

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Oregon

COUNTY:
Washington

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ENTRY DATE
FEB 12 1974

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1. NAME

COMMON:
(Old College Hall)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Tualatin Academy

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Pacific University Campus

CITY OR TOWN:
Forest Grove

STATE:
Oregon

CODE:
41

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Oregon First Congressional District

REPRESENTATIVE:
Wendell Wyatt

COUNTY:
Washington

CODE:
067

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Pacific University (Owner notified of nomination 11-15-71)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Forest Grove

STATE:
Oregon

CODE:
41

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Forest Grove

STATE:
Oregon

CODE:
97116

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
1934

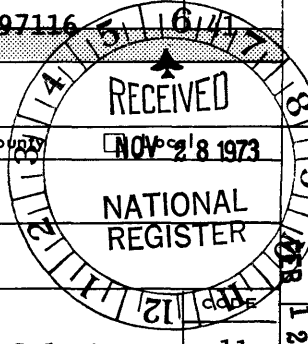
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
District of Columbia

CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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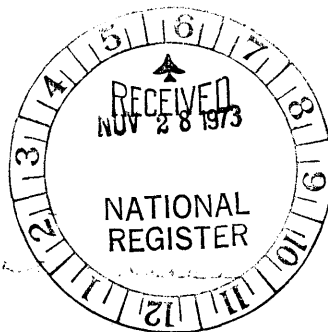
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Pacific University, located west of Portland in the Tualatin Valley in Forest Grove, can trace its origin to the construction of Old College Hall in the 1850s. Designed and built of hewn timber by pioneers to house Tualatin Academy, Old College Hall remains in service today despite two relocations on the campus and over one hundred years of student utilization.

Old College Hall is a rectangular, 20 by 45 foot two story structure with hipped roof and an octagonal louvered belfry finished with bracketed cornice antefixes. Fenestration is regular, including two bays in either end wall and two bays on either side of a central cross hall. The double-hung sash windows, with 12 lights over 12, have flat, bracketed hoods and lug sills. Center windows in the second story of east and west facades have side lights. Second story windows meet, or extend to the frieze. The cornice is carried by brackets above the windows and at the corners. Open porches on east and west faces are similar in detail to the rest of the building, but new material composes the steps, decks and posts. The building has clapboard siding. It should be noted that the building was restored after 1934, the year in which it was included in the Historic American Building Survey, and it has also been moved slightly since that date to its present location.

The interior is basically unchanged. The central cross hall retains its original horizontal flush board walls. There is a dog leg stair with a landing in the hall. Wall coverings in the four rooms which were originally classrooms have been changed. One of the interior brick stove chimneys appears to have been removed.

The building is currently used by Pacific University as a chapel, and it is also operated as a museum with the cooperation of the Tualatin Plains Historical Society. It houses the historical collections of the University and the Historical Society.



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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)

1850-1851

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Old College Hall on the Pacific University Campus in Forest Grove was erected as Tualatin Academy. It is in use today as a chapel and museum. Despite frontier conditions, pioneers crowned the school building with the louvered belfry associated with academy architecture. While Tualatin Academy was not the first academic institution to be established in Oregon, it is the oldest known structure still in active use for educational purposes west of the Rocky Mountains.

In 1841 the Reverend Harvey Clark established a Congregational missionary school for Indians and half-breed children elsewhere on the Tualatin Plains. Rev. Clark later relocated on a new claim and opened a school for pioneer children. Tabitha Moffatt Brown, a pioneer woman who had arrived in Oregon in 1846 over the rugged Southern Immigrant Route, joined Rev. Clark and conducted his school which evolved as a orphanage as well.

In 1847 the Reverend George H. Atkinson visited the country as a delegate from the Congregational and Presbyterian churches with the object of extending the sphere of the churches' work in Oregon. Having been convinced by the secretary of the American College and Education Society of the need for colleges in the West, Rev. Atkinson attended a meeting of the Congregational and Presbyterian conferences at Oregon City, during which time he set forth his goals so ably that a committee visited the orphanage and school at Forest Grove, where they found the nucleus of an academic enterprise in the form of children of the settlers, gathered in a small log building, receiving instruction from Tabitha Brown. Such favorable conditions for establishing an educational center so impressed the delegates that it was decided to develop the orphan school into an academy. On September 29, 1849, the Territorial Legislature granted a charter to Tualatin Academy. In April 1850, The Board of Trustees for the Academy, including the Reverend Harvey Clark, selected the site for construction of the two-story frame building that was to be the Tualatin Academy.

Sources vary on the completion date of the school. Apparently, it was begun at a community pot-luck in July, 1850 and completed either in the same summer or the following year. Much of the preparatory work, such as hauling and hewing out timbers and framing, had been accomplished during the previous spring. Meals for the laborers were provided by the women on tables set up in Tabitha Brown's log house.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Register of Pacific University 1899-1900 (Portland: C.L. Haynes and Co., Publishers, 1899), 8-9.
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 Story, Irene S., "Old College Hall, Oregon Historic Landmarks, Willamette Valley (Portland: Oregon Society, D.A.R., 1963,) 8-9.

