

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

County CLACKAMAS

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*Street Address: 619-623 MAIN STREET	*City: Oregon City
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Architect and/or Builder: Unknown	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: David S. Stoner Address: PO Box 82717 City, State, Zip: Portland, OR 97282 Phone:
Area(s) of Significance: Commerce	
Property Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District	

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 (specify) UO/OSU Historical Society (specify) Clackamas Co. Historical Society Other (specify):

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

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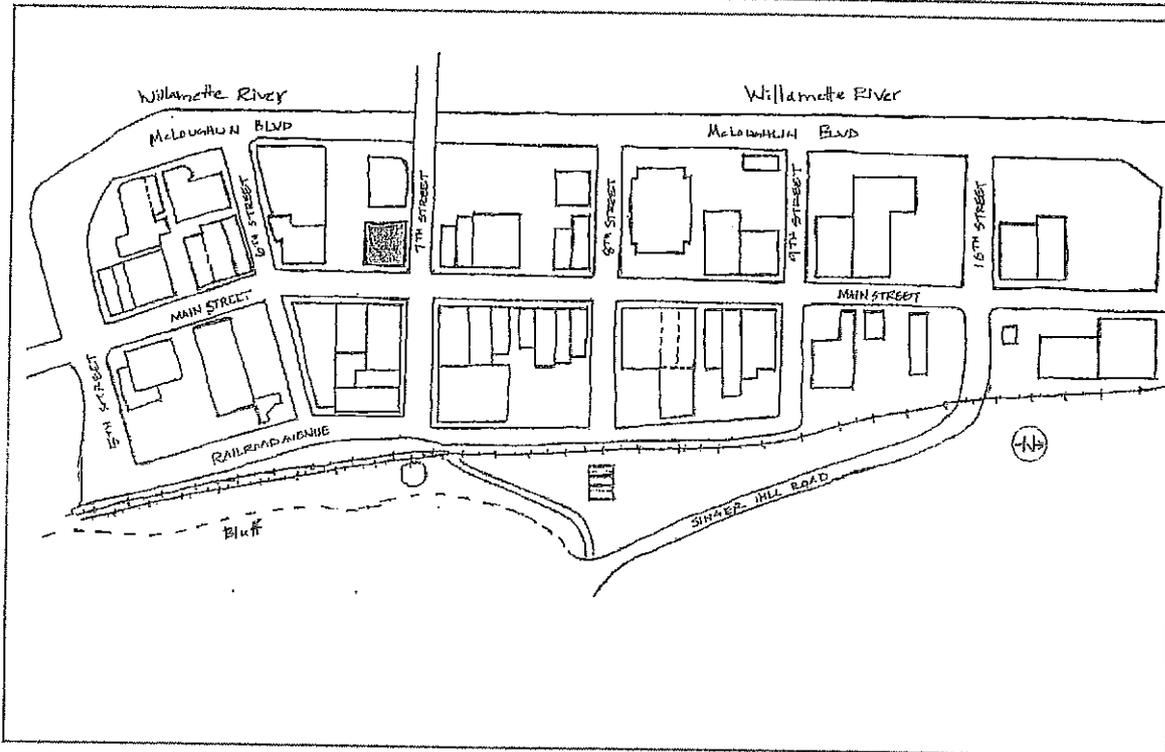
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USGS Quad Name: Oregon City		UTM or GPS Latitude:		Longitude:	
Township: 2S	Range: 2E	Section: 31	Block/Lot: 5/1	Tax Lot #: 22E31AB07100	
*Date of Construction: c.1902		Historic Name: Andresen Building		Historic Use or Function: Retail/Office Building	
Group or Ensemble Name: N/A		*Current Name or Use: Copy and print shop/professional offices		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Style(s): Streetcar Commercial			Plan Type/Shape: Rectangular		
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Brick		Number of Stories: 2	
Roof Type/Material: Flat/rolled		Window Type/Material: Fixed metal display (1st); dh wood (2nd)			
Exterior Surface Materials - Primary: Brick		Secondary: Terra Cotta		Decorative: Stone	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/ Approximate Date(s): Storefront somewhat altered; main entrance to upper floor also slightly altered.					
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 two-story, brick building sits on the southwest corner of Main and 7th, facing east, just south of the bridge approach. With the exception of the altered storefronts, it is quite intact and relatively well-preserved. The storefront display windows, transoms and entrances have been altered from the original appearance, but still retain the division of storefronts throughout and the transoms over the northernmost bay. The second floor windows, with decorative alternating brick trim, are topped with flat stone lintels with decorative keystones. The cornice, which extends below the parapet wall, has block modillions below it, a terra cotta or stone egg-and-dart course below the modillions, and a diaperwork pattern in buff-colored brick below that. The entrance to the upper floor is surrounded with black marble with the word "Andresen" above the door. A terra cotta cornice below the upper windows is intact, as is the architrave molding above the transoms.

Statement of Significance: (use additional sheets if necessary)

This building was constructed in c.1902 by Solomon Garde at a cost of \$20,000. It was sold to Burmeister and Andresen, one of the oldest mercantile firms in the city, in 1905 (Burmeister was listed as a jeweler in newspaper ads as early as 1887). William Andresen, who had purchased a half-interest in C.L. Burmeister's watchmaking and repair business in the early 1890s, bought out Burmeister in the early 1900s, although he continued to operate the business under the name of Burmeister and Andresen for several years. An identical building (the Beaver Building) was constructed next door (south) by Andresen in 1910 (it was demolished in the late 1960s). In addition to the Burmeister and Andresen jewelry business (which occupied the north bay at 623 Main), the building houses two addition retail shops and provided several offices for professionals (commonly lawyers and doctors) on the second floor. Photos from c.1908 show a drug store located in the center bay, which is still listed at that spot on the 1911 Sanborn maps. The 1916 city directory lists the Raasch & Lamb Cigar and Tobacco shop at 619 Main, but does not indicate what business was located in the center bay at 621. Perhaps Burmeister and Andresen had expanded into the center bay by this time. The 1925 Sanborn maps indicates that Burmeister and Andresen occupied both the center and north bays and a clothing shop was listed in the south storefront. In 1941, Audre's (women's clothing store) occupied 619 and Burmeister and Andresen were still located at 623, but no business was listed at 621 (Burmeister and Andresen probably continued to occupy both spots). By 1947, however, Mr. Pix Studio and Camera Shop occupied the center bay; Audre's was still located in the south bay and Burmeister and Andresen only in the north bay. This same arrangement was listed in the 1953 directories. In addition to his commercial interests, Andresen was one of the city's first commissioners and served three years as mayor. Although the storefronts have been somewhat altered, the building retains a high degree of historic integrity and conveys its historic appearance. It should therefore, be considered eligible as a contributing resource in the downtown historic district.

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