

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
**HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**

County CLACKAMAS

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*Street Address: <b>616-618 MAIN STREET</b>			*City: Oregon City		
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City		UTM or GPS Latitude:		Longitude:	
Township: 2S	Range: 2E	Section: 31	Block/Lot: 25/5	Tax Lot #: 22E31AB06900	
*Date of Construction: c.1900/c.1920		Historic Name: Stevens-Howell Building		Historic Use or Function: Clothing store	
Group or Ensemble Name: N/A		*Current Name or Use: Muno's Baker/Timemark Photo Conservation		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	

Style(s): Commercial (altered)		Plan Type/Shape: Rectangular			
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Wood		Number of Stories: 1	
Roof Type/Material: Flat/rolled		Window Type/Material: Fixed metal display			
Exterior Surface Materials - Primary Stucco		Secondary: Wood		Decorative:	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/ Approximate Date(s): Second story removed after 1919 fire; storefronts somewhat altered (dates unknown)					

Integrity: Fair		Preliminary National Register Findings <input type="checkbox"/> National Register Listed			
Condition: Fair		Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually (and/or) <input type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district			
Local Ranking:		Not Eligible: <input checked="" 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 one-story building with a false-front parapet wall. The parapet is capped by a modified "Italianate" style cornice (perhaps in an effort to recall its original elaborate two-story Italianate façade). The building is divided into three storefronts of unequal widths. A transom (currently painted) is located above the storefront entrances and display windows. The northernmost bay appears to have been remodeled in the late 1940s or early 1950s, with a recessed entrance and canted display windows. The south bays are more typical of the 1920s or 1930s with recessed entrances, but squared display windows. The false-front wall has been stuccoed, although earlier photos show a lapped board type siding, which apparently has been removed. The building sits mid-block and faces west.

**Statement of Significance: (use additional sheets if necessary)**

This building was constructed in c.1900 by H.C. Stevens and W.H. Howell as an elaborate, two-story Italianate built "to suit the firm" of Louis Adams' Golden Rule Bazaar. It was touted as the "best and most showy store room in the city." The upper floor provided a meeting hall, first for the Woodmen of the World, later for the Pythian Sisters and other organizations. When the Methodist Church, located next door to the north, burned in 1919, the upper portions of this building were severely damaged, resulting in the removal of the second floor (a portion was left intact as attic storage). In the 1920s, the north bay houses a clothing shop and the two south bays were occupied by the Evergreen Restaurant and Grocery Store. In July 1938, Muno's Bakery opened in the center bay and has operated at this site since that time, making it perhaps the longest-lived business in downtown Oregon City still in operation. The 1941 directories indicate that in addition to the bakery, the Burgoyne's Coffee Shop was located next door at 616 (as it was in the 1947 and 1953 directories as well) and John Papez, a tailor, had a shop at 618. The 1947 and 1953 directories show Bernie Herrmann's clothing store at 618. At the time of the 1983 survey, a hair salon occupied the small space at 616 and the Oregon City Sporting Goods Store occupied 618 with the bakery in between. In addition to their business interests, both Stevens and Howell were significant businessmen in Oregon City. Stevens served as the first telegraph operation for the Oregon-California Railroad when it ran between Oregon City and Portland. He served several terms as city councilman, was active in the local Elks and Meade Post of the GAR. Howell was superintendent and engineer for the Oregon City Water Works at the turn of the century, responsible for overseeing the installation of the Oregon City pumping and filter plant. He was active in the campaign to build the first elevator. Although the building has been altered, it retains sufficient integrity to be considered eligible as a contributing resource if an effort is made to restore the false-front wall to its historic appearance, including the post-fire cornice, and the transoms are restored.

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Architect and/or Builder: <b>Unknown</b>	Owner Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed
Addition or Subdivision Name: <b>Oregon City Original Plat</b>	Owner Name: <b>undetermined</b> Address: City, State, Zip: Phone:
Area(s) of Significance: <b>Commerce</b>	
Property Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District	

<b>Documentation</b>		
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) <b>Oregon City Public Library</b>  University Library (specif <b>UO/OSU</b>  Historical Society (specify) <b>Clackamas Co. Historical Society</b>  Other (specify):

