

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	36971 S Hwy 213 Marquam, Clackamas County (97362)	historic name:	Marquam Methodist Episcopal Church
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	
location descr:	Mt Angel	block/lot/tax lot:	N/A / N/A / 01400
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	6S 1E 4 DD
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	1.5
elig evaluation:	eligible/contributing	total elig resources:	3
prim constr date:	1890	second date:	
		total inelig resources:	3
primary orig use:	Religious Facility	NR Status:	
second orig use:		date indiv listed:	
primary style:	Gothic Revival	orig use comments:	
secondary style:		prim style comments:	
primary siding:	Aluminum	sec style comments:	
secondary siding:		siding comments:	
plan type:	Church/Meetinghouse	architect:	
		builder:	
comments/notes:			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:		Type of Grouping	Date Listed
Clackamas County Historic Landmarks		Survey & Inventory Project	
			Date Compiled
			2008
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	N/A	106 Project(s)	
ILS survey date:	09/30/2007	SHPO Case	Date
RLS survey date:	02/28/1992		12/22/2000
		Agency Effect Eval	adverse effect
		Special Assess Project(s):	None
		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>ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Gable PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Fixed stained glass windows; Bull's-eye w/ divided lights DECORATIVE FEATURES: Fixed stained glass w/ Bull's-eye with divided lights OTHER: Porch w/ shed roof, e. elev.; paneled door; gable roof vestibule, s. elev.; concrete steps w/ wrought-iron balustrade; belfry w/ tent roof steeple ALTERATIONS: Windows replaced (n.d.); partially resided w/ aluminum siding (n.d.); original doors in vestibule replaced (n.d.); wheelchair ramp to breezeway added (n.d.); shed roof porch added (n.d.); ell added (n.d.); moved back on lot (1964). The subject building has been altered since construction. Alterations include the replacement of much of the original tongue-and-groove siding with aluminum lap siding, the replacement of the original vestibule doors and the addition of a shed roof porch, a wheelchair ramp and an ell. The entire church was moved back on the lot in the mid-1960s. Assoc Resources: Non-historic shed, hall, parsonage LANDSCAPE: Mature deciduous trees; mature coniferous trees. The Marquam Methodist Church is located on the north side of Highway 213, a busy two-lane state highway. The church is close to the road. The site is level, with non-historic buildings in addition to the Church. Across the road south is an early 20th-Century dwelling (see SHPO #756). On the east there is an early 20th-century dwelling (see SHPO #750). On the west there is an open field and a 20th-century dwelling beyond. On the north there is an altered early 20th-century dwelling. The area is predominantly in rural residential use.</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>SUBJECT PROPERTY The subject property is located within the Robert Allen donation land claim. The subject church has been moved on its lot. A full history of the church, written by Norma Olsen, will be added to the inventory form upon its receipt. The first Methodist church within the current boundaries of Clackamas County was the mission at the Falls in Oregon City. The mission was established in 1840 by Alvin F. Aller and William H. Willson. The church they built was the first Protestant church west of the Rocky Mountains. The Rock Creek Methodist Church (see SHPO #718) is also in the study area. It is the oldest church in the county, according to "Free Land for Free Men". Built in 1890, according to the church history, the Marquam Methodist church is a good example of a Vernacular style church. Characteristic features include the narrow, rectangular volumes, arranged at right angles and covered with gable roofs. Other elements common to the type are the horizontal wood siding, finished with corner and rake boards, and long double-hung sash windows. Typically, buildings of this type were modest and without much ornamentation, although churches generally had more decoration, due to the status as symbols for the community and for its devotion. The subject building's decorative features include several stained glass windows and a bull's-eye window with divided lights. The belfry and tent roof steeple are also noteworthy. The subject building has been altered since construction. Alterations include the replacement of much of the original tongue-and-groove siding with aluminum lap siding, the replacement of the original vestibule doors and the addition of a shed roof porch, a wheelchair ramp and an ell. The entire church was moved back on the lot in the mid-1960s. The church shares the site with a small shed, parsonage and hall, all of which post-date the historic period and do not contribute to the historic character of the subject property. The Marquam Methodist Episcopal Church is significant as a longtime focal point for the Marquam community. The church one of seven churches listed on the Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory for the Yoder/Marquam South County study area. The subject church is one of three Vernacular style churches, dating from the Progressive Era (1884-1913), in the study area on the inventory. The property is additionally significant for its contribution to the historic Marquam streetscape. The resource may be evaluated as an example of a late 19th century church, and as component of historic Marquam.</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:			

Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory, 1984. Clackamas County Tax Assessor records, Oregon City, OR. Lynch, Vera, "Free Land For Free Men", 1973, p. 123,130-133. Olsen, Norma. Unrecorded interview w/ Vikki Williams, April 1992. TICOR Title Company, Oregon City, OR.