

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

Site Information

Site Address

3555 NE Grandhaven Drive

Owner at Time of Survey

Winifred Chegwyn

Map/Tax Lot

R4409 03900

Current Zoning

County EF-40

Special Tax Assessment

No

Downtown Historic District

No

Subdivision Name

J.L. Hembree DLC

Block

Lot

Lot Size

Quadrant

NE

Site Number

32.33, 32.35,

Aerial Number

L-5

Resource Classification

B

Resource Number

993

Historic Significance

Historic Information

Date of Construction

1912

Early Additions/ Remodels

Barns: 1909, 1927

Builder/Architect

Claude Wallace

Historic Name

Grandhaven Orchards

Original Use

Farm Residence

Common Name

Chegwyn Place

Present Use

Storage

Condition of Structure

Comments (at time of Survey)

Building Type

Residential

Outbuildings

Barns

Building Style

Bungalow

Stories

1.5

Porch

Basement

Roof Style

Medium Gable

Roof Type

Moved

Demolished

Year/Date

Permit Number(s)

Additions/ Alterations

Resource Information

Recorded By

Marg Johansen/Elizabeth Atly

Date

1-1984

Sources

Mr. Chegwyn

Historic Resource Survey
City of McMinnville
Yamhill County, Oregon

Statement of historical significance and description of property:

B993 (B990, B991, & B992 included)

From Percy Charles Chegwyn (b. 1932):

His paternal grandfather, Herbert Chegwyn, came from Cornwall, England in 1904 following two Welsh brothers-in-law who studied for the Presbyterian ministry at McAllister College in St. Paul, Minnesota. His maternal grandfather was a woodcutter, family name Mitchell, on an estate in Wales. Herbert moved to Oregon in 1911, having bought a tract of land promotion deal in Grandhaven Orchard (Hibbs claim, survey 1909). He had worked as a bricklayer in Minneapolis in the meantime. The Chegwyn House was built in 1912, right after the first small barn was built. The barn was for a team of horses and two or three cows. It has been much expanded since then.

Early on, land in the area had some timber, but was clear of underbrush as a result of burning over by Indians to encourage grass growth, and thus, deer herds. (Parenthetically, sympathy for pioneers was expressed in reporting that Indians sometimes drove off their cattle and sold them in Oregon City.) Ten acres of apple trees were planted in 1910 by Mr. Borman, a nurseryman. Some trees are still producing. The second large barn was built later, and the apple house (red clay tile form Nichols brick yard) was constructed in 1927*. Another shed was built in 1928. The brick house was built in 1929, the year father Percy Chegwyn was married

*Tile at east end just below ridge gives name and date.

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Notes on the site – Grandhaven, from Percy C. Chegwyn

James Hembree moved onto the land in 1844. He and his wife, Melvina Ann Hembree, received a donation land claim (“to give and grant”) of 614 acres on January 18, 1866 under President Andrew Johnson. Just to the east was the Madison Malone donation land claim dated 1864 under President Abraham Lincoln.

The Hembree’s sold to James Hibbs in 1868, and in 1892 Hibbs sold 180 to his son. The Wallace brothers bought from the younger Hibbs in 1894. Homesteader Madison Malone died in 1880 after going to San Francisco in 1870 for a cancer operation. The small cemetery site near Farmer’s Co-op on Highway 99W was established by Madison Malone for his first wife, and was the only one in the region for many years. Permanent headstones were not used; the number of burials is unknown.

Until the tract development of the donation land claim, access to the property ran due west between Wallace and Hibbs lands to Westside Road. On later was Grandhaven Drive built to open up the area. It has been, and continues to be, farm country as compared with other areas surrounding McMinnville that have become more densely populated. Probably none of these farms is big enough to be totally self-supporting in these days, but the tradition is there.

Architectural Description;

The spacious one and one-half story bungalow is built in Latin cross plan with interior corbelled brick chimney near the point of intersection. The medium pitch gable roof has exposed purlins and rafters and decorative brackets. A hip roofed porch on battered piers supported by closed rail extends across the front wing and wraps around the south side to the cross wing. The siding is a narrow bevel and covers the enclosed porch rail also. Foundation is brick.

One over one double sash windows occur in pairs and trios, with cornice mouldings. The house is somewhat deteriorated and is used by owner for storage.

The first barn, which sits directly behind the house; was built before the house, possibly as early as 1909. it has a medium pitch gable roof with hood over upper loft, and sliding barn doors. Siding on gable end is horizontal shiplap; on sides it is vertical planking. Extension have been added.

The second barn, built in 1927, is a two story volume with 45 degree gable roof slope. It is sided with vertical board and batten and has stalls for livestock. The ridge hood shelters a hoist, for the second story loft space. Siding has weathered to a silver grey.

The apple barn, built by Herby Chegwyn in 1927 is of red clay tile from Nichols brick yard, laid in regular courses. The building is rectangular, with medium gable roof and sliding door centrally placed on the long side, accessible by 6 steps and a wooden platform. Two tall gable roofed vents straddle the ridge. The raised floor is also ventilated. This is the southernmost structure of the farm group.

Condition of Structure Notes:

Sound roof in house, but it has not been lived in for many years (since grandfather Chegwyn died in 1961).

Barn and shed seem in quite good condition.

Broken front porch pillar, etc.

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