

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
 HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
 State Historic Preservation Office
 Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310



County Linn
 Theme 9-A, 10-A
 Name
 (Common) Shedd Antique Shop
 (Historic) Methodist Church
 Address Highway 99 East
Shedd, Oregon
 Present Owner Mildred Johnson
 (Address) Shedd, Oregon
 Original Use Church
 Date of Construction 1897

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The former Methodist Church of Shedd, Oregon, is a one story, wood frame building with a "T" shape that stands on the east side of Highway 99 East. The building has a shiplap exterior, a square bell tower on its west (front) elevation, and an open belfry with a steeply hipped roof. The windows are set in lancet bays with wood surrounds. The foundation is enclosed by a wood skirt of vertical boards.

Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 5 Aug. 1976 Sources Consulted:

For Oregon State Historic Preservation Office "Historic Drive?" Capital Journal, Nov. 4, 1967,
 photo.

Please enclose map Township 13 ^N _S Range 3 ^E _W Section 7

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

HIST. NAME: Shedd United
Presbyterian Church

SHPO INVENTORY NO.: 105

COMMON NAME:

LINN COUNTY NO.: 105

ADDRESS: 30045 Highway 99E,
Shedd, OR

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1892

OWNER: Bradley C. Perkins
259 E. 5th Street,
Eugene, OR 97401

ORIGINAL USE: Church

PRESENT USE: Storage

ARCH./BLDR.:

T/R/S: T13S R3W Section 7

STYLE: Gothic

MAP NO.: 13 3W 7BB TAX LOT: 3200

THEME: Culture: Religion, 19th
Century Architecture

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 SITE OBJ

QUAD: Halsey 15'

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Cruciform

NO. OF STORIES: 1

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Stone pillar and wood posts

BASEMENT (Y/N): N

ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Intersecting gable roof clad with wood shingles.
Boxed eaves.

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood

STRUCTURAL FRAME: Wood

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: 2 over 2 double-hung sash windows in lancet-shaped openings. Stained glass in pointed arch portions of windows. Windows grouped two to a bay on the main facade.

EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: High water table of vertical boards; horizontal drop siding terminating in cornerboards, rake and frieze boards.

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Bell tower located in northwest corner; bell tower has open space for bell, pyramidal roof topped by finial. Decorative truss pieces in gable ends, scroll-like brackets beneath window sills.

OTHER: Original chimney still in place. Significant interior woodwork.

CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED MOVED
(DATE)

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): Two entries originally located on north elevation. The one that was located on the northwest was replaced by window; the current stained glass window and molding in that location are original. Porch and iron railing added to west elevation. New entry also added on west elevation. Window lengthened on west elevation. Bell removed from tower.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: None notable.

ASSOCIATED FEATURES: Parsonage, originally located across street on north has been torn down.

KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES:

SETTING:

The former Shedd United Presbyterian Church is located on the southeast corner of Second (Highway 99E) and "A" Streets in the town of Shedd. The church fronts north, facing "A" Street. Today, the neighborhood in which the church is located is mixed commercial and residential.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE, DATES, EVENTS, PERSONS, CONTEXTS). USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY:

Historical Background

The Shedd United Presbyterian Church, built in 1892, was one of three churches built in Shedd during the 19th Century. (The Shedd Methodist church still has a viable congregation. The Shedd Baptist Church has been torn down.) The Shedd United Presbyterian Church was organized by the Reverend A. M. Acheson, pastor of the Willamette United Presbyterian Church, and the Reverend T. J. Wilson along with some of the church elders. Its congregation was an offshoot of the pioneer Willamette (Oakville) United Presbyterian Church which is located several miles to the west. (The Willamette Church, organized by Thomas Kendall in 1851, is the oldest United Presbyterian Church in North America.) Land for the church (two tax lots) was purchased in 1891 from Nels Halverson and his wife. Actual construction of the church was said to have been completed by volunteer labor. A most notable feature of the church is the interior woodwork. The walls and ceiling are composed of alternating strips of redwood and white fir. The wall of the pulpit area has a Medieval Gothic arch design outlined in wood. Another interesting feature of the building is a large paneled and stained glass partition balanced by weights. The panel slid down to provide privacy for Sunday school classes. There were no pews and the congregation sat on chairs. Reverend H. L. Hood served as first pastor. The church building was dedicated on February 26, 1892. In 1896, Lucy Wright sold two lots across the street to the north of the church for a parsonage. That house has since been torn down.

By the end of the 1930's, the Shedd congregation was sharing a pastor with the Oakville congregation. Because of a dwindling congregation, the Shedd United Presbyterian Church disbanded in 1941. Alter chairs were sold to various community members. The bell was given to the Multnomah Presbyterian Church in Portland. In 1946, the church building was sold to F.E. and Marian Marshall. The Marshalls converted the church to an antique shop. Mrs. Winney, formerly Mrs. Marshall, sold the church building to Mrs. Mildred Johnson in 1964. Mrs. Winney had made several alterations to the building, most notably the addition of an entry on the west elevation and an apartment on the east elevation. The apartment was

later dismantled. Mrs. Johnson's daughter and a friend also operated an antique shop in the church building. In March of 1988, the former church was sold to Bradley and Mary Perkins. The Perkins plans to use the church as a wedding chapel. In conjunction with this plan, Mr. Perkins intends to return the entry to its original location.

