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County Linn
Ranking _____
Name
(Common) Mayer House
(Historic) Joel C. Mayer House
Address 480 East Ash Street
Present Owner Joella A. and Carl V. Larson
Address 480 East Ash Street
Original Use residence
Date of Construction 1910
Map Reference Number 130

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The mass of this two-story Bungalow parallels the street while the low-pitched gable roofs cross in the center. In the center of the north facade there is a gable end facing the street. On each side of this bay there are single story extensions with shed roofs, which together form a straight wall. The lower part of this wall is constructed of rough red brick, but the rest of the house is clad with horizontal wood siding. Above the brick base large stucco piers divide the north facade into three bays. The bays on the left and in the center are filled with single multi-light windows while the bay on the right contains the entry porch. At the second floor three nine/nine, double-hung windows are located on each front and side wall of the center bay. Here, as on all gable ends, the beams in the ridge and above the walls are extended out and notched into a verge board. On each side of the center bay there are small gable dormers and large one/one, double-hung windows on the second floor.

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Sources consulted:

Interview with Joella Larson, May 12, 1984.

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On the east elevation there is an exterior red brick chimney. A rectangular one story shed roof bay and one/one, double-hung windows are located on the south and a small leaded glass window is located in the north corner. The west elevation contains a rectangular bay with a gable roof located in the center between the first and second floors. There are multi-light windows in the first floor corners, one/one, double-hung windows directly above and a three-light casement window in the gable end.

History

The Joel C. Mayer house was designed by an Albany Architect with the last name of William, with assistance on the specifications by Albany architect R. Hand. The blueprints and construction work were done by A. I. Crandall and the Crandall brothers construction and planing mill.

Joel Mayer's parents were originally from Luxemburg, Germany but they lived in Sioux City, Wisconsin before they moved to Lacombe, Oregon in 1886 and there raised a family of nine children.

Joel Mayer ran a saloon, then a meat market with Kellenberger from 1900 to 1913, when he opened the First National Bank of Lebanon with Senator Samuel Garland and George Burl. He was also the president of the Mountain States Power and Light Company and the City of Lebanon mayor, getting credit for developing the first strawberry festival. His brother Joe became Lebanon's blacksmith.

His wife Anna DuMond Mayer was raised in Albany, though she was born in Toronto, Canada in 1896. There were three children raised in the house, Ken, Frank, John and Joella.