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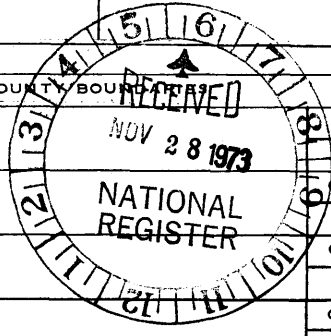
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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, Assistant Park Historian
 ORGANIZATION: Oregon State Highway Division DATE: November 1973
 STREET AND NUMBER: State Highway Building
 CITY OR TOWN: Salem STATE: Oregon CODE: 97310 / 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 Serge M. Saldern
 Title Director of Transportation
 Date 11/20/73

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

AK Martensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

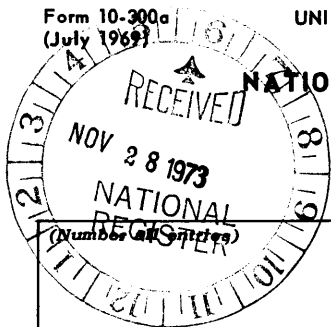
Date 2/12/74
 ATTEST:
Wm. M. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 2-6-74

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OLD COLLEGE HALL

2. Location.

Old College Hall is located in SW ¼ Sec 31, T. 1 N., R. 3 W., of the Willamette Meridian, in Washington County, Oregon.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys.

Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings
 1970
 Parks and Recreation Branch
 Oregon State Highway Division
 Salem, Oregon 97310 Code: 41

8. Significance.

The amount raised for building was about \$5,000, whereas the actual construction cost was about \$7,000. The Trustees were thus in debt for a time. Many individuals donated personal property for the enterprise, but none gave more than Rev. Clark, who contributed well over two hundred acres of land. Tabitha Brown is purported to have given around \$100 to the building fund. This was a large sum of money for the times, especially for someone who had arrived in Oregon penniless five years previously at the age of sixty-six.

When higher education classes were added in 1854 the institution became Tualatin Academy and Pacific University by action of the Board of Trustee and the Territorial Legislature. The academy was discontinued in 1914, but Pacific University developed to a position of importance in the educational affairs of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

In 1959, the year of the Centennial of Statehood, the Multnomah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution placed a bronze marker in front of the hall which reads: "College Hall, erected 1850, the oldest building in continuous use for educational purposes west of the Rocky Mountains. . . Here were educated men and women who have won recognition throughout the world in all the learned professions. . ." One of the early graduates of the higher division was Harvey Whitefield Scott (1838-1910), noted Oregon newspaper editor, historian and author.

9. Major Bibliographical References.

Constance, Clifford L., Chronology of Oregon Schools 1834-1958 (Eugene, Oregon: University of Oregon Books, 1960), 63-64.
 Corning, Howard McKinley, ed., Dictionary of Oregon History, (Portland: Binford and Mort, 1956), 190.
 HABS Photo-Data Sheet (Ore-15), 1934, revised 1938.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

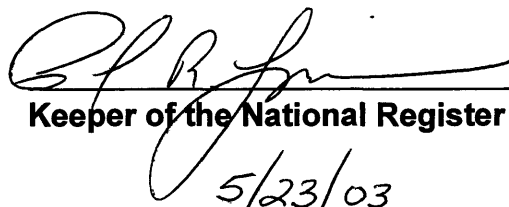
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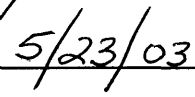
Tualatin Academy (Old College Hall)

Washington County, Oregon

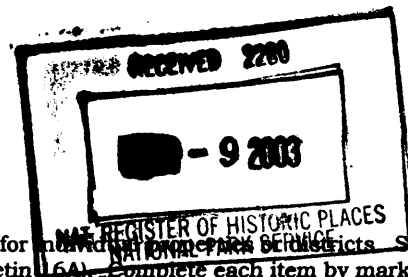
PROPOSED MOVE APPROVAL



Keeper of the National Register



Date



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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places or for individual National Park Service objects. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Old College Hall/Tualatin Academy

other names/site number Old College Hall

2. Location

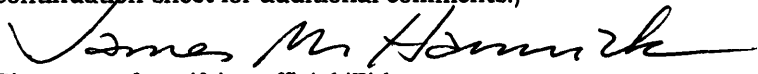
street & number c/o Pacific University Campus
2043 College Way

not for publication
 vicinity

city or town Forest Grove
state Oregon code OR county Washington code 067 zip code 97116

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)


Signature of certifying official/Title/deputy SHPO

April 8, 2003
Date

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.

other, (explain: _____)

Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Non-contributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
<hr/> 1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

1

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Education

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Nineteenth Century Architecture
Education

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial/Georgian

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation: Concrete
Walls: Horizontal board
Roof: Wood shingle
Other:

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

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Narrative Description

Overview

Old College Hall, constructed 1850, is located in the center of the Pacific University campus in Forest Grove. It was the first wood-frame building erected on the campus and originally held a prominent position facing west, 76 meters (250 feet) from the edge of the campus towards what became the Forest Grove commercial district. Since the building was constructed in 1850, it has been moved twice to accommodate development on the campus: for construction of Marsh Hall (1894) and then Washburn Hall (1964). Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, the building is currently scheduled for moving, making way for the construction of a new library on the Pacific University campus.

The proposed move will be the third Old College Hall has faced over its 150 year life-span (refer to the attached sketch map). It was originally oriented west towards what is now College Way at the western edge of the campus. When originally sited in 1850, the immediate setting was open prairie and groves of trees and the only buildings were a small log church, a crude log meeting house, several donation land claim homesteads, and the beginnings of the Forest Grove community. In the years to follow, Old College Hall was first accompanied by a sister building, Academy Hall, almost identical in appearance and later subjected to several moves to make way for larger and more modern educational buildings. Academy Hall was destroyed by fire in 1910. In 1894, Old College Hall was moved from its original location to make way for Marsh Hall, a substantial masonry building designed by noted Portland architects Whidden and Lewis. At that time it was re-oriented north-south and placed in the current location of Washburn Hall (University Center). Old College Hall remained there until 1964 when plans for Washburn Hall were made ready and it was again relocated, this time to the east, rotating its axis another 90 degrees and turned to face the opposite direction of its original orientation.

