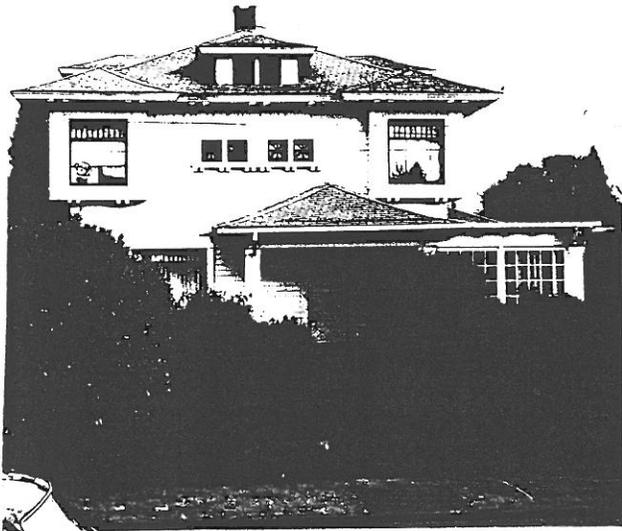


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Ranking _____
Name
(Common) Irvine House
(Historic) Elmer House
Address 293 East Ash Street
Present Owner Shirley J. & Basil H. Nixon
Address 293 East Ash Street
Original Use residence
Date of Construction 1904
Map Reference Number 53

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The front of this corner lot Arts and Crafts residence faces towards the south. There is a square floor plan and a pyramidal roof with hip dormers on each side. On the east side of the front elevation is a porch with a hip roof supported by square columns. To the west there is a large fixed window with a leaded glass transom. The frieze band between floors divides the shiplap siding on the bottom from the shingling on the top. The upper floors are symmetrically composed with pavilions at the second floor corners, two pairs of square multi-light windows in the middle and a hip dormer centered in the roof. The pavilions have a single window with a large lower light and an upper sash containing intersecting tracery leaded glass. The dormers feature paired, square, four-light windows. There are pairs of large scroll brackets located beneath the box cornice of the roof and smaller ones supporting the pavilions and the ledge below the middle windows.

On the southeast corner there is a sunroom with multi-light windows, a flat roof with bracketed overhang, fluted wood pilasters and a stone foundation. There is a square single story addition in the north corner of the east elevation which has a hip roof, shiplap siding and a one/one, double-hung window. Set between the addition and the porch is a single-light

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Sources consulted:

1. Questionnaire from Shirley Nixon, April 3, 1984.
2. Interview with Sally Johnson on April 24, 1984

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door with three panels and flanking fluted wood pilasters. There is a one/one, double hung window above the door and a hip dormer centered in the roof. The second story pavilion on the south has a single window with a larger lower light below a sash containing intersecting tracery leaded glass. There is an interior brick chimney at the center.

History

The first owner of the house was Norman Elmer from Arlington, Oregon. Dr. Irvine, a physician and surgeon, was the second owner. Irvine was born in 1893 and arrived from Portland in 1919 after attending the Good Samaritan in Portland. He married Eve Flood who was born in 1897 in Portland and came to Lebanon as a nurse.

Dr. Irvine was prominent in public affairs as president of the State Board of Health. He was also instrumental with Albert Wilson, J. H. Irvine and Hugh Kirkpatrick in getting Evans Products (now Cascade Plywood) to select a site in Lebanon.



Chimney

Dormer window

Window

Window

Window

Porch

Door

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Window

