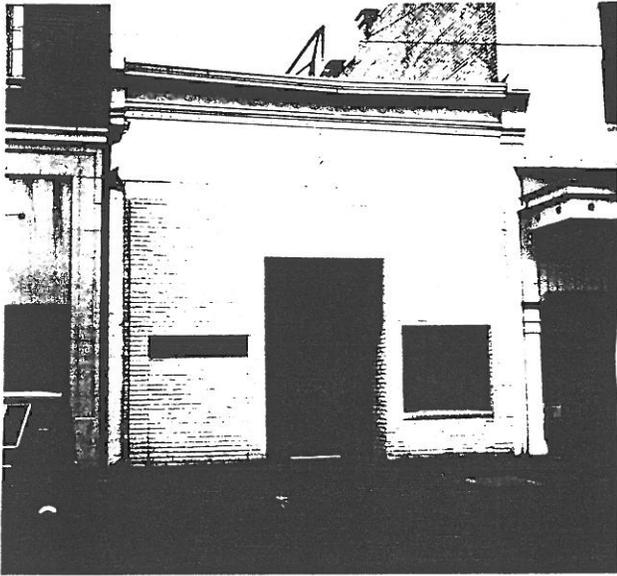


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County Linn  
Ranking \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
(Common) Unknown  
(Historic) Courtney Building  
Address 730 Main Street  
Present Owner Patricia E. & William J. Purcell  
Address 730 Main Street  
Original Use Dry Goods and Clothing Store  
Date of Construction 1891  
Map Reference Number 85

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Italianate detailing on this one-story commercial building is identical to that of the Courtney Block to the north. The original storefront had a large single light at each side of the recessed doorway, a multi-light transom and stuccoed walls. The current facade is clad with new brick, a square, fixed, wood frame window on the right, a modern paneled wood door recessed in the center, and vertical wood siding above the entry. The parapet remains the same, with a frieze containing circular sheet metal decorations, brackets at the corners and a molded cornice. The cloth awning above the store windows has been removed.

History

Dr. Joseph Courtney graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1886. He then came to Lebanon and started a medical practice, making house calls with a horse and buggy.

Dr. Courtney married Ida Susan Montague, the daughter of Charles Bruce Montague, who had a large mercantile store in Lebanon for many years and was mayor of the city.

A shortage of office space prompted Dr. Courtney to have a brick yard built in Lebanon, in order to secure the bricks for the buildings at 712-722 Main Street and 730 Main Street. Both of these buildings were built in the same year and were owned by Dr. Courtney.

Ownership of the building at 730 Main Street remained in the Courtney family for 80 years.

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Sources consulted: see attached.

Continuation Sheet 1 of 1  
Courtney Building  
730 Main Street  
Map Reference Number: 85

Beginning as L. M. Plank General Merchandise, a dry goods and clothing store, this building was occupied by various tenants, including a jewelry store and the Kerr Miller Drug Store, which rented this building for over 40 years.

Sources Consulted

1. Correspondence with R. Courtney Webb, March 26, 1984.
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