

# Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Quadrangle Name: Columbia North  
Tax Map No.      R11410-17-14

## SURVEY FORM

### Identification

Historic Name:      McRants Cabinet Shop  
Common Name:      Black Box Barber Shop  
Address/Location:      2501 Millwood Avenue  
City:      Columbia      Vicinity of      County:      Richland  
Ownership:      Private      Category: Building      Other:  
Historical Use:      Commercial  
Current Use:      Commercial  
SHPO National Register      Eligible  
Determination of Eligibility:

### Property Description

Construction Date: circa 1945      Construction: Masonry      Other: concrete block  
Historic Core Shape: Irregular      Exterior Walls: Brick veneer  
Other: Corner lot - triangular      Foundation: Concrete block  
Commercial Form: 1-part commercial block      Roof Shape: Flat  
Other:      Roof Material: Not visible  
Stories: 1 story      Porch Shape:  
Other:      Porch Width:

#### Description/Significant Features:

The main, western structure is divided into two separate commercial spaces and there are two separate entrances along Millwood Ave. Eastern portion has one entry door roughly centered in the south (Millwood Ave) elevation and a two-pane, storefront window with metal frame; the window frame has a concrete sill. Western portion of the south elevation has an entry door and a single-pane storefront window, with metal frame. The roofline along this elevation has a continuous parapet that is raised above the main flat roof of the building. Western elevation has a single-pane storefront window, with metal frame, and a modern entry door, in an opening infilled with concrete block. There is a small, single story, residential unit attached to the eastern elevation of the building. Metal coping on the roof

Alterations (include date(s), if known):

Replacement of original doors, late-twentieth century

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Unknown

**Historical Information**

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By 1950, both the larger western structure and the smaller, eastern addition had been constructed; Sanborn map notation indicates that the building was used as a woodworking shop. From 1948 to 1990, was the location of J.P. McRants Cabinet Shop, which supports the woodworking notation on the Sanborn maps. Additional research into the business indicates that it was owned by Johnnie P. McCrant, a black woodworker, who operated his business there for over 40 years.

Source(s) of Information:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, aerial photographs, Columbia City Directories

**Digital Photo ID(s)**

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