

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY  
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State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310

County Linn  
Ranking \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
(Common) Lebanon Hotel  
(Historic) Lebanon Hotel  
Address 631-661 Main Street  
Present Owner Wyman, Summers  
Address P.O. Box 145, Lebanon  
Original Use Hotel  
Date of Construction 1913  
Map Reference Number 72

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Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Lebanon Hotel is a three-story, Second Empire building with a flat roof, reinforced concrete walls and a square floor plan. The original fourth floor mansard roof has been removed. Three bays on the street level are defined by piers. The bay on the north has a recessed entry in the center, a single light door with sidelights, and two large single-light windows. The larger center bay contains a recessed center entry, large single-light windows and a door with a full height light. The bay on the south has a small store on the left with a door to the street and a large single-light window. The transom above the door has been filled. The original entry to the hotel was located in this bay. A flat metal awning with finials once ran the length of this bay. A store addition with large single-light windows is located in the south corner along with a recessed entry to the upper floors. The low brick-clad wall beneath the store windows in all the bays originally had stuccoed, recessed panels. The band of multi-light transom above the store windows has been covered with a glass sign that runs across the facade. A metal awning has been installed below the second floor.

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Sources consulted: see attached.

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The upper floors are rusticated with radiating voussoirs above the second floor openings. The windows are all one/one, double-hung sash. The upper floors are divided into three bays, with four windows at the center and three at the sides. On the second floor recessed arches containing wreaths are located above the center bay windows and the window at the center of each side bay. The two windows on the right side of the center bay were once doors to a balcony running across the bay.

In 1964, the cornice and mansard roof were removed. Both side bays featured a hooded dormer between two pediment dormers. In the center bay there was a wall with four engaged columns, a double-hung window at each side and a balcony with a pediment in the middle.

### History

The Lebanon Hotel was constructed in 1913 at a cost of \$65,000 and contained 80 rooms. The hotel formally opened May 7, 1913 with Senator M. A. Miller presiding as toastmaster with guest speakers from throughout the state. The current structure replaced a wood frame hotel that burned in 1912. The hotel and adjacent building to the south were built by John C. Devine. Devine was born November 18, 1848 in Harrisburg, Ohio. He moved to Albany where for nine years he operated a ferry over the Willamette River. He spent 18 years in Lebanon operating the hotel.

The hotel was later operated by Albert F. Wilson. Wilson was born in Linn County near Lebanon on March 4, 1881, to parents that were pioneers to this area. He attended Behnke Walker Business College in Portland, then engaged in general merchandise business for 12 years. In 1912, he sold out and bought the business of the Lebanon Hotel. Wilson was the son-in-law of John Devine. His wife was the first queen of the Strawberry Fair.

The Lebanon Hotel was renowned for dining which drew people from around the state. The dining room, now removed, had solid carved oak furnishings and frescoing by A. B. Hardy and Hunt Brothers of Lebanon. The hotel was host to national field trials for hunting dogs in 1915. The hotel closed in 1953.

### Sources Consulted

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