Several alterations have been made to the Shedd United Presbyterian Church building, but overall the building retains most of its original elements. The most detracting alteration is the entry on the west elevation (to face Highway 99E). In order to create this entry, the original entry doors were removed from the original main entry on the north elevation of the building (northwest corner) and moved to this location. The windows, which are original to this location, were lengthened and serve to frame the doorway. A porch and stairs were built for access to this entry. An iron railing, not original, ornaments the porch. The original entry was "closed" when the new entry was made. Shutters currently on windows of west elevation are not original. In the early 1960's, a two-story apartment was attached to the east side of the church. This apartment was torn off by Mrs. Johnson. The apartment did not impact the original walls of the building. The new owner plans to return the entry configuration to its original appearance.

The former Shedd United Presbyterian Church embodies distinctive characteristics of a late, 19th Century, Gothic style church. During the last trimester of the 19th Century, most Linn County religious denominations built wooden, Gothic inspired churches. The actual design of these churches varied although most were rectangular in plan with an entry and sometimes a bell tower located central on the gable end. Toward the end of the 19th Century, the designs used for local churches became more complex. Rectangular plans were replaced by "L", "T", or cruciform shapes. Bell towers were often removed from the central position and placed off-center on the gable end. The extra interior space created by this design was often separated from the main part of the church by movable partitions which could be opened for special occasions or closed for Sunday school classes or prayer meetings. Steeples and bell towers were shortened. The Shedd United Presbyterian Church with its cruciform plan, off-center, bell tower, and ante-room with movable partition, typifies this more complex church design. It is likely that an architectural plan book was used for the design. In general, this design was used in town settings rather than rural settings in Linn County. (It is interesting to note that the Shedd U.P. Church was built one year after the Albany Presbyterian Church, "White Spires". The plan of the Shedd Church, although smaller and less ornate, is similar to the Albany church.) The interior woodwork of the Shedd Church is a significant feature of the building.

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NEGATIVE NO.:

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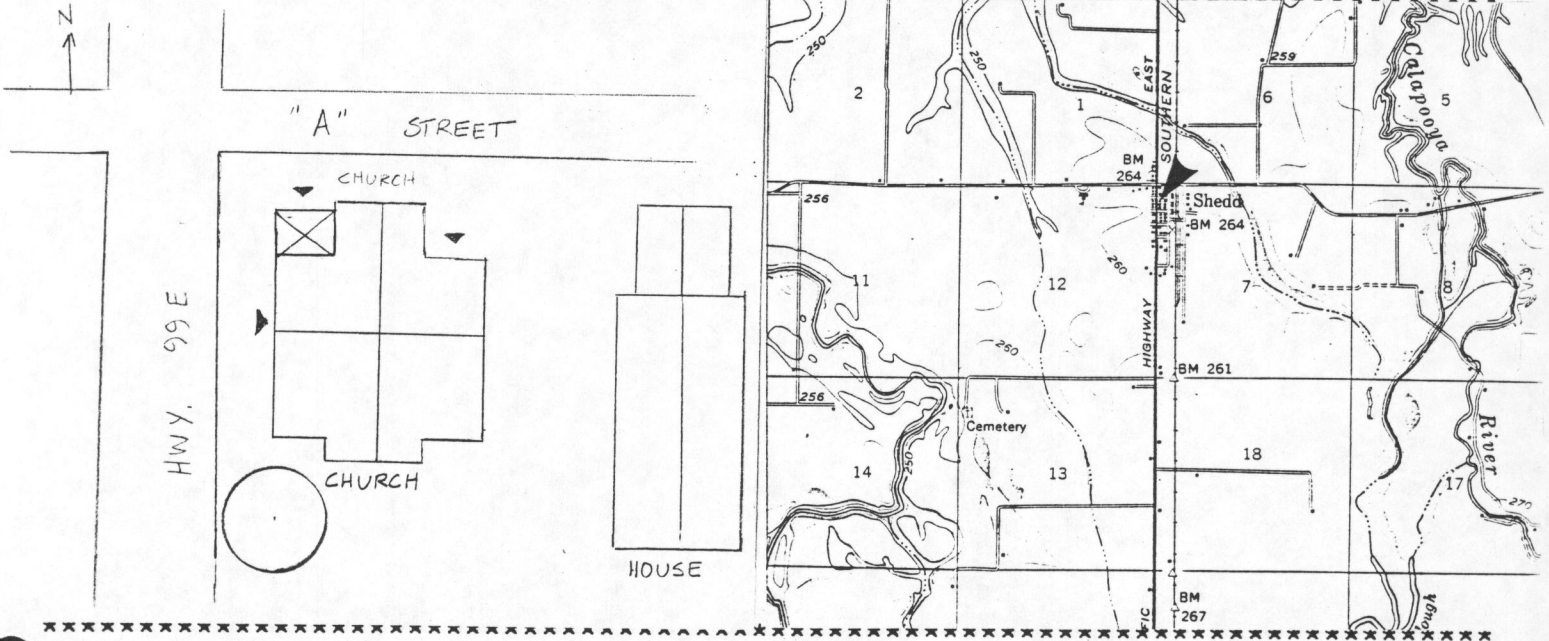
T/R/S: T13S R3W Section 7
 MAP NO.: 13 3W 7BB 3200
 QUADRANGLE: Halsey, 15'



View to south/southeast

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