

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Booth (Dr. J.C.) House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 486 Park St. not for publication

city, town Lebanon vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Oregon code 41 county Linn code 043

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ronald and Sandra Greening

street & number 486 Park Street

city, town Albany vicinity of state Oregon 97321

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Linn County Courthouse

street & number 4th and Broadalbin

city, town Albany state Oregon 97321

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Salem state Oregon 97310

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The late Queen Anne Style house with up-to-date Colonial Revival features was built for Dr. Joel Clarence Booth around 1906. Booth resided in the house until 1948, at which time he moved to another house in Lebanon where he remained until his death in 1954. The architect was most probably A.I. Crandall of Lebanon, and it was probably built by John and Louis Crandall, also of Lebanon. The house is in good condition today and is the residence of Ronald and Sandra Greening and their children.

The house is located in Section 11 of Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian. The Tax Lot number is 4 and a portion of Lot 3, Block 14, Ralston's Third Addition to the Town of Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon. The house faces east on the property, and is landscaped with very beautiful holly and juniper trees that were planted when the house was built. The neighborhood is residential across the street and to the north on Park Street. To the south across the street is the Evangelical Church of North America, formerly the Methodist Church, which is a stone building built in 1910. The rest of the neighborhood on both sides of Park Street is light commercial property, with an accountant's office, laundromat, delicatessen and beauty salon. The house is located on Park Street, which is also Oregon State Highway 20--a two-lane highway heading one-way north past the front of the house.

The 2½-story house has an irregular plan and roofline typical of its style. It is of frame construction with a combination of 6"-wide bevel siding and flat type tongue-and-groove siding. Gable ends are clad with imbricated shingles and lighted by oversized oval windows with keystones which are the hallmark of the Colonial Revival. It has one interior single flue and one exterior double flue chimney. There is a fireplace in the parlor downstairs and in a room upstairs which use the exterior chimney, and the single flue chimney is used by the furnace. Most of the windows are sash type. The front door has a sidelight on each side and the front porch and side porch have Ionic columns. The house has a daylight basement of concrete with concrete foundation around the house. The wall interior construction is wood lath and plaster. Oak flooring is used on the two main floors, with the main floor in patterns that are a rectangular which gets concentrically larger from the center of each room. The dining room has a beautiful built-in ornate oak china cabinet. Floor-to-ceiling cabinets are found in the kitchen.

Almost all of the interior and exterior is in original condition. The paint color and wallpapers are probably close to the original. During the period Dr. J.C. Booth resided in the house, a bedroom and bath were added upstairs, an enclosed utility porch was added, and the side porch was enclosed in glass. These additions were completed c. 1920, and were done tastefully, and match the remainder of the house. The original roof was wooden shingles, as is the present roof of the house. The downstairs bathroom has been modernized with a tub and shower enclosure, marble top sink, and flush fluorescent lighting. This is the only room in the house that has been recently altered and it could be placed back into original condition.

The front steps and the steps to the side porch were originally wooden and are now concrete. The house has been almost entirely rewired; however, most of the light fixtures are original.

The garage at the rear of the property was once the carriage house which housed the doctor's horses and carriages used to make his house calls. Dr. J.C. Booth had it made into a garage when the automobile came out and he purchased a new Ford. It was built in the same style as the house.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture
___ 1400-1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law
___ 1500-1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature
___ 1600-1699	___ architecture	___ education	___ military
___ 1700-1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music
___ 1800-1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy
XX 1900-	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government
		___ invention	___ other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1906 (attributed)
Builder/Architect B: John & Louis Crandall A: A.I. Crandall

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Dr. C.J. Booth house, built c. 1906, is a well-known landmark in Lebanon and the first in the area to be proposed for nomination to the National Register. It is an example of high quality home architecture of the early 1900s in Lebanon of which few others remain today in as good condition. It is adorned inside and outside with leaded windows, ornate trim, carvings, and fine craftsmanship. The late Queen Anne Style house updated with Colonial Revival features was the residence of Dr. J.C. Booth from 1906 to 1948, during which time he served as a physician, surgeon, state senator (the first ever elected from the town of Lebanon), GOP national delegate, mayor of Lebanon, president of Lebanon National Bank, military officer, patriot, commander of National Guard Hospital Company in Lebanon, constructed Lebanon National Guard Armory, spearheaded construction of new hospitals and various other community projects, and was a member of more than a dozen private and fraternal organizations. There are no other homes or buildings in the Lebanon area remembered better for Dr. J.C. Booth, than the house located on the corner of Park and Vine. It is known locally as the Old Booth House.

