

# DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17 DA TAX LOT NUMBER: 6600

PLAT NAME: Original Town of Dayton LOT: Part of 217 +218 BLOCK: NA

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 302 Ferry Street

CURRENT OWNER: I.O.O.F. Lodge #20

c/o Fred Hackworth, 10900 SE Clair Lane, Dayton, OR.

ORIGINAL OWNER: Robert Lee and Ella Jones Harris Contributing: 1

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Commercial Style YEAR BUILT: c. 1913

HISTORIC NAME: Harris Building HISTORIC USE: Drug Store

CURRENT NAME: I.O.O.F. Building CURRENT USE: Insurance

CONDITION: Good ALTERATIONS: Minor-Moderate

PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 4-33 INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOURCE NUMBER: 14 RECORDER: Rees DATE: 9-27-84

SITE DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_ THEME: Commerce

The Harris Building faces northwest on Ferry Street, between Third and Fourth Streets, Dayton's commercial mainstreet. The building is sited on the front property line and covers the entire lot. The parking strip in the sidewalk area has been asphalted over.

Less than one acre.  
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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Harris Building is a rectangular, two story brick structure. The front facade is symmetrical, two bays wide at the second story and one at the first story. A parapet simply detailed with corbels and a soldier course laid "on point" extends across the front of the building; the stringcourse between the first and second stories is detailed in a similar manner. At the second story, there are two pairs of one over one double-hung, wood sash windows with transoms above. At the first story, the storefront windows, which flank the slightly recessed central door, have been altered and the transom windows above have been covered over with metal siding. The wood frame glass door, with two light transom above, appears to be original. The brick has been painted red with a band of white between the stringcourse and the top of the storefront windows. The detailing of the Harris Building closely resembles the Commercial Club-Stuckey Building (Resource #13) to its south. The building measures 30.5' X 120'.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Harris Building was constructed in about 1913. The Dayton Tribune of April 28, 1911, noted that "the Commercial Club and S.C. Stuckey will erect a brick building 60 by 70 feet as soon as preliminary arrangements are completed. We understand there is a good prospect of our enterprising druggist, Mr. R.L. Harris, joining and increasing this to a block by a 100 feet frontage. 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 the depot....".

Robert L. Harris, son of Benjamin Harris, a millwright, was born in Oregon in 1863 and moved to Dayton as a child, sometime between 1870 and 1880. In 1883, he opened a drug store which he ran until his death in 1926. From about 1913 onward, the drug store was located on the first floor of the Harris Building. The second story was used for offices, and subsequently as the I.O.O.F. Lodge. Over the years, Harris was very active in the Dayton community, serving as Dayton Postmaster, Mayor, City Treasurer, City Councilman, and Director and Vice President of the Bank of Dayton.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is significant in its association with Robert L. Harris, and in its use as the local drug store for thirteen years. The second story also housed the local chapter of the I.O.O.F. Criterion b.

## SOURCES:

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- . Dayton Tribune, April 28, 1911, p. 1, col. 4.