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Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310



County Linn  
Ranking \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
(Common) Booth House  
(Historic) Booth House  
Address 486 Park Street  
Present Owner Ronald & Sandra Greening  
Address 486 Park Street  
Original Use residence  
Date of Construction 1906  
Map Reference Number 39

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Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Booth House is representative of the Colonial Revival houses in Lebanon with a square floor plan, a pyramidal roof and full height gable bays on all sides. The east elevation has a porch on the south and a rectangular bay on the north. There are paired Tuscan columns on the porch which is now partially filled in with multi-light windows. The front door has large, single-light, leaded glass sidelights and fluted wood pilasters. Centered in the bay is a window with a fixed lower light and a leaded glass transom and one/one, double-hung window at each side. At the second story there are also a pair of one/one, double-hung windows. Above the boxed cornice and frieze, the gable end contains a four-light oval window. There is a one/one, double-hung window above the porch. The lower floor is clad with shiplap siding and the gable ends are shingled. There is a belt course between the first and second floors.

The enclosed porch wraps around the east end of the south elevation. There is a three-sided, full height bay on the west. There are one/one, double-hung windows on the first and second floors and above the boxed cornice and decorative brackets there is a four-light, oval window. On the north elevation there is an exterior red brick chimney. The rectangular bay contains paired one/one, double-hung windows and a single one in the gable end. There is an interior corbeled brick chimney and finial at the center peak. In 1920 a bedroom and bath (continued)

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1. Greening, Ronald, National Register for Historic Places Inventory, Nomination Form for Booth House, Lebanon, OR, January 1980.

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were added upstairs and an enclosed utility porch was added and the side porch was enclosed in multi-light windows. The interior of the house is in near original condition. The garage was originally a carriage house.

### History

The Booth House architect was most likely A. I. Crandall of Lebanon and was probably built by John and Louis Crandall, also of Lebanon, for Dr. Joel Clarence Booth, who lived there for the next 42 years. Dr. Booth was a Quaker born on a farm in Jasper county, Iowa on July 22, 1872. He completed his medical studies at the University of Oregon. He served in the Philippines, the Spanish-American War and in World War I. After the war he commanded the National Guard Hospital Company headquartered in Lebanon and eventually advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Booth moved to Lebanon in 1896, and by the early 1900s, he and his brother were leading local physicians. He was the director of the Board of the Lebanon Hospital promoting the construction of new buildings in 1936 and 1952. He was also president of the Lebanon National Bank until it closed in the Depression. As a Republican, Booth was elected to the Oregon State Senate between 1931 and 1946. He was also elected to a term as Mayor of Lebanon for 1937-38 while serving as a bank president, surgeon and state senator. Booth was also active in promoting other community and recreational projects and served in numerous private and fraternal organizations. Thus the first playground and municipal park bears his name.

The house is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

