

DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17DA TAX LOT NUMBER: 6000
PLAT NAME: Original Town of Dayton LOT: 142 & 143 BLOCK: NA
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 216 Ferry Street
CURRENT OWNER: Elizabeth Foster
Dayton, Oregon
ORIGINAL OWNER: Frank and Vernon Foster Contributing: 1
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Modernistic YEAR BUILT: 1936
HISTORIC NAME: Foster Oil Company HISTORIC USE: Gas Station
CURRENT NAME: Shell Lubrication CURRENT USE: Gas Station
CONDITION: Good ALTERATIONS: Moderate
PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 2-16 INTERVIEWEE: _____
RESOURCE NUMBER: 2 RECORDER: Demuth DATE: 6/30/86
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SITE DESCRIPTION:

THEME: Architecture

This building is located at the corner of 3rd and Ferry Streets. It is situated in the northern section of the downtown business district of Dayton. Asphalt and gravel surround the building.

Less than one acre.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The former Foster Oil Company building is irregular in plan with a garage to the north, and an office to the south. The building is constructed of tile brick, brick and stucco. Horizontal projecting bands of stucco decorate the front building facade. The flat roof of the building is covered with corrugated aluminium; the decorative cornice detailing is also covered by aluminium panels. The windows are fixed glass with 4 and 6 lights, brick lintels and wooden surrounds. The centrally located front door has one light, one panel, and a transom above. The section of the building which houses the garage is enclosed by a sliding wood and glass door. A porte-cochere extends from the one story office and is supported by two brick piers. The office measures 18' X 18', and the garage measures 54' X 24'.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Foster Oil Company building was constructed in 1936 according to the Yamhill County building records. This date is confirmed by Mrs. Elizabeth Foster, the wife of Vernon Foster, and the present owner of the building. Vernon and his brother Frank bought the property from Ellen and Zachariah Spangle in 1936 and the building has remained in the ownership of the Foster family ever since. The Foster brothers have leased the building to a variety of gas station companies over the years.

The site was formerly the location of the IOOF Yamhill Lodge #20. In 1923 it was sold to the Spangles. Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps dating from 1891 and 1912 also show a barbershop and a hardware store on this site, prior to the construction of the Foster's building.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Foster Oil Company building is a fine example of the Modernistic style of architecture, one of only two examples in the city of Dayton. Criterion c.

SOURCES:

- .Hearld Map and Directory Company, Inc., 1915, Dayton, Oregon.
- .Interview with Mrs. Elizabeth Foster, present owner, by Judy Gerrard, July 9, 1986.
- .Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map, Dayton, Oregon, 1893, Sheet #2; 1912, Sheet #3.
- .Yamhill County Deeds and Records, Yamhill County Courthouse, McMinnville, Oregon.