

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

Site Information

Site Address

800 NE Lafayette Avenue

Owner at Time of Survey

McMinnville School District #40

Map/Tax Lot

R4421BA10500

Current Zoning

R-2

Special Tax Assessment

No

Downtown Historic District

No

Subdivision Name

Block

Lot

Lot Size

Quadrant

3.71 acres

NE

Site Number

18.29

Aerial Number

K-10

Resource Classification

B

Resource Number

816

Historic Significance

Secondary Resource #393

Historic Information

Date of Construction

1929

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Historic Name

Cook School

Original Use

Grade School

Common Name

Cook School

Present Use

Grade School

Condition of Structure

Good

Comments (at time of Survey)

Building Type

Public

Outbuildings

Metal Modular Library

Building Style

Rectangular

Stories

1

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

Various

Additions/ Alterations

School Remodels

Resource Information

Recorded By

Bary & Beth Westford

Date

7-31-1980

Sources

Olgo McKnight, Cook School, A History

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

B816

A large one story rectangular shaped brick structure erected in 1929 (cornerstone). The entrance is facing northwest. The roof is flat with a simple concrete cornice at the top edge of the brick walls. Below this there is a herring bone brick band (approx. 4' wide) below which is a concrete belt course. The brick wall beneath this is American bond to the foundation. The foundation is concrete.

The main entrance has wide concrete steps leading to two sets of double doors which have nine lights each in the upper half. Above the doors are adjacent horizontal fourteen light windows. The main entrance doors are framed by a high semi-circular brick arch which is slightly recessed. The inscription "Coo School-1929" appears above these doors on a brick framed stucco wall underneath the semi-circular arch. The main entrance façade has a pediment roof peak. The entrance is further framed by two equidistant brick columns which run from the roof to foundation. At the head of each column is a plaster scrollwork relief of flowers. Both columns have an original ornate cast iron electric lamp placed at door high level.

A horizontal row of windows run the length of the building with some original double hung sash windows remaining. The rest of the windows are modern aluminum storm windows. The school is well maintained and landscaped, with many large pine and oak trees, as well as two large trees which frame the main entrance.

The school is named for 1852 pioneer John F. Cook. He bought this property in 1887. The first school on the site was built in 1878, it was McMinnville's first public school. In 1889 it was razed and a three story structure was erected. The present building replaced that structure in 1929.

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Original 1983 Survey Photo