

# DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17 CD TAX LOT NUMBER: 2900

PLAT NAME: Lippincott's Second Addition LOT: 1,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 BLOCK: 8  
12, and part of 2

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 801 Ferry Street

CURRENT OWNER: Dayton High School

801 Ferry Street, Dayton, OR

ORIGINAL OWNER: Dayton High School Contributing: 1 School

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: C.N. Freeman and Co./H.G. Setergreen Noncontributing: 2 Outbuild-  
ings

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Modernistic YEAR BUILT: 1935-37

HISTORIC NAME: Dayton High School HISTORIC USE: School

CURRENT NAME: Dayton High School CURRENT USE: School

CONDITION: Good ALTERATIONS: Moderate

PHOTOGRAPH ROLL FRAME: 2-27A INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOURCE NUMBER: 48 RECORDER: Demuth DATE: 10-29-84

## SITE DESCRIPTION:

THEME: Architecture

Dayton High School faces southeast onto Ferry Street in a residential neighborhood, seven blocks from the city center. A playing field is to the south, across the street.

1.85 acres, more or less, to include Lots 8, 11, and 12 (or the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Block 8 of Lippincott's Second Addition containing the historic school building.

10/493500/5006800

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Dayton High School is a long, one story building which is rectangular in plan. A separate wing houses the stage and gymnasium. It has a concrete foundation and is faced with red brick in a header bond. A gable roof covering the building is partially hidden by the stepped brick parapet on the south facade. The parapet has rowlock and soldier coursing along the cornice. Windows throughout the building are one over one double hung sash; some of the original wooden window sash has been replaced with metal sash. The double entry door on the south facade has three lights and a multi-paned transom. Additions to the building are to the north and west.

**HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Dayton High School is significant as one of two examples of Art Deco style architecture in the City of Dayton. The building was designed by C.N. Freeman and Company of Portland; construction started in 1935 under the direction of H.G. Setergreen, a building contractor. Built during the Depression, it was constructed as a Public Works Administration Project; the federal government paid \$20,000 toward the \$52,000 cost of the building.

Up until 1937, all Dayton students attended classes in the old school, located between Third and Fourth, Church and Oak streets. It was felt that the crowded classrooms there discouraged students from attending high school. In 1931, the voters passed a measure to organize the Union High School District #4. In the fall of 1937 when the high school opened, 103 students enrolled.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

Dayton High School, constructed with PWA funding, is a well-maintained example of <sup>the</sup> Modernistic style of architecture, often used during this decade for government buildings.

**SOURCES:**

.Dayton Centennial, 1880-1980, Edit. June Bienz, 1980, pp.25,26.

.Fowler, Marcena, History of Dayton High School, material compiled for Senior Thesis, May, 1953.

# DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

CORRECTED, REPLACEMENT DATA SHEETS  
FOR INVENTORY ITEM NO. 25

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17 DB TAX LOT NUMBER: 2100 and 2000

PLAT NAME: Original Town of Dayton LOT: 273, 274, 275 BLOCK: NA

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 302 Fourth Street

CURRENT OWNER: Pioneer Church and Parsonage

P.O. Box 185, Dayton, OR

ORIGINAL OWNER: Methodist Episcopal Church Contributing: 1

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Jacob Smith Historic Parsonage: Non-contributing  
in present condition: 1

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Classic Revival (altered)/Colonial Revival YEAR BUILT: 1862

HISTORIC NAME: Dayton Methodist Episcopal Church HISTORIC USE: Church

CURRENT NAME: Pioneer Evangelical Church CURRENT USE: Church

CONDITION: Good ALTERATIONS: Major

PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 3-09 INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOURCE NUMBER: 25 RECORDER: Demuth DATE: 10-9-84

SITE DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_ THEME: Religion, Architecture

The former Dayton Methodist Episcopal Church is on the southwest corner of Fourth and Church Streets. The parsonage on the south side of the church faces Fourth Street. A mature flowering cherry tree is at the entrance of the building; other smaller trees and shrubs have been planted along the southeast side of the church and parsonage. A parking lot for church members is across Fourth Street.

Less than one acre.

