

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

Site Information

Site Address

Campus Drive
900 SW Baker Street

Owner at Time of Survey

Linfield College

Map/Tax Lot

R4420DD00400

Current Zoning

R-4

Special Tax Assessment

No

Downtown Historic District

No

Subdivision Name

Samuel Cozine's DLC

Block

Lot

Lot Size

Quadrant

SW

Site Number

22.37

Aerial Number

J-13

Resource Classification

B

Resource Number

557

Historic Significance

Historic Information

Date of Construction

ca. 1895

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

W.G. Zimmerman

Historic Name

Chem Shack

Original Use

Gymnasium, later
Chemistry Building

Common Name

Newby Hall

Present Use

Student Apartments

Condition of Structure

Good

Comments (at time of Survey)

Building Type

Residential

Outbuildings

None

Building Style

Rectangular

Stories

2.5

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

High Gable

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

Additions/ Alterations

Resource Information

Recorded By

Elizabeht Atly

Date

12-1983

Sources

Jonasson, Jonas - Bricks Without Straw (1938);
Telephone Register: Sept. 19, 1895, Oct. 17,
1895

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

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This is the third oldest extant building on the Linfield campus and has served a variety of functions in its lifetime. It shows up on Sanborn maps as early as 1902 as a gymnasium. It is still a gymnasium on the 1912 Sanborn map, with an indication that it is on posts over the ravine. This was later the chemistry building affectionately referred to as “Chem Shack” for many years and housed classrooms and chemistry labs. In 1947 it was converted to 7 apartments for faculty housing. It has recently been used for married student housing and now is general student apartment housing.

Sited lower than the road and facing west on Campus Drive, this two and one-half story rectangular frame building is nestled into the slope, its basement story exiting at grad on the north side. Its medium high gable roof has boxed projecting plain verges. There are four bays at the gable end with 6/6 double hung sash and vinyl shutters on lower floor windows. The mouldings are plain. Shingles side the building on south and west sides (facing Campus Drive); the other sides combine drop siding with bevel tongue and groove. Entry is symmetrically placed on the long side of the rectangular with an elongated pedimented gable on plain 6 x 6 posts with slat rail. This porch is a fairly late addition. This front façade has 5 bays with 6/6 double hung sash on the first floor. Seven horizontal sliding sash windows open the upper story just below the roof eaves on this side. Two very tall gables rise from the roof and have tall 4/4 double hung sash windows.

The building is named for city founder William Newby, who donated the original site for the establishment of the college that was later to be named Linfield.

Built in 1895 as a gymnasium, this was converted to chemistry labs in 1921 at the time the gymnasium now enclosed in Riley Hall was constructed.

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Photo November 2000



Original 1983 Survey Photo