

OREGON CITY HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Street Address: 719 CENTER ST				City: OREGON CITY		
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City			GPS	Latitude: 45 21 27 N	Longitude: 122 36 20 W	
Township: 02S	Range: 02E	Section: 31	Block: 40	Lot: All	Map #: 22E31AB	Tax Lot #: 1300
Date of Construction: 1849	Historic Name: Barclay, Dr. Forbes, House			Historic Use or Function: Domestic - single dwelling		
Grouping or Cluster Name: NA	*Current Name or Use: Domestic - single dwelling			Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown		
Architectural Classification(s): Classical Revival			Plan Type/Shape: Rectangle		Number of Stories: 1.5	
Foundation Material: Stone			Structural Framing: Hewn frame		Moved? Yes	
Roof Type/Material: Gable / Composition shingle			Window Type/Material: 12/12 and 8/8 wood double-hung			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Clapboard				Secondary: 		
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: Rear porch enclosed early						
Number and Type of Associated Resources: None						
Integrity: Excellent	Condition: Good	Local Ranking: Designated Historic Site			National Register Listed? Yes	
Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Altered (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Potentially eligible individually or in district <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Ineligible as it lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity <input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old						
Description of Physical and Landscape Features:						
<p>One of a handful of houses in Oregon from the 1840s, the Barclay House is a minimal Classical Revival with a full-width porch. It is 1-1/2 stories, side gabled, and eaveless. Its most prominent feature is the porch with square, full-height, chamfered columns with simple capitals. The front door is flanked by sidelights and topped by a transom. The windows are 12/12 wood double-hung with thin muntins and sash. The rectangular building rests on a foundation of mortared stone.</p>						
Statement of Significance:						
<p>Forbes Barclay was a Scottish-born physician (1812-1873), employed by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1839 and sent to Fort Vancouver on the Columbia River in 1840. He met and married Maria Panbrum there in 1842. He built this house in Oregon City just prior to his retirement from Hudson's Bay Company and settled in the town for the remainder of his life. He served as physician for local settlers and townspeople, and served as Clackamas County coroner, City School Superintendent, Oregon City mayor, and city councilman. The house is reported to have cost \$17,000, a high price attributed to the shortage of labor in the area due to the discovery of gold in California. In 1974, this property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.</p>						

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