

DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17 DA TAX LOT NUMBER: 4900

PLAT NAME: Original Town of Dayton LOT: 107 BLOCK: NA

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 103 Ferry Street

CURRENT OWNER: Jose Verduzco

103 Ferry Street, P.O. Box 171, Dayton, OR

ORIGINAL OWNER: Dr. George Edward Stuart Contributing: 1

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Gothic Revival YEAR BUILT: c. 1887

HISTORIC NAME: Dr. Stuart Residence HISTORIC USE: Residence

CURRENT NAME: Verduzco Residence CURRENT USE: Residence

CONDITION: Good ALTERATIONS: Moderate

PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 2-2A INTERVIEWEE: Ruth Stoller

RESOURCE NUMBER: 3 RECORDER: Demuth & Rees DATE: 10-4-84

SITE DESCRIPTION: THEME: Commerce

The Stuart Residence is on the south corner of First and Ferry Streets in a neighborhood of single family homes. The house is sited high above the street, on a steep lot and faces northwest. There are mature maple and oak trees in the front and back yards.

Less than one acre.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Stuart Residence is "L" shape in plan and two stories high. It has a wood post foundation, shiplap siding and a gable roof with boxed eaves. The original windows are one over one double hung sash with simply ornamented caps. The attached front porch has a shed roof and chamfered posts. Some of the original windows on the front and side facades of the residence have been replaced by horizontal sliding windows. The back porch which appears to be a later addition, has been enclosed and new windows have been added. The house measures 25' x 34'.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Stuart Residence, on the south corner of First and Ferry, is associated with Dr. George Edward Stuart. It appears that he was a physician, druggist, and photographer according to advertisements in the city directories and the local newspaper from 1887 to 1904. In the August 7, 1891 edition of the Dayton Herald, the following ads appear "G.E. Stuart, M.D., physician and surgeon, Dayton, Oregon, Office at residence on Ferry Street", "G.E. Stuart-Fine pictures. All work guaranteed. All styles of pictures taken and finished in the latest style of the art. Lowest prices. Gallery, Ferry Street, near the bridge" and "Call at the City Drug Store at the post office for pure drugs. Dr. G.E. Stuart, proprietor." Stuart is specifically identified with the property in Bingham Gabriel's annotated map of Dayton in 1905. A curiosity is that he is not listed in the 1900 census; nothing else is known about Stuart. Based on the building's association with Stuart, architectural detailing and Tax Assessor records, it appears that the house was built in about 1887. The 1912 Sanborn Map indicates that it was converted to a boarding house by that time. According to local historian, Ruth Stoller, a Mrs. May ran the boarding house which was frequented by men from the steamboats.

SIGNIFICANCE: This residence is significant in its use as a boarding house, and in its association with Dr. George Edward Stuart, a commercial businessman, and physician in Dayton. Criterion b.

SOURCES:

- .Oregon, Washington and Idaho Gazeteer and Business Directory, R.L. Polk, 1889-90, 1891-2, 1903-4.
- .City of Dayton, 1905, annotated map, Bingham Gabriel.
- .Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Dayton, Oregon, 1893, Sheet #1; 1912, Sheet #1.
- .Dayton Herald, August 7, 1891, p.1, c.6; p.4, c.7.



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