

# Oregon Historic Site Form

Orengo Presbyterian Church  
22785 Birch  
Hillsboro, Washington County

## LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 22785 NW Birch  apprx. addr  
 Hillsboro vcnt Washington County  
 Optional Information  
 assoc addresses:  
 (former addresses, intersections, etc.)  
 location descr:  
 (remote sites)

historic name: Orengo Presbyterian Church  
 current/  
 other names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 block nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ tax lot nbr: \_\_\_\_\_  
 township: \_\_\_\_\_ range: \_\_\_\_\_ section: \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4: \_\_\_\_\_  
 zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: building height (# stories): 1 total # eligible resources: 2 total # ineligible resources:   
 elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing NR status: \_\_\_\_\_  
 primary constr date: 1911 (c.)  secondary date: \_\_\_\_\_ (c.)   
 (optional--use for major addns) NR date listed: \_\_\_\_\_ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)  
 primary orig use: Religious Facility orig use comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 secondary orig use: \_\_\_\_\_ prim style comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 primary style: Romanesque sec style comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 secondary style: \_\_\_\_\_ siding comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 primary siding: Shingle architect: \_\_\_\_\_  
 secondary siding: Half Timbering builder: \_\_\_\_\_  
 plan type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 comments/notes: CR-G; EC garage

## GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name: Hillsboro Local Inventory Update 2008 2008 Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name: \_\_\_\_\_ external site #: 180/705  
 (ID# used in city/agency database)

## SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ILS survey date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RLS survey date: 7/1/2008  
 Gen File date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 106 Project(s)



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## ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Include expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings, and alterations)

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Orengo Presbyterian Church was dedicated October 15, 1911. It is an example of a Craftsman style building, with Tudor Revival detailing. The church is complex in massing. The roof is a series of medium-pitch gables featuring bell-cast eaves, exposed rafters and composition shingles. The chimneys are original, with one on the exterior of the west elevation, and the other on the interior. The building is sided with wooden shingles, while the gable ends are stucco and half-timbered. Wood ornamented corbelling support the overhanging gable ends. The main access is found on the west elevation, with a stoop porch attached to the south side of the belltower. The tower stands two stories, featuring Tudor arches over three-part louvered vents and crenellation at the top. Two gables project from the west and east, with their fenestration providing light for the main sanctuary. These windows each consist of a large central window with two sidelights and a transom. A one-story, three-sided apse projects from the south end of the sanctuary. Each side of the apse has a one-over-one, double-hung sash window. Ear moldings cap all windows. The interior of the church remains original, including furniture and fixtures. The building is in good conditions.

### CONTEXTUAL DESCRIPTION

The church is sited at the east end of Orengo, at the northeast corner of 228th and Birch Streets. Located immediately across Birch Street is the Orengo School site, currently a park. The Manse for the church is to the east.

## HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period [preferably to the present])

### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Orengo Presbyterian Church was a central element in the development of the town of Orengo. Archibald McGill's residence held the first meeting of the congregation in May of 1909. The next meeting was held in the Orengo Community Hall, located in the second story of the Orengo Mercantile Building. There were 17 charter members of the congregation. At the second meeting, Malcolm McDonald and Archibald, president and vice-president of the Oregon Nursery Company, respectively, each offered the community one thousand dollars if a church was built. The building committee included McGill, W.B. Cunningham, and Thomas Goodin. Thomas Goodin was also mentioned as a contractor, although the initial bid was contracted to W. A. Simmons and I.D. McNish of Portland for the sum of \$6,553. F.W.Foley was the architect. This is the only building within Orengo that has been identified as architect-designed. The involvement of McDonald and McGill and the style of the building all combine to make the Orengo Presbyterian Church a significant Orengo resource.

## RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Title Records    | <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records       | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps     | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files           | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries       | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers           | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives       | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits     | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library        |   |

Local Library: \_\_\_\_\_ University Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Historical Society: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

Bibliography: SOURCES CONSULTED

Orengo Presbyterian Church Records: Session Minutes  
Orengo Presbyterian Church Records; Ephemera