

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

Site Information

Site Address

549 NW Birch St.

Owner at Time of Survey

Richard & Leigh Stentz

Map/Tax Lot

R4420AD05500

Current Zoning

R-2

Special Tax Assessment

No

Downtown Historic District

No

Subdivision Name

Block

Lot

Lot Size

Quadrant

19,155 sq.ft. NW

Site Number

7.19a

Aerial Number

J-10

Resource Classification

A

Resource Number

282

Historic Significance

Secondary Resource #47

Historic Information

Date of Construction

ca. 1915

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Historic Name

J.C. Compton House

Original Use

Single Family Dwelling

Common Name

Present Use

Single Family Dwelling

Condition of Structure

Good

Comments (at time of Survey)

In need of paint

Building Type

Residential

Outbuildings

Garage

Building Style

Neo-Colonial & Georgian Revival

Stories

2.5

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Hip

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

02B0715

Additions/ Alterations

Interior Remodel

Resource Information

Recorded By

Samuel C. Lowry

Date

7-19-1980

Sources

Historic Resource Survey
City of McMinnville
Yamhill County, Oregon

Statement of historical significance and description of property:

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This is a large, majestic, two-and-one-half story house of wood frame construction, in excellent condition and virtually unaltered. It is predominantly of the “neo-colonial” or “Georgian Revival” style, with rectangular floor plan, perfectly symmetrical front façade and regular fenestration. The central details in the front (eastern) façade include a broad staircase, a columned portico creating a second-story balcony, onto which open french doors, and a central wall dormer giving the visual effect of a pediment. Supporting the balcony is an array of lintels and rafters more typically bungaloid. At the same level, apparently two rafter ends project through the wooden drop siding on either side of the portico. Four sets of french doors open onto the first floor porch, with regular ten-lighted panels. Other windows are of the sash type, with twelve lights over one. The end gables are large and imposing, with few windows, and the roof is fairly steeply pitched, with returns. Large exterior end chimneys add to the symmetry. The detached garage is of particular note. It is perfectly square in plan, two stories high with hipped roof, very reminiscent of a blockhouse. Its three bays of doors exhibit ornamental stick-work, and the second story appears to have finished rooms. Overall, this is an excellent and well-preserved example of Revival architecture.

J. C. Compton was a contractor whose grandson still operates J. C. Compton co. in McMinnville.

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Photos August 2001



Original 1983 Survey Photo