

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Oregon
COUNTY:	Yamhill
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	DEC 31 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Cook (Amos) House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 2, Box 149 *on old 233*

CITY OR TOWN:
Dayton

STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **41**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
**Representative Wendall Wyatt
Oregon First
Congressional District**

COUNTY: **Yamhill** CODE: **071**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered 	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Harvey Stoller

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 2, Box 149

CITY OR TOWN:
Dayton

STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **41**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
McMinnville

STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **41**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

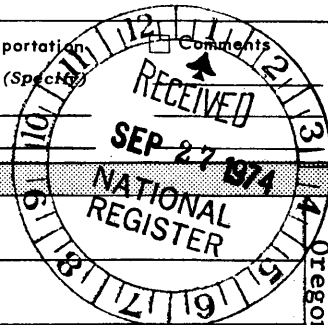
DATE OF SURVEY: **1934** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: **District of Columbia** CODE: **11**



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7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Amos Cook house sits atop a broad knoll, facing east overlooking the Yamhill River. The date of its construction is universally attributed to 1853, the year Cook married Mary Frances Scott.

Most information about the original appearance of the house comes from the Historic American Buildings Survey of 1934. The Cook house is a two-story rectangular box with a gable roof of medium pitch. Detailing is Classical Revival. The house had a twelve-inch frieze on the front and rear sides and a molded cornice with returns at the gable ends. A brick interior chimney straddled the ridge at the south end. Four sets of paired spaced columns with decorative diagonal crossed bracing between column pairs carried a flat or nearly flat porch roof. Fenestration is formal--a centered door without transom window or sidelights flanked on either side by two windows, with five equally spaced windows over on the second floor. All openings are set in simple board architraves, the cornices of which butt against the frieze on the second floor. As the exterior walls are quite thick, it is possible that the house may have a post and beam frame, and there is some speculation that it may even be a log house, though the structural system has not been determined. The walls are sided with clapboards, said in some sources to be cedar shipped around the Horn, though this is questionable as there were numerous sawmills in operation at the time in Oregon Territory and cedar could be obtained on the West Coast.

There is a kitchen wing on the west or back side of the house. If not constructed at the same time as the main block, it is a very early addition. The south slope of the gable roof is broken, suggesting that the porch and room under the west end of it may be another addition, but the careful matching of frieze and cornice details in HABS photos strongly indicate that the wing was built this way. At any rate, cornice moldings on the wing do not, as clearly as can be seen in the photographs, match those of the main block. The pitch of the wing roof is steeper and there are no eave returns at the gable end.

Though basically intact, the appearance of the house has greatly changed since 1934. The eave returns on the main block have been removed and composition shakes now cover the exterior walls of the main block and wing. It is thought that the original frieze and siding remain beneath them. The porch now has a shed roof and the columnation has been altered--some have been replaced with solid posts, the positioning of others has been changed, and the decorative crossed diagonals are now missing. The interior has also been altered and the brick chimney is now gone. Most of the original double-hung sashes containing six lights over six remain, though at least one has been replaced with a window of smaller proportions.

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COOK (AMOS) HOUSE CONTINUED

2. Location

The Amos Cook house is located in the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 7, T. 4S, R. 3W. of the Willamette Meridian, in Yamhill County, Oregon.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Also:

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings
1970
Parks and Recreation Branch
Oregon State Highway Division
Salem, Oregon 97310

Code: 41



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) **1853**

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 type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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At the time it was built, the Amos Cook was one of the finest houses in the Oregon Territory. Though now greatly changed in surface appearance, the finely proportioned shell with its commodious windows remains intact, and it is thought that most of the elegantly restrained Classical Revival detail and clapboard siding remains beneath the present composition siding. The basic porch framework remains intact, though it is now missing its cornice moldings and the columnation has been altered. Enough remains of the house that with the aid of the HABS information gathered in the 1930s before the house was altered that an accurate restoration could be easily made. Though restoration is not contemplated at this time, the house has the potential of being one of the finest examples of the Classical Revival that flourished in the Willamette Valley in the 1850s.

In addition, Amos Cook has the distinction of being one of the "Peoria party" the first true immigrants to Oregon. Amos Cook was born in Washington County, Maine in 1816. As a young man he struck out for the Midwest, then considered the Far West, and was in Peoria, Illinois when he heard Jason Lee from the Willamette Mission to the Indians in the Oregon Country, which was then considered foreign territory to which the British had strongest claim, speak on the virtues of the Willamette Valley in 1838. Lee's lecture fired the enthusiasm of a group of young men, 19 of whom departed from Peoria in May of 1839 with a flag bearing the motto: "Oregon or the Grave." Though they took a pledge to be true to their comrades and never to desert one another, only eight stuck the trip out arriving at Fort Vancouver, a Hudson's Bay Company post, in the spring of 1840. Of these only four, one of whom was Amos Cook, arrived together. He and a friend, Francis Fletcher, also of the "Peoria party," took adjacent land claims on the Yamhill River. Cook's claim was settled under the Donation Land Law in 1852.

Cook is further distinguished as one of the American Party, who by a vote of 50-52 voted to establish a Provisional Government under American law at Champog in 1843. He was engaged in various business enterprises in nearby Lafayette and built several buildings there, but farmed his land claim after he married Mary Frances Scott in 1853, living in the house until he died in 1895.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Corning, Howard McKinley (ed.), Dictionary of Oregon History (Portland: Binfords and Mort, 1956).

Hafen, Leroy R. and Ann W. (eds.), To the Rockies and Oregon 1839-1842 (Glendale, Calif.: Arthur H. Clarke Co., 1955), Vol. III, p. 135.

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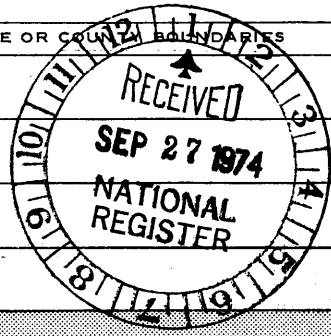
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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: 2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paul B. Hartwig, Park Historian and D. W. Powers III, Temporary Assistant

ORGANIZATION: **Oregon State Highway Division** DATE: **August 14, 1974**

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

David Bralton
 Name _____
 Title State Parks Superintendent

Date September 18, 1974

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

W. Montauzen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date DEC 31 1974

ATTEST:
George Fleming
 Keeper of The National Register

Date Dec 31, 1974