Old College Hall may be categorized as Colonial/Georgian architectural style. The building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. Although moved in 1894 and 1964, the building remains eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion "A" as the earliest surviving building on the Pacific University Campus and the earliest permanent wood-frame building constructed for the academic institution. It is also eligible under Criterion "C" as a rare extant example of the Colonial/Georgian style maintaining its use as an educational building. At its new location it will maintain its architectural values and retain its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association as built in 1850. It is one of nine Colonial/Georgian style buildings found in the Oregon Inventory of Historic Properties that remain standing and the only listed example of an educational building reflecting this early style of architecture in Oregon.

Exterior

The following description of Old College Hall, taken from the original National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form (Hartwig 1973), still applies with one exception. The size of the building is actually 30 by 60 feet (Falsetto 2002c).

Old College Hall is a rectangular, 20 by 45 foot [sic] two story structure with hipped roof and an octa gonal [sic] louvered belfry finished with bracketed cornice antefixes. Fenestration is regular, including two bays in either end wall and two bays on either side of a central cross

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hall. The double-hung sash windows, with 12 lights over 12, have flat, bracketed hoods and lug sills. Center windows in the second story of the east and west façades have side lights. Second story windows meet, or extend to the frieze. The cornice is carried by brackets above the windows and at the corners. Open porches on east and west faces are similar in detail to the rest of the building, but new material composes the steps, decks and posts. The building has clapboard siding. It should be noted that the building was restored after 1934, the year in which it was included in the Historic American Building Survey, and it has also been moved slightly since that date to its present location.

Alterations made more recently include the reconstruction of the ground floor framing (hand-hewn timbers were replaced) when the building was moved in 1964 (Stahli 1981). After the building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, federal funds were used to rehabilitate the building. Repairs were made to windows; metal flashing was replaced; the porches were repaired and repainted, and their metal roofing was replaced; eaves were rebuilt to match the detailing of the 1934 Historic American Building Survey (HABS) document; most of the roof was replaced; floors and exposed pipes were insulated; the cupola was repaired and refinished; and the entire building was repainted (Stahli 1979).

New changes proposed for the building are minimal (Falsetto 2002a, 2002b). A wheelchair ramp conforming to the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) must be built at the northeast corner of the building. The ramp will be detached and will not affect the door. A foundation will be built to match the modern, existing foundation. Duct work in the crawl space will be upgraded. A non-compliant fire sprinkler system will be brought up to code.

Interior

The interior has a central hall plan, single-room-deep configuration which was restored during the late 1970s restoration project. Partitions added to the Price Chapel (a room on the first floor) were removed in the 1940s. A partition in the current Academy Room was shown in the 1934 HABS records; it had divided the space into a laboratory and storage room and was removed prior to the 1970s. The stairs were reoriented towards the east end of the hall and reconfigured into a single flight in the 1970s, which allowed the original hallway to reopen. The second floor spaces (the Oriental Room and Pioneer Room) were restored in the 1970s. HABS documentation exhibits that the stairs had changed directions and had been rebuilt with a landing which completely closed off the hallway prior to the 1930s. One of the blackboards has been retained. The interior wall planking has been restored.

Orientation

The present-day orientation of Old College Hall does not retain its original orientation and has not since it was first moved in 1894. It was originally sited 76 meters (250 feet) from Oak Street (now College Way), its façade oriented towards the street. When Marsh Hall was built in 1894, the older building was moved approximately 91 meters (300 feet) to the northeast and was rotated 90 degrees, which changed it to a north-south axis, and the front and back entrances were reversed. When moved again in 1964, it was turned another 90 degrees, and what had been the west façade originally, became the east.

Old College Hall is somewhat unusual as both its front and back elevations are identical in composition and detail and appear nearly the same (see photographs 6 and 7). At an early date, the interior

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stairway was modified and changed directions, oriented towards its new primary point of access, but was restored in the late 1970s to its original plan. In its new location, the building is oriented as it has been since 1964. Primary access will continue from the current west façade, with the orientation intact. The east elevation will continue as the secondary access slightly modified by a detached ADA-accessible ramp.

Exterior Rehabilitation

A new concrete foundation and ADA-accessible wheelchair ramp will be installed. The ramp will be detached from the building; the existing door will remain intact. All exterior walls will remain intact. The foundation will match the existing in material and appearance.

Interior Rehabilitation

The only change anticipated to the interior of the building will be the possible modification of an existing non-compliant fire sprinkler system to bring it up to code (Falsetto 2002b).

Reason for Move

Moving Old College Hall is part of Pacific University's Master Plan 2000 that proposes reorganizing departments into thematic neighborhoods with the most heavily used buildings in the center of the campus around Trombley Square, a brick-lined and landscaped open-space. It is the goal of Master Plan 2000 to add another building, a new library, to the eastern edge of this high-use area and take advantage of the square-footage available at this location (see Fletcher Farr Ayotte PC correspondence [Falsetto 2002a], attached). The new library would be built where Old College Hall is currently located and it is deemed necessary to move the building.

