



Ermatinger House

Historical Photos

City Commission Work Session 4/11/2017



Figure 1. Original Ermatinger House (built around 1845)



Figure 2. Ermatinger House at 11th and Center Street.



(Photo by Daniel McMillan)

Raised on a platform called cribbing, the Ermatinger House is prepared to make the journey to a new

location near 6th and John Adams. Built around 1845, it is the oldest house in Oregon City.

Ermatinger House finds new home

By DANIEL McMILLAN

The Francis Ermatinger House finally made it home.

Finding a location for the house has been a long and sometimes controversial process for all involved.

Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., however, the Ermatinger House was sitting in the parking lot at the corner of 6th and John Adams streets.

A team of employees from Rainbow Construction of Salem spent about a week getting the house ready, reported Dan Fowler, co-owner of F and F Structures along with Mark Foley. Rainbow Construction has moved several historic homes including the Mission Mill in Salem.

They built a cribbing out of timbers and steel I-beams, and constructed a series of ramps out of what appeared to be old railroad ties.

Using a winch attached to a truck, the crew inched the house down the ramps onto 11th Street.

Once the house was facing uphill, two trucks, with winches capable of pulling around 60,000 pounds each, were anchored at the top of the hill on the other

side of Washington Street.

The Ermatinger House was then pulled up the hill and towed to the 6th and John Adams streets location.

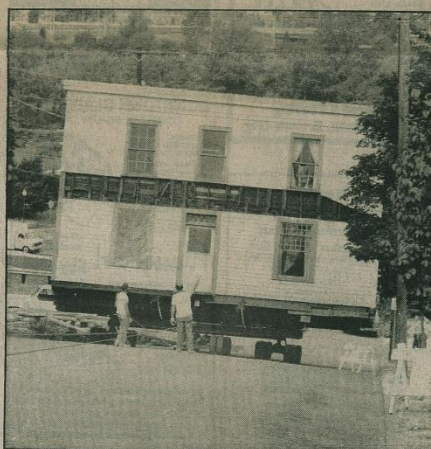
Although the moving went smoothly and slowly, a few prayers were said before the moving, Fowler commented.

Ruth McBride-Powers asked Fowler to call her when the move was over, rather than watch herself.

Powers, who has restored a number of historic homes throughout the state, is paying for the moving and renovating of the house. F and F Structures coordinated the move and is serving as general contractors for the whole project.

Now that the house is moved, a new foundation will be built under the house. Fowler expects construction to start in early September.

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(Photo by Daniel McMillan)

The Ermatinger House starts an uphill trip. Winching cables were used at this point of the transfer to move the structure.



(Photo by Greg Paul)

Inside sports



By Dick Mezejewski

OREGON CITY - What started out as a trip home from having lunch with a friend, and her car serviced, turned out to be an experience Shelly McDaniel, 33, of Oregon City, is having trouble understanding completely.

On Aug. 25, Shelly, who is eight and one half months pregnant, was driving her black Trans Am, with custom license "Bandt 2", home. Somewhere between Lake Oswego and West Linn she noticed a Clackamas County Sheriff's patrol car pull in behind and start following her.

"I wasn't speeding," Shelly said, "so at first I wasn't concerned. In fact, I haven't had a speeding ticket or even a parking ticket."

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The patrol car, according to McDaniel, allegedly continued following her. At a point on Abernathy Road, near the intersection of Washington St., Shelly was stopped by a patrol roadblock which consisted, according to her, of several patrol cars.

Some of the patrol vehicles had two officers. Shelly then said she realized she had shotguns and handguns pointed at her and she was asked to get out of the car.

According to McDaniel, an officer restrained her hands behind her back. When she asked what was going on, she was told her plates were reported stolen.

During the course of the roadblock, Shelly indicated the lawmen must have realized there was a mistake, because she said she heard one officer allegedly say "we really screwed this one up..."

Sheriff's Department spokesman Russ Williams said that while the incident may have been nerve-shaking for Mrs. McDaniel, it was determined, following an internal investigation, that patrol officers followed correct procedures.

Williams offered the following scenario as to what transpired: The patrolling deputy, doing a routine plate check, was ad-

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Figure 3. Ermatinger House on the move.



Figure 4. After moving to 6th and John Adams



Figure 5. Ermatinger closure 2010-11

STRUCTURAL FAILURES



Figure 6. Ermatinger House post failure.



Figure 7. Post and footing



Figure 8. Ermatinger House water damage



Figure 9. Drop in floor on second floor



Figure 10. Insect damage



Figure 11. Post and frame rot



Figure 12. Wallpaper walls on first floor



Figure 13. Wallpaper walls on second floor

RESTORATION PROJECT



Figure 14. Exterior of Ermatinger House (September 2015)



Figure 15. Fireplace with drywall and paint



Figure 16. Painted wood in restroom



Figure 17. Example of sheer wall