

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM - TWO

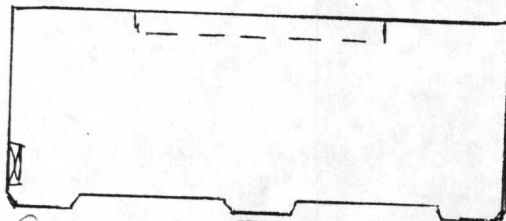
NAME: Lausanne Hall  
ADDRESS: Willamette University  
Salem, OR 97301

T/R/S: 7S\3W\26  
MAP NO: 26BC TAX LOT: 4500  
QUADRANGLE: Salem

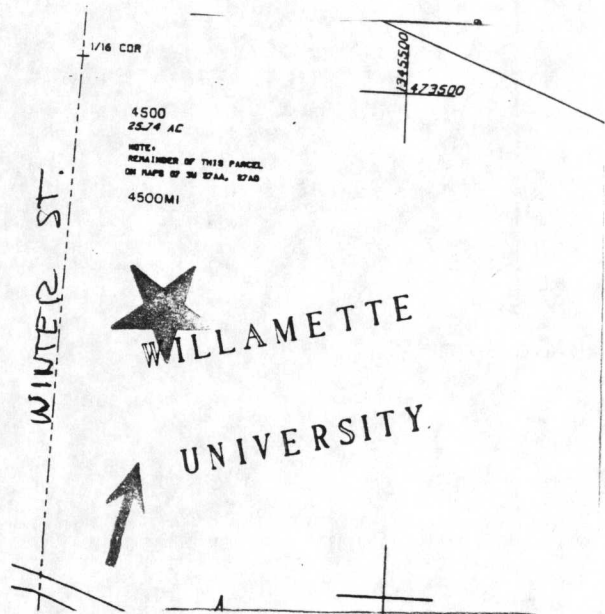


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HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM  
COUNTY: Marion

**LIST NAME:** Lausanne Hall  
**COMMON NAME:**  
**ADDRESS:** Willamette University  
**CITY:** Salem, OR 97301  
**OWNER:** Willamette University  
Salem, OR 97301  
**T/R/S:** 7S\3W\26  
**MAP NO:** 26BC **TAX LOT:** 4500  
**ADDITION:** Salem  
**BLOCK:** **LOT:** **QUAD:** Salem  
**TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER:**

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** 1920  
**ORIGINAL USE:** college dormitory  
**PRESENT USE:** college dormitory  
**ARCHITECT:** Legge, Fred A.  
**BUILDER:**  
**THEME:** 20th C Arch\Education  
**STYLE:** Jacobethan  
**BLDG:** X **STRUC:** **DIST:** **SITE OBJ:**

**PLAN TYPE/SHAPE:** rectangular, symmetrical **NO. OF STORIES:** three  
**FOUNDATION MATERIAL:** concrete **BASEMENT (Y/N):** yes  
**ROOF FORM & MATERIALS:** gable composition  
**WALL CONSTRUCTION:** wood frame **STRUCTURAL FRAME:** stud  
**PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE:** 8, 10, & 12\ one, mostly in pairs, double-hung wood  
frame; stained glass transoms with Tudor arches above entry doors  
**EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS:** brick  
**DECORATIVE FEATURES:** large exterior brick chimney on north end; no eaves;  
**OTHER:** cast stone coping; five minor gables with (see following page)  
**CONDITION GOOD:** X **FAIR:** **POOR:** **MOVED:** **(DATE):**

**EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED):** small connecting hallway to  
dormitory addition directly east

**NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** mature trees, mostly maple, native  
shrub foundation plantings

**ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:** Willamette University campus buildings

**KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES:**

**SETTING:** building faces west at the west end of the Willamette campus  
proper on Winter Street, a fairly busy two-way two-lane street; a mill  
race flows to the south of the building

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates  
events, persons, contexts)**

The present-day Lausanne Hall stands on the site of another earlier Willa-  
mette University building also called Lausanne Hall, it was originally the  
home of Chloe Clark Willson, an early Methodist teacher, and was moved to  
the Willamette campus. There it served as the main building for women's  
studies when Willamette was divided into men's and women's schools between  
1888 and 1919. The old wooden building was razed in 1919 and the present-day  
Lausanne Hall built for a new women's dormitory. A major fund-raising  
effort raised the money for its construction; instrumental in that campaign  
was Professor Earnest C. Richards, a former Methodist minister with many  
acquaintances interested in the development of Willamette University.

