

ROSEBURG CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION:

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T 27S R 5 W Sec. 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW
Tax Account No.: 52216.02
Address: 1014 Oak Street
Name: MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING

PEOPLE:

Current owner: Sun Development Inc.
Architect: _____
Builder: _____
Original owner: Medical Arts Corporation
of Roseburg

THEME:

Commercial

USE:

Present: Offices
Original: Offices

STRUCTURE:

Type: Office building
Date Constructed: 1932
Style: 3-story; 110 x 80'; "U" shaped (2nd and 3rd floor); rect. (1st floor)
Roof: Flat; mock battlements
Wall: Cast in place concrete; major and minor pilasters
Windows: Casement
Doors: Replacement
Foundation: Concrete
Additions: Replacement of original windows

MINOR STRUCTURES AND OBJECTS:

Type: _____

Recorded by: Terry Harbour

Date: March 23, 1983

SITE:

The Medical Arts Building is situated at the northeast corner of Main and Oak Streets. It abutts the Roseburg Armory on the east.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The Medical Arts Building is historically important to Roseburg because it was the first structure built expressly for medical, professional offices in Roseburg. It gains further importance by the fact that its ownership, the Medical Arts Corporation of Roseburg, Oregon, was comprised of local medical professionals and local entrepreneurs who financed the \$90,000 building with their own capital. The building has not incurred any significant external alteration.

It is one of the larger structures (in height and mass) in the central business district, which adds a noticeable presence to the locale. Prior to the construction of the Medical Arts Building, medical professionals rented or leased offices on the second floor of storefronts lining Jackson and Main Streets. Many medical professionals moved into the Perkins Building shortly after its construction in 1912. The trend toward congregation of medical professionals in one building did not occur in Roseburg until the Medical Arts Building was constructed.

The Corporation included Roseburg notables such as Dr. George Houck, Dr. A. Seely, E. B. Stewart, Dr. Charles Waite, Dr. E. J. Wainscott and Dr. C. K. Bacher, to name a few.

The rectangular building was constructed in 1932 by C. Albert Chamberlain, a Roseburg contractor. The first story is a rectangular mass, whereas the second and third story is a "U" shaped mass. It is constructed of cast in place concrete. Major pilasters divide each three-story mass into two vertical segments, which are further divided into four segments by three minor pilasters each. The roof is flat, or nearly so, and the extensions of the pilasters above the roofline mimic the battlements of the Roseburg Armory located immediately east of the building. The windows, though the same dimension as the originals, have been replaced with steel casements on the second and third floors. The ground floor windows have also been replaced and appear close to the original fixtures. The main entrance is centered on the southern elevation within a recessed archway. A shield with the words "MEDICAL ARTS" is centered over the archway.

SOURCES CONSULTED

NEWS REVIEW: February 26, 1966.

NEWS REVIEW: May 10, 1933.

ALLEN, DR. CLAIR K. Telephone conversation: March 22, 1983. Dr. Allen, who is 90 years old, began his dental practice in Roseburg in 1919. He was one of the original stockholders of the Medical Arts Corporation of Roseburg. He retired from his practice in 1970.

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