

Forest Grove Historic Resource



2018 17TH AVENUE - Scott House

Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, wood-framed, wood-clad Bungalow with twin dormers facing the street. Roof, dormers and porch are gable roofs covered with composition shingles. Overhanging eaves with knee braces. Two brick piers arising from the ground support porch gable roof and are attached to a porch balustrade. Stickwork ornamentation in dormer end of porch and one roof dormer. Fireplace back and chimney dominate front facade. One-over-one double-hung sash and multi-pane fixed windows; irregular footprint.

History:

The Scott House at 2018 17th Avenue was built around 1911. A.E. Scott bought the property on which the house now stands from Samuel Rafferty in 1911 after, presumably, moving to Forest Grove late in 1910. A November 1912 Sanborn Company map of Forest Grove depicts the completed Bungalow style house on this lot. In 1910, around the time of the house's construction, Scott bought a 50 percent interest in the Washington County News. A year later, he bought the other half of the newspaper company, and changed its name to Washington County News Times in March 1911. Scott sold a half interest in the newspaper to James Hurley in 1914, but purchased his interest back in 1918. In 1924 Earl Brownlee took over the operation of the newspaper, around the time of A.E. Scott's death (News-Times, September 16, 1937).

Clyde Walker presumably owned and also occupied the Scott House for many years, through the 1950s and 1960s (Hillsboro, Forest Grove, West Washington County Directory, 1952; Forest Grove, Oregon, City Directory, 1960, 1964, and 1968).