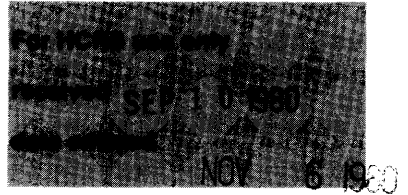


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Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Jefferson Methodist Church and Parsonage
and/or common Jefferson United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number 310, 342 N. Second Street not for publication
city, town Jefferson vicinity of _____ congressional district 2nd
state Oregon code 41 county Marion code 047

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Jefferson United Methodist Church
% Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
street & number 685 Marion St. NE
city, town Salem vicinity of _____ state Oregon 97301

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Marion County Courthouse
street & number _____
city, town Salem state Oregon 97301

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1970 federal state county local
depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office
city, town Salem state Oregon 97310

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

An intact and comparatively late example of the traditional Protestant meeting house in the Classic Revival style, Jefferson Methodist Church has been in continuous use since its completion in 1871. Built to accommodate a growing Methodist Episcopal congregation, it is today the oldest church building in Jefferson.

The church and the parsonage built on the north side of the lot in 1891 occupy a conspicuous site at the northwest corner of the intersection of North Second Street--a main north-south arterial--and East Church Street. The parcel, with a frontage of 165 feet along North Second Street and 141.5 feet on East Church, is situated outside, but adjacent to the north boundary of the Original Plat of Jefferson. The commercial core lies to the south, and the residential area lies to the north. The church occupies the corner and is oriented east to west, with the south and east elevations presented to the street.

The wood frame, gable-roofed church is rectangular in plan and measures 34x50'. The roof, presently covered with composition shingles, rises from a height of 17' at the eaves to 33' at the roof ridge. The east, or front elevation is formally organized. Its central entry consists of a double-leaf door with four panels in either leaf, a transom, or toplight, and a classical surround and entablature based upon the Tuscan order. Above the entrance is a pair of small rectangular openings with three fixed panes each and framements consistent with other exterior detail. These openings, horizontal in emphasis, were not originally part of the facade, but were added sometime between 1916 and 1933 to provide light to the 12-foot balcony above the entry vestibule when it was enclosed for use as a Sunday school. A fan light in the gable end of the facade lights the attic. The east end of the church is surmounted by an octagonal louvered belfry on a square base. The church bell is still in place. Either side elevation of the church is divided into four bays. Each of four tall windows is fitted with three sashes containing six lights each. Exterior walls are covered with clapboards and trimmed with pilaster corner boards. Eaves are carried by a classical entablature with eave returns at gable ends. A water skirt covering the frame and concrete block foundation is formed of vertical drop siding. On the rear, or east facade is a polygonal, or three-sided bay approximately 13' wide and 12' high which has window openings in each facet. Initially, as in most pulpit-centered churches of this type, the pulpit was placed in front of the bay, which apparently served an acoustical purpose. Today, however, the pulpit has been placed to one side, and an altar occupies the central space in front of what has become, in effect, a chancel. The interior is simply finished with detail derived from the Classic Revival and is unaltered except for enclosure of the balcony at the east end. In 1954 a 42x28' wing was added to the westerly half of the north elevation in order to house an assembly hall, three classrooms, a kitchen, and two restrooms. Its low hipped roof and clapboard siding, its six over six double-hung window sash and its setback from the main facade make the perpendicular wing more compatible than obtrusive. Simple, uncovered wooden porches give access to all entries of the church.

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In 1891, when the need for a parsonage arose, the church was shifted to the south-east corner of the parcel so that the parsonage could occupy the northerly portion of the site. According to church history, Deacon Hatch was paid \$75 to execute the re-siting. The parsonage is a 1½-story vernacular farmhouse type with clapboard siding, tongue and groove water skirt, shingled gable roof, and plain detail which is compatible with the church building despite the span of two decades between construction dates. The parsonage has a central brick stove chimney and a modified T-shaped plan measuring 29x34', not including a porch and garage extending from the north half of the rear facade. While not exceptional as an architectural type, the parsonage is included in the nomination as part of the ensemble illustrating the development of the property by the Methodist Church. No longer used as a parsonage, the house is maintained as rental property and has been set aside on a separate taxable portion of the property measuring 50x141.5'

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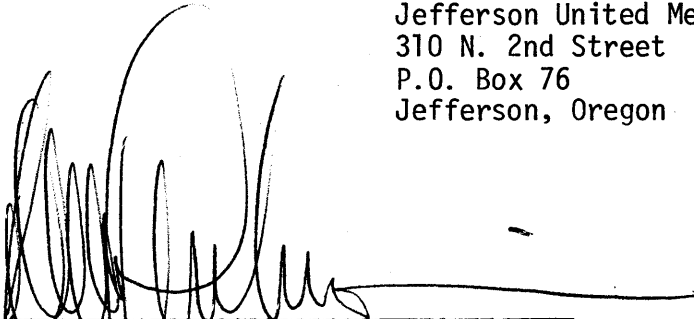
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The purpose of this continuation sheet is to amend the title of the nomination to reflect irretrievable loss of the parsonage (342 N. 2nd Street), which was torn down in September, 1983. Enclosed is a snapshot taken in February 1987 which shows the cleared site of the parsonage, immediately north of the single-story assembly hall wing of the church. The church was built in 1871 for the Methodist Episcopal congregation in Jefferson. The parsonage was added to the site in 1891. It was torn down because it was no longer in serviceable condition. It had been used as a rental property in recent years.

Following the procedure outlined in Federal Regulations 36 CFR 60.15 (g), the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation considered whether or not the parsonage should be removed from National Register listings during its meeting on February 27, 1987. The property owner, Jefferson United Methodist Church, was duly notified of the meeting and offered no objection. Accordingly, the State Historic Preservation Officer was requested to petition for amendment of the National Register listing.

