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United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Cross, (Harvey), House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 809 Washington Street ___ not for publication

city, town Oregon City ___ vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Oregon code 41 county Clackamas code 005

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	_x_ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
_x_ building(s)	_x_ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	_x_ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	_x_ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Dietmar and Linda Goebel

street & number 809 Washington Street

city, town Oregon City ___ vicinity of state Oregon 97045

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clackamas County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Oregon City state Oregon 97045

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties has this property been determined elegible? ___ yes _x_ no

date 1976 ___ federal _x_ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office, 525 Trade Street SE

city, town Salem state Oregon 97310

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	___ original site	
x good	___ ruins	x altered	x moved	date ca. 1915
___ fair	___ unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The house built for Harvey Cross on a four-lot parcel in Block 145 in Oregon City ca. 1885-1890 is presently situated on Lot 3, Block 52 of the city's McLoughlin Plat. It was moved to its present location approximately one half mile from its original setting over sixty years ago, about 1915, and despite the addition of a wrap-around double piazza of the latter vintage, the house remains one of the city's best-known and most stately examples of the late Italian Bracketed, or Italianate Style.

The two-story frame house, L-shaped in plan, has a gable roof with boxed eaves and wide frieze board decorated with triangle brackets which follow a raking configuration at gable ends. As is typical of the pattern on which the Cross House was based, shiplap siding is embellished with wood quoins at each corner. Window openings are typically segmental-arched and are fitted with double-hung sash with one over one lights. Fenestration, projecting bays, porches, and other features were arranged with balanced asymmetry on each elevation. Openings in the principal facade are organized as one wide bay and one conventional bay. On the south side, paired windows under a single cresting of cut-out work are aligned over a ground story polygonal bay. On the north side of the facade, a single crested second story window opening is aligned over the entrance.

In the relocation of ca. 1915, several concessions were made to changing fashion, and some changes were made to accommodate the house to its new east-facing site overlooking a principal thoroughfare of Oregon City's residential upper level. Originally on a high basement of brick, the relocated house--still raised a few feet above grade, presumably is now on a foundation of concrete. The original front entry with double-leaf door, segmental arched transom and bracketed hood with rialing was remodeled into an entry with sidelights. Balustrades of the facade's polygonal bay, entrace hood, and the entire side porch with deck and railing in the corner of the "L" were removed at this point, and in their place was added a two-story wrap-around veranda with overhanging eaves, tapered square columns, and railings of square balusters. The polygonal bay of the present north side elevation was romoved also. A new brick chimney, presently with straight-sided stack, was built on the outside of the south wall to serve the parlor fireplace, which appears to have been given an up-dated brick surround. The mantelpiece, however, with its lamb's tongue chamfers and molded pilaster caps, appears to be original to the house. Also at the time of the relocation in 1915, a one story room was added to the rear elevation. Otherwise, the spatial organization of the interior is intact. Except for normal modernization of kitchen and bathrooms, all interior trim is intact also. A curvilinear staircase, open at the string, with turned newell post and balusters, is the focal point of the entry stairhall.

On its original site on Lots 3 through 6, Block 145, the Cross House faced northwest and is believed to have commanded a view of the city and the Willamette River. Today, it is oriented to the east on a site several feet above Washington Street grade level. The door yard is retained by an ashlar wall a foot or two in height. Most of the mature plantings on the well-shaded lot date from the turn of the century.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	_x_ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	
_x_ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	_x_ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1885-1890 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Harvey Cross House is significant to Oregon City as one of the stately homes of the historic McLoughlin Neighborhood and as the property most directly associated with Harvey Cross, an influential figure in Clackamas County affairs. Cross was a co-founder of the neaby townsite of Gladstone on the east bank of the Willamette River, and he was a county judge and state senator. Cross also co-founded the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association and was a partner in the Mt. Hood and Barlow Road Company. Of the several examples of the High Victorian Italianate Style of residential architecture in Oregon City, the Cross House is held to be the finest.

A few years prior to building his home in Oregon City, Harvey Cross and several associates formed the Mount Hood and Barlow Road Company, to which corporation the Barlow Toll Road was deeded in 1882. The Barlow Road served for decades as an important transportation link through the Cascade Range between the Mid-Columbia Plateau and the Willamette Valley. It traced a course around the south base of Mt. Hood, between The Dalles and Oregon City.

In 1889, Cross and others formed the Gladstone Real Estate Association which was responsible for the founding of the separate municipality of Gladstone. The community was platted in 1893. Cross, a great admirer of British statesman William Gladstone, is credited with having selected the name for the neighboring community.

In 1890 Cross was elected to the Oregon State Senate, where he represented constituents in Clackamas and Marion Counties. An advocate of an improved statewide transportation network, Cross has been credited with expediting legislation authorizing extensive road-building and improvement projects throughout the state.

