

Historic  
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Inventory  
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

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720-738 N.W. Glisan Street

Couch's, Block 49, Lot 7  
QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 2929.5  
Burnside

ORIGINAL NAME: Harlow Block  
OTHER NAMES: Muckle Building, Grand Central Hotel, Park Hotel

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Hotel, Retail

DATE BUILT: 1882

STYLE: Italianate

ORIGINAL OWNER: Harlow, John, Harlow, Celeste Barker  
OTHER OWNERS: Moor, Peter, Fuhrer, Henry, Fuhrer, Andrew, Muckle, James  
TENANTS: East Park Exchange, Ives, Almon K., Park Saloon, Post Office Quick  
Lunch, Park Cleaners, Alcoholics Anonymous, Galley Cafe

TAX ASSESSOR'S ACCOUNT #: R-18020-4350  
ZONING: C1Z

DESIGNATION: Landmark, National Register

SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:  
Flat roof with parapet. Red brick exterior. Stone foundation. Ornamental  
boxed cornice with scroll brackets. One-over-one, double-hung,  
segmental-arched windows with brick label moldings. Iron sills. Windows above  
building entrance have round arches with keystones. Doric order cast-iron



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columns at first floor and cast-iron pieces in corner pier remain from original shopfronts. Brick and cement name and date plaque. Wainscotting, re-lights, transoms and door hardware in upper stories.

*SPECIAL F/M - ORIGINAL REMOVED:*  
Chimneys.

*SPECIAL F/M - SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION:*  
First floor substantially altered, 1940's. Fire escape added.

*AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:* Architecture

*BIBLIOGRAPHY:*

Horn, Jonathon C., National Register of Historic Places, nomination form, 1980.

Present owner as of May 1981: Barbara Backstrand  
MAILING ADDRESS: 2546 N.E. 17th, Portland 97212

No Preservation Funding

Negative: 124-9

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