

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: 702-704 MAIN STREET			*City: Oregon City		
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City		UTM or GPS Latitude:		Longitude:	
Township: 2S	Range: 2E	Section: 31	Block/Lot: 24/5	Tax Lot #: 22E31AB05500	
*Date of Construction: 1921-1922		Historic Name: Bank of Commerce		Historic Use or Function: Bank	
Group or Ensemble Name: N/A		*Current Name or Use: County Offices		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Style(s): American Renaissance			Plan Type/Shape: Rectangular		
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Concrete		Number of Stories: 3	
Roof Type/Material: Flat/rolled		Window Type/Material: Fixed metal (1st); 1:1 dh wood (2nd & 3rd)			
Exterior Surface Materials - Primary Brick		Secondary: T-1-11		Decorative: Terra cotta	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/ Approximate Date(s):		Mezzanine enclosed to create 2nd floor; two large Ionic columns removed; ground floor exterior covered, windows replaced and entrance remodeled (dates unknown)			
Integrity: Good		Preliminary National Register Findings <input type="checkbox"/> National Register Listed			
Condition: Good		Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually (and/or) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district			
Local Ranking:		Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> In current state <input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity <input type="checkbox"/> Not historic			

Description of Physical and/or Landscape Features:

This is a sizable, three-story building on the northeast corner of Main and 7th Streets. The building faces west. The light colored brick structure has a distinct cornice with a wide frieze below on which "Bank of Commerce" appears on both the front (west) and south elevations. A belt course and band separate the frieze from the tops of the 3rd floor windows. Windows are paired, 1:1 double hung wood sash on the 2nd and 3rd floors, each pair separated by brick pilasters topped with simple capitals. The portion of the pilasters that were located on the ground floor have either been obscured by the recent siding addition on the ground floor or were removed, except for three pilasters at the east end of the south elevation. Two large columns with Ionic capitals (removed) flanked the recessed entrance on the main façade. The main entrance and first floor windows have been "modernized" with fixed pane metal sash windows and contemporary doors. There has also been some minor modifications to the south side entrance.

Statement of Significance: (use additional sheets if necessary)

The Bank of Commerce was incorporated in 1915 with several prominent residents of Oregon City as stockholders and on the board of directors. Thomas F. Ryan, who was Vice-President of the bank when it was incorporated, was a local lawyer who served a city recorder, mayor, judge, deputy state treasurer, and state senator. Hugh and Guy Mount, both of whom served as Vice-President of the bank during its fifteen-year life, were brothers and physicians who owned and operated the Oregon City Hospital. The bank was originally located in the Weinhard Building (in the 1916 directory). Construction on the building began in 1921 and was completed in 1922. The building was designed by A.E. Doyle, an architect from Portland whose buildings are often cited among the most notable buildings in Portland. Among these are the Portland Central Public Library, the U.S. National Bank, the Benson Hotel, the Meier & Frank Department Store, and the Pittock Block. The principal contractors were Murry and Frieberg of Portland. Oliver E. Lutz, also of Portland, installed the interior marble. The bank was liquated in 1931 at which time it was purchased by the Bank of Oregon City, which was soon after bought by U.S. National Bank (listed at this address in the 1947 and 1953 directories). It has more recently been used as office space for county offices. Although the building has been somewhat altered (most of the changes appear to be reversible), it still retains a high degree of historic integrity and would, therefore, be considered eligible as a contributing resource in a historic district.

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Architect and/or Builder: A.E. Doyle, Architect/Murry & Frieberg, Contractors	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: Mildred M. Conroy Trustee
Area(s) of Significance: Commerce	Address: 231 SW 3rd St.
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: Madras, OR 97741 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):

