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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Woodburn City Hall (Old)

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

550 North First Street

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Woodburn

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd

STATE

Oregon

CODE
41

COUNTY
Marion

CODE
047

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maximino and Romelia Sanchez, Carlos Sanchez and Evangelina Sanchez

STREET & NUMBER

320 John Street, P. O. Box 162

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Angel

__ VICINITY OF

Oregon STATE

97362

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Marion County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Salem

Oregon STATE

97301

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The City Hall (1914) in Woodburn is a concrete block construction with wood frame, two stories in height on a high basement. The principal facade and end walls are faced with buff-colored pressed brick and cast stone trim. It is a straightforward volume/ its simple historicism, ultimately, to the Renaissance palazzo. It occupies two corner lots at First and Lincoln Streets. The site measures 100 x 100 feet. The building is rectangular in plan, and its major frontage is on First Street. The principal facade is organized into nine bays, the outer two of which, at either end, are contained in shallow projecting sections. Fenestration of the high basement and first story is trabeated. Square windows of the basement rest on a short stone base course. Windows of the first story have sills, but no framements. Second story windows, fitted with double-hung sash, as are all window openings, are surmounted by segmental arched transoms and bold segmental arched lintels of cast stone which are nearly flush with the wall plane. The wall is embellished with a belt cornice at the top of the basement story and a smaller string course which, together with a widely projecting metal cornice at the top of the wall, forms the building's entablature. A short stuccoed parapet rising above the crowning cornice has curvilinear sections above outer end pavilions and the central three bays. Originally, the latter section of the parapet bore the words "City Hall." The entrance, located in the southerly end "pavilion," is sheltered by a raised single-story brick porch with segmental-arched portal and entablature and parapet treatment identical to that of the building. In the curvilinear parapet of the porch also were to be found the words "City Hall."

On the southerly end of the main block is a firehouse wing of two wide bays, equal in height to the main volume, but set back from the principal facade. In the wing, too, facade organization was formal. Fire engines once entered and exited through two tall portals with double-leaf doors and three-light transoms under segmental arches. Windows of the upper story, or dormitory level, are trabeated and are grouped under transoms in two tripartite arrangements.

The building has been so little altered, externally, that the only modification of consequence is the revision in later years in which the firehouse portals were made into a single opening, the arches bricked in, and an overhead door installed. The "City Hall" legends were removed, apparently, after the building was vacated by the City in 1977. The face brick has been somewhat damaged in one section of the facade where rain water has been running down the wall instead of a downspout. Though it may be in need of a general exterior cleaning, the building is in sound condition, and it is considered to have strong potential for rehabilitation and adaptive use. It is favorably situated at the northerly end of Woodburn's original business district which parallels the railroad, a little over a block to the east of the site. Today, the old City Hall opposes a federal post office building of recent vintage across First Street. The two buildings, though widely divergent in date and style, are nonetheless mutually supportive examples of public architecture in the commercial core.

Current owners of the former City Hall are considering^a commercial adaptive use scheme which would preserve the entry stairhall and second story council chamber, with its beamed ceiling, and would leave the three finished exterior elevations wholly intact. Restoration of the firehouse portals is being contemplated as part of the scheme.

Access to the first floor is gained by a broad staircase. In the hallway of the main level a sky-lighted stairwell provides access to basement and second stories. On
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the first floor there were offices on both sides of the hall and restrooms next to the stairwell. For the most part, first story office spaces have been subdivided and renovated over the years, but there are still two small vaults, in which second-hand Mosler vault doors were installed in 1914, some intact picture moldings, and two chimneys for stoves which apparently augmented the steam radiators. Above the first floor offices was additional office space and, at the northerly end, the council chamber, which has been slightly subdivided to provide food service. The second story of the firehouse wing was dormitory space, but the slide pole is no longer in place. Also at this level are a kitchen and lavatories and a hose tower originally surmounted by the fire bell. The basement housed a jail, an office, boiler room, and storage areas.



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Northwest (front) elevation
showing original treatment of
fire engine house portals.

