Historic Resources Survey City of McMinnville Yamhill County, Oregon

Site Information

Site Address			Owner at 7	Time of	Survey				
809 SW Blaine St.			Edward & Candace Gormley						
Map/Tax Lot	/Tax Lot Cur		-	cial Tax essmer		Downtown Historic District			
R4420DC03000 R-3			No	No		Yes			
Subdivision Name			Block	Lot	Lot Siz	e G	Quadra	nt	
Cozines 3rd Addition			B	1	9,033 s	sq.ft. S	SW		
		Resource Classificati				Historic Significance			
23.33 I-12	A		150						
Historia	Inform	ation							
Date of Construction		ditions/ Remo	adole Build	lor/Arch	itoet				
ca. 1890	i Early Aut	altions/ Reini	Unkn		inect				
Historic Name	Original Use		Commo	Common Name			Present Use		
Rhodes House Residence/Office				Residence					
Condition of Structu	re Comm	ents (at time	of Survey)						
Good	Freshl	y Painted							
Building Type Ou		Outbuildings		Building Style		Stories			
Residential	None			Vernacular		2			
Porch Basement	Roof Style		Roof Type	•	Moved	Demolis	hed Y	ear/Date	
	Medium Ga	ıble			🗆		_		
Permit Number(s)	Addition	s/ Alterations	S						
Resourc	e Inforn	nation							
Recorded By		Da	te	Sourc	es				
				Helen Emerson - Former Owner, Ticor Title Company, "Bricks Without Straw"					
Marcia Blevins		10-	-16-1983	Jonas A. Jonasson 1983					

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

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This T-shaped rural vernacular style house with classical features faces east at the north corner of a generous corner lot. Its medium gabled roof with boxed overhanging eaves and cornice faces the front of the lot. A hip roofed porch running the width of the east side and across the north side is supported by a colonnade of narrow wooden Tuscan Doric columns. The door is off-center and recessed. Windows area one over one double hung sash. Door and windows have cornice mouldings. The house is sided in shiplap siding with plain gable trim and corner boards. There are two chimneys, one central and the other exterior, both of brick. There are two stories in the main portion of the house, and a one-story shed roof addition behind.

Historical details provided by Helen Emerson, form owner:

This house was built originally and owned by Judge B. F. Rhodes, a county judge and the president of the Board of Trustees of Linfield College. He had an office in a balcony room upstairs. Helen Emerson bought the property from Robert Thetfordin 1950 (Thetford had a contract for it with Mrs. Harrington). Ms. Emerson, a Linfield College professor of French, lived here from 1950 to 1967. Her sister, Sybil, a well-known Northwest artist, lived here also after her retirement from teaching at an eastern university. The Emerson sisters sold the west portion of land to Elmer Million who then sold it to professor and poet Bill Elliott who built a house on it.

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Photo Aug. 2001



Original 1983 Survey Photo