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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Young, John Quincy Adams and Elizabeth, House

Other names/site number _____

2. Location

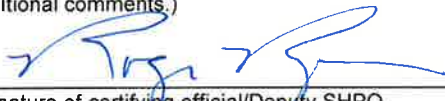
street & number 12050 NW Cornell Road not for publication

city of town Portland vicinity

State Oregon code OR county Washington code 067 zip code 97229

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)


Signature of certifying official/Deputy SHPO

11-17-08
Date

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

___ entered in the National Register
___ See continuation sheet

___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ See continuation sheet

___ determined not eligible for the National Register

___ removed from the National Register

___ other (explain:)

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public - Local
- public - State
- public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Non-Contributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

None

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

GOVERNMENT: Post Office

COMMERCE: Department Store

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

VACANT

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19th CENTURY: Other, Vernacular

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation: STONE; CONCRETE; WOOD

walls: WOOD

roof: WOOD; ASPHALT, composition

other:

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Period of Significance

c. 1863-1881

Significant Dates

c. 1863-1864

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Not Known

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Washington Co. Planning

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property .57 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1	<u>10</u> Zone	<u>515640</u> Easting	<u>5041304</u> Northing	3	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing
2	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing	4	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps: A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs: Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items: (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

name Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District
street & number 15707 SW Walker Rd. telephone (503) 645-6433
city or town Beaverton state OR zip code 97006

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Summary

The John Quincy Adams and Elizabeth Young House is located at 12050 NW Cornell Road in the unincorporated community of Cedar Mill, Washington County, Oregon. Built circa 1863, the building is a vernacular one-and-a-half story form encompassing approximately 1500 square feet in its five downstairs rooms and two attic bedrooms. The building retains integrity of location, basic design, workmanship, and association. In the areas of setting, feeling and materials the building has undergone some change; the closely linked setting and feeling have been impacted by the newer development nearby, but the immediate surroundings (i.e. the lot on which the house is located) still retain a rural character that reflects the historic setting. Material changes include removal of some of the window sash, porch replacement, and the application of later siding types. Many of these alterations appear to have taken place within the historic period, and none is sufficient to significantly impact the building's ability to convey its original appearance and period of significance. The Young House is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion A for its association with and early contributions to the initial development of the rural community of Cedar Mill in Washington County.

Setting

"In broad geographic terms, Cedar Mill is located...seven miles west of Portland, nine miles east of Hillsboro and four miles north of Beaverton. ...specific boundaries for the area have never been established..."¹ Cedar Mill is nestled in the eastern Washington County foothills, an area traversed by small creeks and wooded with cedar, fir and deciduous trees. The Young house is located on the south side of NW Cornell Road near NW 119th just east of the business center of Cedar Mill and near the city limits of Beaverton. (Figures 1-3) NW Cornell Road is a major arterial street characterized by a mix of suburban commercial and residential development as well as some remaining open space. The Young house fronts north on the northwestern portion of a 0.57-acre, triangular lot. The eastern property boundary is delineated by Cedar Mill Creek, the northern boundary is NW Cornell Road, and the western boundary abuts the Cedar Mill Bible Church property. The house and lot were originally part of a larger rural parcel that historically included the Jones/Young family sawmill, of which no built remnant remains visible other than a depression marking the location of the mill pond. No outbuildings or other associative built features associated with the house remain on the subject property.

Landscape features include a large hickory to the southwest, and a pear and an apple tree west of the house. Aerial photographs of the 1930s and 1940s indicate a small orchard was located to the west of the house, and the fruit trees are remnants of that historic feature. (Figure 5) To the east is the natural riparian growth along Cedar Mill Creek. A natural draw east of the house that is visible in historic photographs remained until at least recently, but has been filled in the area immediately around the house. (Figures 5, 6 and 14; Photos 4, 5 and 11)

¹ Linda S. Dodds and Nancy A. Olson, *Cedar Mill History* (Portland, Oregon: Linda S. Dodds and Nancy A. Olson, 1986), 1.

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Exterior Description

The Young house is a one-and-a-half story side-gabled house with a double-pitched roof that gives it a "saltbox" appearance. The nearly square footprint measures approximately 36' wide x 30' deep. Small projections include a small covered front stoop and a small west side/kitchen porch addition measuring approximately 14' x 6'.

The current land configuration is such that the front (north) elevation sits at grade, and the rear (south) elevation is approximately 4' above grade, exposing the foundation wall along the east and south. An early photograph of the house, dated circa 1888, shows the house situated on the west bank of a creekbed or slough, resulting in the partial exposure of the north (front) foundation wall, and full exposure on the east side.² This topographic feature has recently been partially obliterated by fill (in the area of the house) that buries north foundation wall, and encroaches significantly on the eastern side, though this eastern wall is still almost completely visible. (Photos 2-4)

The foundation consists of a combination of stone, brick, concrete, and post-and-pier, with wood post and modern concrete pier supports. A stone, concrete block and brick-walled cellar with an earthen floor encompasses slightly more than one-quarter of the total basement area at the northeast corner. (Figure 7) The east wall is brick, and part of the north wall is concrete block, giving the impression that the area was open at one time, and later walls were infilled. (Photos 3 and 4) Once enclosed, access to the cellar was provided via a doorway in the east brick wall that has since been filled in; a later access door to the basement is located on the south wall. The southeast corner of the basement is excavated but unfinished, and the western portion is unexcavated. The substructure of the building is comprised of a combination of hand-hewn and sawn beams measuring approximately 10" x 7" at the perimeter, and 4" x 6" on the interior, joined with lap joints. Corner and interior support posts are similar in size, and have been placed on modern concrete footings. A majority of the sub-structural elements along the southern (rear) portion of the building are sawn, suggesting either a slightly later construction date or perhaps early repairs.

Utilizing the plank wall construction (more specifically plank-on-frame) commonly employed in the 1840s-1860s in Oregon, the walls are built of 2"-thick planks set vertically to form a solid wall; they are resting on a ledger at the sill and are nailed to the sill and to the hand-hewn top plate.³ These planks in conjunction with the hewn members form the support system for the building. The house is clad in wood clapboard siding in short lengths of contemporary material and size with 7" exposure, with a later application of narrow vertical boards at the foundation level. Beneath this siding, the west elevation retains older 6½"-exposure droplap siding that appears to be historic but is likely not original. Portions of this older siding are visible in and around the kitchen porch addition, with the majority of it obscured by the later clapboard. Original siding would have likely been wood weatherboard. On the northeast and northwest corners the siding terminates at 4½ - 5" cornerboards

² See Figure 14. The date of this photograph is based on family notes on the photo indicating age of the child Mable, aged 6 at the time of the photograph. Mable was born in 1882, hence the date of the photograph would be 1888.

³ Shannon Bell, "The Preservation of Vertical Plank and Box Constructed Buildings in the Pacific Northwest," Master's thesis, University of Oregon (2006), 16.