

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: Clark	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER JAN 18 1973	DATE JAN 18 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Slocum House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
605 Esther Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Vancouver

STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: Clark CODE: 011

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Vancouver

STREET AND NUMBER:
13th & Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: Vancouver STATE: Washington CODE: 53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Clark County Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
1200 Franklin Street

CITY OR TOWN: Vancouver STATE: Washington CODE: 53

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
The Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 20540

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A two-story wood frame residence with a hip and gable roof and a veranda-type porch around approximately half its perimeter. It is asymmetrical in plan and elevation with an octagonal projection at one corner forming an octagonal cupola on the roof. The design might be called Carpenter Victorian style. The exterior walls are wood drop siding with many moldings, brackets, pediments, and trims. There is an ornate handrail along the "widows walk" on the roof.

It is being remodeled into a community theater; however, as much of the original interior is being saved and restored as possible. Some of the interior features are molded decorative plaster ceilings with chandeliers suspended from cast plaster medallions, a carved marble fireplace, tall, raised panel doors, a curved stairway with a Honduras Mahogany bannister, bay windows, and wood moldings and trims.

The house is being fitted with electric heat, modern plumbing, electricity and theatrical lighting equipment.

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SIGNIFICANCE

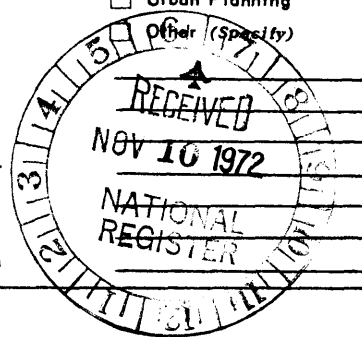
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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)

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) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Slocum House is the only building remaining in what was a residential section of Old Vancouver of the mid 1800's. The house was built by Charles W. Slocum and his wife Laura after the style of the family home in Rhode Island, a modified Italianate villa, with a widow's walk such as could be seen along the east coast of that period. This building was the first really elegant home in Vancouver.

The beautiful curving stairway of rosewood and mahogany shows the family interest in cabinet making and a respect for careful workmanship. The medallions which grace the ceilings reflect the period and have been handsomely restored. In cleaning them, partial signatures & the patent dates of July 16, 1842 and August 29, 1846 were found molded in the surface. The stately ten foot double doors, the octagonal room, and the marble fireplaces all contribute to the charm of the house.

Mr. Slocum was a leading merchant in Vancouver, owning a general store, made of brick, at Third and Main Streets, across the street from the Hotel Columbia. When the first Governor's ball was held in Vancouver, a bridge was built across Main Street, connecting the hotel to the second story dance floor in Slocum's store.

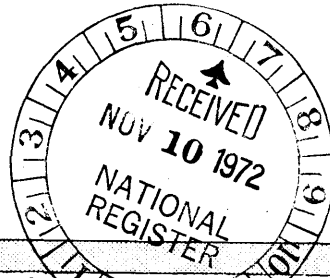
In 1962 the Slocum House was scheduled to be demolished to make way for an urban renewal project. Interest in saving some example from among the homes of this early era in this location was sparked by a Fort Vancouver Historical Society sponsored tour. A theatre group formed to assist in preserving the home. With the aid of financial gifts and the cooperation of the city, the building was moved one block north of its original site and placed on a new foundation in 1966.

Local effort has raised money to convert the house to an intimate theater, seating approximately 65 persons. The former dining room-sitting room is now the scene of plays, readings, recitals, vocal and instrumental concerts.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

GUIDE to places of historical interest in Vancouver, Wa.
Fort Vancouver Historical Society



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

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: Robert A Hidden

ORGANIZATION: Fort Vancouver Historical Society DATE: Nov 10, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 3711 Franklin

CITY OR TOWN: Vancouver STATE: Washington CODE: 53

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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
Department of Parks and Recreation Commission

Date: 12/30/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert A. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/18/73

ATTEST: Wm. S. ...
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1.9.73

