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CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON.

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309 S.W. Third Avenue

Portland, Block 46, Lots 1, 2  
QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 3029.5  
Downtown Community Association

ORIGINAL NAME: Forbes and Breeden Building  
OTHER NAMES: Sherlock Building

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Offices

DATE BUILT: 1894

STYLE: Richardsonian Romanesque, Sullivanesque

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS BY: F. Manson White

ORIGINAL OWNER: Northwest Loan and Trust Company, Forbes and Breeden Company  
OTHER OWNERS: Sherlock, William, Levy, Joseph and Elsie

TAX ASSESSOR'S ACCOUNT #: R-66770-5540, R-66770-5750  
ZONING: C1Z

DESIGNATION: Landmark, National Register

SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:

Red pressed brick exterior. Bracketed sheet metal roof cornice with pressed guilloche pattern in fascia. Stucco frieze and sheet-metal cornice with wave scroll motif at second floor line. Piers set on rock-faced basalt bases have stone capitals at first floor and terra cotta capitals at fifth floor. Terra



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cotta medallions with Sullivanesque motif. Stucco-covered wood spandrel beams in wide multi-story arches. Classically detailed oak entrance wall. Black, green, and white one-inch-square ceramic tiles at entrance set with fret design. Mill construction with steel post caps.

*SPECIAL F/M - SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION:*  
Storefronts. Interior completely remodeled.

*AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:* Architecture, Commerce, Development, in association with William Sherlock, Commerce, Development, in association with Charles M. Forbes, Law, Government, in association with Erasmus D. Shattuck

Commerce, Development, in association with William Sherlock: Sherlock (1817-1901) was born in Newross, Ireland and immigrated to Illinois before coming to Portland in 1850. He developed a livery business with C.P. Bacon which prospered for 21 years when Sherlock sold out to his partner. He then invested in real estate, platting the Sherlock Addition and investing in the Portland Hotel which he helped complete.

Commerce, Development in association with Charles M. Forbes. Forbes was born in Clayton County, Iowa in 1848 and received a common school education and attended Missouri State University. He supervised the Iowa Insane Asylum, 1870-75, and acted as a representative for the Howe Sewing Machine Company in San Francisco before arriving in Portland in 1879. In 1881 he established a furniture business, first with E. C. Wheeler and then with H. C. Breeden. It became a leading firm in that line of business in the Northwest. He also invested in real estate and served three terms on the city council.

Law, Government, in association with Erasmus D. Shattuck: Shattuck (1824-1900) was born in Bakersfield, Vermont and graduated from the University of Vermont in 1848. He taught school in Georgia and Maryland while studying law and was admitted to the bar in 1852. He came to Oregon in 1853, taught at Pacific University and was elected Superintendent of Schools in Washington County. While practicing law in Portland he was elected probate judge and a member of the Territorial legislature and Constitutional Convention. He served as district attorney, 1861; circuit judge, 1862-67; supreme court judge, 1874-78; and circuit judge, 1886-98. He was a trustee of Portland Academy and one of the founders of the Portland Library.

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