New Setting

As a part of the Master Plan 2000 thematic groupings, Old College Hall is proposed to be a part of the "University Relations Center." Other buildings included in the grouping are historic Carnegie Hall (1912) and Brown Hall (1947), which are located at the southwest corner of the campus near the area to where Old College Hall will be relocated. Placing Old College Hall at this location will strengthen the associations with history already recognized in this vicinity.

The closest building will be Carnegie Hall, which will be to the south. Directly across the street is the United Church of Christ, a modern building that sits near the historic church site. The congregation was responsible for the formation of Tualatin Academy and Pacific University, and for the construction of Old College Hall. The location of a log building constructed in 1848, 30 meters (100 feet) northeast of the proposed new location, is today marked by a petrified stump. The log building was used as a Congregational church and housed the early beginnings of the university, the Orphan Asylum, and later the Tualatin Academy. A pioneer graveyard site associated with the Congregational church was located slightly north of the proposed setting; all remains but four were moved to Mountain View Memorial Gardens in the 1870s. A marker commemorating the graveyard is placed on the north side of the walkway to the north of the proposed location. To the northeast is Marsh Hall (1895) (listed in the Oregon Inventory of Historic Properties) on the original site of Old College Hall.

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Impact of Move on Old College Hall

Currently Old College Hall is confined within the central part of the campus. At its new location Old College will again be visible to the community. This building is significant not only to Pacific University, but also to the Forest Grove community, a visible landmark representing the efforts of the founders who organized both the educational institution and the city. With the proposed relocation, the local residents would have better access to Old College Hall to share the pride in ideals and traditions, which bind Pacific University and the City of Forest Grove.

The impact on the historic integrity of Old College Hall will be relatively minimal in regards to its move. After two other moves, the building's relationship to its original site has been compromised to some degree, and the latest proposed move will not compromise it further. At the new location, the building will maintain its current orientation and remain on the university campus, placed in an open grassy area resembling its historical setting and situated among other historic-period buildings. It will regain the visibility and prominence it had prior to the development of the university during the twentieth century, which engulfed the smaller, older edifice.

At its proposed location, Old College Hall will be considerably closer to the street; the setback will be approximately 6 meters (20 feet) from the street. The area will remain open, with the building set in a lawn dotted with a mix of older conifers and deciduous trees, consistent with its prior historical setting. Carnegie Hall to the south will be perpendicular to Old College Hall, creating an outdoor space between the two buildings where a walkway entering the campus is placed. Carnegie Hall's northwest corner will be about 15 meters (50 feet) from Old College Hall's southeast corner. A detached, ADA-accessible wheelchair ramp (essentially invisible from the street) is proposed for the northeast end of the building, and will not alter the existing porch and doorway, other than the visual impact from the campus grounds, which is unavoidable.

History of Prior Moves and Orientation

Old College Hall was sited in a place of prominence in 1850, its façade focused to the west towards what would become the business district of Forest Grove. At the time it was built, the building was a major achievement for the community, which consisted of less than a dozen families (Ferrin 1895) and mostly of log buildings.

By 1894 the university was ready to improve its educational facilities and make way for a more modern facility. Old College Hall was moved to make way for Marsh Memorial Hall which replaced the older building's place of prominence. The new building would have an improved heating system and real blackboards; the student body was elated! The "south building" (Old College Hall) was moved north 30 meters (100 feet) from its original site and remodeled as the new "Science Hall" (*The Index* 1894). At this time, the building was rotated 90 degrees (Staehli 1981), and its primary access was switched to the opposing side. The former west elevation faced north and the former east elevation faced south. HABS records dating from 1934 reflect this change, indicating that the stairs were re-built, most likely to reflect this reorientation.

The building remained at this second location as the campus grew up around it. But in 1964 it again was moved, this time to make way for Washburn Hall (University Center), a long-awaited student center (Pacific University Museum 1997). Rotated another 90 degrees, the building was again oriented on an east-west axis, this time facing in the opposite direction as it had originally, yet maintained the primary point of

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access it had acquired in 1894. Restoration work carried out after it was listed in the National Register of Historic Places re-oriented the stairs in its original direction, but maintained the entry vestibule on the opposing (west) side (Staehli 1979).

At the proposed new location, the primary access, which will be from College Way, will maintain the entry the building has had since 1894. From the exterior, the building will appear to have its original orientation because the east and west elevations are virtually identical.

History of New Setting

The new setting has historically been an open grassy area associated with Pacific University since it has evolved from the Orphan Asylum to Tualatin Academy and finally into Pacific University. An archeological pedestrian survey conducted by Susan Lynn White, M.A., R.P.A., on October 22, 2002, and subsequent shovel testing on October 24, 2002 supervised by Ms. White, found no evidence of a significant archeological site at the proposed location of Old College Hall. The report (White and Reese 2002) documenting the archaeological survey is included with this submittal.

The new location is near the northern edge of the Harvey Clark donation land claim, on a part of the 200 acres donated by him and his wife for use by the new school (Atkinson 1879). The first building on the campus, known as the log building, formerly was located near the proposed site. It is often referred to as Old College Hall's predecessor. The log building was formerly located approximately 30 meters (100 feet) northeast of the proposed site of Old College Hall and is commemorated by a petrified stump from the farm of Dr. D. Rafferty, dedicated in 1897 by the class of 1867 (Anonymous n.d.). The rustic log building, constructed in 1848, replaced a congregational church and school that were the former Orphan Asylum of Tabitha Brown (Buan 1995).

