

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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

1. Name

historic Edwards, (Jesse), House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 402 S. College St. ___ not for publication

city, town Newberg ___ vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Oregon code 41 county Yamhill code 071

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Gerrie H. Braun, Jr. and Cynthia M. Braun

street & number 402 S. College

city, town Newberg ___ vicinity of state Oregon 97132

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Yamhill County Courthouse

street & number

city, town McMinnville state Oregon 97128

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date 1905

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Jesse Edwards House, essentially Stick-style in character, was erected in 1883. It was moved 100 feet to the west about 1905 in order to allow for the expansion of College Street. In 1915, the entrance was changed and classically-detailed porch was added. No architect is known for the house, which is in good condition and in use as a residence.

Located on the northwest corner of Block 26, Section 19, T3S, R2W, W.M., Yamhill County, the house is surrounded by mature trees and vegetation. Originally the only house in a 125-acre tract, it was moved 100 feet to the west in 1905 in order to provide for the continuation of College Street, which originally stopped at the door of the Edwards' house (see first historic view).

The house is basically cross-shaped and is two stories tall. The balloon framing rests on a brick foundation. The walls are covered in double tongue-in-groove siding and have characteristic Stick detailing. Jerkin-head gables originally dominated the roof line on each elevation. At an undetermined point, possibly in 1915, the east gable was extended by several feet and this feature was eliminated. Three corbeled chimneys, one which remains, were evident.

As originally constructed, the entrance to the house was on the northeast corner. An arched, balconied porch was set on a slant in this corner. When the house was moved in 1905, the rear of the house became the front. This was emphasized by the new porch, which covers the west, north and portion of the east elevation. The old porch was eliminated, though the door was retained. The impressive porch, constructed with wood and brick from Edwards' factories, is composed of Tuscan Doric columns set on brick piers. These support the wide, unadorned frieze and low pitched hipped roof. Double columns and gable projection once led to the entry. Only one column on each pier remains. A wooden balustrade connected each of the piers. Stick-style detailing still dominates the upper levels. Thin, eight-foot-high sliding sash shuttered windows are typically framed with Stick detailing, which runs horizontally and then vertically through each elevation. An unusually wide frieze serves as a base for the many brackets, which support the cedar shingled roof.

From the historic view, the house appears to have been originally painted in three colors. After it was moved, a classical white reflected the new additions. This color remains today.

The interior configuration is as follows. The entry leads to the various living and dining rooms. The extended room to the east, possibly the original parlor, is now a den. A bath and remodeled kitchen are also alterations. Original oak floors are evident in the entry, living and dining rooms. Other floors are fir. Some are covered with tile, others with carpeting. There are four bedrooms, large hall and added bathroom upstairs. All rooms have lath and plaster walls, which were wallpapered. Ceilings are eleven feet on both floors. There is a partial basement and full attic, which is difficult to get to as there is no stairway. There are a total of three outside entrances. To the south is a five bay attached garage structure, erected in 1915. Two were for carriages, two for horses and one for hay and feed. Evidence of exterior alterations, especially some windows and the originally-slanted east bay, is undocumented.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1883 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Jesse Edwards House is significantly associated with the history of the city of Newberg, an important Quaker colony, and with Edwards, known as the "father of Newberg."

The city of Newberg was settled by Quakers in the early 1870s. William Hobson, missionary and later business partner of Jesse Edwards, selected this spot in the rich Chehalem Valley for its fruit growing potential. Edwards came to Oregon from Indiana in 1880, staying in Dayton, south of Newberg, until 1881. He purchased several hundred acres with the intention of farming the land. Discovering the soil to be too depleted for wheat farming, Edwards decided to have the land platted in 1882. Edwards acquired the post office, already named Neuberg, and changed the name to Newberg. Then he and Hobson started a mercantile store and began to encourage Quaker migration into the area. Edwards then sold plots of ten acres or more with the intention of creating a large, fruit-based economy. It is interesting to note that Edwards included a perpetual restriction against the sale of intoxicants in the deeds of transfer.

In 1882, Edwards started a sawmill; one of the first steam-operated mills in the Pacific Northwest. With lumber from their mill, Edwards built his Stick-style residence in 1883. The next year, he founded the Friends Pacific Academy on the west side of his garden. This Quaker learning institution later was enlarged and moved (1891) and today is George Fox College. The first principal of this institution was Dr. H.S. Minthorn. He was President Herbert Hoover's uncle and guardian. The young Hoover moved to Newberg at the age of nine and attended the Pacific Academy from 1885-88.