In 1894 Cross and other formed the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association. He leased 75 acres of land in Gladstone to the Association for $1.00 per year, and assisted the enterprise in numerous ways to become the third largest permanent Chatauqua camp in the country.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Corning, Howard McKinley, Dictionary of Oregon History (Portland: Binfords and Mort), 1956.
McArthur, Lewis A., Oregon Geographic Names (Portland: Binfords and Mort), 1952.
Personal interview: Ella Hamilton, niece of Harvey Cross, Oregon City, June 23, 1978.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Oregon City, Oregon

Quadrangle scale 1: 24000

UMT References

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A	10	531090	5022550	B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property is Lot 3, Block 52 of the McLoughlin Plat of Oregon City and is approximately 66 by 105 feet in area.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title William G. MacRostie

organization | date September 1, 1978

street & number 21 Orchard Street | telephone 617/547-2610

city or town Cambridge | state Massachusetts 02140

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state _X_ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature David A. Talbot

title State Historic Preservation Officer | date August 27, 1979

For HCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

acting Carol Shull | date 10-30-79

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Kristin O'Connell | date 10/30/79

~~Chief of Registration~~

Cross (Harvey) House
809 Washington Street
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1 of 11 Historic view, ca. 1889, showing house at original location, 12th and J.Q. Adams Streets.

Pictured are Harvey Cross, his wife and children. House was moved to present site ca. 1915.

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Oregon City - 12th & J.Q. Adams St
Harvey Cross Residence
Later Moved To 809 Washington St.
1889

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2 of 11 South and east elevations, showing veranda addition which followed relocation of c. 1915

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elevation

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5 of 11 Newell post, staircase in entry stairhall

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7 of 11 Detail of open-
string staircase,
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8 of 11 Four-panel door and molded trim of door casings off entry stairhall

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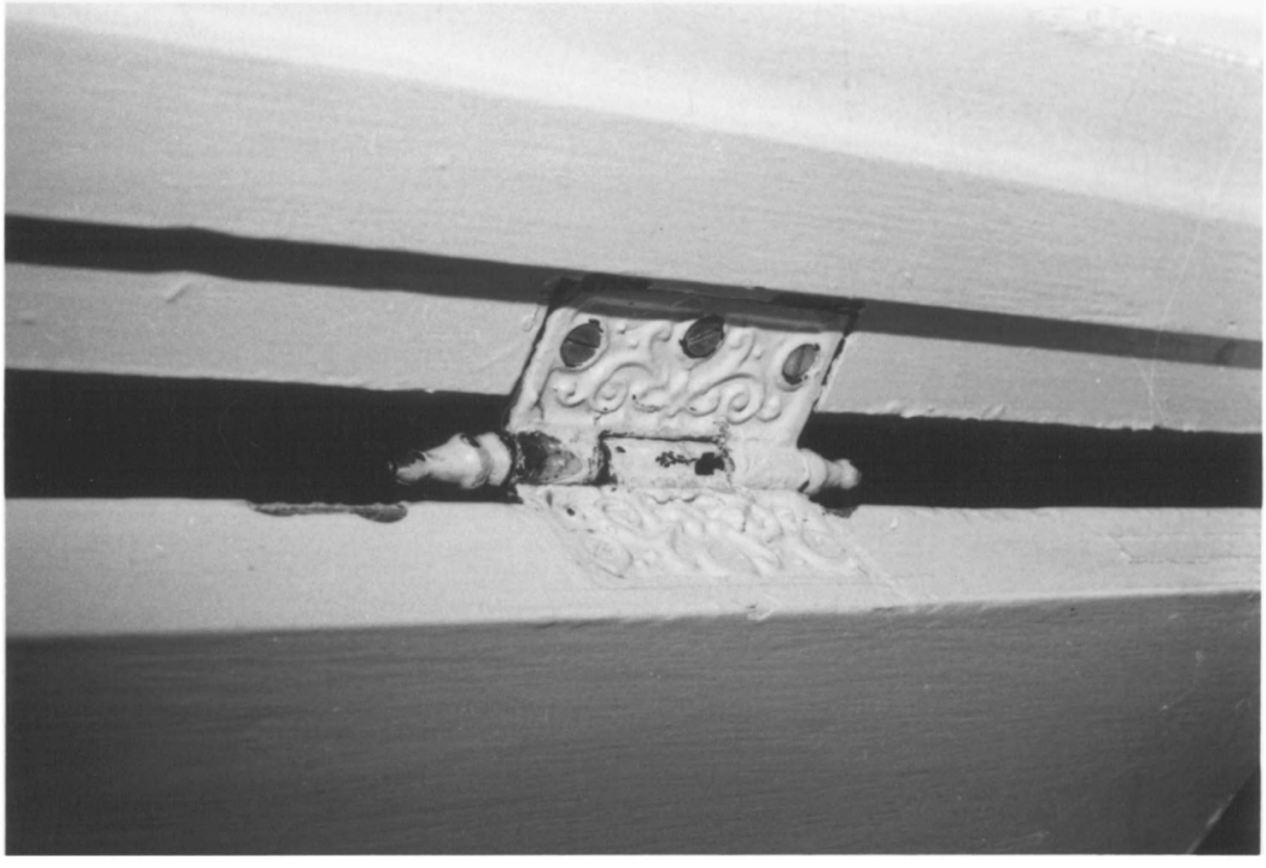

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11 of 11 Interior view of south window bay, main parlor

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