**SOURCES:** Salem Inventory, 1987; Gatke, "Chronicles of Willamette"; City of  
Salem Context Statement, 1992; architects renderings located at Willamette  
University physical plant; State Historic Preservation Office files

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**DATE:** July 1994

**ADDRESS:** Willamette University

**DECORATIVE FEATURES:** wooden balustrades between each gable; major gables extend above two-story bays on each end; drip cap plus terra cotta sills, lintels, and alternating trim surround each pair of windows; the two end bays have canted corners, four shields along the long, front elevation and a filled in arcade above; a second level entry to a narrow balcony exhibits four windows with Tudor arches and Gothic arch trim above; the main entry directly below on the first level has double paneled doors, sidelights, and a Tudor arched transom with quatrefoil motif trim, metal light standards flank the entry door and "Lausanne Hall" is centered above the entry door and decorated with rosettes; wide concrete steps lead up to the main entry; minor entries on each end feature a remodeled single door with sidelight and stained glass transom with quatrefoil and Gothic arch trim; the rear (east) side of Lausanne Hall features three porches with wooden balustrades; a cast stone belt course encircles the building at basement level.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:** Willamette University grew from the early Methodist Missionary school called the Oregon Institute. The Methodist Mission in Oregon lasted ten years, from 1834 to 1844, at which time the property was divided among the missionaries and a three-story frame building which had been constructed as an Indian Manual Labor School was sold to nine trustees of the "Oregon Institute." The building was then put to use as a school, encompassing mostly elementary students under the guidance of Mrs. Chloe Clark Willson, wife of one of the trustees. Tuition was charged, \$24 per year, and by 1849 the Institute had 36 primary and 42 advanced pupils. In 1852 the curriculum was broadened to include some college preparatory courses.

While meeting in Willamette University's one building, Oregon's Territorial Legislature issued a charter to Willamette University in 1853, making it one of the oldest universities on the West Coast. College classes began in 1855, it granted its first degree in 1855. Costs were paid by tuition and the sale of lots in the township of Salem.

Waller Hall, constructed of bricks made in Salem specifically for the building, was completed in 1867. After the Oregon Institute burned in 1872, Waller Hall was the lone building on the campus until the turn of the century. However, classes continued to grow; the law school was started in 1866. A theology school was established in 1867, and trained ministers until it closed in 1930. A medical school was also established in 1867, but was moved to Portland to merge with the University of Oregon in 1913. Enrollment remained fairly constant at about 100 students until the turn of the century. The campus was conservative; literary societies were the major extracurricular activity, church on Sunday was mandatory, and social events were carefully chaperoned. A move to Portland was defeated by vote in the 1890s.

A growing student body after the turn of the century stimulated new structures; the building now housing the Department of Art was built in 1906 for the medical school. Eaton Hall, named for a major contributor, was built in 1909, and Lausanne Hall, named for the ship bringing the "Great Reinforcement" to the Mission in 1840, was completed in 1920. The gymnasium was built in 1923 followed by the library in 1938 and in 1941 Collins Hall, the

ience building was completed. Construction continued after World War II with a men's dormitory, Baxter Hall, in 1948, and McCullough Stadium provided a new facility for athletic events in 1950. A major fund-raising drive in 1958 resulted in the Fine Arts Building and Auditorium, Doney Hall, a women's dormitory, and Bishop Memorial Health Center.

Willamette University continues as a small, private, church-affiliated (Methodist) college in its original location. Its establishment as one of the earliest colleges on the West Coast has been an important factor in the character and growth of Salem.

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY  
OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310

County Marion

Theme 8d, 8b

Name  
(Common) Lausanne Hall

(Historic) Lausanne Hall

Address Willamette University  
Salem, OR

Present Owner Willamette University

Address Salem, OR

Original Use Education

Date of Construction 1920

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Brief description of property and statement of historical significance:

The structure was built in 1920 and was designed by architect Fred A. Legge. It can best be characterized as campus gothic, a very familiar style on university campuses in the 1920's. According to the chronicles of Willamette: Lausanne was a three-story brick building with stone trim designed by Fred A. Legge, it is a building of pleasing lines, an impressive entrance, and in a style of no peculiar time marking. Willamette buildings have to serve a long time and Lausanne Hall has an exterior which will be pleasing to the eye for as many years as its interior can be kept modernized and suited for its dedicated use of a campus home for young women of Willamette. "It is something to be lived up to," President Doney reminds us. "But no girl ever knew how many troubled miles and interviews and gifts, both casual and costly were sealed within the walls as brick and stone were laid together."

It is the second structured named Lausanne Hall.

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Recorded by Mark Siegel Date 6/10/81

Sources consulted (continue on back if necessary):

R.M. Gathe, The Chronicles of Willamette, p. 568

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