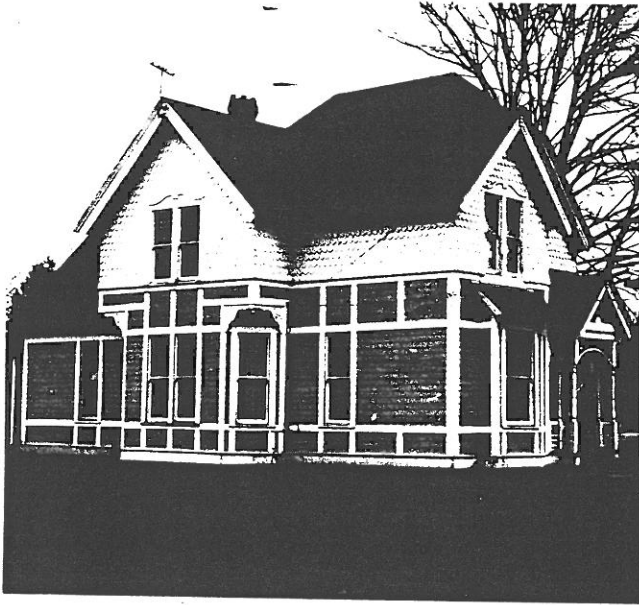


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 Ranking \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name  
 (Common) Booth House  
 (Historic) Baker House  
 Address 515 East Grant Street  
 Present Owner Stephen A. Parviainen  
 Address 515 East Grant Street  
 Original Use residence  
 Date of Construction c. 1880  
 Map Reference Number 132

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Baker House is a one and a half story, rectangular plan, Queen Anne/Stick Style residence. The taller, front half of the building is covered with a hipped gable roof. A one-story wing dating from before the 1890's off the rear continues the gable ridge away from the street. The front elevation has a porch on the right with a shed roof and a pediment containing a sunburst above the entry stairs. Between turned posts the porch frieze and balustrade contain spindles and balls. The front door has a transom and stained glass light. To the left there is a full height rectangular bay with a gable roof. The first floor is clad with shiplap siding that is divided into panels by trim boards, and rests on a foundation of uncoarsed rubble stone. The second floor is clad with shingles. There is a small rectangular bay with a shed roof on the first floor which contains a large double hung window with a single-light lower sash and a single light below a panel of small colored glass squares in the upper sash. There is a pair of similar windows on the second floor which have a peacock pediment.

In the center of the elevation there is a full height bay which is three sided on the ground floor and rectangular at the second floor. There are single windows on each side face on the ground floor and paired windows in the center. There is a peacock pediment above the

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second floor windows and brackets and pendants are located above the first floor corner windows. Windows are located at each side of the bay on the ground floor. All the windows on this elevation are double hung with a single light in the lower sash and a single light below a panel of small colored glass squares in the upper sash. Off the rear there is a one-story addition with a hip roof and a one/one, double-hung window.

The east elevation features a rectangular full height center bay with paired double-hung windows on each floor. The gable end contains shingles, a peacock pediment and a verge board. On the left there is a three-sided bay with three double-hung windows, and a multi-light double-hung window on the second floor. The double-hung windows on the ground floor and the second floor of the center bay all contain a panel of colored glass squares in the top of their upper sashes. At the rear there is a porch with turned posts and an arched frieze, and an interior, corbeled brick chimney. There is a garage addition off the northeast corner clad with horizontal siding and covered with a hip roof which dates before 1898.

### History

The original owner of the house was John Baker who operated a nearby sawmill. Ed Bohle was a later owner of the house along with much of the block to the west where he had his own dwelling. The Bohle brothers ran a creamery at the current Ralston Park site. In 1928 the creamery was moved to Main Street where it still stands.

Dr. Joel Booth was another early noteworthy owner. The park across the street bears his name. Booth served as a state senator, mayor, physician and worked on numerous community projects such as the construction of two hospitals. Dr. Booth with the aid of C. S. Stewart and attorneys W. M. Newport and N. M. Brown established the Lebanon National Bank in 1909. The bank merged in 1932 into the First National Bank of Lebanon run by J. C. Mayer.

Mayer's daughter renovated the house in recent times, adding chandeliers made by Joe Mayer, J. C. Mayer's brother and the town's blacksmith at the turn of the century.