The founding members of the school and church set forth to construct a more substantial building for the school. Funds and materials were secured through donations and land deals and the new building became a reality in 1850. In its first years the second floor was unfinished, accessible only by ladder (Ferrin 1895). The new school building was located 76 meters (250 feet) from what became Oak Street, today College Way, commanding a view down 21st Avenue (Sanborn 1888). The original location of Old College Hall is approximately 76 meters (250 feet) northeast of the proposed new location of the building.

In the 1840s and into the 1870s the early settlers used a graveyard located north of the proposed relocation site. Nearly all of the remains in the cemetery were moved from the campus grounds in the 1870s (see White and Reese [2002] for further information). A memorial marker was placed along a walkway to the north to commemorate the site and the four individuals who are thought to remain buried on the grounds in that area.

Funds for Carnegie Hall (Carnegie Library) were secured from the Carnegie Foundation in 1905, but the building was not completed until 1912. It was designed by the noted Portland architectural firm Whidden and Lewis (Pacific University Museum 1997). It is listed in the Oregon Inventory of Historic Properties. Carnegie Hall is immediately south of the new location for Old College Hall.

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The Move

While the moving procedures have not been finalized, there are three route options for moving the building (see the attached sketch map). The final route has not been determined yet, but the goal is to impact the building and the campus as little as possible. First and foremost the building will move in its entirety, porches intact if at all possible. If difficulty appears in keeping the porches on, they will be removed and reattached exactly as before. A foundation will be constructed to duplicate the current foundation (Bressman 2002).

In making this move, it is reminded that campus buildings and features outlined in this document that are in the general setting of the proposed site will be protected during the move of this building. These include the Petrified Stump, Spirit Bench, Pioneer Graveyard Marker, Carnegie Hall, and Marsh Hall. The locations of all of these features are noted in White and Reese (2002).

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" on one or more lines for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" on all that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property. significance within the past 50 years.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved

Narrative Statement of Significance

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
- recorded by Historic American Engineering

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Education

Period of Significance

Nineteenth Century

Significant Dates

1850 - 1851

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

the Community

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Narrative Statement of Significance

Overview

Old College Hall, constructed 1850, will be relocated between Pacific Avenue and 21st Avenue on College Way in Forest Grove on the Pacific University campus. Originally built in the center of what was to become the Pacific University campus, prior to the summer of 2003 relocation the building had been moved two times since 1850.

Old College Hall is classified as Colonial/Georgian in architectural style. The building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. Although moved in 1894 and 1964, in addition to the 2003 (proposed) move, the building remains eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion "A" as the earliest building remaining on the Pacific University campus, and under Criterion "C" as a rare extant example of the Colonial/Georgian style maintaining its use as an educational building. These attributes that qualify it for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will not be diminished with the 2003 move.

Setting

The Old College Hall building is located on the Pacific University Campus in Forest Grove, Oregon. Moved from the center of the Pacific University campus, its historic setting will remain relatively intact. In the new location, other historic-period buildings are found to the south and east, and it will be in an open park-like area reminiscent of its earliest period. The orientation will not be changed from the current, which uses the west façade as the main entry. While the east façade was the original entry, since both the east and the west façades are identical, this will also maintain its historic setting.

History of the New Setting

Old College Hall's new location is near several historic sites and retains a feeling of history that will be enhanced with the move of the building. A log building constructed in 1848 to house both the school, Orphan Asylum (Tualatin Academy), and a church, is marked by a petrified stump and plaque dedicated in 1897. It is approximately 30 meters (100 feet) east of the new Old College Hall site. The rustic log building housed the school until Old College Hall was constructed in 1850. A pioneer graveyard was located slightly north of the new location; all but four of the remains were moved to Mountain View Memorial Gardens in the 1870s. A memorial plaque dedicated in 1994 marks the site. The new location for Old College Hall is 76 meters (250 feet) west of its original location.

An archaeological survey and shovel testing conducted by Archeological Investigations Northwest, Inc., in 2002 (White and Reese 2002) reported no evidence of potentially significant archaeological resources in the immediate setting. The move will have no effect on any archaeological or other historic resources at its new location.

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History of the Building

The following history of Old College Hall is taken from the National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form (Hartwig 1973).

Old College Hall on the Pacific University Campus in Forest Grove was erected as Tualatin Academy. It is in use today as a chapel and museum. Despite frontier conditions, pioneers crowned the school building with a louvered belfry associated with academy architecture. While Tualatin Academy was not the first academic institution to be established in Oregon, it is the oldest known structure still in active use for educational purposes west of the Rocky Mountains.

In 1841 the Reverend Harvey Clark established a Congregational missionary school for Indians and half-breed children elsewhere on the Tualatin Plains. Rev. Clark later relocated on a new claim and opened a school for pioneer children. Tabitha Moffatt Brown, a pioneer woman who had arrived in Oregon in 1846 over the rugged Southern Immigrant Route, joined Rev. Clark and conducted his school which evolved as a orphanage as well.

In 1847 the Reverend George H. Atkinson visited the country as a delegate from the Congregational and Presbyterian churches with the object of extending the sphere of the churches' work in Oregon. Having been convinced by the secretary of the American College and Education Society of the need for colleges in the West, Rev. Atkinson attended a meeting of the Congregational and Presbyterian conferences at Oregon City, during which time he set forth his goals so ably that a committee visited the orphanage and school at Forest Grove, where they found the nucleus of an academic enterprise in the form of children of the settlers, gathered in a small log building, receiving instruction from Tabitha Brown. Such favorable conditions for establishing an educational center so impressed the delegates that it was decided to develop the orphan school into an academy. On September 29, 1849, the Territorial Legislature granted a charter to Tualatin Academy. In April 1850, the Board of Trustees for the Academy, including the Reverend Harvey Clark, selected the site for construction of the two-story frame building that was to be the Tualatin Academy.

