

# DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17.DD TAX LOT NUMBER: 800  
PLAT NAME: Original Town of Dayton LOT: 246 and Part of BLOCK: NA  
247  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 504 Fourth Street  
CURRENT OWNER: Sam Genduza  
P.O. Box 432, Dayton, OR  
ORIGINAL OWNER: Unknown Contributing: 1  
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown  
STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Classic Revival (Vernacular ) YEAR BUILT: c. 1850  
HISTORIC NAME: Dayton Common School HISTORIC USE: Schoolhouse  
CURRENT NAME: Genduza Residence CURRENT USE: Residence  
CONDITION: Good-Fair ALTERATIONS: Moderate  
PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 3-25 INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_  
RESOURCE NUMBER: 30 RECORDER: Demuth & Rees DATE: 10-4-84  
SITE DESCRIPTION: THEME: Exploration & Settlement

The former Dayton Common School is on the northwest side of Fourth Street, near the corner of Fourth and Alder Streets. It is in a residential area which is immediately adjacent to commercial properties to the west. The Dayton Elementary School is to the south of the former Common School, across Lippincott's Gulch.

Less than one acre.

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Dayton Common School is a one story building and rectangular in plan. It has a stucco covered brick foundation, and is sided with clapboards. It has a gable roof with boxed eaves and wide eaveboards. The original windows, extant on the side facades of the building, are six over six double hung sash. The modified windows in the front of the house are large, single, fixed panes. The front porch, which has been altered, has a gable roof, square, solid posts and a simple railing. A rear addition to the building appears to be original or very early. A later small shed extension projects from the rear of the addition. The old school measures 20' X 46', excluding the additions.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The former Dayton Common School was constructed before 1860 and was the first elementary school in Dayton. The building was used as a school from the 1850's until 1875, when a new building was completed. G.W. Elmore is listed in the 1860 census records as the common school teacher. In 1876, a new schoolhouse was constructed on the block bounded by Third and Fourth, Oak and Church Streets. This was the site of subsequent Dayton school buildings until the present high school was constructed at Eighth and Ferry in 1935 and the elementary school at Fifth and Ferry in 1951.

After 1875, the schoolhouse was fitted up as a residence. It is not known who first resided there; but it is assumed that in about 1887, John Mauts and his family took up residency in the former schoolhouse. Mauts, who was of German heritage and had been born in 1836, was a blacksmith. In 1887, he entered into partnership with Benjamin Morse (Resource #18) and operated a blacksmith shop and carriage factory. After Morse's death in about 1892, Mauts briefly joined forces with Carter and worked on the construction of a tug wheel for the steamboat "Toledo". Mauts died in 1906 and it is surmised that Catherine, his wife, left Dayton soon afterwards as she is not listed in the 1910 census records. Both John and Catherine Mauts are buried in the Brookside Cemetery.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

This building was originally constructed as the first school in Dayton, that served the children of the early settlers of the area. Criterion a.

## SOURCES:

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- .City of Dayton, 1905, annotated map, Bingham Gabriel.
- .Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Dayton, Oregon, 1893, Sheet #2; 1912, Sheet #3.
- .Dayton Herald, May 11, 1894, p.1,col.1.