

**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**

Note: For properties 35 years old and newer, starred (\*) sections are the only required fields.

					*County: Clackamas	
*Street Address: 17600 Pacific Highway				*City Lake Oswego		
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego				GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 45.39676 -122.65014		
Township: 2S	Range: IE	Section: 14	Block/Lot:	Tax Lot #: 400TI		
Historic Name: Marylhurst Cemetery & Altar				Grouping or Cluster Name:		
*Date of Construction: Landscape: c1911 Altar: 1937		Other Name:				
Historic Use or Function: Cemetery		*Current Use: Cemetery		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown		
Architectural Classification(s): Mediterranean		Plan Type/Shape: Simple/Square		Number of stories: 1		
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Brick		Moved? No		
Roof Type/Material: Hipped-Pyramid/ Red Clay Tile			Window Type/Material: Large Arched Fix Windows/Wood			
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Brick		Secondary: Concrete		Decorative:		
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: Landscape changes made overtime; Chain-link fence, wood fence, wood benches, and gazebo likely added after 1989.						
Number and Type of Associated Resources: N/A						
Integrity: Good		Condition: Good		Local Eligibility: Eligible/Contributing		National Register Listed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>Preliminary National Register Findings:</b>						
Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a District						
Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction or <input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old or <input type="checkbox"/> Altered - Choose one:						
<input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/ potentially eligible individually or in a District <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/ ineligible, lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable lack of integrity						
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Description of Physical and or Landscape Features:

The Marylhurst Cemetery and Altar are located off of Furman Drive South to the south of the St. Anne's Chapel on a 1.02-acre, square-shaped parcel near the southwest corner of Marylhurst University campus in Lake Oswego. The site, which slopes downward from north to south, includes landscape features, such as large pine, oak, gum, and sycamore trees throughout. Other vegetation, such as ferns and English yew are also used within the cemetery. The cemetery is enclosed by a solid wood fence to the east and a metal chain-link fence to the west, north, and south. The southern boundary of the cemetery is also defined by a dense wooded area. The chain-link fence is covered with bushes and English ivy along the west and north boundary. Deciduous trees, bushes, and other vegetation also help enclose the parcel. The primary opening to the cemetery is centrally located along the east boundary to the west of an asphalt parking lot located under two large pine trees. From the opening, a strait asphalt path leads to the altar. This path is lined with trees and fern bushes.

The altar, which is centrally located near the west boundary of the site, faces east towards the primary entrance. It is a one-story, square-shaped gazebo structure with hipped, pyramidal roof and concrete foundation. The north, east, south, and west façades are faced with polychrome brick and feature large arched openings. The openings are flanked by square brick columns and pilasters with brick capitols. The arches are shaped by a brick soldier course. The openings on the north and south façades feature large, fixed wood windows. The primary façade, which faces the opening to the west, is open and flanked by square brick columns with capitols. A ceramic dedication plaque is located on the south column. Above the openings and column capitols are blind brick walls with two recessed stretcher belt courses. The roof has a pronounced overhang with exposed rafters and is finished with clay tiles. Its peak features a metal ornamental crucifix.

The interior of the brick gazebo structure includes two wood benches and three concrete steps along the west elevation. The west elevation also features a large, rectangular antependium with brick pattern work. Above the antependium is a blind arch with brick keystone and arched niche. Within the niche is a painted concrete statue of the Good Shepherd.

Other objects located within the cemetery site are wood benches along the perimeters, an open, gabled wood gazebo to the south, and burial markers and headstones. Upright marble headstones in the shape of a crucifix flank the altar atop a small concrete base to the west. Rows of lawn-level concrete and granite burial markers flank the primary path to the east of the headstones and altar. Other headstones are located at the southeast corner of the site and a grouping of burial markers is located to the south of the altar.

