

**Historic Resources Survey  
City of McMinnville  
Yamhill County, Oregon**

**Site Information**

**Site Address**

225 NW Adams St.

**Owner at Time of Survey**

City of McMinnville

**Map/Tax Lot**

R4420AD06900

**Current Zoning**

R-2 FP

**Special Tax Assessment**

No

**Downtown Historic District**

No

**Subdivision Name**

**Block**

**Lot**

**Lot Size**

**Quadrant**

NW

**Site Number**

8.2a

**Aerial Number**

J-11

**Resource Classification**

A

**Resource Number**

400

**Historic Significance**

Primary Resource #136

**Historic Information**

**Date of Construction**

1912-13

**Early Additions/ Remodels**

**Builder/Architect**

Wineland & Co./Ernst Kroner

**Historic Name**

Carnegie Library

**Original Use**

Library

**Common Name**

McMinnville Library

**Present Use**

Library

**Condition of Structure**

Good

**Comments (at time of Survey)**

Small cracks in walls, chimneys.

**Building Type**

Public

**Outbuildings**

None

**Building Style**

Rectangular Block

**Stories**

1

**Porch**

**Basement**

**Roof Style**

Low Hip

**Roof Type**

**Moved**

**Demolished**

**Year/Date**

**Permit Number(s)**

98B0541

**Additions/ Alterations**

Library Remodel

**Resource Information**

**Recorded By**

Janice Rutherford

**Date**

6-5-1980

**Sources**

O.H.S. Ms. 3080-41 Ernst Kroner's Archetectural Drawings Minute Book, McMinnville Library Board 1911-1916, Rose Marie Caughran

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

A400

Plans on file at the Oregon Historic Society indicate that Ernst Kroner submitted several larger, more elaborate designs before the executed plans were adopted. The building as finally built, is a regular rectangular block with a low-pitched hipped roof. It sits on the edge of the City Park. Above the first floor, it is brick, below, rough concrete. Wide eaves are supported by paired brackets. Fenestration is somewhat irregular; strips of narrow paired casement windows superimposed by transoms of small translucent lights which are continuous with the frieze. The daylight basement has eight over eight double-hung sash windows. The frieze is partially decorated with contrasting brickwork in diamond patterns. The entrance (on the north façade) is an arched double door (aluminum now) surrounded by concentric arches of headers. A stained glass lunette above the doors displays a design of fir trees, a lamp and the words, "Carnegie Library 1912".

Tax funding and a library board were created by ordinance in 1911. The first board, appointed by the mayor, included: Mrs. D.C. Apperson, Mr. Macy, Lulu Roger, O.O. Hodson, and Ella Hendrick. Until that time, the library had been in the hands of a private organization, the Civic Improvement Club, it was quartered in Eliza Wright's building for rent of \$12.00 a month.

In 1911 discussion of a Carnegie Library was begun. Ernst Kroner, Worchester Building, Portland was chosen architect and plans were submitted and reworked throughout most of 1912. Several plan were discussed. Local contractors' bids were too high and a Portland firm, Wineland & Co. were chosen as builders with a bid of \$8,880. The new building was insured by Oregon Fire Relief Association for \$4000. It was completed in March 1913. The building sits on the edge of the City Park facing north and surrounded by several large trees, most notable a Monkey Puzzle tree.

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Photo August 2001



Original 1983 Survey Photo