

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

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STATE:	Oregon
COUNTY:	Clackamas
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ENTRY DATE	NOV 5 1974

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**1. NAME**

COMMON: Barclay, Dr. Forbes, House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 719 Center Street Representative Wendall Wyatt

CITY OR TOWN: Oregon City CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Oregon First Congressional District

STATE: Oregon 97045 CODE: 41 COUNTY: Clackamas CODE: 005

**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"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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"/> Comments
<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: See continuation sheet, Item #4.

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

Oregon City Oregon 97045 41

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

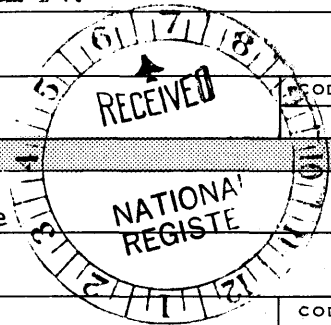
DATE OF SURVEY: 1970  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Parks and Recreation Branch

STREET AND NUMBER: Oregon State Highway Division

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

Salem Oregon 97310 41



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

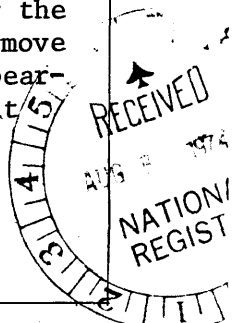
The Dr. Forbes Barclay house was built in 1849 at Seventh and Main streets in Oregon City--a block away from the Territorial government building at that time. Detailed in the Classical Revival style, it is one of the earliest dated examples in Oregon of the "Classical Cottage" type which was to be exceedingly popular in the Territory in the following decade. A storey and a half in height, it follows the standard central stair hall plan of the time, with two rooms on each side of the hall. The same plan is repeated on the second floor. The rooms on the ground floor were used as a parlor, a sitting room, a dining room, and Dr. Barclay's office, which was also known as the "Apothecary Shop."

Six red brick manteled fireplaces, four on the ground floor and two above, were contained in two chimneys which penetrate the gabled roof at roughly third points on the rear slope near the ridge. That at the southerly end of the house collapsed when the house was first moved in 1907, and the present chimney in its place is a furnace flue only. The roof slope extends with an unbroken medium pitch over the porches on the front and rear sides. The front porch is somewhat higher than the rear. The eaves are carried above a simple entablature lintel with molded trim which is supported by four equally spaced square chamfered posts with molded trim resembling capitals.

Fenestration on the front and rear is regular, a central door with sidelights and transom window and two formally placed windows on each side. The eight-panelled main door with brass hardware was reportedly brought from England along with mahogany, rosewood, and walnut furnishings for the house. The double-hung sash windows contain twelve small lights over twelve with thin mullions. Doors and windows are contained within simple molded architraves. Siding is 6-inch lapped horizontal boards. The heavy timber frame of the Barclay house was fashioned locally, but the finishing lumber, which is of pine and not common locally, is purported to have been shipped from Maine by way of Boston and Cape Horn.

The house was originally oriented much the same as it is now with the front facing southeast. It was moved from its original site in 1907 and a large wing was added. The house continued to be inhabited by descendents of the Barclay family until 1936, when a new highway threatened it with demolition. It was moved at that time to its present location up Singer Hill at Eighth and Center streets, next to the Dr. John McLoughlin house, which was relocated in 1909 and is now a National Historic Site, and a complete renovation was made at that time under the direction of the WPA. The wing which had been added after the 1907 move was removed, and the house was restored to its original external appearance. It is in good condition today, and current plans are to use it as a curator's residence for the McLoughlin house.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1849**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

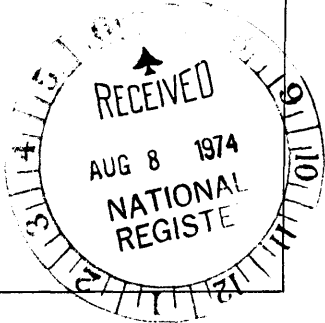
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Barclay house, built in 1849, is the earliest identified example of the Classical Revival style in Oregon, anticipating the large number of houses to be built or detailed in this style in the Willamette Valley in the 1850s. The house is reported to have cost \$17,000, an incredible sum at the time. The cost was undoubtedly affected by the discovery of gold in California in addition to seriously depleting Oregon's labor force, for the high wages paid in the gold fields there affected wages in Oregon. Dr. Barclay had to pay carpenters \$10 a day plus board.

Dr. Forbes Barclay (December 25, 1812-May 12, 1873), Arctic explorer, physician, public official, and philanthropist, was born at Lerwick in the Shetland Islands. He was a son of Dr. John Barclay, a physician, and received his early education from his brother James, a school teacher. He attended Edinburgh University, but before completing his course, joined, in the capacity of surgeon, the expedition sent to search for the missing Sir John Ross Arctic exploring party of 1831. The rescue vessel was wrecked and all but young Barclay and a handful of others were lost. Returning to the University, he completed his studies and then entered the Royal College of Surgeons, London, from which he graduated in 1838. The next year he entered the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company and was sent to Fort Vancouver on the Columbia River in 1840. He remained in company employ as physician and surgeon for ten years. In 1842, while at the fort, he married Maria Pambrum, daughter of Pierre Pambrum, then chief trader of the company in the Columbia district. Prior to leaving Hudson's Bay Company service in 1850, Dr. Barclay built the Barclay House at Oregon City, where he lived the rest of his life. Here he became a naturalized citizen of the United States, and doctored local townspeople and settlers in remote districts. His public activities were many: from 1853 to the date of his death, he was Clackamas County coroner. He was City School Superintendent for 13 years, mayor of Oregon City for seven years, and City Councilman for nine years.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Lockley, Fred. History of the Columbia River Valley, (Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1929), Vol. II, pp. 433-37.

Pratt, Cis Barclay, "The Barclay House, 1849", Oregon Historic Landmarks (Portland: Oregon Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1957), pp. 62-63.

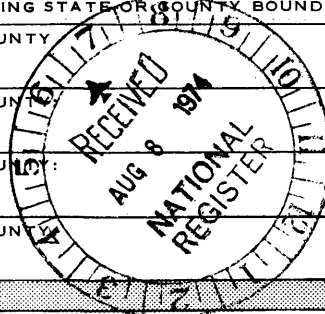
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.34

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 Hartwig, Park Historian and D. W. Powers III, Temporary Assistant**

ORGANIZATION: **Oregon State Highway Division** DATE: **July 26, 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

Name: *Jacob B. Albert*

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

Date: 11/5/74

ATTEST:  
*Charles A. Bennett*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 11.1.74

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**BARCLAY (DR. FORBES) HOUSE (CONTINUED)**

2. Location

The Dr. Forbes Barclay house is located in the NW 1/4 Sec. 31, T. 2S. R. 2E of the Willamette Meridian, Clackamas County, Oregon, on the West corner of Block 40 of the Plat of Oregon City, tax Lot 1400.

4. Owner of Property

The Barclay house is owned by the McLoughlin Memorial Association, c/o McLoughlin House National Historic Site, Oregon City, Oregon 97045 (code: 41). The land on which it sits is owned by the City of Oregon City.

