

Forest Grove Historic Resource



2037 17TH AVENUE - Propstra House

Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, wood-framed Bungalow with wood siding. Windows are one-over-one double-hung sash. Composition-covered roof is gable except for front dormer that has a jerkinhead roof. Full-width porch has four boxed roof supporting columns. Large, mature, deciduous trees shade this corner-lot property.

History:

The Propstra House at 2037 17th Avenue was presumably built in the late 1920s, or 1930, for then owners Joseph and Sophie Propstra. The Propstra couple bought this property in 1927 from D.R. Cheney and Georgia May. Hughes Cheney, the daughter of Samuel and Georgia Reed Hughes, pioneer settlers of Forest Grove (Forest Grove News Times, July 26, 1956). Joseph and Sophie Propstra occupied the house into the 1950s (Joseph) and into the 1960s (Helen). By the late 1960s, Helen Annette Propstra resided in the house Hillsboro, Forest Grove, West Washington County Directory, 1952; Forest Grove, Oregon City Directory, 1960 and 1964 and 1968). J. and Helen Annette Propstra operated the creamery that has since become known as the "Milky Way."