

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

Site Information

Site Address

540 SE 1st St.

Owner at Time of Survey

Richard W. Easterday

Map/Tax Lot

R4421CB01200

Current Zoning

O-R

Special Tax Assessment

No

Downtown Historic District

No

Subdivision Name

Newby's 3rd Addition

Block

1

Lot

2

Lot Size

6,000 sq.ft.

Quadrant

SE

Site Number

11.10

Aerial Number

K-11

Resource Classification

A

Resource Number

853

Historic Significance

Primary Resource #402

Historic Information

Date of Construction

possibly 1860's

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Historic Name

Spencer House

Original Use

Residence

Common Name

Present Use

Residence

Condition of Structure

Good

Comments (at time of Survey)

Broken gutters or downspouts;
In need of paint; Walks and steps sagging.

Building Type

Residential

Outbuildings

Garage

Building Style

Stories

1.5

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Hip

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

09B0158, 09B0480

Additions/ Alterations

Interior Remodel/New Foundation

Resource Information

Recorded By

Irene Dillin, Ruth Stoller

Date

7-10-1980

Sources

Yamhill County Deed Records

Historic Resource Survey
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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

A853

This is a one and one-half story rectangle with a central dormer in the roof and a plain frontispiece entry below. A double-hung paned window on the left and an exposed fireplace on the right (flanked by a narrow vertical window) frame the entrance. Fenestration is irregular; there are early four-over-four double-hung sash windows on the side elevations. Asphalt shingles cover the roof, there is horizontal siding, decorative shingles on the dormer. There is a one-story extension on the right side and a large two-story hip-roofed extension on the rear. There is a large back yard with small garage on back of lot. The façade has been remodeled.

The owner of this house has found 1869 newspapers on the walls, and the four-over-four windows would indicate great age.

The Rev. John J. Spencer, Methodist circuit rider, bought this property in 1871. The house was probably built soon after. A man named Mills bought it from Spencer. F. Buchanan, principle of Columbus School bought the house in 1912 and his wife lived there until her death in the 1960's.

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Photo April 2008



Original 1983 Survey Photo