

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

Site Information

Site Address		Owner at Time of Survey			
600 NE Evans Street		City of McMinnville			
Map/Tax Lot	Current Zoning	Special Tax Assessment	Downtown Historic District		
R4421BB16700	C-3	No	No		
Subdivision Name		Block	Lot	Lot Size	Quadrant
Court Addition		6			NE
Site Number	Aerial Number	Resource Classification	Resource Number	Historic Significance	
17.32a	K-10	B	721	Secondary Resource #318	

Historic Information

Date of Construction	Early Additions/ Remodels	Builder/Architect			
ca. 1920's		A.E. Lombard/John Hunziker			
Historic Name	Original Use	Common Name		Present Use	
Armory	National Guard Armory	Armory		Community Center	
Condition of Structure	Comments (at time of Survey)				
Building Type	Outbuildings	Building Style		Stories	
Public		Square		4	
Porch	Basement	Roof Style	Roof Type	Moved	Demolished Year/Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permit Number(s)	Additions/ Alterations				
	Rem'l to Community Center				

Resource Information

Recorded By	Date	Sources
		New Reporter, 1-12-1922

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

B721

A large basically square four-story brick structure with a central ell extending from the rear elevation, the former armory takes up the entire block between Evans and Ford and Fifth and Sixth and faces west. The façade has a central stepped forward pavilion wherein the raised entry is recessed under concentric arches and a third floor balcony. The roofline is interrupted by curvilinear configurations suggesting Spanish influence. The roofline of the side elevations rise to a very large and wide curved parapet toward the rear. Ornament—in the way of roofline cap, belt courses, crosses radiating from recessed circles, window labels and sills, and first floor wall surface—is pink stucco-coated concrete. Windows have no other ornament.

The former armory is in the process of renovation for use as a community center, and many of the windows have been filled up with concrete block. Snaking concrete ramps and stairs have been added, back and front. These alterations have comprised they style of the building.

(Support for building an armory in McMinnville began in late 1920)

Telephone Register, Dec. 31, 1920

At the County budget meeting \$20,000 was budgeted for the armory to be built at McMinnville. The City of McMinnville had voted a \$20,000 bond in November for the armory and the state legislature was expected to appropriate \$20,000.

McMinnville had had a National Guard for 30 years and was the only place in Yamhill County that that had a unit.

June 3, 1921

“Work on Armory to Start Shortly”. Act of the state legislature authorizing the Armory did not become state law until May 25, 1921. John Hunziker of Eugene was chosen architect because the Eugene Armory was considered the most “workable” armory in the state.

July 15, 1921

Armory to cost \$80,000. Bids to be let soon.

August 5, 1921

Contract tentatively let to A.E. Lombard of Eugene for \$68,200. Building to be of brick and concrete with “trimmings” of White cement.

Telephone Register, Friday, June 2, 1922

Dedication of the new armory was on Memorial Day, May 30, 1922. A parade formed at the Imperial Theater and marched to the new armory at 10 o'clock. It was led by the men who had worked to make the auditorium a success and were followed by the Walnut City band, the GAR, and the Legion.

A large crowd gathered in the armory for the dedication. The armory building committee consisted of the following: W.S. Houck, chairman, Harper Jamison, W.T. Macy, Frank Homes, M.F. Corrigan, E.C. Apperson, Wm DeHaven, F.W. Fenton, W.S. Link, Arthur McPhillips, A.L. Jamison, W.B. Smith, James C. Shirley, John Hunsider, architect, and A. Lombard, contractor.

Mayor Houch, chairman of the meeting, spoke. Col. J.C. Cooper of the GAR gave an address. The dedication address was by Co. George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon. W.T. Macy gave the response on behalf of the City of McMinnville.

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