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State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310



County Linn  
Ranking \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
(Common) Unknown  
(Historic) Joe Mayer House  
Address 221 East Oak Street  
Present Owner Betty and Lee Scott  
Address 251 East Oak Street  
Original Use residence  
Date of Construction c. 1900  
Map Reference Number 141

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

Typical of many Lebanon Greek Revival-derived houses this structure is one and a half stories tall with steeply pitched gables and an L-shaped floor plan. There is a one-story addition at the northwest corner. The front porch located on the right side has chamfered posts and a shed roof. A solid front door with tall sidelights is located in the center and multi-light door is in the east corner. There is a fixed, horizontal, multi-light window in wall above porch. The gable end facing street contains a five/one, double-hung window and a seven/one, window on the first floor. There are four more five/one, double-hung windows on the east facing gable end and the back wing, and one on the west wall. The building is clad in shiplap siding and corner boards that have capitals. There is an interior brick chimney on the west.

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Sources consulted:

1. Interview with Betty Scott, May 11, 1984.
2. Survey questionnaire from Barbara Mayer, May 4, 1984.

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### History

Joe Mayer had this home built for himself though he lived elsewhere during much of his life in Lebanon. The house was moved from the corner of Park and Sherman Streets. Joe Mayer's parents were originally from Luxemburg, Germany but they lived in Sioux City, Wisconsin before moving to Lacombe, Oregon in 1886 and raising a family of nine children. Joe Mayer moved to Lebanon where he ran a meat market and later the First National Bank. Joe Mayer was a partner in Harkness & Mayer Bros. blacksmiths. Located near where the current Safeway grocery store is, his iron work still decorates many older houses throughout the town.

Dennis Cormier was the second well known owner of this house. Cormier was active in the stock exchange and financial world at the turn of the century.

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