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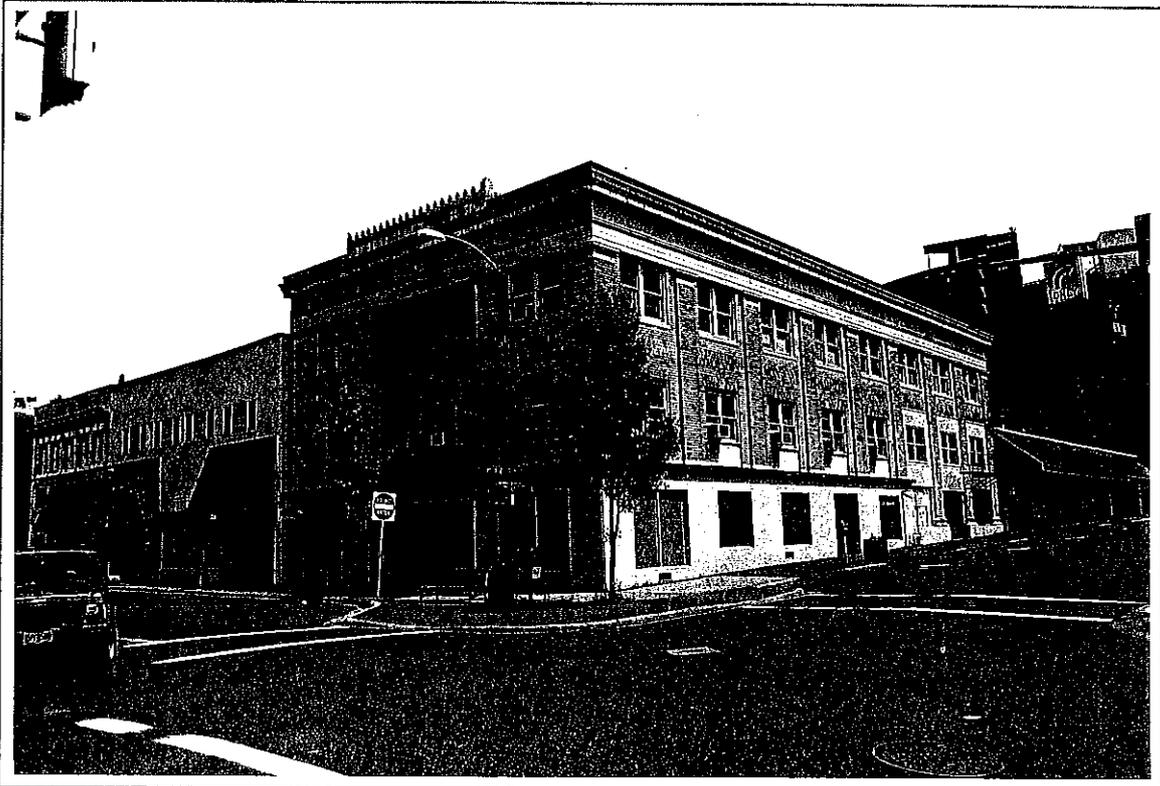
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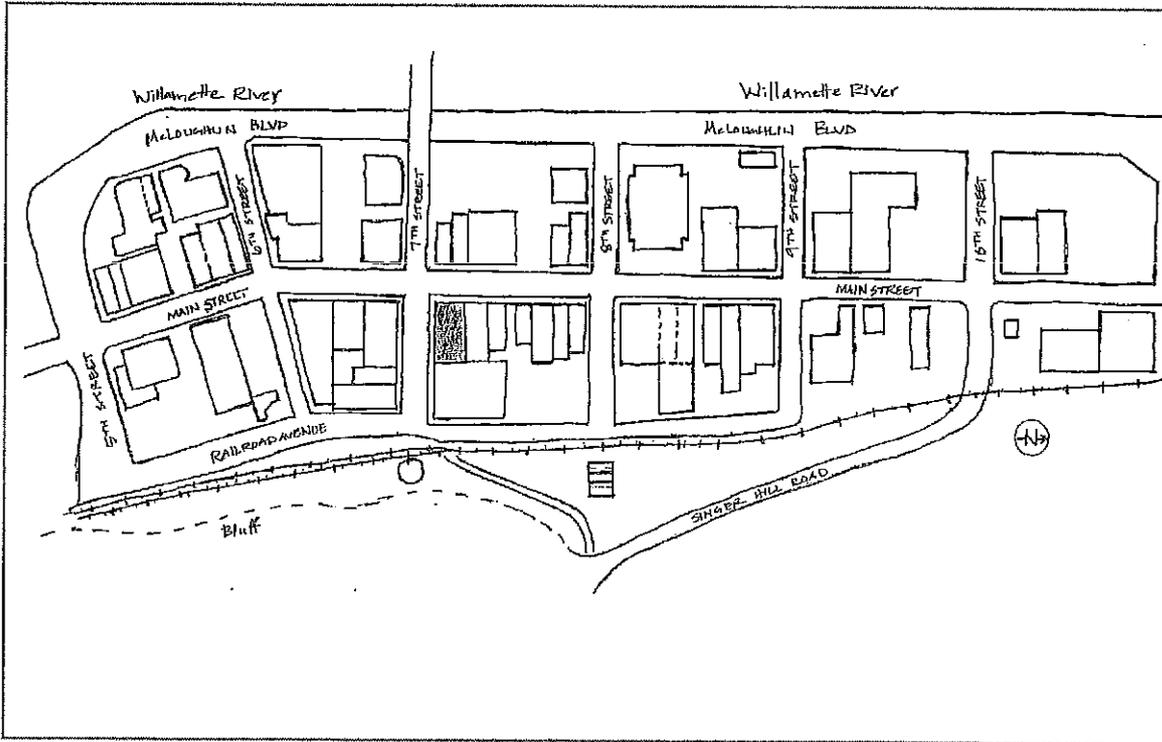
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