

Carnegie Library

225 NW Adams Street

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Construction Date: 1912

Historic Name: Carnegie Library

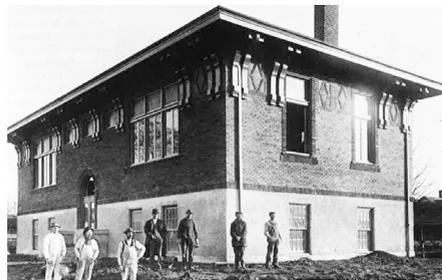
Current Business: McMinnville Public Library

Historic Significance: Not listed as part of the Historic District

Style of Architecture: American Renaissance

In 1911, discussion of building a Carnegie Library in McMinnville had begun. Tax funding and a library board were created by an ordinance in 1911. The first board, appointed by the mayor, included: Mrs. D.C. Apperson, Mr. Macy, Lulu Roger, O.O. Hodson and Ella Hendrick. Ernst Kroner of Portland was the chosen architect and plans were submitted and reworked throughout most of 1912. Local contractors' bids were too high and a Portland firm, Wineland & Co., were the chosen builders with a bid of \$8,880. The new building was insured by Oregon Fire Relief Association for \$4,000. The library was completed in March 1913 and sits on the edge of City Park.

The original building is a regular rectangular block with a low-pitched hipped roof. A stained glass lunette above the doors displays a design of fir trees, a lamp and the words, "Carnegie Library 1912." In 1982, a new addition of 14,800 square feet was added to the original structure. This is one of 24 Carnegie Libraries in Oregon.



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Samuel Cozine House

105 NE Third Street

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Construction Date: 1892

Historic Name: Samuel Cozine House

Current Business: McMinnville Downtown Association

Historic Significance: Not currently designated

Style of Architecture: Queen Anne Victorian

The Samuel and Mahala Cozine House is a Queen Anne style Victorian built in 1892 by early pioneer Samuel Cozine and his wife, Mahala. The Cozines came to McMinnville on the 1843 wagon train. Samuel struck gold in 1890 and with that money he built this house on the corner of Third and Adams. They resided here together until Samuel's death in 1897. Mahala continued to live here until her death in 1908. The house was split into two apartments in the 1940s, and by the mid 1980s it was vacant and used only for storage purposes.

By 1988, the house had fallen into disrepair and was in dire need of major renovations. During this time First Federal Savings & Loan gifted the City of McMinnville the title to the building and lot with hope that a plan would be devised to save the house. \$150,000 in grants, fundraising and community donations were used to bring this property back to its original grandeur. In 1991, the McMinnville Downtown Association moved into the Cozine House and is still located here today, working to support the economic viability of downtown.

"It was wonderful to see how the community worked together to save this little jewel of a house. First Federal's generous gift was met with contributions of time and money and it was really community spirit and pride that made it happen." — Marilyn Worrix, Founder, Friends of the Cozine House.



Samuel and Mahala Cozine ca. 1895



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