

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

County **CLACKAMAS**

Note: For properties 35 years old and newer, starred (*) sections are the only required fields.

*Street Address: 706-708 MAIN STREET			*City: Oregon City		
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City		UTM or GPS Latitude:		Longitude:	
Township: 2S	Range: 2E	Section: 31	Block/Lot: 24/6	Tax Lot #: 22E31AB05600	
*Date of Construction: c.1902/c.1931		Historic Name: Stratton Building		Historic Use or Function: Pool hall	
Group or Ensemble Name: N/A		*Current Name or Use: County office/Attorney offices		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Style(s): Modern commercial			Plan Type/Shape: Rectangular		
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Unknown		Number of Stories: 2	
Roof Type/Material: Flat/Elasto-meric		Window Type/Material: Fixed metal display (1st); metal sliders (2nd)			
Exterior Surface Materials - Primary Sheet metal		Secondary: Brick		Decorative:	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/ Approximate Date(s):		Substantially altered - decorative cornice removed; windows replaced; storefronts remodeled (dates unknown)			
Integrity: Poor Condition: Good		Preliminary National Register Findings <input type="checkbox"/> National Register Listed Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually (and/or) <input type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> In current state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity <input type="checkbox"/> Not historic			
Local Ranking:					

Description of Physical and/or Landscape Features:

This is a two-story building that has been substantially altered through repeated renovations. It currently has a brick veneer applied to the street level exterior walls and a standing seam sheet metal applied as siding on the upper story. The second floor windows are metal with a central fixed light (currently with "snap-in" dividers for a multipane appearance) and sliders at each side of the central light. The two storefronts are recessed into the front of the building and have metal windows and doors consistent with remodeling in the 1970s or 1980s. Canvas awnings extend from the just below the upper story windows over each storefront. A separate entrance to the upper floor is located at the north end of the ground floor storefronts. The building faces west.

Statement of Significance: (use additional sheets if necessary)

This building was constructed in c.1902 by E.D. Olds for Helen Stratton, the widow of former Oregon City mayor, M.A. Stratton. The first tenants were Richard Petzold and Hermann Bethke, who operated the Oregon City Butchering and Packing Company in the south half of the ground floor until moving further north on Main Street. On the 1911 Sanborn maps, a pool hall occupied the north half of the ground floor, perhaps the F.D. Cox Billiards and Pool Hall, which is listed at 708 Main in the 1916 city directory. The 1911 Sanborns also indicate that the second floor was used for lodging. In 1923, Frank Busch bought the building and removed the wall that divided the building into two stores. He used the entire ground level for his furniture business. In July 1930, an explosion and fire damaged the Pastime Pool Hall, which occupied the building at that time. The fire left one dead; the owner of the pool hall, Bruce Loos, was arrested for arson. Following WWII, the Ben Franklin Store leased the building and remodelled the façade to include porcelain enameled metal sheathing, accented by tile applied to the bulkheads. The Eagles Hall was located upstairs for a while in the 1940s. The building underwent a substantial structural alteration at some point in time, possibly when the bank was constructed next door, more likely after the 1930 fire. This alteration resulted in the use of the walls of the neighboring buildings for support on the sides, as this building has no structural support side walls. According to the 1983 survey, the current alterations occurred in the 1970s. The building has been so substantially altered that it retains none of its historic appearance or integrity and is, therefore, not eligible as a contributing resource in a historic district.

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Architect and/or Builder: E.D. Olds, Builder		Owner Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed	
Addition or Subdivision Name: Oregon City Original Plat		Owner Name: Jack Tarelton	
Area(s) of Significance: Commerce		Address: 3015 SE 153rd Ave.	
Property Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District		City, State, Zip: Vancouver, WA 98684	
		Phone:	

Documentation		
Research Sources: <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs	Local Library (specify Oregon City Public Library University Library (specif UO/OSU Historical Society (specify Clackamas Co. Historical Society Other (specify):

Bibliographic References: <p><u>Clackamas County and Oregon City Directory</u>. Oregon City, OR: Sohns & Woodbeck, 1917.</p> <p>Clackamas County Historical Society and Museum history files and historic photographs.</p> <p><u>Directory of Oregon City</u>. Portland, OR: Pacific Directory Service, 1941.</p> <p><u>Directory of Clackamas County</u>. Portland, OR: Pacific Directory Service, 1948.</p> <p>Gardner, Wilmer (compiler). <u>Old Oregon City</u>. Oregon City, OR: Clackamas County Historical Society, 1987.</p> <p><u>Historic Oregon City</u>. 1957 (n.p.)</p> <p>Oregon City Enterprise [daily and weekly] (various dates).</p> <p>Oregon City Library files.</p> <p>Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, 1892, 1911, 1925.</p> <p>"Telephone History in Oregon City." Pacific Northwest Bell, 1976.</p> <p>The City of Oregon City's 1983 Historic Survey of Downtown Oregon City (individual property files).</p> <p>Webber, Bert and Margie. <u>Oregon City (By Way of the Barlow Road) At the End of the National Historic Oregon Trail</u>. Medford, OR: Webb Research Group, 1993.</p> <p>Wiederhold, Kathleen M. <u>Exploring Oregon's Historic Courthouses</u>. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University Press, 1998.</p>

