

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

Site Information

Site Address

448 NE 3rd Street

Owner at Time of Survey

Francis, Jeannie Fenton , & Frances Temple

Map/Tax Lot

R4421BC09000

Current Zoning

C-3

Special Tax Assessment

Yes

Downtown Historic District

Yes

Subdivision Name

Original Town

Block

16

Lot

1

Lot Size

Quadrant

NE

Site Number

28.4

Aerial Number

J-11

Resource Classification

B

Resource Number

491

Historic Significance

Secondary Resource #207

Historic Information

Date of Construction

Prior to 1928

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Historic Name

Fenton Building

Original Use

Commerical

Common Name

J.C. Penny's

Present Use

Commercial

Condition of Structure

Excellent

Comments (at time of Survey)

Building Type

Commercial

Outbuildings

None

Building Style

Stories

2

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

96B0433, 07B0192

Additions/ Alterations

Interior Remodel; Interior walls

Resource Information

Recorded By

Janice Rutherford

Date

7-16-1980

Sources

Sanborn Maps 1928,
Frances Spence Temple

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

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The Fenton Building is a large, square, brick structure facing north on the corner of Third and Evans Streets. Built in the '20's by Frank W. Fenton, prominent McMinnville attorney and property owner, it has always been occupied by a dry goods firm. The façade and east elevations are faced with variegated red brick and have a mansarded roofline covered with red Spanish tile. A cornice line of dentils runs immediately beneath this. A narrow stone belt course articulates story division. There is a basement and a second story (once offices, now storage). Fenestration at the second level is regular—there are symmetrically arranged one-over-one double-hung sash windows in pairs and singles along the façade and east elevation. They are set within moderately deep reveals and articulated by variation in bonding. Another irregular course of windows stretches across the east elevation at the mezzanine level. There is an arch over the stairwell at the west end of the façade. The remainder of the ground floor façade is faced with metal tile and the entrance has been cut away and fitted with aluminum windows. The rear elevation is plain stucco and has irregular fenestration with multi-lighted casement windows of varying sizes. The interior of the store has a pressed tin ceiling which has been painted over.

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Photo August 2001



Original 1983 Survey Photo