J. J. Hall photo, ca. 1920
French Prairie Historical
Society

Settlemier House Museum

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Northwest (front) elevation

Historic view, from 1917

Bulletin of the Woodburn

Retail Merchants Association



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Northwest (front) elevation

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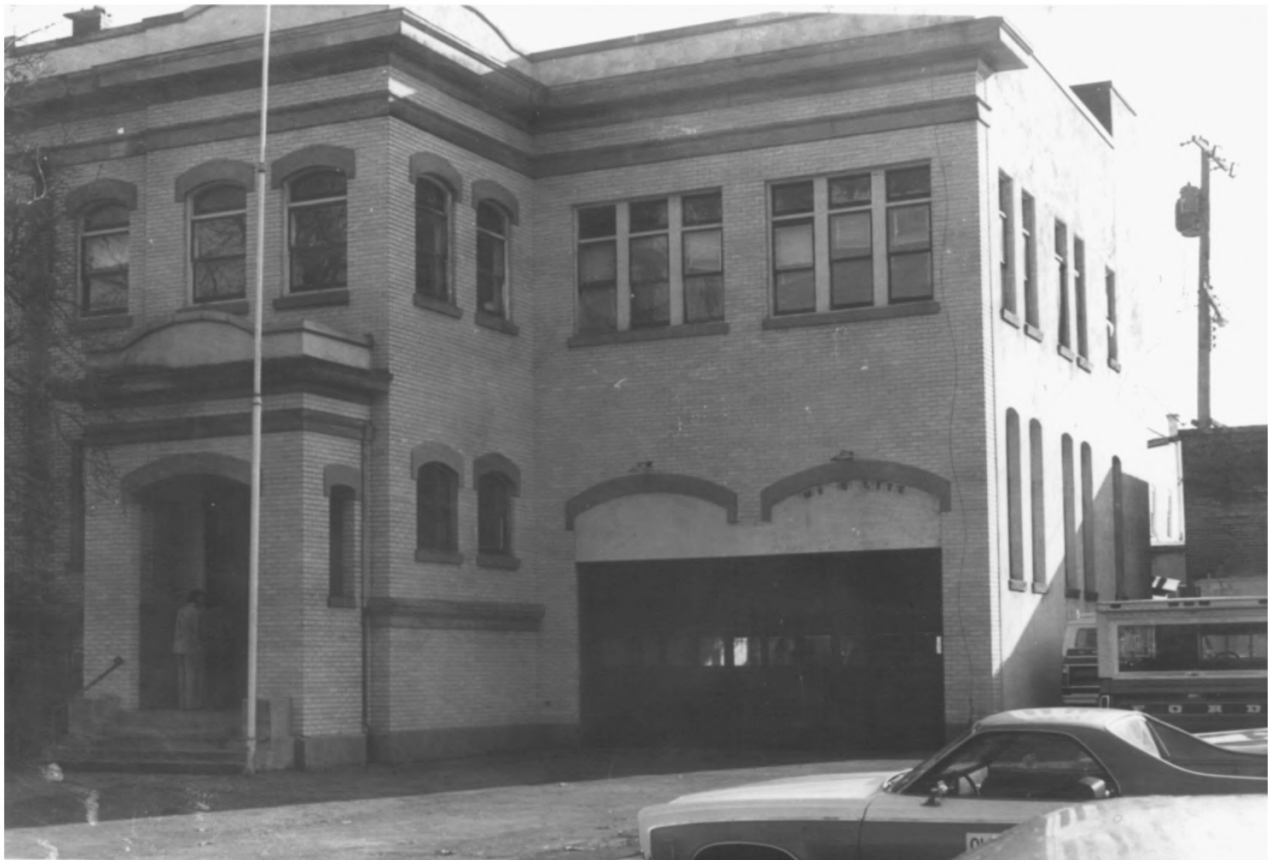
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Southeast (rear) and
northeast elevations

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Northwest (front) elevation,
showing transom lights of
fire engine house portals

filled in, and single over-
head garage-type door in
place of original paired
double leaf doors. This is
the only major facade

alteration.



