

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

Site Information

Site Address

238 NE 3rd St.

Owner at Time of Survey

William D. Rutherford

Map/Tax Lot

R4421BC07300

Current Zoning

C-3

Special Tax Assessment

Yes

Downtown Historic District

Yes

Subdivision Name

McMinnville, Original Town of

Block

8

Lot

1

Lot Size

2,323 sq.ft.

Quadrant

NE

Site Number

8.12a

Aerial Number

J-11

Resource Classification

A

Resource Number

439

Historic Significance

Primary Resource #165

Historic Information

Date of Construction

prior to 1884

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Historic Name

Schiling Building
(Boss Saloon)

Original Use

Saloon

Common Name

Schilling Building

Present Use

Commercial

Condition of Structure

Good

Comments (at time of Survey)

In need of paint.

Building Type

Commerical

Outbuildings

None

Building Style

Long Narrow

Stories

2

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Flat

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

04B0618, 03B0966

Additions/ Alterations

Int'r Rem'l, 2nd Flr Int'r Rem'l

Resource Information

Recorded By

Janice Rutherford

Date

6-20-1980

Sources

Sanborn Maps McMinnville 1884, 1889, 1904, 1912 & 1928; Photograph - Oregon Historical Society

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

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Originally a long, narrow, two-story, brick structure, the Schilling Building, which faces north on East Third Street, was given a new stucco façade in 1905. Extensively altered at ground floor level with the installation of a glass front, the building displays its original four-bay façade at the second floor. The windows are arched, one-over-one, double-hung sash, and superimposed by dentils under eyebrow hoods. The cornice line is elaborate with paired brackets, modillions, rosettes in the frieze and a central arch topped by a finial.

The building appears on the first Sanborn map available (1884) as a saloon. It remained a saloon until after 1892. By the early 1900's, it was a grocery; later it became a variety store. Photographic evidence shows that its façade was originally shorter in stature, gable-fronted and of exposed brick. The stucco and raised ornamented parapet was added later, probably by Schilling in 1905 as the inscription indicates. The original gable line is still visible through the stucco. This could very possibly be the oldest standing brick building on Third Street.

State of Oregon Inventory
Historic Sites and Buildings
State Historic Preservation Offices,
Oregon State Parks, Salem 97310

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The Schilling Building on Third Street in the heart of McMinnville's oldest business district was erected about 1880. The building was standing in 1888 when it appeared in the illustration in the West Shore Magazine of the McMinnville National Bank which stood next door (the building is still standing in 1976). In 1888 the Schilling Building had a simple center-pointed decoration on its front elevation centered above the second floor windows. The outline of this original detail can yet be seen through the stucco. In 1905 Schilling redesigned the building's front and added an impressive tin or zinc façade with a half-round pediment arch in the center of the front on which was inscribed "Schilling 1905." The building is two-story, brick construction and faces north. It has four double hung sash windows (one-over-one) on the second floor with graceful eyebrow brick banding above each semi-elliptical opening. The first floor front has been altered several times and now has plate glass windows for display purposes. The 1888 sketch of the building illustrates its original appearance.

The building long served as a saloon and was apparently in such use until about 1910. Charles Berry, when interviewed in 1976, still recalled the pungent smell of old beer that permeated the building when he was a boy. Presently the upstairs apartment is unoccupied. The main floor has been for several years a retail outlet for cloth and sewing machines. In the 1880's the building housed the Boss Saloon. Early in the 20th Century it was the location of Schilling's Variety Store.

Sources:

Rutherford, William. Interviewed by Stephen Dow Beckham, Feb. 11, 1976, McMinnville, Oregon.

Berry, Charles. Interviewed by Stephen Dow Beckham, Jan. 27, 1976, McMinnville, Oregon.

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Original 1983 Survey Photo