Architecture

The house is 2½-story, concrete foundation, has five bedrooms, two baths, vestibule, parlor, formal dining room, kitchen, enclosed sun porch, utility room, full daylight concrete basement and attic. The exterior of the house is a combination of 6"-wide bevel siding and flat tongue-and-groove siding. The three gable ends are finished with shingle siding in alternate rows laid with staggered butts. The front porch is wide with Ionic columns on each side that continue down the side of the house to support the sun porch. There are two chimneys, one outside with two flues for the two fireplaces and one interior for the heating system. The front door is of solid oak with glass with a rectangular sidelight of leaded glass on each side. The windows are double hung sash, with some fixed windows that do not open. The tops of many are decorated with beautiful leaded windows of clear and colored glass and the stairwell has a large leaded window above it. The house has a hip roof with three gables, two of which have an oval window and decorative trim. The highest peak of the rooftop is decorated with a wooden finial. The eaves are of the box cornice style. There are two large decorative brackets on the south side of the house, which support the eaves and part of the roof.

The two main floors have beautiful long strip oak floors, with the main floor designed in patterns that start with a small rectangle in the center of each room that gets concentrically larger until it fills the entire room.

Even the sidewalk leading to the house, which was laid when the house was built, has the name "Dr. J.C. Booth" cast into it.

The main stairway is an open well, with three flights; the basement stairs are of single flight style; the attic stairs are single flight with a start of winder steps. The main floor stairway is closed strung stair type, with a closet under the stairway having a wall of framed panels decorated with egg-and-dart molding and bead-and-reel moldings. The closet door frame is decorated with ribbon and wheat-ear drop carvings. The main floor stairway has plain balusters, milled handrail, and very beautiful and ornamental brackets. The end of

9. Major Bibliographical References

Lebanon Express, Lebanon, Oregon - March 17, 1950, 1954.

Oregon Voter, Who's Who in State Legislature, State Reference Library, Salem, Oregon - March 29, 1930, pp 25-26; December 27, 1930, pp 21, 22; December 31, 1932, p. 26; January 2, 1943, p. 21; January 6, 1945, p. 20.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than one (.34 acre)

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Lebanon, Oregon

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	0	5	0	7	5	8	0	4	9	3	1	7	9	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 4 and the south half of Lot 3, Block 14, Ralston's Third Addition to the Town of Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon. This site is located in Sec. 11, T12S, R2W, W.M.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ronald Greening

organization

date November 11, 1979

street & number 486 Park Street

telephone 503/258-6662

city or town Lebanon

state Oregon 97355

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Deputy SHPO

date 21 January 1980

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

date 4/1/80

Attest:

date 3-24-80

Chief of Registration

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each stair has framed moulding of egg-and-dart style with ornamental brackets below. The main stairway has a newel decorated with two sizes of egg-and-dart molding, that frame ribbon and wheat-ear drop carvings on all four sides with circular carvings above it.

The interior walls are wood lath and plaster with a painted or wallpapered finish with a wooden cornice (located about 18" below the ceiling), and wide fancy wooden baseboard. The interior front door molding is fluted trim, pilasters on both sides of the sidelights with the entablature made of a combination of bead-and-reel and egg-and-dart ornamental trim. All door and window trim on main and second floor are pilaster and entablature style. The door and window trim in the parlor, vestibule, and all door trim leading from, or into those rooms is decorated with ornate egg-and-dart molding and ribbon and wheat-ear drop carvings. There are bi-fold french doors (four each) leading into the parlor and dining room, that have latches which lock into the floor and top of door frames. All of the hinges and hardware are striped in copper.

On the south side of the house, the dining room and a sitting room upstairs have one side of the entire room made in the shape of a bay window.

Military

"Dr. Joel Clarence Booth was a Quaker soldier-surgeon. Quaker-born on a farm in Jasper County, Iowa, July 22, 1872, took a pre-medics course at Ames College and came to Oregon as a young man in 1896."¹ "He entered the University of Oregon in 1896, where in 1890, he led a military move of University of Oregon students into the Spanish-American War. In the graduating class of 1898 when war was declared two months before commencement date, young Booth asked Prof. Straub to convince faculty that students with their work up should be permitted to go to war without sacrificing their standing in their class. Faculty acquiescing, Booth left that day and joined his National Guard company at Albany. There were fewer than 100 male students at the university, but 25 went to war under this permission, seniors being graduated in absentia, lower classmen being advanced. Two lost their lives.

Booth served through the Philippine Expedition of the famous Second Oregon. He volunteered for and served in World War I and was commissioned as a captain in the Medical Corps at the 27th Coast Artillery. After the war he was a major commanding the only National Guard Hospital Company west of Chicago, with headquarters at Lebanon, Oregon.

With the members he organized a stock company which financed the construction of their own armory, an achievement unique in the annals of the National Guard in the United States. He served as president of the company. In 1930 he was a member of the 162nd Infantry with headquarters at Portland, but he continued to reside and practice medicine in Lebanon, Oregon."²

"Many things have been done for the upbuilding of his home community by Dr. Joel C. Booth. He was instrumental in building the hospital, building a National Guard Armory and hospital company of the Oregon National Guard; Lebanon National Bank, of which he had long served as president; and many other developments.

He served in the Spanish-American War and advanced to captain in Artillery in World War I. Discharged from the Oregon National Guard with the rank of lieutenant colonel, and still serves on the general staff."³

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"Always mindful of his country's call, Dr. J.C. Booth volunteered and served in World War I. Later he was instrumental in establishing a National Guard in Lebanon, which he commanded with the rank of major. Through the lean years the doctor's tireless energy kept the Lebanon unit intact. In 1937 it became I Company of the 116th Medical Regiment, 41st Division. In 1941, after it had been called to active service, the unit was redesignated as H Company.

