

HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Site No. 29-21 OAHF No. _____ Date Recorded 4/30/87
 Site Name Historic Presbyterian Church
 Common _____
 Field Recorder Julie Koler/Jane Morrison
 Owner's Name Nick Petrish et al. c/o M. Anderson
 Address 2708 Iroquois
 City/State/Zip Code Mr. Vernon, WA 98223

Status

- Survey/Inventory
- National Register
- State Register
- Determined Eligible
- Determined Not Eligible
- Other (HABS, HAER, NHL)
- Local Designation

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography Neg. No. 3-36
 (Roll No. & Frame No.)
 View of NE corner
 Date 5/27/87

Classification District Site Building Structure Object
 District Status NR SR LR INV
 Contributing Non-Contributing
 District / Thematic Nomination Name _____

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Materials & Features/Structural Types

Building Type Church
 Plan Irregular
 Structural System Frame
 No. of Stories 2

Cladding (Exterior Wall Surfaces)

- Log
- Horizontal Wood Siding
 - Rustic/Drop
 - Clapboard
- Wood Shingle
- Board and Batten
- Vertical Board
- Asbestos/Asphalt
- Brick
- Stone
- Stucco
- Terra Cotta
- Concrete/Concrete Block
- Vinyl/Aluminum Siding
- Metal (specify) _____
- Other (specify) Decorative shingle

Roof Type

- Gable
- Flat
- Monitor
- Gambrel
- Shed
- Hip
- Pyramidal
- Other (specify) _____

Roof Material

- Wood Shingle
- Wood Shake
- Composition
- Slate
- Tar/Built-Up
- Tile
- Metal (specify) _____
- Other (specify) _____
- Not visible

Foundation

- Log
- Post & Pier
- Stone
- Brick
- Not visible
- Concrete
 - Block
 - Poured
 - Other (specify) _____

| Integrity | (Include detailed description in Description of Physical Appearance) | Description of Physical Appearance | | | |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Intact | Slight | Moderate | Extensive |
| Changes to plan | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Changes to windows | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Changes to original cladding | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Changes to interior | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (specify) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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LOCATION SECTION

Address 500 R Avenue (SW corner at 5th)
 City/Town/County/Zip Code Anacortes/Skagit/98221
 Twp. 35N Range 2E Section 18 ¼ Section SW ¼ Section NW
 Tax No./Parcel No. 3776-009-002-0005 Acreage Less than one
 Quadrangle or map name Anacortes 15 min.
 UTM References Zone 10 Easting 528895 Northing 5373800
 Plat/Block/Lot Bowman's C.S.H.W.F./9/1,2
 Supplemental Map(s) City of Anacortes, orthocontour 1"=400'



High Styles / Forms (check one or more of the following)

- Greek Revival
- Gothic Revival
- Italianate
- Second Empire
- Romanesque Revival
- Stick Style
- Queen Anne
- Shingle Style
- Colonial Revival
- Beaux Arts/Neoclassical
- Chicago/Commercial Style
- American Foursquare
- Mission Revival
- Spanish Colonial Revival/Mediterranean
- Tudor Revival
- Craftsman/Arts & Crafts
- Bungalow
- Prairie Style
- Art Deco/Art Moderne
- Rustic Style
- International Style
- Northwest Style
- Commercial Vernacular
- Residential Vernacular (see below)
- Other (specify) _____

Vernacular House Types

- Gable front
- Gable front and wing
- Side gable
- Cross gable
- Pyramidal/Hipped
- Other (specify) _____

Study Unit Themes (check one or more of the following)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Government/Law |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Science & Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Heritage (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Movements/Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning/Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing/Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Study Unit Sub-Theme(s) (specify) _____ |

Statement of SignificanceDate of Construction 1891 Architect/Engineer/Builder _____

- In the opinion of the surveyor, this property appears to meet the criteria of the National Register of Historic Places
- In the opinion of the surveyor, this property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local).

The Presbyterian Church is significant for being the oldest surviving church building in Anacortes. With the exception of the loss of the large corner tower, the building is intact as built and is a good example of a nineteenth century, eclectic building type. The first regular minister in Anacortes was Reverend A. S. Foster, who arrived in 1889. The congregation first met in Amos Bowman's residence, moving later to a canvas-roofed frame building on Tenth Street. For a short time the congregation met then in Child's Hall at the corner of Third and "R" Streets, and in January 1981, moved into the Bowman Opera House. In May 1891, the subject building was completed at a cost of \$2,600. When the Presbyterian congregation outgrew the building, it was sold in 1923 to the Skagit County Evangelical Society, who sold it in 1927 to the Assembly of God Church, who in turn sold the building to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1936. In recent years the building has served as a storage facility. This building serves as a prominent visual anchor on the east side of the historic commercial core of Anacortes.

Description of Physical Appearance

Located on the southwest corner of Fifth and "R" Avenue, a few blocks northwest of Cap Sante Marina in Fidalgo Bay, the Presbyterian Church is a two-story, wood-frame structure with Queen Anne style decorative features. Asymmetrical in plan, the gabled roof is sheathed in wood shingles. The building rests on a stone foundation. The corner entry was originally crowned by a large tower. Windows are one-over-one, double-hung sash with fan-light and semicircular dripstone or hoodmold. Double doors, recessed in the round-arched entrance, replace the originals. Decorative elements include fishscale shingles in upper gable ends and stained glass. Alterations are minor: the original porch stoop has been replaced with concrete and some windows have been boarded over. Despite the need for paint and some minor cosmetic disrepair (broken windows, deteriorating siding), the building appears in sound structural condition.

Major Bibliographic References

Boles, Tim. National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form (incomplete), n.d.

Petrich, Maria. Unrecorded interview by Julie Koler. June 1987.