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Clackamas County
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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: 801 MAIN STREET			*City: Oregon City		
USGS Quad Name: Oregon City		UTM or GPS Latitude:		Longitude:	
Township: 2S	Range: 2E	Section: 31	Block/Lot: 7/3-6	Tax Lot #: 22E31AB04400	
*Date of Construction: 1935-1936		Historic Name: Clackamas County Courthouse		Historic Use or Function: Courthouse	
Group or Ensemble Name: N/A		*Current Name or Use: Clackamas County Courthouse		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	

Style(s): Art Deco		Plan Type/Shape: Rectangular (slightly irregular)			
Foundation Material: Concrete		Structural Framing: Concrete and brick		Number of Stories: 3	
Roof Type/Material: Gabled/rolled and metal		Window Type/Material: 1:1 dh wood			
Exterior Surface Materials - Primary Brick		Secondary: Concrete		Decorative: Stone (limestone?)	
Exterior Alterations or Additions/ Approximate Date(s):		3rd floor added to provide additional courtroom space; some windows on south elevation bricked in; awnings over entrances added			

Integrity: Excellent		Preliminary National Register Findings			
Condition: Excellent		<input type="checkbox"/> National Register Listed			
Local Ranking:		Potentially Eligible: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually (and/or)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district	
		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 three-story building with a full basement, much of which is fully exposed as a ground floor on the south and west elevations due to the slope of the landscape. It exemplifies the Art Deco style with its chevrons and stylistic sculptures, which include eagles surmounted on attached columns flanking the doors, scales symbolizing justice, and figures hold an "all-seeing eye" atop the corner piers. The exterior walls are sheathed with brick above the basement; the basement is sheathed with stone in a smooth ashlar rusticated finish. A beltcourse of stone with chevron detailing rings the building above the second floor windows. The east entrance is set off by stone surrounds. The north and south "wings" are set back slightly from the front and rear elevations. The interior includes oak trim, terrazzo floors and Tennessee marble wainscot. Alterations include the raising of the roof over the former jail area and the addition of a third floor to provide additional courtroom space (1959), awnings over the entrances, and filling-in of some windows.

Statement of Significance: (use additional sheets if necessary)

Clackamas County was formed in 1843 by the Provisional Government. The first courthouse, built in 1850, burned in 1862. For the next 20 years, county business was conducted in various rented spaces downtown. An imposing, 2nd Empire style courthouse, designed by Neer and LaRomer, was constructed in 1884-1885 on the site of the present courthouse. By 1930, the building had become overcrowded and badly deteriorated and county officials began seeking funding for a new building. It was not until a PWA grant for \$90,000 was received in 1935, however, that a new courthouse became a possibility. The new courthouse, an excellent example of the popular Art Deco style used for many public works projects during the Great Depression, was designed by architect F. Marion Stokes. Construction, which began in September 1936 and was completed in May 1937, was supervised by Glen L. Ford, a contractor from Portland. The building was constructed with 20,000 sacks of cement, 350,000 board feet of Clackamas County grown and manufactured lumber, and 90,000 bricks from Yamhill County. In keeping with the purpose of the federal relief-funded projects in the 1930s, the project created employment for dozens of people and resulted in 83,121 hours of labor. The total cost of the project was \$273,000. This building should be considered eligible not only as a contributing resource in a historic district, but also as an individually eligible resource. Although there have been some alterations to the building, they have been mostly sensitive to the historic appearance and have not seriously affected the integrity of the building. As an individually eligible resource, the courthouse would be eligible as the only example of an Art Deco building in downtown Oregon City and as a nearly intact example of a public works project funded in part by a federal relief program (PWA) which provided assistance to communities throughout the country.

