

George Spaniol, born 1866 in Germany, with his father John Spaniol, was the founder of this important Stayton family, and, apparently, the owner, if not the builder, of our featured hotel.

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“GEORGE SPANIOL, who is the proprietor of a flour and feed mill at Stayton, was born in Rhineland, Germany, February 13, 1866, the son of John and Magdalena (Schaffer) Spaniol. The parents, both natives of Germany, came to the United States in 1882, locating in Minnesota, where they resided for eight years, subsequent to which they came to Stayton, where the father passed away April 7, 1912. The mother died in 1893 and was buried in Sublimity, Oregon. The father was a miller by occupation. They were the parents of seven children: Peter, of Minnesota; John, who died in 1893; George, of this review; Matthias, of Portland; Mary, who is the wife of George Forcener, of Portland; Jacob, of Stayton; and Katie, of Portland.

“George Spaniel was educated in Germany and came to America with his parents, remaining at home with them until the death of the mother. He worked in his father's flour and feed mill and continued in his father's employ until 1904, when he purchased the mill, which has a capacity of twenty-five barrels, and he still operates the same, now owning all the buildings in connection. He also owns the Commercial Hotel at Stayton and eighty-live acres of land within the city limits. He is a share-holder and director in the Stayton State Bank, of which he was one of the reorganizers.

“Mr. Spaniol has been twice married. In 1893 [June 27] he wedded Miss Anna Zimmerman, who died in 1899, leaving three children, Lena, Joseph and Clara, all at home. His second union was with Miss Anna Bruecher, whom he married in 1900, and they have four children, Anna, Ella, Genevieve and Raymond, all at home. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is much interested in its success and welfare. Fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen of the World at Stayton, and both he and his wife are members of the Catholic church at Stayton. Mr. Spaniol is numbered among the most prominent and enterprising business men of his town and is a citizen who can always be depended upon to further any movement or measure instituted to promote the general welfare.”

From ***The Stayton Mail***: (See the next page, May 22, 1908, “Grand Central Hotel.”)

The Spaniol family, starting with George, were active in the Catholic church in Stayton, and were particularly instrumental in building the first one. Click here to read the History of the Catholic church in Stayton: <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/--1.jpg>

(A personal note. When we were building our house near Aumsville in 1985 it was Gary Spaniol who installed the heating ducts. Henry Strobel)

Spaniol's Plumbing has been located at second and Ida since 1911.

Spaniol's serves area for three generations

When Jacob Spaniol married Bertha Streff on August 13, 1908, he was working for his father-in-law, Michael Streff, who owned a furniture and hardware store on the corner of Second and Water streets. Mr. Spaniol was the tinsmith in the hardware department and continued there a few years until founding the business that is known as Spaniol's today.

The following excerpts from the Stayton Mail trace the history of Spaniol's over the past 90 years.

Sept. 7, 1906--Jac. Spaniol of M. Streff & Co. has been rused for the past couple of weeks putting in hot air pipes for hop dryers.

Sept. 28, 1906--M. Streff and Co. have moved their tin shop to the east side of their store building, makng more room for the tin workk.

Sept. 28, 1908--Anyone wanting to connect with the city water works call on Jac. Spaniol.

May 22, 1908--Jacob Spaniol has purchased from his brother M.J., the corner lot north of the Grand Central Hotel to put up a building for his tinning and plumbing business.

May 18, 1911--Jacob Spaniol, one of our progressive young business-men, will put up a two-story 26x50 concrete block building on Ida Street opposite the Mail Office, to be used in his tinning and plumbing business. E.C. Lau is doing the work and has begun making the blocks.

June 30, 1949--Jacob Spaniol, who has been engaged in the plumbing and sheet metal in Stayton since 1902, is retiring from the firm of Jacob Spaniol and Son. Eugene Spaniol, who had practically grown up in the business joined his father in the firm in 1940. Mrs. Jacob Spaniol was in charge of the office for many years until an accident forced her retirement. Recently, Articles of In-

corporation for a new firm were filed by Eugene and Ruth Spaniol, Jerry and Dora Marking, and Robert and Colleen O'Conner, knows as Spaniol and Company, Plumbing and Heating.

March 16, 1950--Construction will start May 1 on a new 50x100 foot business building to house Spaniol and Company in Stayton. Built of concrete and veneered with bricks, the new structure will be located next to the Women's clubhouse on Seconc and Ida streets.

Frank Struble is the architect and Lou Doerfler will head the carpenters. Jacob Spaniol will supervise construction. The structure will replace the company's present building, which was built by Jacob Spaniol. A portion of the east wall of the old building will be retained.

January 10, 1963--Two new members of the city council were sworn into office at a special council meeting at the City Hall Tuesday night. They are David Karr, who heads the accoutin g staff at Stayton Canning Co., and Gary Spaniol, associated with the family Spaniol and Co. Plumbing business.

June 13, 1963--Gene Spaniol, owner of Spaniol and Company, has been awarded the Wesco Certificate of Merit as a Quality Wesco Dealer.

October 3, 1963--Spaniol and Co., of Stayton has been awarded a contract for supplying an dinstalling a sprinkling system in the city's Pioneer Park.

January 9, 1969--Gary Spaniol of Stayton has purchased the Spaniol's Plumbing and Heating business from Eugene Spaniol, his father. Gary says the business will retain the same employees it has had and offer the same services.

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Jacob Spaniol House, 1905