

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

**Site Information**

**Site Address**

434 NE Evans St.

**Owner at Time of Survey**

Jack, Mark, & Richard Temple (Amity)

**Map/Tax Lot**

R4421BC03000

**Current Zoning**

C-3

**Special Tax Assessment**

Yes @ survey

**Downtown Historic District**

No

**Subdivision Name**

Rowlands Addition

**Block**

1

**Lot**

3

**Lot Size**

**Quadrant**

NE

**Site Number**

18.2

**Aerial Number**

K-10

**Resource Classification**

A

**Resource Number**

723

**Historic Significance**

Primary Resource #316

**Historic Information**

**Date of Construction**

1909

**Early Additions/ Remodels**

ca. 1930 (remodel)

**Builder/Architect**

Roscoe Hemenway (remodel)

**Historic Name**

Frank Fenton House

**Original Use**

Residence

**Common Name**

Cummins, Cummins,  
Brown & Goodmand, P.C.

**Present Use**

Professional Offices

**Condition of Structure**

Excellent

**Comments (at time of Survey)**

**Building Type**

Residential

**Outbuildings**

Gabled 2-Car Garage

**Building Style**

Neo-Colonial

**Stories**

2

**Porch**

**Basement**

**Roof Style**

Hip

**Roof Type**

**Moved**

**Demolished**

**Year/Date**

**Permit Number(s)**

05B0856, 07B0697

**Additions/ Alterations**

ADA Ramp, Patio Cover

**Resource Information**

**Recorded By**

Janice Rutherford, Ruth Stoller

**Date**

8-5-1980,  
5-7-1986

**Sources**

Francis Spence Temple; Roscoe Hemenway  
Plans, Oregon Historical Society

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

A723 State Special Assessment Program

One of McMinnville's most imposing homes, the Fenton House, is a square two-story, hip-roofed, neo-colonial with two frontal gabled dormers, which have returns, and a full width raised front porch with varied roofline. Basic siding is four-inch weatherboard, and the foundation of simulated rock cut stone reveals a daylight basement. Fenestration is irregular, though most windows are double-hung sash. The central upper stone window on the façade is a stylized Palladian with consoled hood. The façade is three bayed with a central entry and large projecting fixed windows on either side. The central flat roofed portion of the porch is supported by large paneled square columns, and has dentil molding under the eaves. Slender square columns and latticework mark the sides of the porch. The house has large wooden rusticated quoins, exposed decorative rafters, and paired eave brackets over a molded frieze board. A molded belt course articulates the stories. The rear elevation is irregular with two projecting pavilions on differing heights; one accommodates a back porch and entrance. There are two interior corbelled chimneys.

In the 1930's, Roscoe Hemenway, Portland architect, remodeled the home, making it into a duplex. Frank Fenton was a prominent attorney who practices first in Lafayette and came to McMinnville in 1888. He served as a director of the Oregon Mutual Fire Insurance Company and for the old McMinnville National Bank. He was active in civic affairs and built several commercial structures on Third Street. His grandsons still own the house.

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Photo April 2001



Original 1983 Survey Photo