

# DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17 DB TAX LOT NUMBER: 500

PLAT NAME: Original Town of Dayton LOT: 291 & 292 BLOCK: NA

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 101 Fifth Street

CURRENT OWNER: Evelyn Lenderink

101 Fifth Street, Dayton, OR

ORIGINAL OWNER: Benjamin and Rosina Morse Contributing: 1

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Gothic Revival YEAR BUILT: 1881

HISTORIC NAME: Morse House HISTORIC USE: Residence

CURRENT NAME: Lenderink House CURRENT USE: Residence

CONDITION: Good ALTERATIONS: Moderate

PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 4-18 INTERVIEWEE: Mrs. Lena Filer & Mrs. P. Lenderink

RESOURCE NUMBER: 18 RECORDER: Demuth & Rees DATE: 10-2-84

SITE DESCRIPTION:

THEME: Architecture

The Morse House faces southwest at the corner of Fifth and Ash Streets in a quiet residential neighborhood of older homes. The house is on a medium size lot with a well tended lawn and flower beds, and a large maple tree in the front yard.

Less than one acre.

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Morse House is "T" shape in plan and one and one half stories high. It is sided with shiplap and has a medium pitch gable roof with boxed eaves. The windows are four over four and one over one double hung sash with decorative cap moldings and plain surrounds. The front door has a transom with a decorative cap mold above. The attached front porch has a shed roof which is supported by three square wooden posts. The porch posts and iron stairrail are not original to the house. An addition, sided with plywood has been made to the southwest side of the house. The house measures 28' X 22'.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

According to Yamhill County Tax Assessor records, the Morse House was constructed in 1890. However, this building date does not correspond with the building's architectural detailing or the payments made at the time of title transfers of the property. In 1875, William Hash bought the property for \$20.00 and in 1881 sold it to Benjamin and Rosina Morse for \$110.00. Hash who is listed in the 1860's census as a farmer, had acquired much property in the Dayton area by the 1870's, including the western portion of Andrew Smith's D.L.C. By 1891, it appears that Hash's occupation has changed; he is a "land speculator" in the city directory. It appears that the Morse's built the house soon after coming to Dayton and buying the property, as they immediately mortgaged the property for more than two times the price they had paid for the property. In advertisements in 1882 editions of the newspaper, Benjamin F. Morse is identified as a blacksmith who worked in association with B.E. Harris, a wagon and carriage maker. In 1887, Morse went into partnership with John Mauts as "Morse and Mauts Blacksmith Shop". The July 20, 1887 edition of the Weekly Herald announced that "Morse & Maut's Blacksmith Shop now looks grand having been lettered in front. Snow, the painter, was the artist." It appears that this partnership continued until about 1892, when Morse died. Rosina Morse, Benjamin's widow continued to reside in the house until 1912 when she sold it to Norman Gross for \$900.00.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

The Morse house is significant as a representation of the rural interpretation of the Gothic Revival style of architecture. Criterion c.

## SOURCES:

- .United States Census, Yamhill County, Dayton, 1900, 1910.
- .Yamhill County Deeds and Records, Yamhill County Courthouse, McMinnville, Oregon.
- .City of Dayton, 1905, annotated map, Bingham Gabriel.
- .Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Dayton, Oregon 1893, Sheet #3.
- .Weekly Herald, July 20, 1887, p.3, c.2.