10/493960/5007350

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The former Dayton Methodist Episcopal Church is rectangular in plan with a two story square bell tower and entry attached to its north corner. As originally constructed, it was a Classic Revival church with gable roof having boxed eaves and pedimented gable ends. The front (east) gable is pierced by a lunette. Window openings are straight-topped, fitted with double-hung, one over one sash, and trimmed with architrave molding. The body of the church is clad with narrow, lapped weatherboards. The corner entrance/bell tower is a result of a major remodeling of the church in 1912. Upon its construction initially, its belfry superstructure was castellated and shingle clad (the front gable was clad with shingles at the same time). The belfry has since been enclosed with a pyramidal roof. Historic general views accompanying this nomination document the appearance of the church in its remodeled state after 1912. Notwithstanding the castellated belfry, alterations were in the Colonial Revival style and included residing and addition of the corner entrance/bell tower. Also, the original windows were replaced at this time with stained glass windows in memory of Dayton's early pioneers. A one story addition at the rear of the church was constructed in 1973 to provide space for offices, kitchen, restrooms, classrooms and a nursery. The parsonage, built in 1912

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

south of the church, is square in plan, two stories high and two bays wide across the front facade. It has a bellcast hip roof with boxed eaves and one over one double hung sash windows. It has been resided with fire retardant material and is considered to be a non-contributing historic building in its current condition.

The former Dayton Methodist Episcopal Church was the first church built in Dayton. The construction was started in 1860 by Jacob Smith and the building was dedicated by Reverend Kingsley. The cost of the church was \$3,600.00, funds for which were contributed by Methodist fellowship. Francis Fletcher, Abraham Covert, and A.L. Alderman each contributed a generous sum toward the construction of the new building. The parsonage, which is to the south of the church was constructed later, at the time of the major alteration in 1912.

The Evangelical Church purchased the church and property from the Methodists in the early 1940's. In 1946, the Evangelicals merged with the United Brethren Church and changed their name to the Evangelical United Brethren Church. This local congregation repurchased the property in 1968 for \$1,200.00 when another merger took place with the United Methodists.

SIGNIFICANCE: Criteria A and C

- SOURCES:** Although extensively altered in 1912, the former Dayton Methodist Episcopal Church is significant as the oldest church in Dayton and historic seat of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the first of numerous denominations to establish a permanent church building in the town. It is significant also as an example of Classic Revival architecture updated in the Colonial Revival style.
- Dayton Centennial, 1880-1980, Edit. June Bienz, 1980, pp. 28,29.
  - "Some Dayton Chapters in the Oregon History", Dayton Reading Club, 1955.
  - "Yamhill County Cultural Resources Inventory: Pioneer Evangelical Church", Yamhill County Planning Department, 1984.
  - The News Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Wednesday, May 25, 1966, p. 10.
  - Yamhill County Museum, vertical file, photos, and newspaper clippings, undated.

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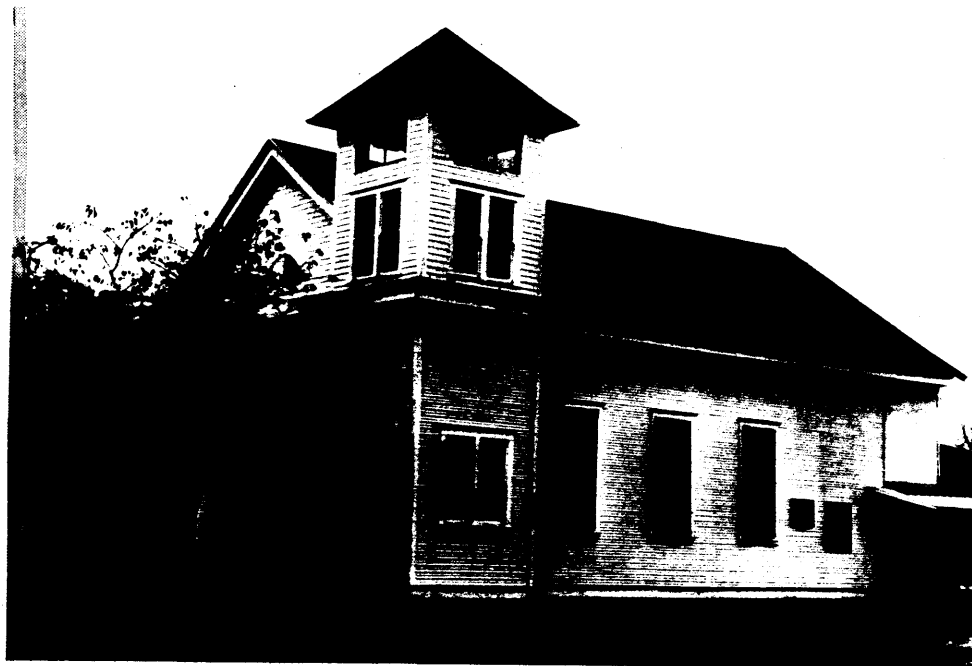
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