<b>Bibliographic References:</b>  <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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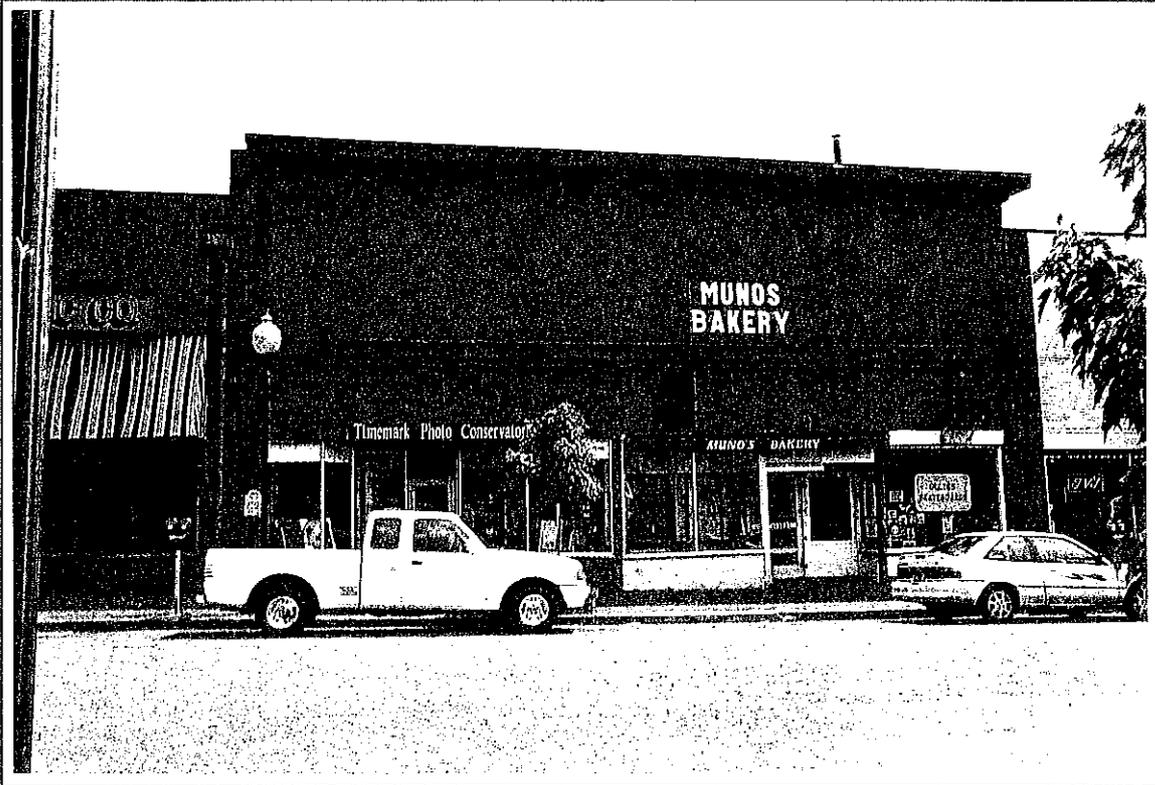
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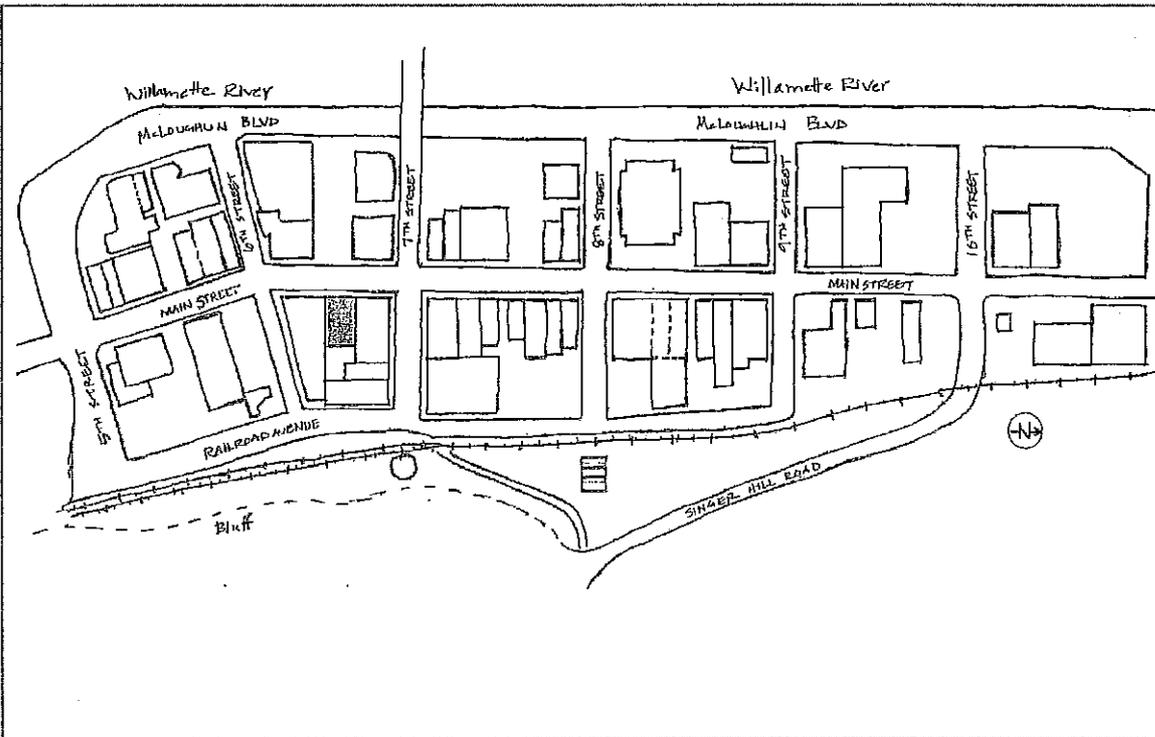
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