

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

Site Information

Site Address

310 NE Evans St. (503 - 513 NE 3rd St.)

Owner at Time of Survey

Floyd Lewis, James Craig, & William Baker

Map/Tax Lot

R4421BC05000

Current Zoning

C-3

Special Tax Assessment

Yes @ survey

Downtown Historic District

Yes

Subdivision Name

Rowlands Addition

Block

2

Lot

Lot Size

8,078 sq.ft.

Quadrant

NE

Site Number

11.22

Aerial Number

K-11

Resource Classification

A

Resource Number

834

Historic Significance

Primary Resource #393.1

Historic Information

Date of Construction

1905

Early Additions/ Remodels

ca. 1912

Builder/Architect

Fenton & Link/C.C. Robbins

Historic Name

Hotel Elberton

Original Use

Hotel

Common Name

Oregon Hotel

Present Use

Commercial

Condition of Structure

Excellent

Comments (at time of Survey)

Building Type

Commercial

Outbuildings

None

Building Style

Cubical

Stories

4

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Flat

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

97B0373, 97B0578,
99B0025, 05B0885,
06B0401

Additions/ Alterations

Commercial Remodels (Hotel & Restaurant),
Interior Remodel, Awnings,
Rooftop Bar Expansion

Resource Information

Recorded By

Jancie Rutherford

Date

6-20-1980

Sources

Telephone Register, 4-22-1905, p.1, c. 1;
Sanborne Perris Maps, McMinnville, 1912, 1928;
Photograph, Temple Collection

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

A834 State Special Assessment Program

The rear of the building is unadorned brick, symmetrical, seven bays across with a central raised chimney and arched window openings.

The west elevation is eight bays across; fourth bay from the front varies with multi-lighted upper-sashed windows and an arch within the wall at the second story.

One of the finest buildings downtown, the Oregon Hotel is a cubical brick, four-story structure facing south on a corner lot. The façade is six bays across and fenestration is irregular, small multi-lighted casements between the predominant one-over-one double-hung type. An arched balcony opens from the second floor just right of center. The cornice line of corbelled brick ornament is topped by a paneled parapet wall. Windows are inset with flat arches and stone sills. Corbelled brick belt courses articulate the third and fourth floors while a handsome rock faced stone belt course divides the first and second. This feature plus the inset panels of aggregate river rock are faintly reminiscent of Henry Hobson Richardson's style.

Recent renovation has included installing a handsome awning and placing uniform sign plaques on the storefronts.

The building was originally erected as a two-story hotel, the Hotel Elberton, for \$15,000. The top stories were added later but never finished. It housed a bar, kitchen, and ladies parlor along with rooms.

Largest hotel building in Yamhill County. It was a popular eating-place in the 1930's.

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

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The Oregon Hotel is the largest hotel building in Yamhill County. It was erected sometime prior to World War I and exhibits some Richardson style influences, especially in its heavy appearance, use of native stone and brick, and in the suggestive Richardsonian style arches on the second floor on the south and west elevations. In the 1930's the hotel's restaurant and dining room facilities were very popular. Since the 1950's the hotel has had frequently changing management and has been closed since the 1960's. The former dining room has been divided into facilities for a taxi company and a beauty parlor. The main lobby served for several years as a bus depot and has also been cut up by partitions.

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Photo April 2001



Original 1983 Survey Photo