Sources vary on the completion date of the school. Apparently, it was begun at a community pot-luck in July, 1850 and completed either in the same summer or the following year. Much of the preparatory work, such as hauling and hewing out timbers and framing, had been accomplished during the previous spring. Meals for the laborers [sic] were provided by the women on tables set up in Tabitha Brown's log house.

The amount raised for building was about \$5,000, whereas the actual construction cost was about \$7,000. The Trustees were thus in debt for a time. Many individuals donated personal property for the enterprise, but none gave more than Rev. Clark, who contributed well over two hundred acres of land. Tabitha Brown is purported to have given around \$100 to the building

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fund. This was a large sum of money for the times, especially for someone who had arrived in Oregon penniless five years previously at the age of sixty-six.

When higher education classes were added in 1854 the institution became Tualatin Academy and Pacific University by action of the Board of Trustee and the Territorial Legislature. The academy was discontinued in 1914, but Pacific University developed to a position of importance in the educational affairs of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

In 1959, the year of the Centennial of Statehood, the Multnomah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution placed a bronze marker in front of the hall which reads: "College Hall, erected 1850, the oldest building in continuous use for educational purposes west of the Rocky Mountains. . . Here were educated men and women who have won recognition throughout the world in all the learned professions. . ." One of the early graduates of the higher division was Harvey Whitefield Scott (1838-1910), noted Oregon newspaper editor, historian and author.

A nomination to the National Register of Historic Places was completed by Paul Hartwig, Assistant Park Historian for the Oregon State Highway Division, in 1973, and approved by the National Park Service (NPS) in 1974. Restoration work began after its designation in part with funds from the NPS through the Grants-in-Aid for Historic Preservation Program (Staehli 1981). A comprehensive restoration study of the building was made in 1981 by architect Alfred Staehli, FAIA. Mr. Staehli documented the restoration of Old College Hall that had been done by that time, and his report is included with this submittal.

Colonial/Georgian Architecture in Oregon

The Old College Hall building is an exceptional and rare example of Colonial/Georgian architecture in Oregon. Only nine nineteenth-century examples of this style are listed in the Oregon Statewide Inventory; seven of these are houses, one is a store, and Old College Hall is the only educational building. Because of development and the moist conditions prevalent in much of Oregon, many buildings of this type have been lost. It is very important to continue our recognition of Old College Hall as an historically significant example of the Colonial/Georgian style from the nineteenth century.

Conclusion

Pacific University's proposal to move Old College Hall from its current site will be the third move of the building in its 150 years of existence. It has weathered prior moves on the campus and is the only surviving building from the University's earliest period of development. The building is revered by the University and the community of Forest Grove for its associations with the founding members of Pacific University and Forest Grove. It deserves a place of prominence and visibility, which can be achieved in moving it to its new location. It will remain on campus and maintain an orientation much like its original, except it will be much closer to the street. The building's architectural integrity will not be impacted by the move, maintaining the restoration work carried out in the 1970s. The only exception is a wheelchair-accessible ramp which must be constructed to comply with modern ADA regulations and it will be placed on the entry that is not facing the street. It is respectfully requested to maintain Old College Hall's listing in the National Register of Historic Places in consideration of the information outlined above.

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10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Property Tax No. 1N3311400

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

11. Form Prepared By

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State: OR zip code: 97236

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- Sketch map of proposed routes for moving building; building's locations (current, past, and future) also shown
- Pacific University Old College Hall Relocation Rationale, Fletcher Farr Ayotte PC, November 5, 2002
- Digital photographs of original, current, and proposed (photosimulation) locations
- Black and white photographs of relocation area and of building in current setting
- Report of *Archaeological Survey of the Area Proposed for the Location of Old College Hall at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon*, by Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc., 2002
- *Restoration Report, Old College Hall (1850)*, by Alfred Staehli, AIA, 1981

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Maps: A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and/or properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs: Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

