

# DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

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

PLAT NAME: Original Town of Dayton LOT: 218 BLOCK: NA

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 304 Ferry Street

CURRENT OWNER: Howard Putman

P.O. Box 308, Dayton, OR

ORIGINAL OWNER: Samuel C. Stuckey Contributing: 1

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Mr. Webster

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Commercial Style YEAR BUILT: 1911

HISTORIC NAME: Commercial Club- S.C. Stuckey Building HISTORIC USE: Retail, Offices and Club

CURRENT NAME: Putt's Market CURRENT USE: Market

CONDITION: Good ALTERATIONS: Moderate

PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 4-32 INTERVIEWEE: Lena Filer

RESOURCE NUMBER: 13 RECORDER: Demuth & Rees DATE: 9-27-84

SITE DESCRIPTION: THEME: Architecture & Commerce

The Commercial Club- S.C. Stuckey Building is on the southeast side of Ferry Street in the commercial center of Dayton. Courthouse Square Park is to the north, and to the west and east are other masonry commercial buildings. The building is sited on the front and side property lines. Two young maple trees have been planted in the parking strip near the side property lines.

Less than one acre.

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Commercial Club-Stuckey Building is rectangular in plan and two stories high. It is faced with brick in a common bond and detailed with rowlock and soldier coursing at the cornice. Title blocks, "Commercial Club", "S.C. Stuckey" and "1911" are incorporated in the building's cornice. Decorative brick detailing is also used at the stringcourse between the first and second stories. The four bay second story has one over one double hung wood sash windows with single light transoms above. The three bay first story has two storefronts flanking a central, arched entry to the second story. The northern storefront has a recessed doorway and the southern storefront a row of fixed pane windows. The transom windows have been boarded over and one of the original two storefronts has been altered. Paint on the first story of the building has been removed by sandblasting. The building measures 59' X 120'.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

According to the Dayton Tribune of April 28, 1911, "the Commercial Club and S.C. Stuckey will erect a brick building 60 by 70 feet as soon as preliminary arrangements are completed .... A Mr. Webster of Portland is preparing the plans and specifications. The brick necessary for the building will be made at Dayton undoubtedly as...parties are considering...project of installing brick plant at the old brick yards near depot. The Commercial Club will have a public reading room in their new building and other interesting features where its members can meet for social and business purposes and where can be arranged an attractive exhibit of the products of this locality."

The 1912 Sanborn Map indicates that the first and second stories were divided in half. In the Commercial Club Building to the north, Litscher & Detmering, a grocery and post office were located on the first floor and the Commercial Club on the second. O.B. Rippey, who is associated with the Opera House, (Resource #10), is listed as the secretary of the Commercial Club from its founding in May of 1911 until 1916. In the Stuckey Building to the south, a general merchandise was located on the first floor and a printing office on the second. It is assumed that the printing office was occupied by B.E. Barry who is listed as publisher and printer for the Optimist Publishing Co. By 1913, it appears that the printing office was replaced with professional offices. Dr. Orr C. Goodrich, a dentist and great grandson of Carmi Goodrich and brother of Lloyd R. Goodrich (Resource #45), and Dr. Merritt E. Reitzel, physician and surgeon, both had offices there for a number of years. The downstairs space appears to have been occupied by L. J. Shippy, General Merchandise, until about 1916 when the Miller Mercantile Co. took over the entire lower floor. In about 1925, John Shippy, L. J. Shippy's son, went into partnership with Emmett Filer, as Shippy and Filer, and bought out the Miller store. The first floor is still in grocery and general merchandise use and known as Putt's Market.

## SOURCES:

- .United States Census, Yamhill County, Dayton, 1910.
- .Oregon, Washington and Idaho Gazeteer and Business Directory, R.L. Polk, 1911-2, 1913-4, 1915-6, 1917-8, 1919-20, 1921-2, 1923-4, 1925-6.
- .Polk's Oregon and Washington State Gazeteer and Business Directory, R.L. Polk Co., 1931-2.
- .Polk's Yamhill County City Directory and Tax List, R.L. Polk Co., 1912-3.
- .Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Dayton, Oregon, 1912, sheet #3.
- .Dayton Tribune, April 28, 1911, Vol.1, #5, p.1, c.4.

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Samuel C. Stuckey whose name is associated with the building was the original owner and developer of the building. He was also a Director of the Bank of Dayton, Treasurer of the Oregon Mutual Merchant Fire Insurance Association (Resource #12), and a Dayton City Councilman. Stuckey lived in Dayton from about 1906 to 1916 with his daughter and son-in-law, Johan Jessen (Resource #45).

## SIGNIFICANCE:

The Commercial Club building is significant in its association with Samuel C. Stuckey, downtown businessman, and is noteworthy for its symmetrical architectural design. Criteria b,c.