

DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17 DA TAX LOT NUMBER: 8100

PLAT NAME: Original Town of Dayton, LOT: 134 & Part of BLOCK: NA
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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 208 Alder Street

CURRENT OWNER: Rogelio & Socorro Serna
P.O. Box 516, Dayton, OR.

ORIGINAL OWNER: William and Elizabeth Cain Contributing: 1

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Vernacular YEAR BUILT: c. 1895

HISTORIC NAME: Cain Residence HISTORIC USE: Residence

CURRENT NAME: Hedgecock Residence CURRENT USE: Residence

CONDITION: Good/Fair ALTERATIONS: Minor

PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 2-11A INTERVIEWEE: _____

RESOURCE NUMBER: 5 RECORDER: Demuth & Rees DATE: 10-14-84

SITE DESCRIPTION:

THEME: Architecture

The Cain Residence faces northwest on Alder Street in the middle of the block between Second and Third Streets. It is in an older residential neighborhood, not far from the main commercial area of Dayton. The house has a gracious front lawn and garden and four small maple trees along the street.

Less than one acre.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Cain Residence is "T" shape in plan, one story high and three bays wide across the front facade. It has a concrete foundation and is sided with horizontal tongue and groove. The gable roof has boxed eaves and is covered with wood shingles. The windows are one over one double hung sash with decorative surrounds; the central front door has four lights. The attached front porch has a hip roof which is supported by four, turned posts. The side porch which does not appear to be original is supported by boxed posts. The house measures 26'x32'.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Cain House and the Armstrong House, (Resource #6), to the north, were both owned by William and Elizabeth Cain in the 1890's. The Cains were from the Isle of Man and came to the United States in 1859. They lived in Illinois for a number of years before settling in Dayton some time in the 1870's. Cain is listed as a farmer in the 1880 and 1900 census and as a hop grower in the city directories from 1903 to 1908. The Cains sold the property to their son, William H. Cain, in 1897.

It appears that the Cain House was built after 1893. Although the 1893 Sanborn Map shows a house on the property, the configuration and location of the house are at variance with the Cain House and the 1912 Sanborn Map. In 1909, the Cain House was sold separately from the Armstrong House. It appears that the Cains lived in one of the houses and rented the other from the time they purchased the property from A.L. Armstrong in 1891 until the 1910's. All three of the Cains, William(1831-1910), Elizabeth (1825-1913) and William H. (1869-1921), are buried in the Brookside Cemetery.

SIGNIFICANCE: The Cain residence is significant as a vernacular adaptation of the Victorian Era building styles common to Dayton. Though it is simple in construction, the decorative details of the building are in good condition, and the structure reflects the working class housing of a previous era in Dayton. Criterion c.

SOURCES:

- .Cemetery Survey, Brookside, Dayton, Oregon.
- .United States Census, Yamhill County, Dayton, 1880, 1900, 1910.
- .Yamhill County Deeds and Records, Yamhill County Courthouse, McMinnville, Oregon.
- .Oregon, Washington and Idaho Gazeteer and Business Directory, R.L. Polk, 1903-4, 1905-6, 1907-8, 1909-10.
- .Polk's Yamhill County City Directory and Tax List, R.L. Polk Co., 1912-13.
- .Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Dayton, Oregon, 1893, sheet #2; 1912, sheet #3.