

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

**Site Information**

**Site Address**

**Owner at Time of Survey**

Yamhill County

**Map/Tax Lot**

**Current Zoning**

**Special Tax Assessment**

**Downtown Historic District**

R4410C 00200

County

No

No

**Subdivision Name**

**Block**

**Lot**

**Lot Size**

**Quadrant**

5,268 sq.ft.

NE

**Site Number**

**Aerial Number**

**Resource Classification**

**Resource Number**

**Historic Significance**

33.17

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1116

**Historic Information**

**Date of Construction**

**Early Additions/ Remodels**

**Builder/Architect**

Est. 1850

**Historic Name**

**Original Use**

**Common Name**

**Present Use**

Malone Cemetery

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**Condition of Structure**

**Comments (at time of Survey)**

**Building Type**

**Outbuildings**

**Building Style**

**Stories**

Cemetery

None

**Porch**

**Basement**

**Roof Style**

**Roof Type**

**Moved**

**Demolished**

**Year/Date**

**Permit Number(s)**

**Additions/ Alterations**

**Resource Information**

**Recorded By**

**Date**

**Sources**

Marg Johansen/Elizabeth Atly

1-1984

Percy Charles Chegwyn

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Statement of historical significance and description of property:

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Homesteader Madison Malone established this cemetery site for his first wife. It was the only one in the region for many years. Permanent headstones were not used; the number of burials is unknown.

There are 15 names known, 25 are believed buried here. This was the first dedicated cemetery between north and south Yamhill Rivers.

Inscription on the above-pictured headstone reads: "When a death occurred, the settlers nailed together a board coffin and a simple burial was made. When the first circuit riding preacher came by, a formal funeral service was held."

Only five markers remain. Two have no inscription, two others are of sandstone and nearly illegible, one for a Malone daughter. Only one, in white marble is legible and reads "Britania Hallstead, d 1860, age 29."

State of Oregon Inventory  
Historic Sites and Buildings  
State Historic Preservation Offices,  
Oregon State Parks, Salem 97310

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The Malone Cemetery Landmark is a bronze plaque mounted on a vertical concrete shaft set in a concrete base. The landmark is located adjacent to Highway 99 West at its junction with Lafayette Road near the Farmer's Co-op on the north end of McMinnville, Oregon. The cemetery is surrounded by a concrete block wall. The plaque reads:

“The Malone Cemetery. Location of the first dedicated cemetery between the North and South Yamhill rivers. It was dedicated as a perpetual cemetery by Madison Malone at the time of his first wife's death in 1850.

When a death occurred the settlers nailed together a board coffin and a simple burial was made. When the first circuit riding preacher came by, a formal funeral service was held.

The elements and vandals have destroyed early markers so records are incomplete. The names of 15 people interred here are known. It is believed there are about 25 graves in the plot.”

This cemetery was cleaned, walled, and marked by Ralph and Frank Wortman of McMinnville, Oregon, about 1967.

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Original 1983 Survey Photo