

DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17 DB TAX LOT NUMBER: 1800

PLAT NAME: Original Town of Dayton LOT: 280 BLOCK: NA

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 407 Church Street

CURRENT OWNER: Donald and Diana Brewer

Rt. 2 Box 201, Dayton, OR

ORIGINAL OWNER: John Baxter Contributing: 1

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Vernacular YEAR BUILT: c. 1890

HISTORIC NAME: Baxter Residence HISTORIC USE: Residence

CURRENT NAME: Brewer Residence CURRENT USE: Residence

CONDITION: Good ALTERATIONS: Minor

PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 4-14 INTERVIEWEE: Ruth Stoller

RESOURCE NUMBER: 24 RECORDER: Demuth & Rees DATE: 10-9-84

SITE DESCRIPTION: THEME: Architecture

The Baxter House faces southeast on Church Street at the west corner of Fifth in a residential neighborhood.

Less than one acre.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Baxter Residence is rectangular in plan, one and one half stories high, and three bays wide across the front facade. It has a brick foundation and is sided with horizontal clapboards. The medium pitch gable roof has boxed eaves. The windows are one over one double hung sash with plain surrounds. The attached hiproof porch which extends across the front is supported by four wooden turned posts. The house measures 22' X 40' with a wing 10' X 14' in the rear.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Baxter Residence, built in about 1890, is associated with John Baxter, no known relation to Samuel R. Baxter who worked in Dayton from 1858 to 1900 as a blacksmith, machinist and manufacturer of agricultural implements. Samuel's shop and residence were located on the northern corner of Third and Ferry. Based on Tax Assessor records, Sanborn Map information, and its architectural detailing, it is estimated that the house was built in about 1890. An annotated map of Dayton in 1905 by a long time resident, identifies the house at the corner of Fifth and Church as the "Baxter, Sr. Residence". John, who is listed as a farmer, and his wife, Harriet Spencer Baxter, are listed in the 1870 and 1900 census. The census indicate that they were both born in Ohio of English born parents, and that they lived in Wisconsin and Missouri before coming to Oregon in the 1860's. John (1814-1906) and Harriet (1821-1908) are both buried in the Brookside Cemetery. Little else is known about them.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Baxter residence, in good condition, is significant as a vernacular interpretation of several architectural styles. Criterion c.

SOURCES:

- .Cemetery Survey, Brookside, Dayton, Oregon.
- .United States Census, Yamhill County, Dayton, 1870, 1900.
- .City of Dayton, 1905, annotated map, Bingham Gabriel.
- .Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Dayton, Oregon, 1893, Sheet #3; 1912, Sheet #2.