

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
 HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS
 State Historic Preservation Office
 Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310



County Union
 Theme 10-B
 Name
 (Common) Eaton (Abel E.) House
 (Historic) (same)
 Address 464 North Main Street
Union, Oregon
 Present Owner _____
 (Address) _____
 Original Use Residence
 Date of Construction 1907

Physical

historical significance:

The Abel Elsworth Eaton house is a two story, brick structure in the Second Empire Style. This building stands at the southwest corner of North Main and Birch streets in Union, Oregon. Set on a stone foundation, the house has one main story and an upper story beneath a mansard roof. The porch on the east and north elevations has been glassed-in; it was a small balcony onto which a door opens on the second story on the east (front) elevation. A square tower rises on the front elevation and is surmounted by a bellcast hip roof with a wrought iron belvedere. The building has one-over-one, double hung sash windows. The mansard roof is covered with imbricated shingles.

Abel Elsworth Eaton was born May 20, 1834 in Conway, New Hampshire. A teacher in Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois, Eaton emigrated to Baker County in 1862 and to the Grande Ronde Valley in 1867. In 1871 he established a woolen mill in Union, a business in which he was yet interested in 1902. In 1867 he married Mary E. Baird. He subsequently married Mary L. Shaw. Eaton served as mayor of Union and died January 15, 1917, aged 82 years. In 1897 he was a major investor in the Union Woolen Mill Company which built a three story building; he retired in 1907.

Local residents in Union believe that this house is one of the last of the Second Empire Style erected in Oregon.

Continue back if necessary

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Please enclose map Township 4 ^N _S Range 40 ^E _W Section 18

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