Based on an original drawing for the cemetery dated 1911, the cemetery was to include a formal path around two large sections of cemetery plots within a landscaped boundary. At this point, the primary path was to be twelve feet wide and wrap a central memorial with circular foundation and large cross. The drawing shows a curved and strait bench seat to the north and south of the cross along the path. Another 1911 drawing variation shows the cemetery broken up in to eight sections with paths between the sections and perimeter path. This drawing also shows a stone wall around the site. The cross memorial in the center has a square foundation in this variation. Landscaping features include multiple trees and bushes which outline the primary path and memorial. Based on historic photos, landscape featured in these 1911 drawings may have not been executed. Further research will be needed to determine if the cemetery ever included any of the features shown on these 1911 drawings. One historic photo taken after 1937 shows the site lined with deciduous trees and a solid perimeter hedge. It also shows the primary entrance and path flanked with tall Italian cypress trees.

Prior to the construction of the existing 1937 alter, a design for a memorial was designed in 1935. This memorial included a concrete and granite foundation with antependium and flanking planters. A large granite crucifix with figure and scroll were to be atop an antependium. It is likely that this design was not realized given the construction date of the altar.

Since the last survey was recorded on this property in 1989, landscaping changes have been made. The changes include the repaving of the primary asphalt path, the removal of the perimeter hedge to the west, and the addition of new trees and planters throughout. It is also likely that the solid wood fence, wood gazebo, and benches have also been added since 1989. The original marble cross gravestones have since been placed atop marble bases and multiple lawn-level burial markers have been plotted.

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Statement of Significance: [Required only for Intensive Level Surveys] (Use additional sheets if necessary)

The Marylhurst Cemetery and Altar are located at 17600 Pacific Highway in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Originally established c1911 by the Sisters of the Holy Names and designed by landscape architect George Otten, the Marylhurst Cemetery has experienced minimal change over time. In 1937, the existing altar was designed by Francis B. Jacobberger. Today, the cemetery retains good historic integrity and continues to express the history of the Sisters' commitment to their development in Lake Oswego.

The Marylhurst Cemetery and Altar are located on land originally owned by George and Nye Walling as part of their Donation Land Claim. George and Nye Walling came to Oregon City from Iowa in 1847. Walling was a nurseryman who propagated plants and introduced the Major Francis Cherry and the Champion Prune to Oregon (Goodall 29). After two generations of farming, the Walling farm was "sold to the builders of Marylhurst College" (Goodall 30). As of 1958 the Walling farmhouse was used as a dormitory on campus (Goodall 30).

In 1859, "a group of friends and relatives of twelve nuns," set sail from Montreal, Canada to Portland, Oregon. "The Sisters had come prepared to educate children, but from the moment the doors of their first school opened, they were called upon to care for orphans, the poor, the sick and the despairing" (Goodall 103). In 1893, the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary founded the St. Mary's Academy downtown, Portland (Marylhurst). In 1898, "the Sisters petitioned the State Legislature for a revision of their charter for the purpose of offering college course leading to bachelor's degrees. This was granted and St. Mary's Academy had 'and college' added to its name" (Goodall 104). By 1906, the Sisters, who were based in Portland, purchased land in Oak Grove, Oregon and in Marylhurst with the intent of having an orphanage and college constructed (St. Mary's Academy). Archbishop Alexander A. Christie who had land adjoining the Sisters' tract in Marylhurst realized their need "and exchanged this land for the Oak Grove property, thus making the sizable piece that was needed" (Goodall 103). In 1907, the Christie School was built on the newly acquired site. Originally, this site was called "Villa Marie" but it was later changed by Archbishop Christie to Marylhurst in 1913 (Foster 74). Sister Miriam Barbara Rendeau recalled that the cemetery was established near the end of 1911 (Lake Oswego Public Library 188). In 1912, "the Sisters opened the Holy Names Normal School" (Foster 74), which acted as a sister school to St. Mary's College in Portland. According to the last survey conducted on this site in 1989, the original twelve Sisters are buried in the cemetery.

After the St. Mary's College moved to Marylhurst in 1930, it became Marylhurst College. Marylhurst was reported to be the only Catholic college for women in the northwest, and the Sisters of the Holy Names organized a campaign to raise funds for the college in 1930 ("Marylhurst Plans New College Home," The Sunday Oregonian). Around this time in 1937, the Marylhurst Cemetery Altar was designed by Francis B. Jacobberger who had also just designed Flavia Hall on the Marylhurst Campus. Like Flavia Hall, the altar expresses a Mediterranean style, which is consistent throughout the early campus buildings. The remainder of the cemetery site had been earlier designed by landscape architect, George H. Otten (Otten).

