

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	2550 SW Jefferson Way Corvallis, Benton County (97331)	historic name:	Moreland Hall
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	Forestry Building
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		townshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	11S 5W 34
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	
elig evaluation:	eligible/contributing	total elig resources:	
prim constr date:	1917	NR Status:	Listed in Historic District
	second date: 1972	date indiv listed:	
primary orig use:		orig use comments:	
second orig use:		prim style comments:	
primary style:	Neo-Classical	sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	
primary siding:	Standard Brick	architect:	Bennes, John V.
secondary siding:		builder:	
plan type:	School (General)		
comments/notes:			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:		Type of Grouping	Date Listed
College Hill West Nomination Survey		Survey & Inventory Project	2000
Oregon State University Historic District		Listed Historic District	06/25/2008
Farmstead/Cluster Name:		Oregon State University	
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	N/A	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:		Special Assess Project(s):	None
RLS survey date:	05/16/2007	Federal Tax Project(s):	None
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>Moreland Hall (originally the Forestry Building) was built in September of 1917 at a cost of \$44,500. It is constructed of brick with light grey terra cotta trimmings. The building is comprised of 3 stories, and is 80 feet wide by 163 feet long. The buildings high ceilings were used to accommodate the College of Forestry and its equipment from 1917-1972 when it was remodeled for use by the English Department, reopening in 1973. Besides the addition of offices and handicap accessibility, the building remains much the same as it appeared in 1917. Alterations: 1972 remodeled, central Atrium filled with offices. 1990s added elevator and handicapped ramp to basement. In 1972 the building was remodeled for its conversion to Moreland hall and the center atrium was filled with offices. The exterior was repainted between 1977-70. In 1981 modifications to the handrails were preformed. In 1982, steam pipes were insulated, and in 1983 the attic was insulated. General maintenance was performed between 1984-85. Re-roofing was done 1989-90. Parking lot improvements were completed in 1990. An elevator and handicapped ramps to the basement were added during the 90's. Landscape: Surrounding landscape is treed and manicured in typical 'old OSU' fashion. Setting: Moreland is located in the center of campus across the street from the Memorial Union and Weatherford Hall. Alterations: 1972: Remodeled, center atrium filled with offices; 1990's:added elevator and handicapped ram to basement</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>Moreland Hall was constructed in September of 1917 at a cost of \$44,500 . Then called the Forestry Building, its purpose was to house the work in forestry and logging engineering. The first floor was contained laboratories for mensuration, as well as classrooms and offices; including the Dean's office. The second floor housed laboratories for technology, dendrology, silviculture, and drafting. The high-ceiling basement held two laboratories for logging engineering. Space was also devoted to a collection of manufactured wood product to show the various uses lumber. The building also initially served the needs of the School of Vocational Education and the Department of Poultry Husbandry. The Forestry Building would remain as such until the construction of Peavy Hall which became the new home of the College of Forestry. The building was remodeled and reopened for use by the English Department in 1973. In the same year it was renamed Moreland Hall, after W.W. Moreland; a Corvallis College faculty member in the 1800's and clerk of the State Legislature. Moreland was responsible for convincing the legislature to accept the conditions of the Morrill Act, which led to the designation of Corvallis College as the state's land-grant institution. From 1973 to the present the building has remained in use by the English Department. Despite several upgrades the building remains similar in its appearance to when it was built 90 years ago.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
Title Records	Census Records	Property Tax Records	Local Histories
Sanborn Maps	Biographical Sources	✓ SHPO Files	Interviews
Obituaries	Newspapers	✓ State Archives	Historic Photographs
City Directories	Building Permits	✓ State Library	
Local Library:		University Library:	
Historical Society:		Other Respository:	
Bibliography:			
<p>RLS Data Facilities Service Records - RG193 (2000:055 and 2003:062) Presidential Biennial Report (1916-1917) Catalogue: Oregon Agricultural College (1917-1918) OSU Alumni Association- Up Close and Personal: Campus Tour Photo: The Best of OSU Archives/ item number HC69 http://digitalcollections.library.oregonstate.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/archives&CISOPTR=858&REC=5</p>			