

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

Site Information

Site Address

411-425 NE 3rd Street (403 NE 3rd St)

Owner at Time of Survey

Edward L & Ardis Hendricks

Map/Tax Lot

R4421BC05600

Current Zoning

C-3

Special Tax Assessment

Yes @ survey

Downtown Historic District

Yes

Subdivision Name

McMinnville, Original Town of

Block

17

Lot

5

Lot Size

9,000 sq.ft.

Quadrant

NE

Site Number

8.21a

Aerial Number

J-11

Resource Classification

A

Resource Number

475

Historic Significance

Secondary Resource #210

Historic Information

Date of Construction

1890

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

D. Canuto

Historic Name

Union Block

Original Use

Commercial

Common Name

Hamblin-Wheeler

Present Use

Commercial

Condition of Structure

Excellent

Comments (at time of Survey)

Building Type

Commercial

Outbuildings

None

Building Style

Italianate, Second Empire

Stories

2

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Mansard

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

01B0397, 06B0430

Additions/ Alterations

Canopy, Interior Remodel

Resource Information

Recorded By

Janice Rutherford

Date

5-10-1980

Sources

J.C. Cooper "A Military History of Yamhill County", Al Beeler, Owner, Hamblin-Wheeler, Telephone Register 7-21-1890

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

A475 (State Special Assessment Program)

The Union Block is a rectangular stuccoed corner structure facing south, ten bays across and four bays deep. Altered considerably, it still bears hints of Italianate and Second Empire styling. The understated mansard roof shelters a dentil cornice and frieze panels ornamented by raised diamonds. Four pilasters terminating in ornamental brackets which pierce the roofline at the corners rise from ground to roof on the west side. Ten similar pilasters rise from a second floor cornice, five of which pierce the roof in an ornamental curved projection across the façade. Decorative finials which once sat there are stuccoed segmental over the second floor windows which are double-hung, one-over-one sashes, single on the façade and paired on the west side. The façade at the ground level is greatly changed, sheltered by a permanent stucco awning which echoes the segmental arches on the windows and which superimposes six large arched floor-length windows. It is currently being remodeled again. Marble piers support this awning. The building is painted beige with brown trim.

The building originally had four storefronts; the one on the far east was Elsie Wright's harness business.

Twelve partners, among them, Ed Hendricks, Elsie Wright, and Frank Fenton, built the structure in 1890 at a cost of \$18,000. They were incorporated as the McMinnville Investment Company. A clothier has always occupied the southwest corner; the present firm Hamblin-Wheeler has been there since 1900. Present owners include heirs of the original builders.

American Federal occupied SE corner in 1983.

Early Tenants: Bishop's, then Jacobson's, then Hamblin, who came in 1900, Wheeler joined him in 1902.

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

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The Union Block is one of the largest 19th century commercial buildings remaining in Yamhill County. The two-story brick building occupies one-fourth block on Third Street in the center of the commercial district in McMinnville. The most distinctive feature of the building is its mansard roof which was originally surmounted by a wrought iron grill connecting chimneys and ornamental pediments. Fenestration on the second floor is regular with one over one paned windows set beneath semi-elliptical brick (arch radiating) voussoirs. The windows on the west elevation are double; those on the south elevation are single.

About 1960 the main floor business façade was altered with the removal of old windows and cast iron fronts for the placement of travertine marble and new window casements. While the alteration has been a significant “modernization” it has not unduly changed the overall style of the building. The original canvas awnings were removed and arched windows screens (permanent) were fastened to the building. The brick exterior has been covered with stucco and is painted.

The building is illustrated in J.C. Cooper’s Military History (c. 1898). Reportedly the structure cost \$18,000 to build in 1890

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Photo April 2001



Original 1983 Survey Photo