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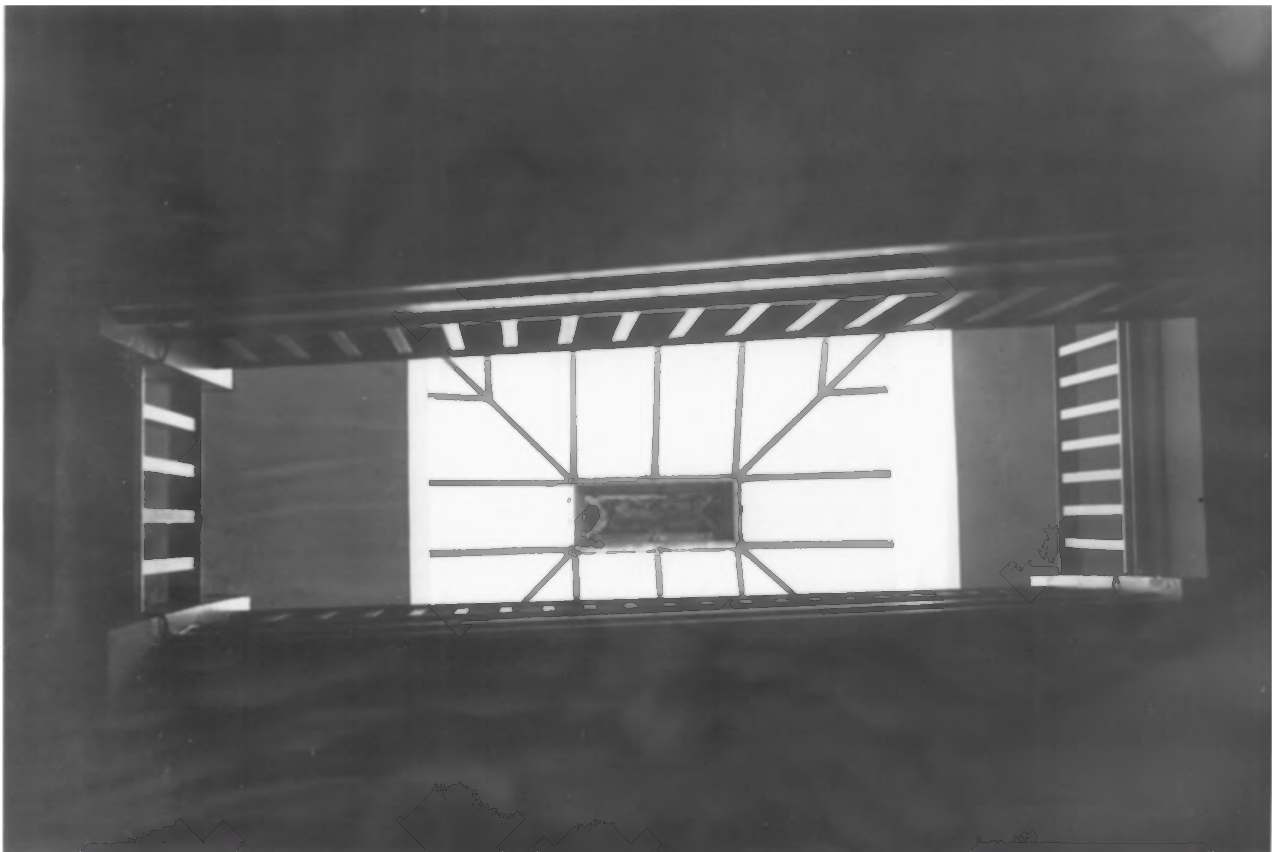
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Staircase in entry hall.

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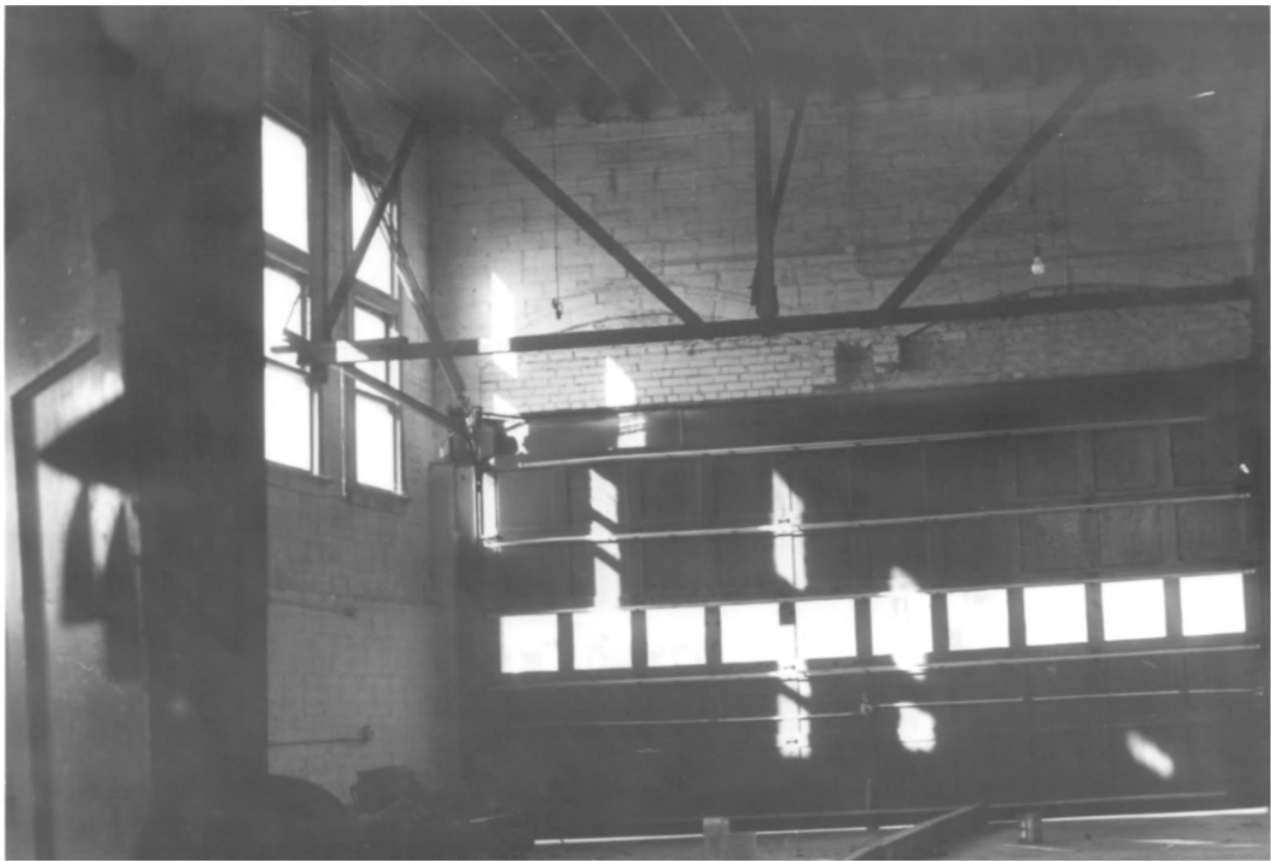
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Skylight of stairwell in
main entry hall.

