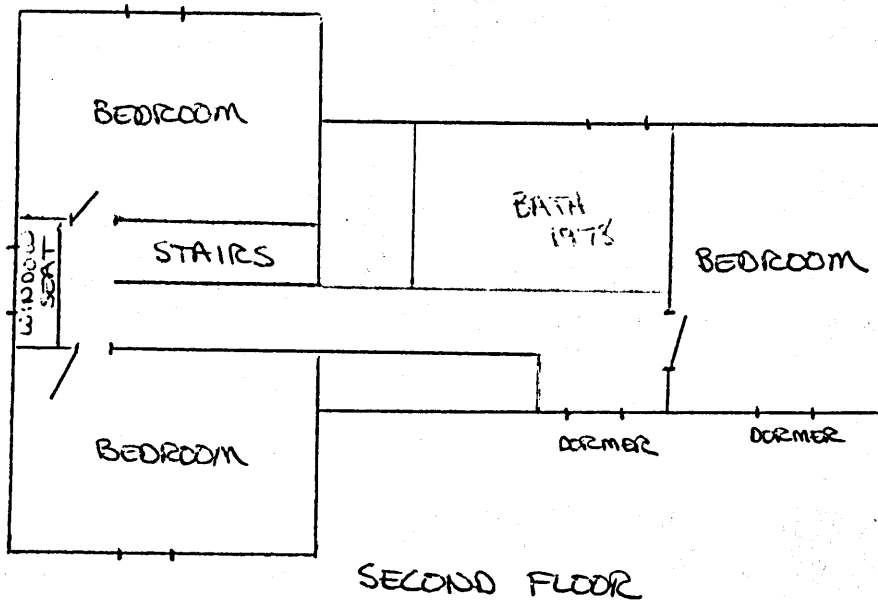
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Assessment Roll of Delinquent Tax for Linn County, 1877.  
Assessment Roll of Linn County, Oregon for the Years 1875, 1877.

MOSES PARKER HOUSE  
Albany, Linn County, Oregon



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