Today, the cemetery altar continues to reflect many of the character-defining features associated with Mediterranean style buildings common during its time of construction. These features include red tile roof covering, arched openings, and shallow overhanging eaves.

Born in Los Angeles in 1898 to Joseph and Anna Jacobberger, Francis B. Jacobberger grew up in Portland, Oregon where his family first settled in 1890. Joseph Jacobberger was a prominent Portland architect who was known for his church designs and the original three Marylhurst College buildings. Francis Jacobberger attended Columbia Prep School in Portland and went on to graduate from the University of Oregon School Of Architecture. After graduating, Jacobberger worked for his father until his death in 1930, at which point he continued the firm under his name for 15 years (Ritz 205). In 1945, Jacobberger partnered with Elmer Gottlieb Zeller creating Jacobberger & Zeller. Years later, Jacobberger began a cycle of adding and dropping partners from his firm, such as John Joseph Stanton from 1946 to 1960, Elmer Zeller from 1945 to 1948, and Everett B. Franks and Richard W. Norman in 1956. Francis B. Jacobberger died in Portland on February 4, 1962 (Ritz 205). Notable works by Jacobberger and his firm include churches, the Providence Hospital, Central Catholic High School, Portland University Engineering Building, and Mt. St. Josephs Home for the Aged (Ritz 206). Others works include the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, the Harrison Park School in 1949, the Lent School in 1949, and multiple buildings on the Oregon State School for the Blind campus in 1957 and 1958 (University of Oregon).

George H. Otten was born in 1889 and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon in 1911. After graduating, he continued to pursue his education at Columbia University in New York. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I, after which he returned to Portland, Oregon where he started a family. From 1935-1942, Otten worked for the Highway Department of the State of Oregon. Otten is also known for his landscaping designs throughout the Fairmount Neighborhood in Portland, Oregon and his collaborative project with local architect Roscoe D. Hemenway. Notable works by Otten include Oregon State Capitol grounds, Portland Swan Island Airport, Rose City Golf Course in 1923, landscaping at Temple Beth Israel in Portland, Oregon, and Alderwood Country Club (Tsvitzi & Thompson 5).

Currently, the Marylhurst Cemetery and Altar retain good historic integrity. Overall, based on the information gathered for this survey and further research, it is more than likely that the Marylhurst Cemetery and Alter can be found significant in the areas of religion and early exploration and settlement. Given their retention of location, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association and its contributions to the development of the Marylhurst campus, the Marylhurst Cemetery and Altar could also be contributing resources in a potential historic district.

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Cemetery (Viewing East)

