

Forest Grove Historic Resource



2228 17TH AVENUE - Benoit House

Description:

This is a single-story wood-framed residence with projecting wall on the primary facade. Projecting area on the primary facade has hip roof that joins the main gable roof, both are covered by composition. Multipaned windows. Footprint resembles a T. Mature, trees in yard, deciduous in front, evergreen in rear.

History:

The Benoit House at 2228 17th Avenue was built for James T. and Della Benoit around 1942, according to the Washington County Tax Assessor's Office records. James T. Benoit bought this property in 1921. James Benoit, a native of Salem, Oregon, married Della Wilken in Millersville, Minnesota, in 1936. Della Benoit, born in Millersville, Minnesota in 1891, began teaching school in Minnesota, then in South Dakota. She then came west to Oregon and taught in Hermiston before moving to Forest Grove, where she taught at nearby Central School. Della Benoit was active in St. Anthony's Catholic Church. James T. Benoit died in 1951. Della Benoit continued to own and live at 2228 17th Avenue until her death in 1977 (Hillsboro Argus, February 8, 1977).