

Odd Fellows Building
1019 SW Tenth St.
Portland
Multnomah County
Oregon

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Oregon	COUNTY Multnomah	TOWN OR VICINITY Portland
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Odd Fellows Building		HABS NO. OR-135
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1019 SW Tenth St.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1922-1924	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Ernst Kroner	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Noteworthy building erected on the periphery of Portland's business district during a period of intense development between 1900-1930. This building represents a historical link with a fraternal order which had gradually ceased activity because of changing social pattern.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Gothic Revival details		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Concrete foundation, yellow brick facing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 6 stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Terra cotta cornice, terra cotta decorative ornamentation, brick pilasters define each exterior bay, triangular arch heads define third story windows		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Ceremonial hall (65' x 70') paneled in mahogany contains carved insignia and symbols peculiar to the order on balconies; secret vault on east side of hall contains significant documents relevant to organization history. (Continued)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The present owners of the building propose to rehabilitate the building into eighty-four units of housing for the elderly. Of these twenty-eight will be efficiency units and fifty-four one-bedroom units. The plans provide for demolition of (Continued)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE A socially-oriented order established in the seventh century, the Odd Fellows have been experiencing attrition for many years.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Melissa McDonald HABS Historian	DATE 8-14-84	

Interior Features: (Cont.)

Furnishings consist of wooden fixed seating on a raised platform at either side of room. Large mahogany benches line both sides of room. Balconies are set over carved mahogany seating which was created to seat the highest members of the Order during ceremonial proceedings.

Inherent to the Odd Fellows is a series of biblical stories from which Odd Fellow "degrees" are derived. Scenes from these biblical stories are depicted on murals painted on the upper walls in the Lodge hall. Elaborate shadowed frames painted directly on the plaster walls surround each mural. Ornate chandeliers of brass and stained glass hang in the hall.

Alterations: (Cont.)

interior space and construction of a 25' x 25' center open core. This area will be covered by a skylight on the sixth floor, decorated with railings and plants, and will be used as community space for the elderly residents.