

DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17 DA TAX LOT NUMBER: 2700

PLAT NAME: Original Town of Dayton LOT: 152,153, & 154 BLOCK: NA

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 401 Third Street

CURRENT OWNER: Twenty-First Century Industries Inc.

Rt. 1 Box 79, Dayton, OR Contributing: 1

ORIGINAL OWNER: Sarah and Christopher Taylor

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Queen Anne YEAR BUILT: 1885

HISTORIC NAME: Gabriel-Will Residence HISTORIC USE: Residence

CURRENT NAME: Gabriel House Restaurant CURRENT USE: Restaurant & Offices

CONDITION: Good ALTERATIONS: Minor

PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 3-17 INTERVIEWEE: Carl Francis/Lena Filer

RESOURCE NUMBER: 4 RECORDER: Demuth & DATE: 10-8-84

SITE DESCRIPTION:

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THEME: Architecture

The Gabriel-Will Residence is located on the east corner of Third and Main Streets, across from the Courthouse Square Park. Commercial buildings are to the south and residences to the north and west. A gravel driveway and parking area have been added to the area in front of the residence.

Less than one acre.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The house is square in plan, with a side addition, one and one half stories high, and three bays wide. It has a brick foundation, shiplap siding, and a steeply pitched broken hip roof with boxed eaves and decorative brackets. Pedimented, gable dormers are on the front facade and shed roof dormers on the side and rear facades. The windows are one over one double hung sash with decorative surrounds, grouped in twos and threes.

The front porch, a later addition, has boxed posts and a simple railing, and lattice work below, enclosing the foundation. A hipped roof garage is north of the residence. It appears that the first story front facade was altered at the time the porch was added; the lower portions of the two story bays have been removed and replaced with groupings of three windows. Except for the loss of the metal roof cresting, the house appears otherwise unaltered. The building measures 54' x 50'.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Gabriel-Will Residence was first owned by Christopher Taylor, an early Dayton resident who traveled west in 1847 with Joel Palmer. Taylor built the house for his daughter, Ella, and her husband, Gustav Detmering. Detmering is listed in the 1880 census as a merchant and his father-in-law as a retired merchant; it is presumed that Detmering took over Taylor's business which was located at the northern corner of Third and Ferry. In 1906, the house was sold to Louisa and Bingham Gabriel for \$1600. Gabriel, who was also a prominent merchant, operated a drygood store with John Nichols. In later years, the business became a family affair, "Gabriel & Son, General Merchandise".

The residence, later, became the home of Roy and Cecil Will, Aurora Colony descendents. Their father, Leonard Will, had come to Oregon in 1863 on a wagon train from Wilhelm Keil's mother colony in Bethel, Missouri; he was a child of two at the time. The Will Family was a prominent and influential family in the Aurora Colony. In their later years, Leonard and his wife, Ella, moved to Dayton to live with their son, Roy. Leonard resided in the Gabriel-Will House until his death in 1965. Leonard and many other Will Family members are buried in the Aurora Cemetery, just outside of Aurora.

According to local residents, the house was also the residence of Swick, a dentist, and Hewitt, a physician.

SIGNIFICANCE: The Gabriel-Will residence is significant as one of the better examples of the Queen Anne style architecture in the city of Dayton. Criterion c.

SOURCES:

- .Cemetery Survey, I.O.O.F., Dayton, Oregon.
- .United States Census, Yamhill County, Dayton, 1900, 1910.
- .Dayton Centennial, 1880-1980, Edit. June Bienz, 1980.
- .Yamhill County Deeds and Records, Yamhill County Courthouse, McMinnville.
- .Oregon, Washington and Idaho Gazeteer and Business Directory, R.L. Polk, 1905-6, 1907-8, 1909-10, 1911-12, 1913-14, 1915-16.
- .City of Dayton, 1905, annotated map, Bingham Gabriel.
- .Dayton Herald, August 11 & 25, 1893; October 20, 1893.
- .Yamhill County Museum, Dayton file, newspaper article "104 Year Old Oregon Pioneer Dies", December 9, 1965; photograph of Gabriel-Will House.