

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

Site Information

Site Address

12th & Davis Streets
11th & Cowls Streets

Owner at Time of Survey

McMinnville School District #40

Map/Tax Lot

R4416CC08000

Current Zoning

R-3

Special Tax Assessment

No

Downtown Historic District

No

Subdivision Name

John's Addition

Block

4

Lot

1

Lot Size

1.16 acres

Quadrant

NE

Site Number

4.8

Aerial Number

J-9

Resource Classification

B

Resource Number

245

Historic Significance

Secondary Resource #29

Historic Information

Date of Construction

1928

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

Overseen by Kiwanis Club

Historic Name

W.B. Smith
Memorial Playground

Original Use

Tennis Court

Common Name

Cowls Street Courts

Present Use

Park & Tennis Courts

Condition of Structure

Comments (at time of Survey)

Building Type

Public

Outbuildings

None

Building Style

Stories

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

Additions/ Alterations

Resource Information

Recorded By

Jim Baird

Date

6-1980

Sources

McMinnville City Council Resolution No. 1972-1;
Mrs. W.B. Smith, Letter to City Council, 9-6-1927

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

B245

Full block city park with larger Atlas Cedar at southeast corner (another is diagonally across intersection at 1034 North Davis) and a large Western Red Cedar at southwest corner. Lindens and White Birch dominate the north edge along 12th Street. Entire park is in grass with four tennis courts and a minimal play area designated for activities.

In 1927, Mrs. William B. Smith, widow of hardware store's operator and real estate developer, gave this block to the City along with \$2,000 to develop it as a playground. She designated the Kiwanis Club to oversee the leveling and equipping. In 1929, the City conveyed the property to School District No. 40 and in 1971, the City and School District issued a memorandum of intent to cooperate in the maintenance of the playground.

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Original 1983 Survey Photo