

**Historic Resources Survey  
City of McMinnville  
Yamhill County, Oregon**

**Site Information**

**Site Address**

505 SW Edmunston St.

**Owner at Time of Survey**

William & Clara Jensen

**Map/Tax Lot**

R4420DC00501

**Current Zoning**

R-4 FP

**Special Tax Assessment**

No

**Downtown Historic District**

No

**Subdivision Name**

**Block**

**Lot**

**Lot Size**

**Quadrant**

.95 acres

SW

**Site Number**

23.34

**Aerial Number**

I-12

**Resource Classification**

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**Resource Number**

149

**Historic Significance**

**Historic Information**

**Date of Construction**

ca. 1880

**Early Additions/ Remodels**

**Builder/Architect**

Unknown

**Historic Name**

First Rhodes House

**Original Use**

Residence

**Common Name**

**Present Use**

Residence

**Condition of Structure**

Good

**Comments (at time of Survey)**

**Building Type**

Residential

**Outbuildings**

None

**Building Style**

Classical

**Stories**

2

**Porch**

**Basement**

**Roof Style**

Low Hip

**Roof Type**

**Moved**

**Demolished**

**Year/Date**

**Permit Number(s)**

**Additions/ Alterations**

**Resource Information**

**Recorded By**

Marcia Blevins

**Date**

10-16-1983

**Sources**

Mrs. Jensen - Present Owner, Hazel E. Mills  
"Who's Who Among Pacific Northwest Aurther's",  
Ticor Title Company

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

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This two-story square in plan classical style house has a low pitch hip roof with overhanging eaves and dentil cornice. The shed roof porch, which extends across the front of the house and the length of the east side, is supported on square posts with Queen Anne scroll brackets below a plain frieze. There are one-story additions on north and west sides. There are two exterior brick chimneys, the one on the west partially enclosed by the one-story addition at that wall.

The second story windows are 6 over 6 double-hung sash with thin mullions and tall entablature heads. Lower story windows appear to have been added at a later time. The house sits on a concrete foundation facing south on the front of the spacious lot with many fruit trees, and wine grape plants brought from Kansas. The apartments behind the house used to be chicken houses for this house.

This land was deeded from John and Eliza Rhodes by Samuel Cozine in 1879. The Rhodes very likely built this house soon after. It appears that they traded houses with Arthur McPhillips in 1891. The figure given for each transaction in county records is \$1,650, so both houses were probably standing at the time of trade. The McPhillips family sold it in 1900, and it has changed hands a number of times since. From 1950 to 1963, it was the home of author Victoria Case, who co-authored two non-fiction books with her brother, Robert Ormond Case, and is best known for “her lively navel, The Quiet Life of Mrs. General Lane.” \*Miss Case lived in McMinnville from 1938 on, and owned the house together with Margaret Ramsey. Ms. Case’s articles and short stories were widely published.

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Original 1983 Survey Photo