

**Historic  
Resource  
Inventory**  
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON.



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5000 N. Willamette Boulevard

Section 18, Part of Tax Lot 1

QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 2324

North Portland Citizens Committee - University Park

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: School

DATE BUILT: 1891

STYLE: Richardsonian Romanesque

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS BY: McCaw, Martin and White

ORIGINAL OWNER: University of Portland

ZONING: R2

DESIGNATION: Landmark, National Register

**SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:**

Hip roof with shed roof dormers. Engaged round towers with conical roofs. Brick walls. Rough stone base. One-over-one, double-hung windows. Pediments top central pavilions. Massive round arch at entrance.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Education

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*Architecture: Building design based on H.H. Richardson's Sever Hall at Harvard University. It was the original building on the University of Portland campus.*

*Education: Portland University 1890-1900, Columbia University 1900-1935, University of Portland 1935-present. Under the leadership of Dr. C.C. Stratton, Chancellor of Willamette University, the Methodist Church decided to establish an institute of higher education in Portland on property known as University Park. It was to serve as a mother institution to smaller schools or academies operated by the church. First classes were held in 1891, but growth was slow. Financial difficulties and internal friction on the board of trustees led to the closing of the school and sale of the property to the Catholic Church in 1900. The Congregation of the Holy Cross operated the institution and renamed it Columbia University. The name was again changed in 1935.*

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*Present owners, as of May 1981: University of Portland  
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