

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

**Site Information**

**Site Address**

900 SW Baker St.

**Owner at Time of Survey**

Linfield College

**Map/Tax Lot**

R4420DD00400

**Current Zoning**

R-4 PD

**Special Tax Assessment**

No

**Downtown Historic District**

No

**Subdivision Name**

**Block**

**Lot**

**Lot Size**

**Quadrant**

SW

**Site Number**

40.

**Aerial Number**

J-13

**Resource Classification**

A

**Resource Number**

503.1

**Historic Significance**

**Historic Information**

**Date of Construction**

1928-29

**Early Additions/ Remodels**

**Builder/Architect**

Samuel Lancaster

**Historic Name**

McMinnville  
Baptist College

**Original Use**

Fields,  
Football Field, etc.

**Common Name**

Linfield College Campus

**Present Use**

College  
Campus Grounds

**Condition of Structure**

Excellent

**Comments (at time of Survey)**

**Building Type**

**Outbuildings**

**Building Style**

**Stories**

All Campus Buildings

**Porch**

**Basement**

**Roof Style**

**Roof Type**

**Moved**

**Demolished**

**Year/Date**

**Permit Number(s)**

**Additions/ Alterations**

**Resource Information**

**Recorded By**

Elizabeth Shellin Atly

**Date**

12-1983

**Sources**

"Stein" Jonassen, Interview Nov. 29, 1983;  
Portrait and Bibliographical Record; Jonas  
Jonasson "Bricks Without Straw" 1938

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

A503.1

When Samuel Cozine and his bride Mahala arrived on the first emigrant train to the Willamette Valley, they bought the right of Thomas Owens to a claim of 640 acres, of which Samuel owned the eastern half, Mahala the western. Cozine donated twenty acres of his portion to McMinnville Baptist College in 1881, and the college was moved from its location on First and Cowls (where the Baptist Church now stands) on completion of Pioneer Hall in 1883. The observatory was built just behind Pioneer Hall in 1894, and sometime during that decade, the present Newby Hall originated as a gymnasium, and other buildings no longer standing were erected.

The campus grounds remain a wilderness accessible by wooden bridges over the Cozine Creek until 1928 when a campus improvement program was undertaken, to include the construction of Melrose Hall, the campus Administration Building. Samuel Lancaster, the architect of the Columbia Gorge Highway, was engaged to design a campus plan at that time.

“Gracefully curved concrete drives and walks traversing extensive and well kept lawns soon were a reality. The proposed lake, to be formed by a dam in the Cozine, however, was never anything but a dream. These campus improvements, including the erection of the new building Melrose, necessitated the relocation of the athletic field...during the year ending in June 1929 more money was invested on the campus than in the previous seventy years since the founding college.” (Jonas Jonasson, Bricks Without Straw, 1939, p. 122.)

**Historic Resource No. A476**



Photo November 2000



Original 1983 Survey Photo