

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

Site Information

Site Address

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

42.39

Aerial Number

J-13

Resource Classification

B

Resource Number

566

Historic Significance

Historic Information

Date of Construction

1935

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Historic Name

Failing Hall

Original Use

Dormitory

Common Name

Failing Hall

Present Use

Dormitory

Condition of Structure

Excellent

Comments (at time of Survey)

Building Type

Outbuildings

None

Building Style

Georgian Revival

Stories

2.5

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Hip

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

Additions/ Alterations

Resource Information

Recorded By

Elizabeht Atly

Date

3-30-1984

Sources

Jonas Jonasson, in Kenneth Holmes Linfield's Hundred Years, (1956), pp. 46-47, 58

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

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Jane C. Failing Hall, the first of the larger dormitories, was built in 1935. Besides housing seventy girls, it provided ground floor space for the newly established homemaking department of the college. Named specifically in honor of Jane C. Failing, the building also commemorates what generations of the Failing family did for Linfield College. Josiah Failing, who came to Oregon in 1851 and later became a prominent banker and merchant in Portland, was...a strong supporter of the struggling Baptist College at McMinnville...Mr. Failing was treasurer of the college for a number of years, as well as one of its trustees.” (Jonas Jonasson, in Kenneth Holmes’ Linfield’s Hundred Years, 1956)

With post-war enrollment expansion, Failing Hall was enlarged in 1945 by the creation of penthouse living on the third floor.

This two and one-half story rectangular brick Georgian Revival building with hipped roof and oversized gable roof dormers faces west on the campus Quadrangle. It has 11 bays with single and paired windows, and a full basement story. The entry has a pedimented gable portico on fluted Tuscan Doric columns with an enclosed clap board clad balcony over. The door has sidelights with a fanlight over all. Windows are typically 8/8 or 6/6 double hung sash. The enclosed eaves of the roof terminate close to the dentilled frieze. There is a cast stone belt course at the first floor line.

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Photo November 2000



Original 1983 Survey Photo