

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

Site Information

Site Address

536 NE 5th St. (Spence House)

Owner at Time of Survey

Mark & Frances Temple,
Jack Temple, & LaVern Foster

Map/Tax Lot

R4421BC02900

Current Zoning

C-3

Special Tax Assessment

Yes @ survey

Downtown Historic District

No

Subdivision Name

Rowlands Addition

Block

1

Lot

1

Lot Size

Quadrant

NE

Site Number

18.3

Aerial Number

K-10

Resource Classification

A

Resource Number

728

Historic Significance

Secondary Resource #317

Historic Information

Date of Construction

1929

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

Roscoe Hemenway (bricklayer Chegwyn)

Historic Name

Jack Spence House

Original Use

Residence

Common Name

Present Use

Duplex

Condition of Structure

Excellent

Comments (at time of Survey)

Building Type

Residential

Outbuildings

Attached carport &
attached garage turned

Building Style

Veneer

Stories

2.5

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Steep Gable

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

Additions/ Alterations

Resource Information

Recorded By

Janice Rutherford

Date

8-5-1980

Sources

Roscoe Hemenway Plans, Oregon Historical Society;
Francis Spence Temple

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

A728 Special Assessment Program

A handsome, variegated brick veneer structure, this Hemenway design is a steeply gabled home showing Tudor influence and situated on a corner across from the Yamhill County Courthouse. The house is two-and-one-half stories, has a daylight basement, and a concrete foundation. The basic house is rectangular with a cross gable and smaller off-center gable on the façade and a gabled wall dormer on the rear. All windows are multi-lighted casement, some triple, some in focus, most are recessed. There is a wide cedar siding on the area beneath the end gables and the small entry gable. An arched recessed balcony with arched multi-lighted door and sidelights and wrought-iron railing adorns the front gable. Casement windows on the first floor façade have diamond leaded panes. The entry is recessed under the balcony. Fine, ornate, woodwork adorns the interior. There are two large exterior, corbelled chimneys on either gable.

Jack Spencer came from Scotland, worked for Miller Mercantile and married F.W. Fenton's daughter, LaVern. He built the Spence Building on Third Street around 1925 and had this home built in 1929. His daughter, Francis Spence Temple, lives in the house today.

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Photo July 2001



Original 1983 Survey Photo