

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

Site Information

Site Address

230 SE Evans St. (Newby's)

Owner at Time of Survey

Edwin Olmsted

Map/Tax Lot

R4421CB11900

Current Zoning

R-4

Special Tax Assessment

No

Downtown Historic District

No

Subdivision Name

Block

Lot

Lot Size

Quadrant

17,500 sq.ft. SE

Site Number

10.30a

Aerial Number

K-11

Resource Classification

A

Resource Number

849

Historic Significance

Primary Resource #416

Historic Information

Date of Construction

Prior to 1883

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Historic Name

W.T. Newby House

Original Use

Private Residence

Common Name

Olmstead House

Present Use

Private Residence

Condition of Structure

Good

Comments (at time of Survey)

In need of paint.

Building Type

Residential

Outbuildings

Free standing rural vernacular garage - added

Building Style

Gothic/Classical Revival

Stories

2

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

High Gable

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

1995

Permit Number(s)

4-38-95, 4-39-95,
95B0326

Additions/ Alterations

Move House, Foundation,
Interior Remodel

Resource Information

Recorded By

Susan K. Francois

Date

7-23-1980

Sources

Edwin Olmstead; Deed Abstract

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

A849 State Special Assessment Program

The owner, Mr. Olmsted says that the house was constructed in 1860 for Mr. Wm. T. Newby, founder of McMinnville. This was Mr. Newby's second house. The Newby children were raised here and Mr. Newby probably died here.

The house has been altered. Originally the house was a two-story, redwood frame, rectangular shaped house with a high gable roof. The original entrance was on the north side through a porch which had a door (now a window) in the middle of two double-hung, sash windows. It exhibited both Gothic and classical revival elements. The house now looks like a cape cod with an asymmetrical gothic entrance (lancet window over the front door). It has a full basement, low foundation (almost covered). It is white with green shutters decorating the 6/6 windows. It has novelty siding and was built with heart redwood, full dimension lumber; has eight-inch thick walls filled with sawdust soaked in sodium theosulphate. It has addition on the back with extended basement added on under. The house does feature a graceful circular gravel driveway. Large oaks are in the circle. The grounds are not carefully manicured which seems in keeping with the house.

State of Oregon Inventory
Historic Sites and Buildings
State Historic Preservation Offices,
Oregon State Parks, Salem 97310

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This structure, believed to be the William T. Newby house, is a one and one-half story, wood framed building which exhibits features of both the Classical Revival and the Gothic styles. This building stands in a grove of oak trees near the banks of Cozine Creek on South Evans Street in McMinnville. The house has a steep, gable roof with boxed eaves. Lancet windows are located in the cross gable above the center entry on the west (front) elevation and in the north elevation gable end. The windows on the main floor are six-over-six, double-hung sash with entablatures. The exterior of the house is shiplap with a large section of flushboard on the north elevation on the first floor. A new fireplace chimney has been added to the south (right) of the front entry and has caused the removal of a window bay. The building is in good but altered condition.

A plat of McMinnville dated May 31, 1883 for "Newby's Third Addition to the City of McMinnville" (platted May 19, 1883) is on file at the Yamhill County Courthouse. (See Xerox copy attached.) This plat clearly shows the W.T. Newby residence on South E Street, now Evans Street, in the exact location of this building. The plat indicates that the structure is the home of "W.T. Newby."

W.T. Newby was the founder of McMinnville, Oregon. Born March 23, 1820, in McMinnville, Tennessee, Newby moved in 1834 to Missouri and emigrated in 1843 to Oregon. He married in 1841 to Sarah Jane McGary. Newby came to Yamhill County in 1844 and filed later on a Donation Land Claim that is now covered by the City of McMinnville, Oregon. In 1853 he erected a gristmill on Baker Creek near his home and in 1889 built a sawmill at the same site. In 1854 he opened a store in McMinnville, a town he founded in 1855. Newby also helped build water diversion ditches to bring cheap power to his town. In 1848 he was elected assessor of Yamhill Count and in 1870 he was elected to the State Senate. Newby died in 1884.

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Photo April 2001



Original 1983 Survey Photo