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Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310



County Linn  
Ranking \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
(Common) Mayer House  
(Historic) Frank Mayer House  
Address 695 Hiatt Street  
Present Owner Minerva B. Mayer  
Address 695 Hiatt Street  
Original Use residence  
Date of Construction 1931  
Map Reference Number 131

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Mayer House, a two story Tudor style building, has steeply pitched gables and an L-shaped floor plan. The building has imitation half-timbering on the front facades and horizontal siding on the rear. The entry in the corner of the "L" is recessed in the north-south oriented main wing that parallels the street. There is a center pointed arch at the entry porch. The door is a similar shape with large iron hinges and a single light. To the south is a three-sided bay with windows containing leaded, diamond-shaped glass and a copper hip roof. Above the entry is a gable dormer with paired nine-light casement windows.

The wing on the north side of the west elevation has its gable end facing the street. The upper level in this wing steps out above the first floor. A small three-sided oriel window with diamond-shaped leaded glass projects out of the side wall adjacent to the entry. Located directly above and in the gable end are multi-light casement windows with flower boxes. On the first floor below the gable end there are four casement windows containing leaded, diamond-shaped glass. A weather vane is located at the ridge.

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Sources consulted:

1. Interview with Kenneth Mayer, May 12, 1984.
2. Survey questionnaire from Barbara A. Mayer, May 4, 1984.

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The side elevation, facing north, has a gable end at the east that contains imitation half-timbering above siding and double-hung windows on the second floor. The wing to the west features imitation half-timbering, a multi-light window and a prominent exterior red brick chimney. The gable end facing south has another red brick chimney with three chimney pots. On the south end of the main wing paralleling Hiatt Street there is a one-story gabled projection with a full height, multi-light Tudor arch window in the end wall.

### History

Frank D. Mayer did much of the design of his house with the assistance of W. Hayden, then a member of the University of Oregon Architecture Department in Eugene. Frank Mayer was the son of Joel C. and Anna DuMond Mayer. Joel Mayer's parents were from Luxemburg, Germany, settling in Wisconsin, then Lacombe, Oregon in 1886, and raising a family of nine children. Joel and his brother Joe moved to Lebanon where Joe became a blacksmith and Joel ran a saloon, then a met market from 1900 to 1913. He opened the First National Bank of Lebanon with Powers and George Buhl in 1913, was Lebanon's mayor in 1909 and president of Mountain States Power and Light Company.

There were three sons, Frank, John and Kenneth, and a daughter Joella. Frank attended the University of Oregon and became an attorney. There is much iron work throughout the interiors, chandeliers, railings, knobs, etc. which were crafted by Joe Mayer.

