

**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
COUNTY: HOOD RIVER COUNTY**

HIST. NAME: E. L. Smith Building COMMON NAME: Freedom Savings./H.R. Stationary ADDRESS: 213-215 Oak Street CITY: Hood River, 97031 OWNER: Leah Abraham, et al 735 N.W. Westover Sq., Portland 97210 T/R/S: T3N R10E S25 MAP NO.: 3N 1025DC TAX LOT: 4300 ADDITION: First West Addition BLOCK: E LOT: 4 QUAD: Hood River PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Flat WALL CONSTRUCTION: Brick PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: One-over-one, double-hung wood sash; fixed pane storefronts EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Brick DECORATIVE FEATURES: Stone lintel; brick arches over window; projecting cast iron cornice with decorative OTHER: brackets; corbelling under cornice; oriel windows on west side. CONDITION: x GOOD FAIR POOR MOVED (DATE)	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1904 ORIGINAL USE: Commerce/Financial institution PRESENT USE: Commerce/Financial institution ARCHITECT: O.L. Stranahan BUILDER: E. L. Smith THEME: Commerce/Distribution of Goods STYLE: 20th Century Commercial x BLDG STRUC DIST SITE OBJ NO. OF STORIES: 2 BASEMENT: Yes STRUCTURAL FRAME: Brick
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EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (DATED): Three oriel windows from north elevation removed; bulkheads altered to Roman brick; storefront window alteration; some window alterations on first floor historic additions on south elevation.

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: None

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: None

KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL FEATURES: NA

SETTING: Facing north on the SE corner of Third and Oak streets in commercial area; flush with the public right-of-way. Lot slopes up to the south. Two other bank buildings on SW and NW corners of Third and Oak streets.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Historical and/or architectural importance, dates, events, persons, contexts).
USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

The E.L Smith building was constructed in 1904 for a cost of \$10,000. Smith was a business person and investor who owned a lumber company in La Grande, Oregon before relocating his business to Hood River. At that time Smith along with his brother-in-law, F.S. Stanley, and other investors started a bank in Hood River. The First National Bank opened its doors in June 1904, in a building located between First and Second on Oak Street. The bank moved to its new location in the Smith Building shortly after it was constructed in 1904. The bank operated in the building until 1910 when it moved into it's new location on the northwest corner of Third and Oak streets. Several other businesses were located in the building. The 1909 Hood River Glacier states that Bragg Mercantile was located in the central store and boasted of two entrances to the store. The east side entrance was used by the dry goods section and the west side was a grocery store. At the rear of the store was the shoe department. Dr. Dutro and Dr. Abraham were also early occupants of the building. Dr. E.O. Dutro moved to Hood River in in July 1906, and started his practice in the Smith building. The Dutros moved to Odell in 1913, but the doctor continued his practice in Hood River. He saw rural patients in the morning and Hood River patients in the afternoon. Dr. V.R. Abraham started his practice in Hood River in 1911 and maintained his office in the Smith building until his semi-retirement in 1929. Dr. Abraham was very active in community affairs serving as the first commander of the American Legion Post #22. He was also elected the second president of the Hood River Rotary Club. He was also active in the Riverview Church, the school board, and was the county health officer. The building is currently owned by Kenneth Abraham, the son of the doctor, who was a prominent lawyer in Hood River for many years.

SOURCES: Hood River County Museum biography files: interview with Ruth Guppy; The Hood River Glacier, April 15, 1909; 1905, 1909, 1916 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map.

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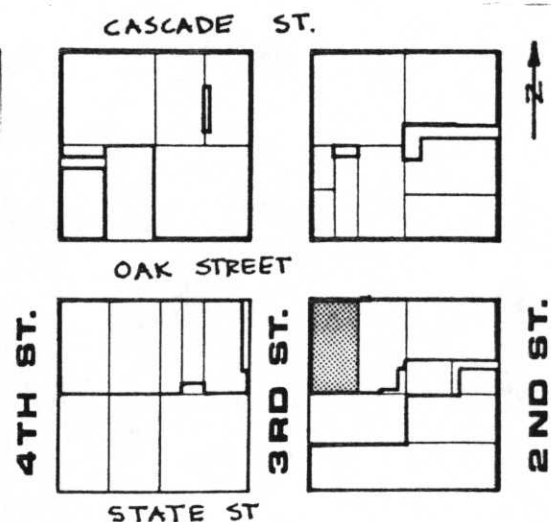
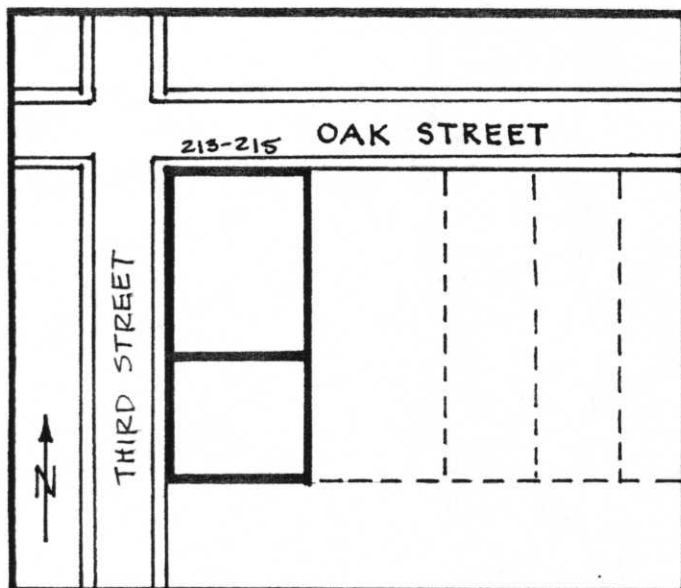
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