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County Linn
 Ranking _____
 Name
 (Common) Donaca House
 (Historic) Donaca House
 Address 764 Second Street
 Present Owner Vera B. & Willard B. Donaca
 Address 12529 S.W. 64th Avenue
Portland
 Original Use Residence
 Date of Construction 1880
 Map Reference Number 59

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Donaca House is a two-story Italianate style structure with a truncated hip roof and a square floor plan. The house is clad with shiplap siding and corner boards with capitals. The front elevation has three-sided, single story bays on each side, an entry porch in the center and a center gable dormer. The porch features square posts on pedestals and pilasters, and a paneled front door with a transom. On each side are identical bays with one/one, double-hung windows and panels below the windows. There are brackets below the flat roofs on the bays and porch and the main roof. Above the porch and bay windows there are iron roof crestings. On the upper floor there is a one-light, double-hung window on each side and a door in the center. The frieze contains dentils and jigsaw cut brackets.

The original south and north elevations contain two one/one, double-hung windows with corniced frames on each floor. On the south side of the west elevation there is a one-story hip roofed addition with small, double-hung windows. To the north is an addition with a shed roof and multi-light windows. There is an enclosed stairway to the second floor and a back door in the center. The house was moved off the corner of Second and Grant Streets and placed on a new concrete foundation.

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Sources consulted:

1. Interview with Wayne A. Norman, March 21, 1984.
2. Questionnaire from W. B. Donaca, April 9, 1984.
3. Sanborn Insurance Map, 1884.
4. Correspondence with Vera B. Donaca, May 2, 1984.
5. Linn County Census of 1880, compiled by L. M. Boyce, 1982.

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History

Dr. L. Foley built this house at the same time that he built his own, which is now the Huston Funeral Home. Foley was from Virginia and attended Willamette University, receiving a medical degree in 1870. Three years later he located in Lebanon where he established a successful medical practice. He became a large stockholder and director in the Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance Company and president of the Lebanon & Santiam Canal Company. Foley achieved political prominence serving local government commissions and finally as one of Lebanon's mayors.

The house was built for W. B. Donaca, born 1838 in Missouri, and his wife Leona J. Donaca born 1846 in the same state. Donaca was in the livery stable business. He also bought horses and hauled wagons of hay over the old Santiam Pass from Central Oregon. Later he was a dealer in potatoes, oats, mohair and wool.

In his last years he was owner with his son J. M. Donaca of the Lebanon Supply Company dealing with fruits, vegetables and groceries. Donaca was also associated with G. T. Cotton in the grocery business for nearly 35 years.

