

DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17 DB TAX LOT NUMBER: 6700

PLAT NAME: NA LOT: NA BLOCK: NA

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 302 Fifth Street

CURRENT OWNER: Dayton Christian Church
c/o P.O. Box 276, Dayton, OR.

ORIGINAL OWNER: Evangelical United Brethren Church Contributing: 1

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Vernacular YEAR BUILT: 1883-1887

HISTORIC NAME: Evangelical United Brethren Church HISTORIC USE: Church

CURRENT NAME: Christian Church CURRENT USE: Church

CONDITION: Good ALTERATIONS: Moderate

PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 4-10 INTERVIEWEE: _____

RESOURCE NUMBER: 32 RECORDER: Demuth DATE: 10-28-84

SITE DESCRIPTION: _____ THEME: Religion, Architecture

The former Evangelical United Brethren Church is located on the southwest corner of Church and Fifth Streets in a residential neighborhood of single family homes. Yew trees have been planted on either side of the front entrance.

Less than one acre.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The former Evangelical United Brethren Church is rectangular in plan, one story high, and three bays across the front facade. It has a concrete foundation, shiplap siding, and a steeply pitched gable roof with boxed eaves. Window openings are straight-topped, fitted with four over four, double-hung sash with lamb's tongue moldings, and trimmed with architrave molding. A bull's-eye window pierces the front face of the square bell tower centered on the east (front) end of the church. The entrance is fitted with double-leaf doors and a two-light transom above. The flat-roofed louvered belfry is surmounted by a thin spire. The concrete foundation and basement were constructed in 1940, and classrooms were added to the rear of the building in 1948. The interior was refurbished in 1968.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Christian Church was constructed for the Evangelical United Brethren Fellowship between 1883 and 1887. A split in the congregation caused the sale of the church in 1894 to George Foster, one of the primary organizers of the Christian Church. (The building was also used as a Congregational Church in the early 1890's). Foster also purchased a small house, southwest of the church to serve as a parsonage. This building was moved off the property when Church Street was constructed.

By 1899, the Christian congregation had enough money to satisfy the \$800.00 mortgage on the building, and the deed was given to the church trustees who included: W.E. Foster, G. B. Foster, Scott Martian, R.E. Earl, and William Hibbert. The first minister of the Christian Church was A.D. Skaggs, a veteran of the Civil War.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This church was first associated with the Evangelical United Brethren Fellowship, and later with the Christian and Congregational churches. Criterion a. Criterion c.

Dayton, a small town whose population was merely around 400 in the 1880s, historically has been a place where multifarious Protestant denominations flourished. The four historic churches standing in Dayton today are the Methodist Episcopal Church (1862/1912), Evangelical United Brethren Church (1883-1887), Free Methodist Church (1885), and the Baptist Church (1886). Each is significant because collectively and individually the churches reflect the strength of the Protestant Evangelical Movement in the West in the later 19th Century. Architecturally, the churches are varied expressions ranging from Classic Revival to Italianate. The Evangelical United Brethren Church is significant to SOURCES: Dayton as a well-preserved vernacular version of traditional, basilica-type ecclesiastical architecture having simple trim detail in the classical spirit.

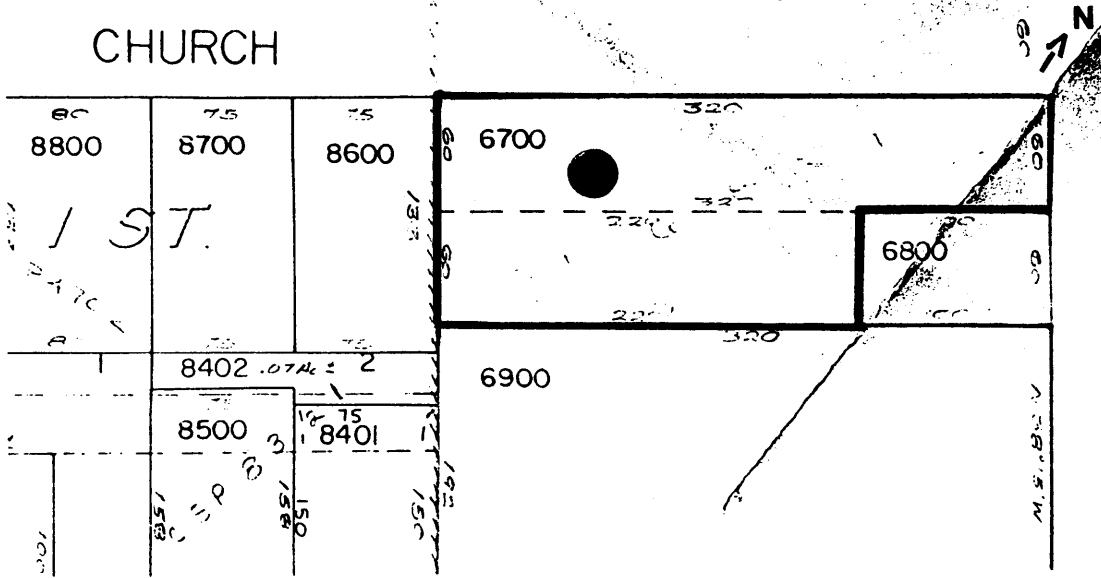
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