

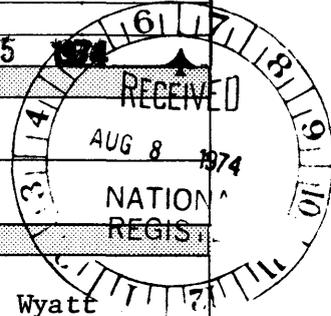
Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Oregon
COUNTY:	Multnomah
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	NOV 5 1974



413 E 514220
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1. NAME

COMMON: Bybee-Howell House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Bybee (James F.) House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: off Sauvie Island Road Representative Wendall Wyatt

CITY OR TOWN: ~~Howell Territorial Park~~ Sauvie Island CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Oregon First Congressional District

STATE: Oregon CODE: 41 COUNTY: Multnomah CODE: 051

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Oregon Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 1230 SW Park Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Portland 97205 STATE: Oregon CODE: 41

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Multnomah County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Portland STATE: Oregon CODE: 41

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1934 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 11

STATE: Oregon
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bybee-Howell house on Sauvie Island, built in 1856, is one of the finest examples of the 19th century Classic Revival in Oregon, if not the West Coast. Carefully restored, it is a two-story frame structure of rectangular plan with a one-story kitchen ell. The facade is formally arranged with a center door flanked by two windows on either side. The same arrangement is repeated on both floors. The ground floor door, which has sidelights and transom, opens onto a small portico supported by two square tapered wooden columns. The roof of the portico, which is surrounded by a ballustrade, serves as a balcony or deck for the upper door. The gable ends of the house are fully pedimented. Slender pilasters of the colossal order trim the corners, and a plain freize with trim molding and a molded cornice surrounds the main block. Openings are surrounded by a simple architrave with a molded cornice. Two chimneys are symmetrically placed on the longitudinal axis set in from the gable ends. The exterior has lap siding with double-hung windows containing six lights over six. Decorative moldings are built-up using laminated strips of lumber.

The Bybee-Howell house was one of the first houses in Oregon to be plastered inside, and the house as a whole was lavishly finished. The hall is of oak, the library of California redwood, and the dining room of ash with built-in cupboards. The floor and wood-work in the parlor is white maple. There are seven fireplaces, each with slightly different Classic Revival detail. The house's nine rooms are formally arranged around a central stairway hall. Acquired by the Oregon Historical Society in 1961 in a very poor state of repair, the house was fully restored after researching techniques and materials of the time in territorial Oregon. It is furnished with contemporary pieces, some of them Oregon-made.

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BYBEE-HOWELL HOUSE (Cont.)

2. Location

The Bybee-Howell house is located in the S. W. 1/4 Sec. 21, T. 2 N., R. 1 W. of the Willamette Meridian in Multnomah County, Oregon.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Also: Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings
State of Oregon, 1970

Records on file:

Parks and Recreation Section
Oregon State Highway Division
Salem, Oregon 97310

Code 41



3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1856**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Bybee-Howell house is an unusually lavish and rare example of the Classic Revival style of the mid-nineteenth century in the Pacific Northwest. James Bybee and his wife Julia came to Oregon with their small children from Kentucky in 1847 and settled on Sauvie Island in the Columbia River near Portland. With the discovery of gold in California, Bybee headed south, where, according to a contemporary source, "he made a fortune." Returning in 1854, he claimed 642,21 acres on Sauvie's Island under the Donation Land Law of 1850, and was appointed one of the first three Multnomah County Commissioners. A lover of thoroughbred horses, by the time he started his house in 1856, he had nearly completed a large race track on another portion of the property.

In 1858, shortly after its completion, the house was sold to the owners of an adjoining Donation Land Claim, Dr. Benjamin and Elizabeth Howell. Two of the Howell sons gained prominence as Northwest botanists (in 1903 Thomas published a text and reference book, Flora of Northwest America) and a third son became a distinguished Oregon farmer. The house remained in the Howell family until 1961, when it was purchased along with seventy-five acres for use as a park and game refuge by Multnomah County.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Oregon Historical Society, "Bybee-Howell House," Three-page report, July 7, 1967.

Historic American Buildings Survey Data Sheet, "James F. Bybee House," ORE-47, 1934.

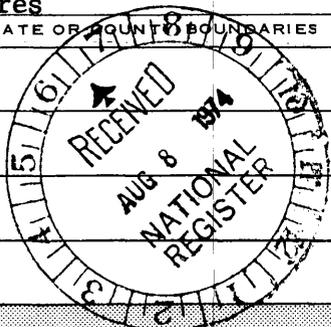
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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SE	0 , "	0 , "				
SW	0 , "	0 , "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Ca. 3 acres**

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 AND TITLE: **Paul Hartwig, Park Historian and D. W. Powers III, Temporary Assistant**

ORGANIZATION: **Oregon State Highway Division** DATE: **July 8, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **State Highway Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Salem 97310** STATE: **Oregon** CODE: **41**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *David B. Talbot*
 Title: State Parks Superintendent
 Date: August 2, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

D. P. Montrose
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 11/5/74

ATTEST:
Charles Henry
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: 11.1.74