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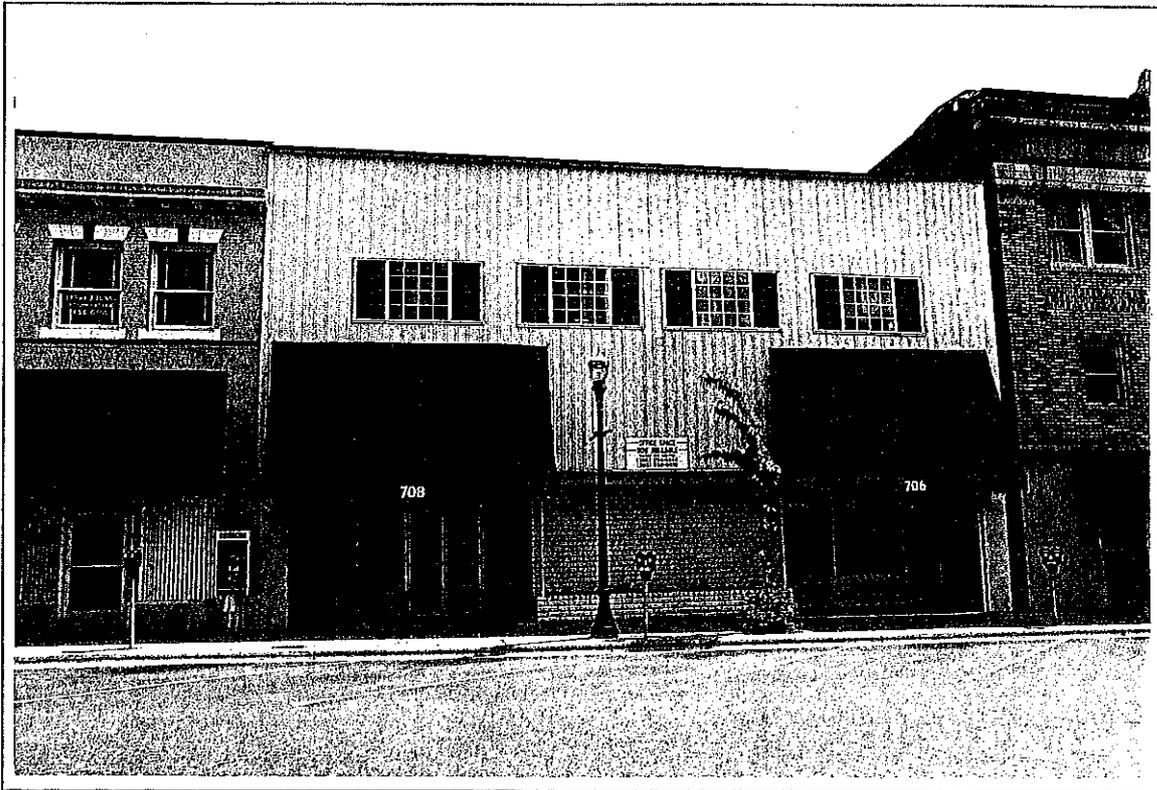
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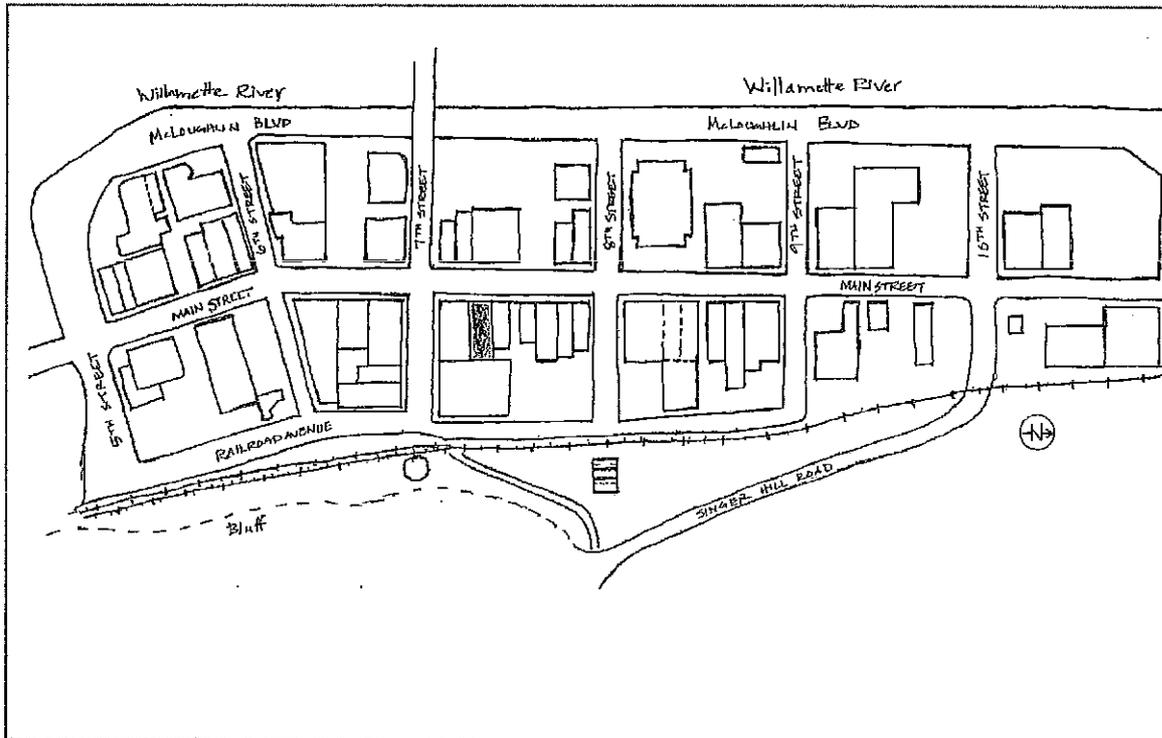
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