

Forest Grove Historic Resource



2030 17TH AVENUE - Fendall House

Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, wood frame, wood-sheathed Bungalow with smaller front porch. Cross-gable roof is covered with composition shingles. Exterior fireplace back and chimney dominate west side. Windows are multi-paned. Brick porch facade; rafter beams exposed; main roof sweeps down to cover west side porch. Mature evergreen in front yard. Footprint generally resembles rectangle.

History:

The Fendall House at 2030 17th Avenue was built around 1920, according to Clark County Assessor's records. Richard Fendall and his wife bought this property from the Shannon family in September that year. Richard and Homer Fendall owned and operated the Fendall Hardware and Implement Company in Forest Grove in the 1920s, according to the Polk Oregon and Washington State Gazetteer and Business Directory (1921-22 and 1923-24).

H.L. Ford and his wife purchased the house from the Fendalls in 1923, and owned it until 1929, when they sold it to Olga E. and W.J. Borchardt. William J. Borchardt, born at Portage, Wisconsin, in 1883, married Olga Adler in 1918 in Hillsboro, Oregon. Olga Adler had been born in 1886 in Milbank, South Dakota. Her first husband, Frank Schwandt, died in 1916. William J. Borchardt worked as a carpenter in Forest Grove until his retirement in 1948. He remodeled the Forest Grove Congregational Church, built homes in Forest Grove, and helped build depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps camps in Oregon and Washington and Camp Adair near Corvallis, Oregon. William and Olga were active in the community; they belonged to the United Church of Christ Congregational Church, the Masons, and other fraternal and service organizations. The Borchardts lived at this property until 1951 when they sold it to John H. Albers. Both Borchardts died in Forest Grove, William J. Borchardt in 1971 and Olga Borchardt in 1975 (Hillsboro Argus, April 22, 1971 and August 14, 1975).