The property owner now has a permanent address, as follows.

Jefferson United Methodist Church
310 N. 2nd Street
P.O. Box 76
Jefferson, Oregon 97352



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Date: April 13, 1987

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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1871 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Jefferson Methodist Church is significant as the oldest standing church building and one of the oldest buildings of any kind in the small Willamette Valley farming community of Jefferson. It has remained virtually unchanged since its completion in 1871, with the exception of a sympathetic service wing which was added to the north side in 1954. The church property also encompasses a vernacular parsonage of 1891, and the whole parcel of little over a half acre is significant for its association with James M. Bates, a lay member of the Methodist Mission in Oregon and one of the earliest settlers and leading members of the Methodist Community in Jefferson. Above all, the church is an outstanding example of the prolongation of the classical tradition in church building by conservative denominations in Oregon. By its overall attenuation, increased height of roof pitch, and comparative delicacy of classical detail, Jefferson Methodist Church exhibits the change of feeling which occurred in the Classic Revival by the 1870s.

The local Methodist congregation held its first services in the log house of James and Margaret Bates. For some years the Bates House was the only church in town. James Madison Bates (1809-1891) was a native of Washington, D.C. He came to Oregon several times as a sailor. On the third visit to the Columbia River, in 1836, he left ship and worked as a blacksmith at the Methodist Mission until the principal station was moved to Chemeketa in 1841. At the latter site, he worked as steward and teacher in the Indian Manual Labor Training School established by Jason Lee, Oregon's first Methodist missionary. When Mission Superintendent Jason Lee left Oregon in 1843, Bates resigned his post and eventually--sometime after 1847, presumably--settled a donation land claim of 640 acres on the Santiam River, a portion of which became the townsite of Jefferson and also the site of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Margaret Farrar Caldwell, a widow, in 1847. As the town grew, the Bates House was not large enough to accommodate everyone attending church services. Meetings began to be held in a house owned by E. E. Parrish and at the new Jefferson Institute. Because of an apparent divergence of religious thought, the original congregation formed itself into two groups. The Methodist Protestants, under the leadership of E. E. Parrish, built a church in 1858 on land donated by Parrish lying south of the present Methodist Church. The Methodist Episcopal group built the present Methodist Church on the southeast corner of the Bates' donation land claim. According to the original deed, James and Margaret Bates sold this parcel of land at the corner of their claim to the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1860 for the sum of \$10.00.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was built in 1871 at a cost of \$1,004.66. The lumber for the church was obtained from a local mill owned by Absalom Smith, a member of the congregation. In his Illustrated Historical Atlas Map of Marion and Linn Counties, published in 1878, Edgar Williams described Smith's mill as follows: "Saw and planing mills, owned by A. Smith, is a fine mill, with excellent facilities for doing all classes of work; it has a planer, scroll saw, etc., and does a successful business." The wooden pews still used by the church also were constructed at Smith's mill.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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 Corning, H.M. Dictionary of Oregon History, Portland: Binford & Mort, 1956, pp 22-23.
 Lang, H.O. History of the Willamette Valley, Portland: Geo. H. Himes, 1885.
 Williams, Edgar. Illustrated Historical Atlas Map of Marion and Linn Counties, Oregon,
 San Francisco: Edgar Williams & Co., 1878.

10. Geographical Data

(see continuation sheet)

Acreage of nominated property less than one (0.52 acres)

Quadrangle name Albany, Oregon

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

UTM NOT VERIFIED
 ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

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Verbal boundary description and justification The property is located in Sec. 11, T10S, R3W, of the Willamette Meridian. It constitutes Marion County Assessor's Account No. 63217-000. The south boundary of the nominated property begins at the northeast corner of the William Smith property, thence west two chains, thence north at right angle 2½ chains, to J. Driggs south

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries (see continuation sheet)

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Douglas Taylor, student
 organization School of Architecture
University of Oregon date December 7, 1979
 street & number University of Oregon telephone 503/686-3656
 city or town Eugene state Oregon 97403

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature]

title Deputy SHPO date August 5, 1980

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>W. Ray Juce</u> Keeper of the National Register	date <u>11/6/80</u>
Attest: <u>Emma Jane Saxe</u> Chief of Registration	date <u>11-5-80</u>

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Construction was completed on December 23, 1871, and the church was dedicated the following day, a Sunday, with John Flinn presiding. The Reverend John Flinn, a native of Ireland born in 1817, had emigrated to Canada, where he entered the ministry. He was minister to the Jefferson Methodist Episcopal congregation during the planning and construction of the building in 1871 and the first year of the building's use.

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Thurston, L. "Notes on the History of the Jefferson Methodist Church."

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line there at right angle east two chains, to Driggs southeast corner, thence to place of beginning, in the city of Jefferson, Marion County, Oregon.

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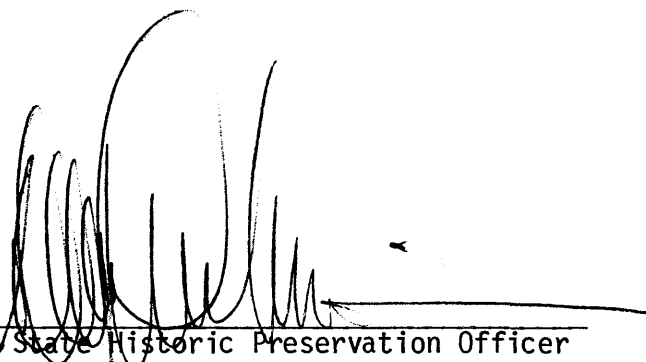
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Name and Address Change

for Keeper William B. Busby
5/18/87