

Historic
Resource
Inventory
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON.



8-347-00701

701-707 S.E. Grand Avenue

East Portland, Block 99, Lot 8
QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 3130
Buckman

ORIGINAL NAME: West's Block

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Retail, Apartment House

DATE BUILT: 1883

STYLE: Italianate

ORIGINAL OWNER: West, Nathaniel K.

TAX ASSESSOR'S ACCOUNT #: R-22650-6600

ZONING: C2

DESIGNATION: National Register

HISTORIC DISTRICT: East Portland (potential)

SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:

Brick veneer exterior. Mock-mansard roof with center pediment. Decorative roof cornice has cedar brackets and pierced work. Segmental-arched second floor windows have label moldings with pronounced keystones. Wooden floor joists. Brick foundation.

SPECIAL F/M - ORIGINAL REMOVED:

Storefronts.

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SPECIAL F/M - SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION:

Cast-iron facade from 1884 Cook's Block (demolished in 1965) installed at ground floor. Cast-iron motifs include Minerva, Poseidon and winged webfooted steeds.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Development, Government, in association with Nathaniel K. West

Architecture, Development, Government, in association with Nathaniel K. West: This building is apparently the oldest surviving commercial structure in East Portland. It was the first of several buildings constructed by the West family in Block 99. Nathaniel West was President of the East Portland City Council and a strong promoter of improvements in East Portland, including construction of the 1887 Morrison Bridge.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Bosco, Jerry R. and Milligan, J. Benny, National Register of Historic Places, nomination form, 1979.

Present owners as of May 1980: Jerry R. Bosco and J. Benny Milligan

MAILING ADDRESS: c/o Westblock Glass, 707 S.E. Grand Avenue, Portland 97214

Special Property Tax Assessment

Negative: 912-18