

DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17 DB TAX LOT NUMBER: 900

PLAT NAME: Original Town of Dayton LOT: 286 BLOCK: NA

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 401 Oak Street

CURRENT OWNER: Enod Winegar

1306 Cedar, McMinnville, OR

ORIGINAL OWNER: Mary A. Fletcher Contributing: 1

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Vernacular YEAR BUILT: c. 1880

HISTORIC NAME: Fletcher-Stretch Residence HISTORIC USE: Residence

CURRENT NAME: Lowe Residence CURRENT USE: Residence

CONDITION: Poor-Fair ALTERATIONS: Moderate

PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 3-11 INTERVIEWEE: Lena Filer

RESOURCE NUMBER: 19 RECORDER: Demuth DATE: 10-9-84

SITE DESCRIPTION:

THEME: Architecture

The Fletcher-Stretch Residence is on the west corner of Fourth and Oak Streets in a residential neighborhood of older homes. The house is on a flat lot with a large maple tree in the front yard.

Less than one acre.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Fletcher-Stretch Residence is rectangular in plan and one and half stories high. It is sided with clapboards and has a gable roof with boxed eaves and wide eave-boards. The windows are four over four and one over one double hung sash with decorative cap moldings. The front door is centered on the front facade between two windows. A small, flat roof porch is supported by two chamfered posts. A one story addition with a small porch enclosure has been constructed at the rear of the residence. This addition has a gable roof, horizontal board siding, and a fixed window of four panes. An unattached garage is behind the house. The house measures 19' X 43'.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The first owner of the Fletcher-Stretch Residence was Mary A. Fletcher, who took title to the property from Joel and Sarah Palmer in 1878. It is believed that Mary is the wife of John Fletcher listed in the 1880 census; this John Fletcher does not appear to be the John W. Fletcher who is the son of Francis Fletcher or the platter of "J.W. Fletcher's First Addition" to Dayton. In the 1900 census, Mary Fletcher is listed as a widow. From a newspaper ad in 1893, it appears that she has a bakery and variety store across from the City Hall. In 1909, after a series of owners, title to the property transferred to Ada E. Stretch, the wife of Nathaniel Stretch. Stretch, who is listed as a "laborer at odd jobs" in the 1910 census records, was well respected locally as the Dayton School custodian. The school at that time was located in the block diagonally across the street. Nathan held this position for many years and when he retired, his son Harry took over as school custodian. Harry resided in the Fletcher-Stretch house with his parents and later received title to the property. The property is still owned by descendents of the Stretches. Nathaniel Stretch who died in 1942, and other members of the family are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is a vernacular expression of the Classic Revival style. Criterionc.

SOURCES:

- .Cemetery Survey, I.O.O.F., Dayton, Oregon.
- ."Some Chapters in Oregon History", Dayton Reading Club, 1955, p.28.
- .United States Census, Yamhill County, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910.
- .Yamhill County Deeds and Records, Yamhill County Courthouse, McMinnville.
- .Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Dayton, Oregon, 1893, sheet #3; 1912, sheet #2.