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STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY  
OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310

County Marion  
Theme 8d, 6b  
Name  
(Common) Reed Opera House & McCormack Block Add.  
(Historic) " " " " " "  
Address 177-189 Liberty St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
Present Owner C.L. Grabenhorst  
Address 198 Liberty St. SE  
Original Use Opera House - Hotel  
Date of Construction 1869, 1870, 1902

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

This structure was entered on the National Register on 3/8/78

G.W. Rhodes, architect. Brick masonry construction. Three stories. Italianate. Arcuated fenestration. Built by Cyrus A. Reed as Opera House and Hotel. It was during the late 19th Century the town's cultural center. The theatre closed in 1900, and the first and second stories were converted to mercantile use. In 1920 the large building was extensively renovated for use as a department store. In recent years it was vacated by the Miller firm, and renovated for adaptive use as a shopping-restaurant complex. The Reed Opera House and its McCormack Block Addition of the turn-of-the-century were entered in the National Register as a unit 3/8/78. The main facade comprising seven bays fronts on Liberty Street. Missing from it is the pediment which rose from the roof line over the central bay. In the intervening years the space between brick posts spanned by wooden railings to make a parapet were filled in, and the tin or wood cornice supported by wooden brackets was removed. The exterior walls were stuccoed, and the ground story was remodeled to accommodate display windows. The Reed Opera House is one of the oldest and perhaps the largest of the buildings in the proposed district dating from the early period. See: "Oregon Capital", The West Shore, Vol. 4, No. 4 (Dec. 1878), 102-103.

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Sources consulted (continue on back if necessary):

National Register Nomination Papers  
"Historic Salem" Brochure - City of Salem

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