

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

**Site Information**

**Site Address**

South of Lincoln btwn Baker & Cows Streets

**Owner at Time of Survey**

City of McMinnville

**Map/Tax Lot**

**Current Zoning**

**Special Tax Assessment**

No

**Downtown Historic District**

No

**Subdivision Name**

**Block**

**Lot**

**Lot Size**

**Quadrant**

SE

**Site Number**

**Aerial Number**

**Resource Classification**

**Resource Number**

**Historic Significance**

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**Historic Information**

**Date of Construction**

ca. 1913

**Early Additions/ Remodels**

**Builder/Architect**

Unknown

**Historic Name**

Rose Walk

**Original Use**

Sidewalk, Shortcut  
wooden bridges

**Common Name**

Rose Walk

**Present Use**

Sidewalk

**Condition of Structure**

Fair

**Comments (at time of Survey)**

**Building Type**

**Outbuildings**

None

**Building Style**

**Stories**

**Porch**

**Basement**

**Roof Style**

**Roof Type**

**Moved**

**Demolished**

**Year/Date**

**Permit Number(s)**

**Additions/ Alterations**

**Resource Information**

**Recorded By**

Elizabeth Atly

**Date**

2-1984

**Sources**

Al Beeler, Stein Jonassen, & Evelyn DiGordon

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

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Before Highway 99 routed north/south traffic through town, joining streets in the city, wooden footbridges spanned the Cozine Creek from downtown McMinnville to Brockwood Hill and Linfield College. A block long sidewalk between present-day Baker and Cowls Street and a block south of Lincoln Street served as a short cut between bridges. This sidewalk bears the stamp "Rose Walk" at each end, although there are no roses in evidence along its length. A Mrs. Beal had a boarding house nearby, where she served meals to some 40 Linfield students and provided rooms for a smaller number. The Rose Walk may have had a special significance as a trysting place for these students.

The Rose Walk used to be "just lined with roses" according to a local resident who grew up in the neighborhood. It was the only connection between Cowls & Baker; there was no street beyond to the south. Mrs. Beal's boarding house served Linfield students "much later", in the 1930's.

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Original 1983 Survey Photo