

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

Site Information

Site Address

1041 SE Vine Street

Owner at Time of Survey

Melvin & Joyce Sprecher

Map/Tax Lot

R4421CD01701

Current Zoning

R-3 FP

Special Tax Assessment

No

Downtown Historic District

No

Subdivision Name

Block

Lot

Lot Size

Quadrant

2 acres

SE

Site Number

14.29

Aerial Number

K-12

Resource Classification

B

Resource Number

970

Historic Significance

Primary Resource #515

Historic Information

Date of Construction

1889

Early Additions/ Remodels

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Historic Name

Municipal Light & Pumping Plant

Original Use

Electric & Water Facility

Common Name

Present Use

None

Condition of Structure

Comments (at time of Survey)

Building Type

Outbuildings

Building Style

Stories

None

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

Additions/ Alterations

Resource Information

Recorded By

Sharon Ross

Date

7-1980

Sources

Alan Jones, Manager, City Water & Light; Minutes, Water Board

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

B970

A square poured cement foundation is all that remain of a power plant at this location. The inside of the cement enclosure is filled with dirt.

In 1889, when McMinnville approached Portland for an electric line and filed, it was decided to develop a local municipally-owned facility; hence the City has the oldest municipal system in the state. This site is all that remains of the original combined electric and water facility: a steam-powered electric generator and a large sand filter for city water. This early system sufficed until 1906 when a hydro-project was added on Baker Creek. Subsequent expansion resulted in the dams on Haskins Creek, the City's present water source, and contracting for power from the Bonneville Power Administration in the 1940's.

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Original 1983 Survey Photo