

DAYTON HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY

ASSESSOR MAP NUMBER: 4-3-17 DB TAX LOT NUMBER: 1400
PLAT NAME: Original Town of Dayton LOT: Part of 283,284 BLOCK: NA
and 285
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 202 Fourth Street
CURRENT OWNER: Fred Marquez
202 Fourth Street, P.O. Box 536, Dayton, OR
ORIGINAL OWNER: Methodist Episcopal Church
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE: Vernacular Classical Revival YEAR BUILT: c. 1868
HISTORIC NAME: Methodist Episcopal Parsonage HISTORIC USE: Parsonage
CURRENT NAME: Marquez Residence CURRENT USE: Residence
CONDITION: Good-Fair ALTERATIONS: Moderate
PHOTOGRAPH ROLL-FRAME: 3-10 INTERVIEWEE: _____
RESOURCE NUMBER: 22 RECORDER: Demuth & Rees DATE: 10-16-84

SITE DESCRIPTION:

The Methodist Episcopal Parsonage faces northeast on Fourth Street in an older residential neighborhood. A playing field, the former site of Dayton's Public School, is across the street to the northeast. The house is on a flat, grassy lot with a large native maple tree in the front yard. A gravel alley runs along the southeastern property line.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Methodist Episcopal Parsonage is one and one half stories high and "T" shaped in plan. It has a wood post foundation, shiplap siding, and a gable roof with boxed eaves. The windows are four over four double hung sash with a pronounced cornice. The front porch has a shed roof with exposed rafter tails supported by four turned posts. An addition that is sided with plywood and has metal sash windows has been constructed on the back of the house.

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HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Methodist Episcopal Parsonage, built in about 1868, is associated with the former Methodist Episcopal Church (Resource #25), located on the southern corner of Fourth and Church, a half block away. In February of 1868, Andrew Smith conveyed to the Church a number of parcels of land, including two lots on which the Church was built, three lots at the corner of Fourth and Oak, two lots between Third and Fourth on Church and a parcel the size of a city block, 260 by 300 feet. It is not known precisely where this parcel was located but it is described as "being between the block on which the Parsonage Building now stands and the Town Plat of the Town of Dayton." One edge of this parcel is also described as being "a line between the premises of Andrew Smith and Wm. Hash." The Parsonage block and two consignments of lumber for construction of the first parsonage were obtained from Joel Palmer in 1852.

Church records indicate that a parsonage committee was appointed in 1858 and that "a building was erected some time later on a plot of ground donated by Andrew Smith. From time to time parts of this donated property were sold and the money used to build other structures or for improvements." It is speculative but it appears that a second parsonage building was constructed on the property at Fourth and Oak soon after the Church was completed in 1862. This site was just a half block from the Church making it a convenient location. The deed records lend credence to this line of speculation because the property remains in Church ownership until about 1910 when the "new" parsonage is built next door to the Church. The 1910 census lists Mary Mills, a private person, living in the house and Wm. Plowman, a minister, living in the new parsonage next door to the Church.

SOURCES:

- .United States Census, Yamhill County, Dayton, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910.
- ."Yamhill County Cultural Resources Inventory: Pioneer Evangelical Church", Yamhill County Planning Department, 1984.
- .Yamhill County Deed and Records, Yamhill County Courthouse, McMinnville, Oregon.
- .Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Dayton, Oregon, 1893, Sheet #3; 1912, Sheet #2.
- .The News Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Sunday, May 22, 1966, p.1&2; May 25, 1966, p.10.



HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION: (continued)

While it seems unusual for one denomination to have more than one parsonage, church records in 1858 indicate that Dayton was the home of the minister and the head of the Dayton and Spring Valley Circuit which comprised Dayton, Amity, Unionvale, Hopewell and Ebenezer. In addition, the 1870 census for the Dayton Precinct lists both John Howard and Joseph Parrott as "M.E. minister", and in separate households that do not appear to be closely situated. Because of the window detailing and form of the house as well as the Church, deed and census records, it is assumed that the house was built in about 1868.