

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

**Site Information**

**Site Address**

1049 SE Davis Street

**Owner at Time of Survey**

Linfield College

**Map/Tax Lot**

R4421CC03400

**Current Zoning**

R-4

**Special Tax Assessment**

No

**Downtown Historic District**

No

**Subdivision Name**

Mrs. P.W. Chandler's

**Block**

5

**Lot**

**Lot Size**

**Quadrant**

SE

**Site Number**

22.22

**Aerial Number**

J-13

**Resource Classification**

B

**Resource Number**

574

**Historic Significance**

**Historic Information**

**Date of Construction**

1914

**Early Additions/ Remodels**

Addition ca. 1960

**Builder/Architect**

Unknown

**Historic Name**

President's House

**Original Use**

President's House

**Common Name**

Potter Hall

**Present Use**

Dorm & Classroom

**Condition of Structure**

Excellent

**Comments (at time of Survey)**

**Building Type**

Residential

**Outbuildings**

None

**Building Style**

Colonial Revival

**Stories**

2.5

**Porch**

**Basement**

**Roof Style**

Gable

**Roof Type**

Composition

**Moved**

**Demolished**

**Year/Date**

**Permit Number(s)**

**Additions/ Alterations**

**Resource Information**

**Recorded By**

Christine Allen

**Date**

9-1983

**Sources**

Jonasson, Jonas - Bricks Without Straw (1938);  
William R. Frerichs, in Kenneth Holmes' Linfield's  
100 Years, 1956

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

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This is a very large two and one-half story rectangular colonial revival style home with a gable roof. It has three front dormers and plain boxed cornices with plain returns at corners; the roof material looks to be composition. It has two porches—front with two Doric columns and side with four Doric columns supporting slightly gabled roofs. Over the large side porch is a railed balcony with a French door. On this gabled façade porch are two lovely diamond-shaped beveled glass windows next to the two French doors. There is a large side chimney extending up through this porch and balcony that has been covered with cement. It has a concrete basement. The side is clapboard. It is in excellent repair and looks freshly painted in all white.

There is a very large modern addition on the other gable façade which has the same white clapboard siding. Some attempt has been made to make it seem not too startling, but it is obviously added on and looks “dorm-like”.

The house is on a large lot but the two buildings are so large as well that there is little yard left.

Built in 1914 for \$16,000, this house was sold to Linfield College in 1918 for \$7500 for use as the president's house. That it remained until the present president's house was construction in 1939, at which time this became Potter Hall, after “Mother” Carrie Potter, former dean of the music conservatory.

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Original 1983 Survey Photo