name : Pacific University

street & number : 2043 College Way

telephone: 503-352-3060

city or town : Forest Grove

state: OR zip code: 97116

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

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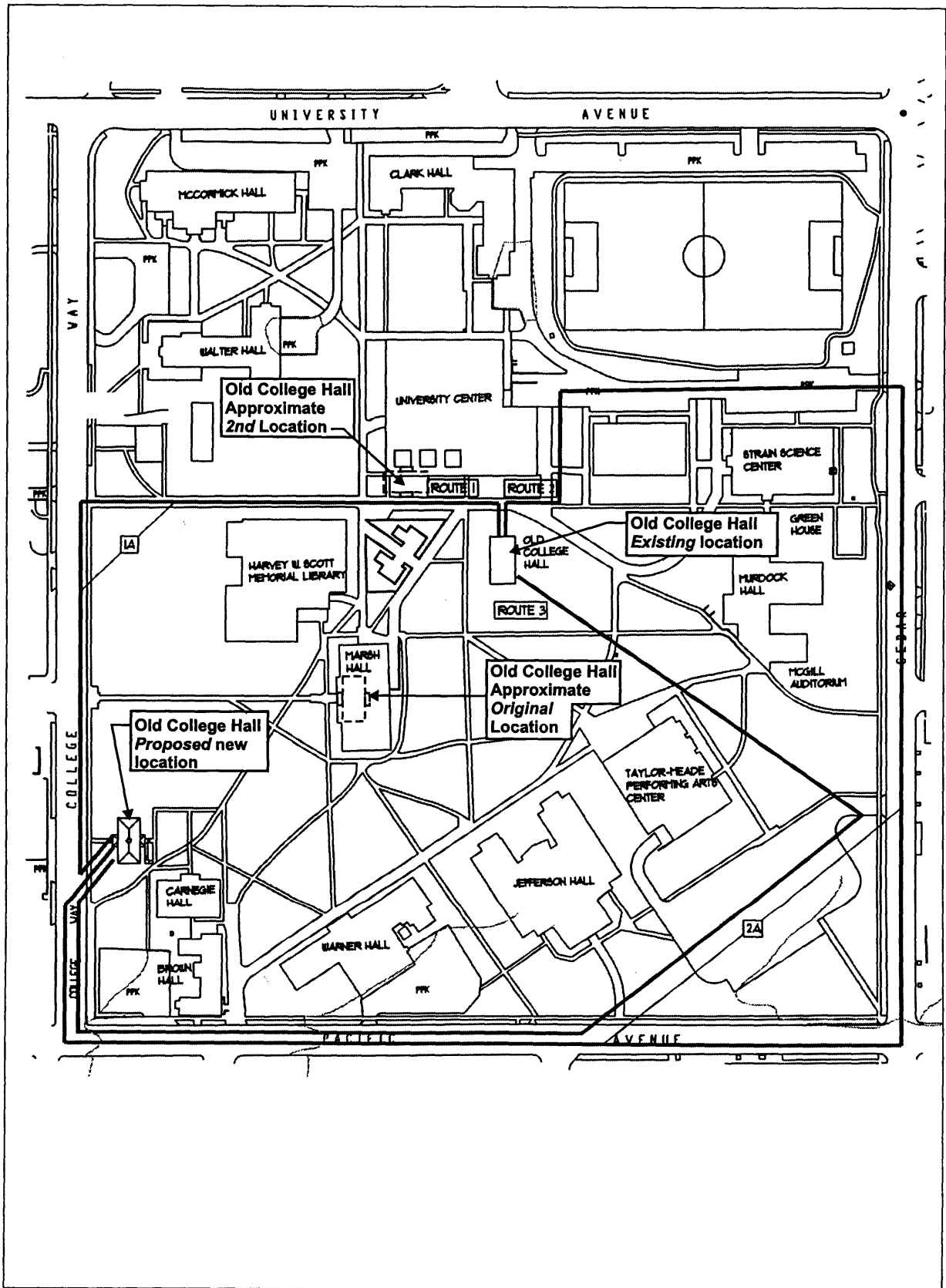
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Verbal Boundary

Starting from the southwest corner of the Pacific University campus; north approximately 60 feet to the southwest corner of new boundary; east 60 feet; north 65 feet; west 60 feet to the western edge of the Pacific University Boundary; south 65 feet to the southwest corner of said boundary for Old College Hall, containing approximately 0.09 acre.

Boundary Justification

Old College Hall is located on a 29.8-acre parcel with a metes and bounds legal description. A boundary containing Old College Hall and its immediate surrounds has been identified; this boundary description may need further refinement once the building is in place.



Old College Hall, Pacific University, proposed building relocation routes. The original, existing, and proposed Old College Hall locations are shown.

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Old College Hall Photographs Log

General Information

The following information for items 1 and 2 is the same for all of the photographs.
Information in items 3-5 applies to photographs 2 and 4-7.

1. *Name of Property:*
Old College Hall
2. *Location:*
c/o Pacific University Campus
2043 College Way
Forest Grove, Washington County, Oregon
3. *Photographer:*
Susan Lynn White
Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc.
2632 S.E. 162nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97236
4. *Date of Photographs:*
October 22, 2002
5. *Location of Photographic Negatives:*
Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc.
2632 S.E. 162nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97236

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4. Photo date: circa 1890
5. Pacific University
6. Exterior, original setting of Old College Hall
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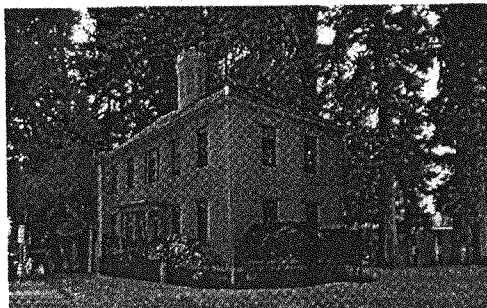
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3. Photographer: Elizabeth J. O'Brien
6. Exterior, looking Northeast at West and South façades
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Photo 3

3. Photographer: Elizabeth J. O'Brien
5. Electronic file at AINW
6. Exterior, looking northeast (*photosimulation*)
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Photo 4 6. Proposed setting, looking North/Northeast
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Photo 5 6. Proposed setting, looking South/Southeast
View from Northwest corner of College Way and 21st Avenue
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Photo 6 6. Exterior, looking Northeast at West and South façades
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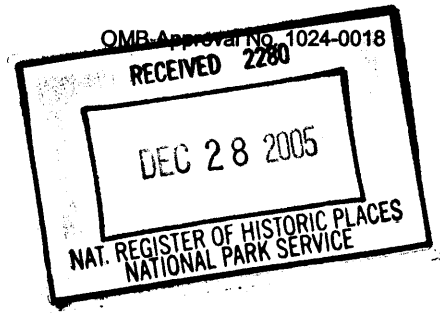
Photo 7 6. Exterior, looking Southwest at East and North façades
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Tualatin Academy (Old College Hall)
Name of Property

Washington, Oregon
County and State

NPS Form 10-900-a

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National Park Service



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Tualatin Academy (Old College Hall)
Pacific University Campus
2043 College Way
Forest Grove, Washington County

NRIS #74001722
List Date: February 12, 1974

Post-Relocation Photographs Amendment

The purpose of this continuation sheet is to add photographs and a photographic log to the nomination for Tualatin Academy, commonly known as "Old College Hall," which was relocated in 2003. Six new photographs show the building in its new location.