As the Quaker population increased, William Hobson petitioned that Newberg become a registered Friends headquarters. This was granted and Newberg became the gathering place of the Friends Yearly Meeting and handled the church's affairs in the Oregon and Washington territories.

In 1886, Edwards established the first drain tile factory in the Pacific Northwest, which was expanded in 1892 into the Newberg Pressed Brick and Terra Cotta Company. This in turn was expanded in 1907 and moved by Edwards to Willamina, Oregon, southwest of Newberg. The newly enlarged business, re-named Willamina Clay Products Company, was still owned by Edwards' descendants when it was closed in 1974. The 18 kilns produced brick and terra cotta for many major buildings in Portland in, in 1975, was awarded an AIA award for "meritorious craftsmanship and service to the architectural profession and community." In connection with these works, Edwards was responsible for constructing the rail line from Sheridan to Willamin

In 1890, Edwards helped organize the Bank of Newberg, and later served as its president. In 1901, he and his sons created Newberg's electric generating plant. He was mayor and city councilman (N.D.) and candidate for the state senate (1903, 1916). He was also president of the board of the Pacific College for ten years.

His sons, Clarence, W.F. and O.K., were partners in his various enterprises. Clarence was also joint State Representative (Yamhill, Polk, Tillamook Counties) from 1918 to 1920 and joint State Senator for the same counties from 1920 to 1924. Edwards' wife, Mary Kemp Edward was born in Polk County, Indiana and was an active Quaker minister, traveling to many of the surrounding communities.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Old Yamhill - The Early History of Its Towns and Cities by Yamhill County Historical Society. 50th Anniversary Edition--Newberg Graphic.
"Early History of Newberg" paper distributed by the Newberg Chamber of Commerce, Nov. 1976.

10. Geographical Data **UTM NOT VERIFIED** (see continuation sheet)

Acreeage of nominated property less than one (87x157') **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**
Quadrangle name Newberg, Oregon Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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	Zone	Easting		Northing			Zone	Easting	Northing
C						D			
E						F			
G						H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gerrie and Cynthia Braun

organization _____ date _____

street & number 402 S. College telephone 503/538-3575

city or town Newberg state Oregon 97132

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]* date 31 January 1980

title Deputy SHPO

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

for *copy* *W. Ray Luce* date 8/25/80
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *[Signature]* date 8/19/80
Chief of Registration

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The house built on 4th Street, at the foot of College, in 1883 is significant to Newberg as the community's outstanding example of residential architecture with Stick Style characteristics and because it is associated with Jesse Edwards (1849-1925)--platter of the town of Newberg, leading light of local enterprise, and founder of Friends Pacific Academy, who lived in the house for forty-two years. Upon Edwards' demise in 1925, the house passed from the Edwards family and changed ownership five times thereafter to the present day. Among the subsequent owners was County Judge and Newberg School Superintendent Rolla E. Renne, who is commemorated in the naming of Newberg's Renne Junior High School. Renne occupied the house from 1941 to 1951.

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Oregon Journal -- November 20, 1916, p. 3; May 23, 1920, sec. 1, p. 13; January 13, 1922, p. 8; December 17, 1924, p. 2; January 7, 1965, sec. 3, p. 5.

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Oregonian -- December 18, 1924, p. 6; December 21, 1924, sec. 1, p. 26; December 21, 1924, sec. 3, p. 6; September 19, 1965, House and Garden Section, p. 10-11; March 14, 1975, sec. 3, p. C7.

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Being a part of the Donation Land Claim of Joseph B. Rogers and wife, Notification #1473, Claim #55 in Section 19, Township 3 South, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian in Yamhill County, Oregon, described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the south line of Fourth Street with the east line of College Street in the City of Newberg, said county and state, and running thence east along the south line of said Fourth Street, 87 feet; thence south parallel with the east line of said College Street, 157 feet; thence west parallel with the south line of said Fourth Street, 32.5 feet; thence north parallel with the east line of College Street, 3.2 feet; thence north 70°8' west, 10 feet; thence west parallel with the south line of said Fourth Street 45 feet to the east line of said College Street; and thence north following the east line of said College Street, 150.4 feet to the place of beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion of the above described tract conveyed by Richard L. Pyke, et ux, to Ernest J. Bruce, et ux, by deed dated January 17, 1977 and recorded January 18, 1977 in Film Vol. 117, page 930, Deed and Mortgage Records.