

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

**Site Information**

**Site Address**

540 NW Birch Street

**Owner at Time of Survey**

Thomas & Linda Chapman

**Map/Tax Lot**

R4420AD01400

**Current Zoning**

R-2

**Special Tax Assessment**

No

**Downtown Historic District**

No

**Subdivision Name**

**Block**

**Lot**

**Lot Size**

**Quadrant**

11,415 sq.ft. NW

**Site Number**

7.18a

**Aerial Number**

J-10

**Resource Classification**

B

**Resource Number**

292

**Historic Significance**

**Historic Information**

**Date of Construction**

1932

**Early Additions/ Remodels**

**Builder/Architect**

A.C. Miller

**Historic Name**

Dick Rowell House

**Original Use**

Single-Family Dwelling

**Common Name**

**Present Use**

Single-Family Dwelling

**Condition of Structure**

Excellent

**Comments (at time of Survey)**

**Building Type**

Residential

**Outbuildings**

Garage

**Building Style**

Bungalow

**Stories**

1.5

**Porch**

**Basement**

**Roof Style**

Steep Gable

**Roof Type**

**Moved**

**Demolished**

**Year/Date**

**Permit Number(s)**

**Additions/ Alterations**

**Resource Information**

**Recorded By**

Samuel C. Lowry

**Date**

7-19-1980

**Sources**

Historic Resource Survey  
City of McMinnville  
Yamhill County, Oregon

Statement of historical significance and description of property:

B292

This is a medium-sized, one and one-half story bungalow. The main section of the house is of wood-frame construction, with a steep, gabled roof and low eaves. The most significant and unusual feature is a large, triangular front (western) gable faced with rough, irregularly-shaped stone to a height of about three and one-half feet, and with correspondingly rough, irregular brick above, common to the bungalow style. Certain of the bricks protrude end-wise from the wall in an irregular but evenly-spaced pattern. This gable contains a single-segmental-arched picture window, beneath a perfect, half-round arch formed by the edge of the shingled roofline as it curves around the triangular gable in the stylized "thatch" design. This roof is also steep, and extends nearly to the ground. At its juncture with the main portion of the house on the south end is an enormous, free-standing chimney 25 to 30 feet tall, composed of the same rough brick. The attached garage on the north end appears to be original and has a small triangular gable containing an air vent. This unusually fashioned house is in excellent state of preservation.

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Original 1983 Survey Photo