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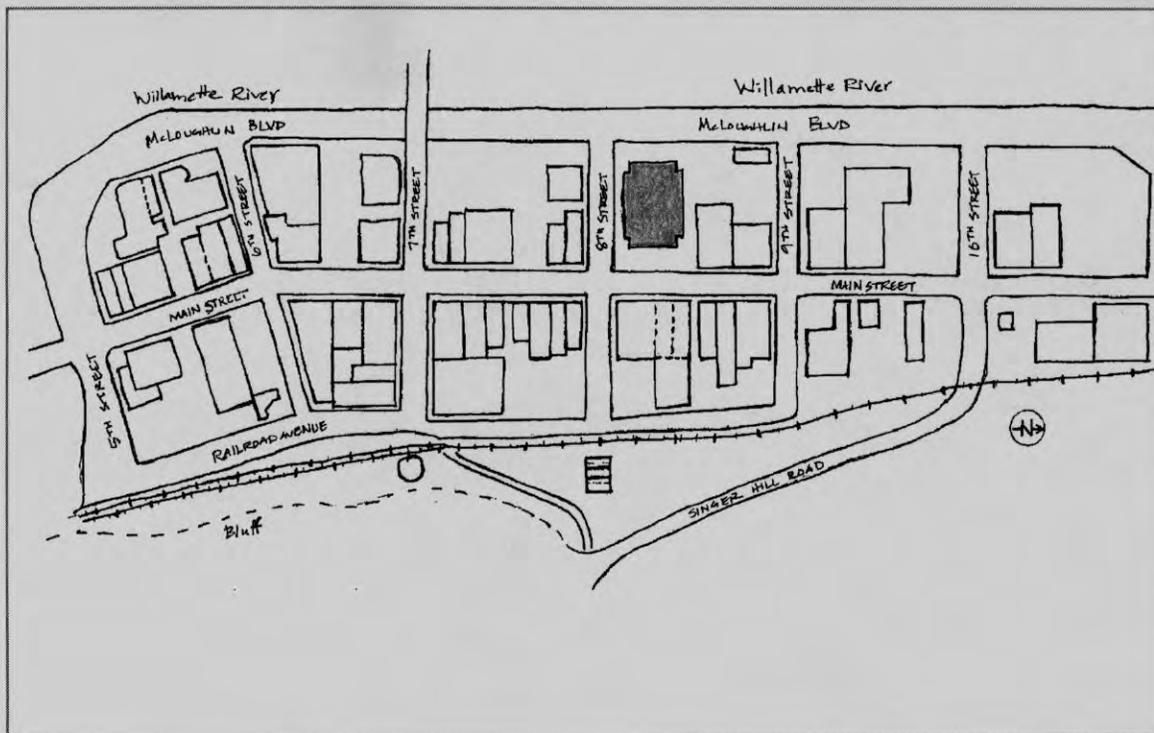
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Map:



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Architect and/or Builder F. Marion Stokes, arch/Glen L. Ford, contractor	Owner Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed
Addition or Subdivision Nam Oregon City Original Plat	Owner Name: Clackamas County Address: 2106 Kaen Rd. City, State, Zip: Oregon City, OR 97045 Phone:
Area(s) of Significanc Government/Social History	
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 (specif UO/OSU Historical Society (specify Clackamas Co. Historical Society Other (specify):

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CITY OF OREGON CITY

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL INVENTORY

DOWNTOWN OREGON CITY

COMMON/HISTORICAL NAME: Clackamas County Court House

ADDRESS: 801 Main Street

LOT, BLOCK, TAX LOT: Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 7, Oregon City

ORIGINAL OWNER: Clackamas County TENANT/USE: Courthouse

PRESENT OWNER/ADDRESS: Clackamas County, 906 Main Street, Oregon City

DATE BUILT: 1935-37 CONDITION: _____ TENANT/USE: Courthouse

STYLE: Art Deco/Egyptian Revival

FEATURES:

This massive deco building with Egyptian Revival overtones is characterized by a vertical emphasis and lineal composition. The facade is arranged in a series of setbacks, emphasizing its geometric form, and is highlighted with stylized decorations. The brick walls are highlighted at the spandrel between the second and third floors with a series of running bonds punctuated by vertical header courses which have been rounded to give the feeling of a vertical roll molding. The base of the building is in a smooth ashlar rusticated finish, and a zig-zag stone or terra cotta course runs below the second story windows. The cornice is a cavetto form with fluting. Monumental fluted columns are capped by large stone eagles on the east facade, and smaller columns on the south entry are also capped by eagle figures. The south entry sports a copper canopy, and wood paneled transoms and doors. Windows are double-hung with wood frames: some have been bricked up on the south. The main entry is framed by monumental brick pilasters with winged-helmeted human-like figures on top. A zig-zag surround in metal surrounds the paneled wood entrance doors, and fluted pilasters atop a zig-zag stone or terra cotta span are placed between windows above the main doors. A carved figure with the scales of justice is in a panel over the windows at the main entry.

BIOGRAPHY:

See attached for biography.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Primary, due to county business having been done at site since 1884, and size and style, unusual for Oregon City.

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RESEARCHER: Pat Eriqero/Debora McLaughlin DATE: 1983

CLACKAMAS COUNTY COURT HOUSE
801 MAIN STREET, DOWNTOWN OREGON CITY

BIOGRAPHY:

The original County courthouse was built in 1850 for \$15,000 on Madison Street between 6th and 7th Streets on the second level of Oregon City (Block 111), just east of Library Park. It burned in 1857. The courthouse was then moved to a house on the corner of 5th and Main Street, and later to the John Meyers Building on the corner of 6th and Main (603-11 Main Street), where the county offices remained until the elaborate "old" courthouse was built on this site between 1884 and 1886: the builder of this concrete and frame structure was Thomas Mann; it cost \$145,000. Hitching posts were installed for \$28, and it had hot air piping. The building was razed in 1935, because it was determined to be unsafe. The current structure was erected between 1935 and 1937, as part of the WPA program: during construction, the county offices were housed in the second and third floors of the Masonic Building at 707 Main Street. It was "...a monument to the efficiency and foresight of the WPA...an outstanding display of modern classic design, embodying durability and beauty alike in its dignified appearance...". The building was erected with the assistance of Public Works Administration funding; the County's share of the cost was paid for by a special levy. The architect for the structure was F. Marion Stokes, and the contractor was Glen Hord. The structure cost over \$200,000, and was officially occupied on May 4, 1937.