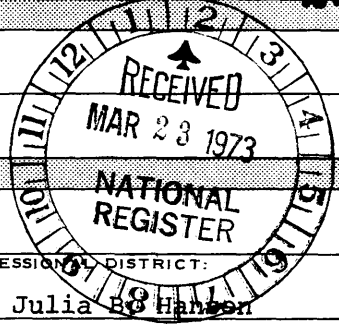


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington  
 COUNTY: Wahkiakum  
 FOR NPS USE ONLY  
 ENTRY DATE: APR 11 1973



**1. NAME**

COMMON: Pioneer Church  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Congregational Church

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Alley Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Cathlamet  
 STATE: Washington  
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Hon. Julia B. Hanson  
 COUNTY: Wahkiakum  
 CODE: 53  
 CODE: 069

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Not in use</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Town of Cathlamet  
 STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall, P.O. Box 68  
 CITY OR TOWN: Cathlamet  
 STATE: Washington  
 CODE: 53

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Wahkiakum County Courthouse  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Cathlamet  
 STATE: Washington  
 CODE: 53

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Cathlamet Historical Sites  
 DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Wahkiakum County Museum  
 STREET AND NUMBER: River Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Cathlamet  
 STATE: Washington  
 CODE: 53

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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

This dignified structure with a magnificent view of the Columbia River, waterfront, and town of Cathlamet, with a tall spire on a gracefully-curving bell-tower is a landmark from water, air or main streets. It stands solidly part way up the rocky hill with the trees behind to frame it in a picturesque setting. With the exception of a porch roof, the structure is unchanged on the exterior.

The roof is shingled and full of pitches and angles. An interesting feature is the altar located in the southeast corner which juts out at a 45-degree angle giving the building an unusual and artistic addition. The floor of the nave slopes toward the altar with semi-circular pews giving a distinctive look. The tower features fish-scale shingles, louvered and stained-glass windows and triangular molding with curving corners at the first level. This is repeated on the side of the building proper with a hand-sawed molding behind this curved surface. The large, stained-glass windows added as memorials through the years have been removed to prevent possible damage.

The nave occupies the main floor and is reached by stairs from Alley Street and a porch with a peaked roof. A basement was excavated later but did not alter the exterior. At street level, a door opens into a large room in the basement - used both for Sunday School classes and dining room. To the left are restrooms partly constructed under the outside stairs and under the stairs leading to the sanctuary above. This large room is partitioned in the center of the south wall to separate a kitchen from a small Sunday School room.

In the past few years, some shingles have slipped, the paint on the outside is turning dingy-gray in areas and some molding has fallen askew.



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**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) **Built in 1895**

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  |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

After a succession of pastors, the Reverend W.W. Head came in 1910, serving a total of nearly twenty-five years in two different periods. He undertook many projects to improve his church. A major one was the excavation of the basement and installation of a kitchen and dining room - the dining room part being used for the primary department of the Sunday School.

The church served as a focal point for community gatherings for many years. Church dinners were served in the dining room, P.T.A. luncheons for eighth-grade graduates; and when the Cathlamet Women's Club was organized in 1929, it met in the church. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts used the basement rooms for several years.

In the late 1950's, the church congregation decided to sell the old building and expand into a new one at another location. A buyer was found in the First Baptist Church of Longview and everything was left except the bell. The Baptist congregation held services there about two years and the building has stood vacant through the sixties and now into the seventies.

The city purchased the site; with the help of donations, they also purchased the building. A committee of public-minded citizens are endeavoring to raise the money to repair the proud edifice as a historical site and community center.

This structure is architecturally significant for two reasons: First, the building is well-sited. It forms the major focal point for the town, giving the residents a strong relationship with their past; secondly, the building is a good example of the simple, well-proportioned early churches in the state - This type of building formed the basis for the "Northwest Style" which is admired around the world as truly indigenous architecture.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 History of Cathlamet Congregational Church  
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 of Old by Lambert Florin, 1969

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

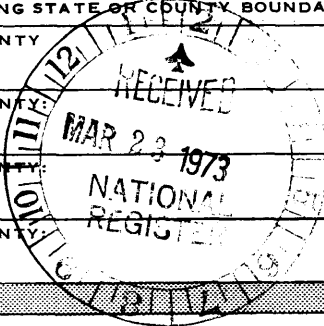
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Mrs. Robert Goodfellow, Wahkiakum County Liaison**

ORGANIZATION: **Wahkiakum County Historical Society**      DATE: **8/19/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**P.O. Box 1128**

CITY OR TOWN: **Cathlamet**      STATE: **Washington**      CODE: **53**

**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 Charles H. Odegaard  
 Charles H. Odegaard

Title Director - Washington State  
 Parks & Recreation Commission

Date March 19, 1973

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

Robert M. Utley  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/11/73

ATTEST:  
Wm. Purdy  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 4.3.73