

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

Site Information

Site Address

300 NE 3rd St.

Owner at Time of Survey

U.S. National Bank of Oregon

Map/Tax Lot

R4421BC08700

Current Zoning

C-3

Special Tax Assessment

Yes @ survey

Downtown Historic District

Yes

Subdivision Name

McMinnville, Original Town of

Block

13

Lot

4

Lot Size

Quadrant

NE

Site Number

8.14a

Aerial Number

J-11

Resource Classification

A

Resource Number

450

Historic Significance

Primary Resource #173

Historic Information

Date of Construction

1901-1902

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Historic Name

Hodson Building

Original Use

Commercial,
Hardware

Common Name

Sears Buidling

Present Use

Commercial

Condition of Structure

Fair

Comments (at time of Survey)

In need of paint.

Building Type

Commercial

Outbuildings

None

Building Style

Rectangular
Italianate

Stories

2

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Flat

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

01B0450, 01B0532,
01B0750, 09B0625

Additions/ Alterations

Repl Stairs, New Store Front,
Interior Remodel

Resource Information

Recorded By

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Date

6-10-1980

Sources

Sanborne , Perris Map 1902, Sanborne Map
1912 p. 5; 1928 p. 13, Telephone Register 7-01-
1901, J.C. Cooper "Military History of Yamhill

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

A450 (State Special Assessment Program)

A rectangular, Italianate, two-storied stuccoed brick structure, the Sears building faces north on the corner of Third and Cows. A shorter section on the rear of the building appears to be an addition. The building has a basement. There are two sets of three inset double-hung one-over-one windows with no ornament at the second floor level on the façade. The east façade has irregular fenestration; the second story windows are arched, double-hung sash, and those on the ground floor are single-paned. All have simple, splayed sills. Windows on the rear addition are four-lighted, inset squares. The projecting cornice conceals the roofline and is supported by large scrolled brackets and smaller modillions. There is a paneled frieze below the cornice. The original façade at the first floor level has been replaced by large store windows and setback entry. The south elevation is sheathed in corrugated sheet metal; unpainted brick shows on the exposed portion of the east side.

The building was built in 1901-1902 by O. Orville Hodson to house his hardware and tin business. Born in Indiana in 1857, Hodson came to Oregon in 1878 with his father, A.H. Hodson and bought a hardware business. He became sole owner in 1888 and was eventually to do much of the metal work on cornices in McMinnville's business district. He was an active mason and built the Queen Ann home on Fifth and Davis Streets. In 1928, the building was occupied by a grocer and confectioner. Today, Sears Roebuck catalog store occupies the building.

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Photo April 2001



Original 1983 Survey Photo