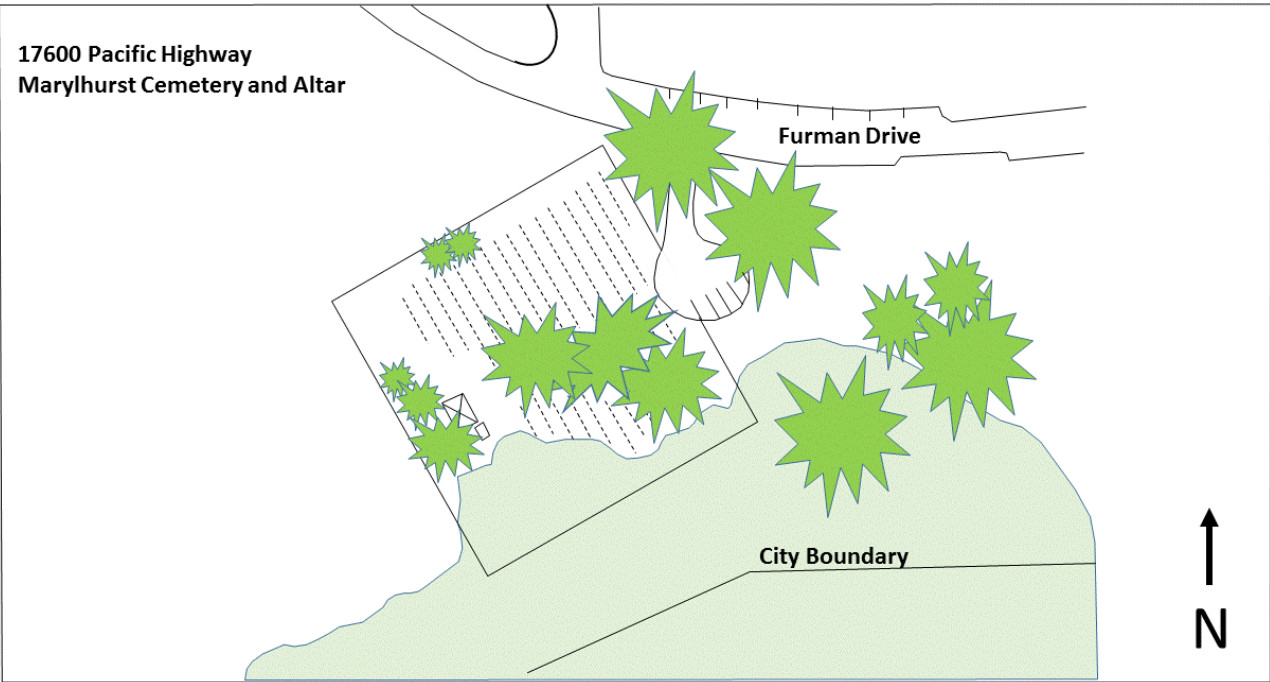


Altar Interior (Viewing East)

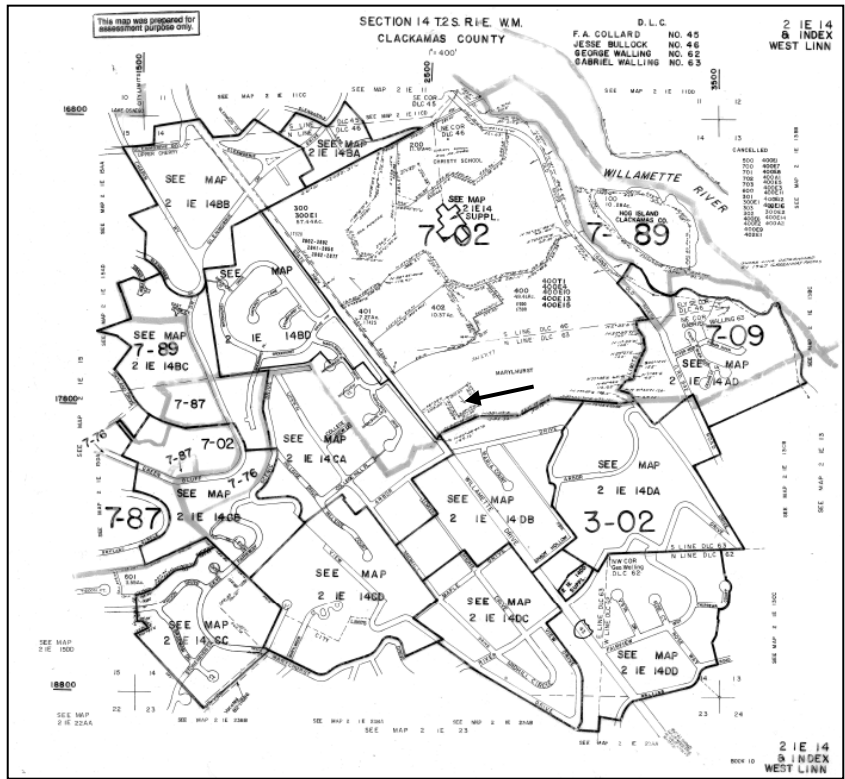
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Marylhurst Cemetery and Altar Site Plan



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Note: This page of the survey form is required only for Intensive Level Survey

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Architect and / or Builder(s): Landscape: George H. Otten Altar: Francis B. Jacobberger		Owner Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed  Owner Name(s):	
Addition or Subdivision Name: Marylhurst		Address:   City, State, Zip:   Phone Number(s):	
Area(s) of Significance: Religion and Early Exploration and Settlement			
Property Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District			
Documentation			
Research Sources:  <input type="checkbox"/> Title/ Deed Records <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers		<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library <input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs	
		Local Library (specify): Lake Oswego Public Library Multnomah County Library  University Library (specify):   Historical Society (specify): Holy Names Heritage Center  Other (specify):	
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