During World War II, advancing years kept the doctor from active duty on battle fronts, but he was tireless on the home front in bond campaigns and many phases of defense and patriotic civil duty."⁴

Politics/Government

Dr. Joel Clarence Booth, Republican, was elected to the Oregon State Senate, serving Lane and Linn County and later Linn County for four consecutive terms from 1931 to 1946 and served in the 1933 first and second special sessions, while serving as President of Lebanon National Bank and continuing his practice as a physician and surgeon. He was the first state senator ever elected from the town of Lebanon and only two have been elected since. He was also elected to a term of mayor of Lebanon for 1937-38, while he was serving as state senator and a physician and surgeon. Dr. J.C. Booth was a delegate to the GOP National Convention in 1944, and was in the Oregon Voter Who's Who in the State Senate, March 29, 1930, December 27, 1930, December 31, 1932, January 2, 1943 and January 6, 1945. During his terms of the Senate he served on the following standing committees of the Senate: Banking; Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry; Military Affairs; Game; Public Buildings and Institutions; Roads and Highways. He also served on the following Senate Special Committees and Appointments: Interim committee on executive appointments; Committee on credentials; Permanent organization and order of business.

Social/Humanitarian

"Dr. J.C. Booth was born on a farm in Jasper County, Iowa. He early fixed his hopes on a medical career and succeeded in promoting it through pre-med courses at Ames College. Moving to Lebanon, Oregon in 1896, young Joel Booth taught school at Waterloo, Lyons and other schools of the Santiam section, all the while saving diligently for the continuation of study in his chosen profession. The Spanish-American War called the young medical student to the service of his country and he enlisted in the Medical Corps for service in the Philippines. Returning from war, Joel Booth concentrated on the completion of his medical training, studying at San Francisco and the University of Oregon. He began medical practice in Lebanon in 1900. Through the years of the early 1900s, he and his brother were the leading physicians of eastern Linn County. They kept three teams and buggies in constant readiness for calls and at any hour of the day or night one or the other was usually found on the road or at the bedside of a patient on some faraway land claim of the sparsely settled country. The road conditions in those days made traveling a heavy chore, but no call to the young doctor ever went unanswered. Regardless of storms and roads, and quite without consideration of the fact that he might never receive pay for the service, Dr. J.C. Booth never failed to respond to a call. It was a practice he staunchly adhered to, and does to this day."⁵

"The old family home on Park Street was built in 1906. It is a notable example of the best in home architecture of the early 1900s and still stands, immaculately kept, in the midst of its close-clipped lawns, its garden and partiarch holly and evergreens. In 1948, Dr. and Mrs. Booth moved to a new home.

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New directions were indicated for the city when Dr. Booth focused his energies to the establishment of a hospital. Its nucleus took shape in a private residence on S. Main Street, while he concentrated his efforts to acquire the site at Second and Ash Streets (built in 1936). Through the early years of Lebanon's hospital history, he directed its destiny as President of its board. His interest has been unflinching in promoting the construction of Lebanon's new Community Hospital (completed in 1952).

Ever interested in the youth of his community, Lebanon's senior physician spearheaded efforts for various school and recreational projects. When night games were indicated at Newport Field and the project of lighting the grounds had bogged down, it was Dr. Booth who came to the rescue, raising funds by a canvass of associates and businessmen and liberal donations from his own purse.

It is a tribute to his deep interest in youth, coupled with the fact that he has ushered into the world three generations of Lebanon citizenry, that the city's first playground and municipal park bears his name."⁵

Dr. Booth was president of the Lebanon National Bank for many years, until the bank was forced to close during the Depression. He personally saw to it that everyone who banked there received all their money before the bank closed its doors for good.

Dr. J.C. Booth served in the following private and fraternal organizations: Masons, Lions, Moose Lodge, Oddfellows, Eastern Star, Knights of Pythias, 1911 President of Central Willamette Medical Society, President of Lebanon National Bank, Modern Woodman of America, Lebanon McKinley Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, United Spanish War Veterans, Methodist Church.

All but Dr. Booth's earliest activities were participated in from the house at 486 Park Street until his move to his new residence in 1948. He was semi-retired when he moved, however he still owned the house on Park Street when he died in 1954. It was jointly owned from 1954-1973 by Mrs. Ruby Booth and Dr. J.C. Booth's three children (Joel, Margaret and Ester). During this period the house served as a doctor's office, a nursing home, and was rented as a private residence. The house was purchased in 1973 by Grant Espelund, who completed major resotation on it. The house was then purchased in 1976 by Ronald and Sandra Greening, who presently own it and reside in it.

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- 1 Lebanon Express, 1954.
 - 2 Oregon Voter, March 29, 1930, pp. 25-26.
 - 3 Oregon Voter, January 6, 1945, p. 20.
 - 4 Lebanon Express, March 17, 1950.
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