James Hamrick
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

12/15/05
Date

Tualatin Academy (Old College Hall)
Name of Property

Washington, Oregon
County and State

NPS Form 10-900-a

OMB Approval No. 1024-0018

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PHOTOGRAPH LOG – New Location

Tualatin Academy (Old College Hall)
Pacific University Campus
2043 College Way
Forest Grove, Washington County

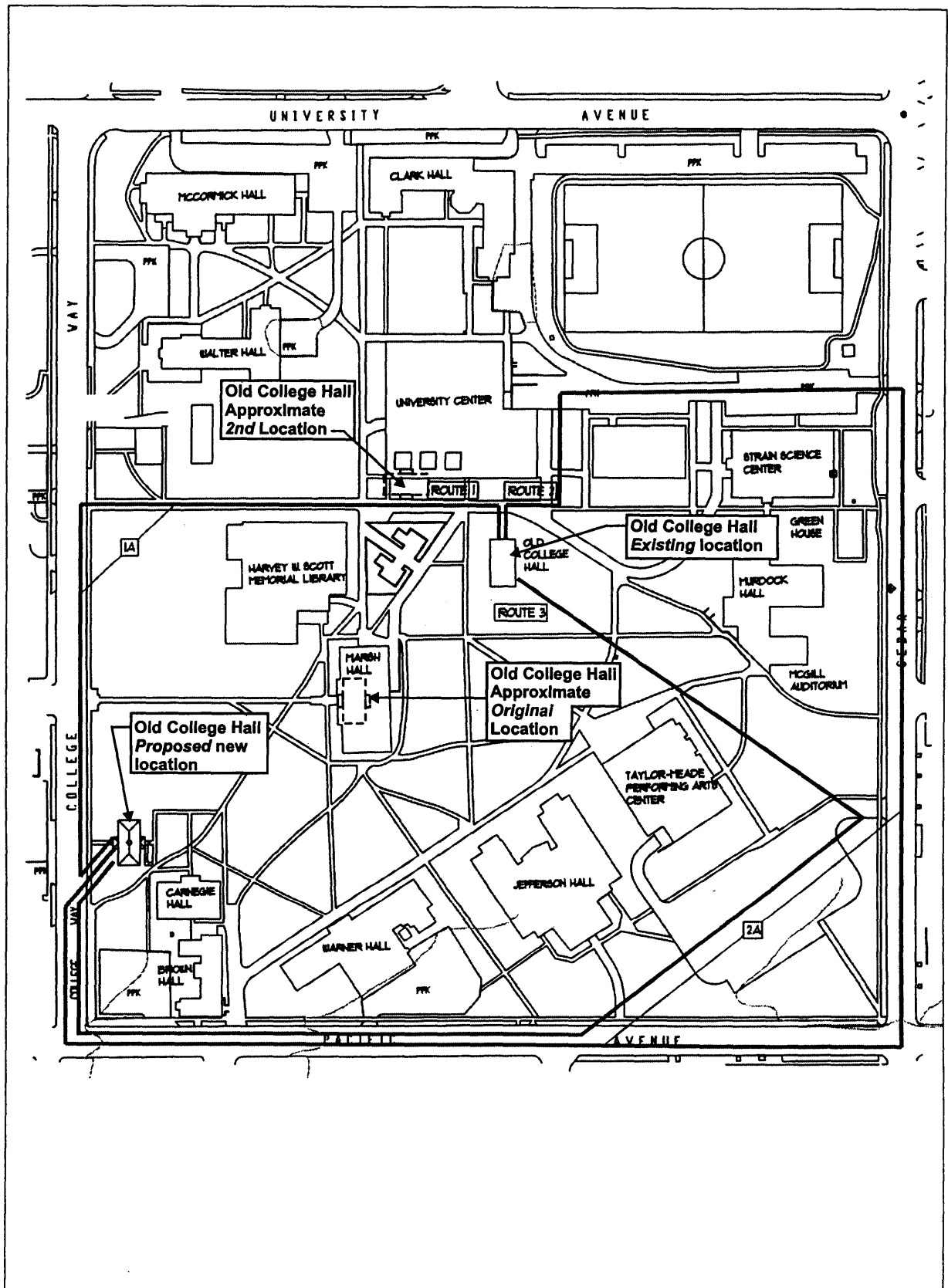
Photographer: Elizabeth J. O'Brien

Date: November 6, 2003

Location of Negatives: Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc.
2632 S.E. 162nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon

- Photo 1: West façade. View to east.
- Photo 2: West and south facades. View to northeast.
- Photo 3: East and north facades. View to southwest.
- Photo 4: New wheelchair ramp and railing, east façade. View to southwest.
- Photo 5: Front porch, west façade. View to east.
- Photo 6: New foundation detail, west façade.

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