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Interior view of fire engine
house, showing bricked-in
arches of original pair of
portals.

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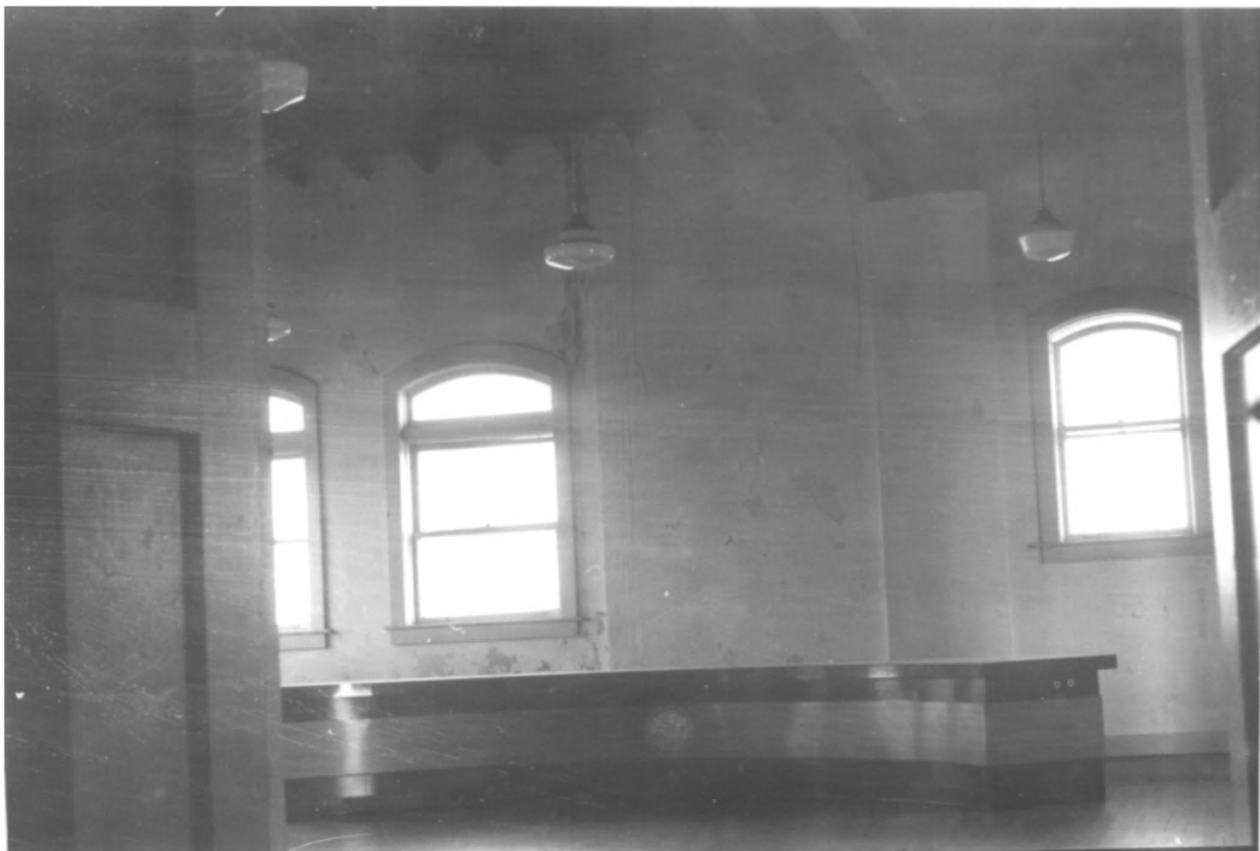
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Firemen's dormitory, interior
view, second floor of fire
house wing.

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Interior view of council
chamber, second story, main
block, showing beamed ceiling.

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