

ROSEBURG CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION:

5800B
T 27 S R 5 W Sec. 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW
Tax Account No.: 52220.02B
Address: 509 SE Jackson Street
Name: HAMILTON DRUG COMPANY STORE #2

PEOPLE:

Current owner: Goettel, Noble
Architect: _____
Builder: _____
Original owner: Hamilton, Salathiel

THEME:

Commercial

USE:

Present: Storefront
Original: Storefront

STRUCTURE:

Type: Storefront
Date Constructed: c.1878
Style: Storefront; 25 x 100'; 1-story
Roof: Sloping
Wall: Brick, red common; some cast iron pilasters apparent at front el.
Windows: Replacement
Doors: Replacement in original doorwell
Foundation: Brick
Additions: Board facade on front el.; replacement of original windows and door; middle wall opened in 1966.

MINOR STRUCTURES AND OBJECTS:

Type: _____

Recorded by: Terry Harbour Date: March 8, 1983

SITE:

The Hamilton Drug Company Store #2 is situated on the east side of Jackson Street in the 500 block. The main entrance to the storefront is on Jackson Street with a rear entrance opening to Main Street.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This 25 x 100', 1-story storefront was built in c.1878 for Salathiel Hamilton. The walls are of common red brick. The storefront on Jackson Street is covered with a board facade. Cast iron pilasters and other ornamentation can be seen underneath this board facade in some places. The structure has received considerable alteration, including the board facade and the replacement of the windows and the front door. The plane of the original doorwell remains.

This structure is included in the inventory because it is directly associated with Dr. Salathiel Hamilton, the late 18th century drug business of Roseburg and the possible architectural contribution that lies beneath the storefront facade.

Established on January 15, 1856, the Hamilton Drug Company was one of the first drug store businesses in the state. Its founder, donation land claimant Dr. Salathiel Hamilton (1824-1914), settled in Douglas County in 1852. He staked his claim approximately six miles northwest of Roseburg, near the community of Melrose. He moved his residence to Roseburg in 1855, practicing medicine there until his retirement in 1893.

Dr. Hamilton was a surgeon for the 1st Oregon Regiment during the Indian War of 1855-1856. He served as the President of the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company and served four years as Douglas County Treasurer. As a Regent of the University of Oregon, he served two 12-year terms.

The Hamilton Drug Company occupied first the northeast corner of Main and Washington Streets (1856), then the southeast corner of Jackson and Douglas Streets (1860). It then moved to the northeast corner of Jackson Street and Washington Street (507 SE Jackson) in 1868. In 1878, the business was moved one door south to 509 SE Jackson Street. It was at this location that Dr. Hamilton's sons, W. S. and L. H., purchased an interest in the business. Hamilton Drug Company moved once again, and finally, one door south to 517 SE Jackson Street. By 1909, Hamilton Drug Company was one of five drug stores in Roseburg.

The three storefronts on the corner of Jackson and Washington Streets were owned by the Lexington Investment Company. Dr. Hamilton and his sons and daughter were the sole partners of the company.

SOURCES CONSULTED

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MCKAY, HAROLD. Interview: March 3, 1983, Wilbur Cutoff Road. Harold McKay was born in 1898 in the Wilbur area. He was a druggist on Jackson Street from 1927 to 1945. He has lived all of his life in the Roseburg/Wilbur area.

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