

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

**Site Information**

**Site Address**

347 NE 4th St.

**Owner at Time of Survey**

Oregon Mutual Insurance

**Map/Tax Lot**

R4421BC02300

**Current Zoning**

C-3

**Special Tax Assessment**

No

**Downtown Historic District**

No

**Subdivision Name**

McMinnville, Original Town of

**Block**

11

**Lot**

**Lot Size**

**Quadrant**

NE

**Site Number**

5.30

**Aerial Number**

J-10

**Resource Classification**

A

**Resource Number**

378

**Historic Significance**

Primary Resource #132

**Historic Information**

**Date of Construction**

1922

**Early Additions/ Remodels**

**Builder/Architect**

A.E. Doyle

**Historic Name**

Oregon Fire Relief Association

**Original Use**

Oregon Mutual Insurance

**Common Name**

Oregon Mutual Insurance

**Present Use**

Oregon Mutual Insurance

**Condition of Structure**

**Comments (at time of Survey)**

**Building Type**

Commercial

**Outbuildings**

None

**Building Style**

Classic Revival  
Rectangular Temple

**Stories**

2

**Porch**

**Basement**

**Roof Style**

**Roof Type**

**Moved**

**Demolished**

**Year/Date**

**Permit Number(s)**

98B0661

**Additions/ Alterations**

Exterior Addition

**Resource Information**

**Recorded By**

Janice Rutherford

**Date**

**Sources**

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

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One of McMinnville's finest architectural monuments, the Oregon Mutual building is a classical revival design by Portland's well-known A. E. Doyle. Of smooth dressed stone, the two-story building with basement was originally a rectangular temple form oriented toward the north with a three bayed façade and six-bayed side elevations. The façade has a simple pediment, a restrained entablature which encircles the building, and four full Ionic columns. A central door has little ornament: architrave surround and egg and dart moulding. It is superimposed by a one-over-one window with sidelights. The lateral bays are two one-over-one superimposed double hung windows. The east elevation has regular tall windows, the end two are superimposed double-hung, the middle four are nine-lighted casement, separated by Doric pilasters. All windows are recessed without ornament. The north elevation (rear) has two regular two-over-two double hung windows on the second floor and two, twelve lighted fixed windows on the first. There is quoining on the two visible original corners.

A large ungainly addition has been constructed on the west of Doyle's original, beautifully symmetrical design, and seriously compromises it. Its stepped forward façade is also of smooth dressed stone, has a simple entablature and simple piers separating four nine-lighted casement windows of aluminum frame. Its west elevation is of brown aggregate with regular triple aluminum casement windows. The north of the addition is plain stucco.

Oregon Mutual Fire Relief Association was established in 1894 by Charles Grissens. His house on Fifth and Lafayette was the first property the company insured.

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Photo July 2001



Original 1983 Survey Photo