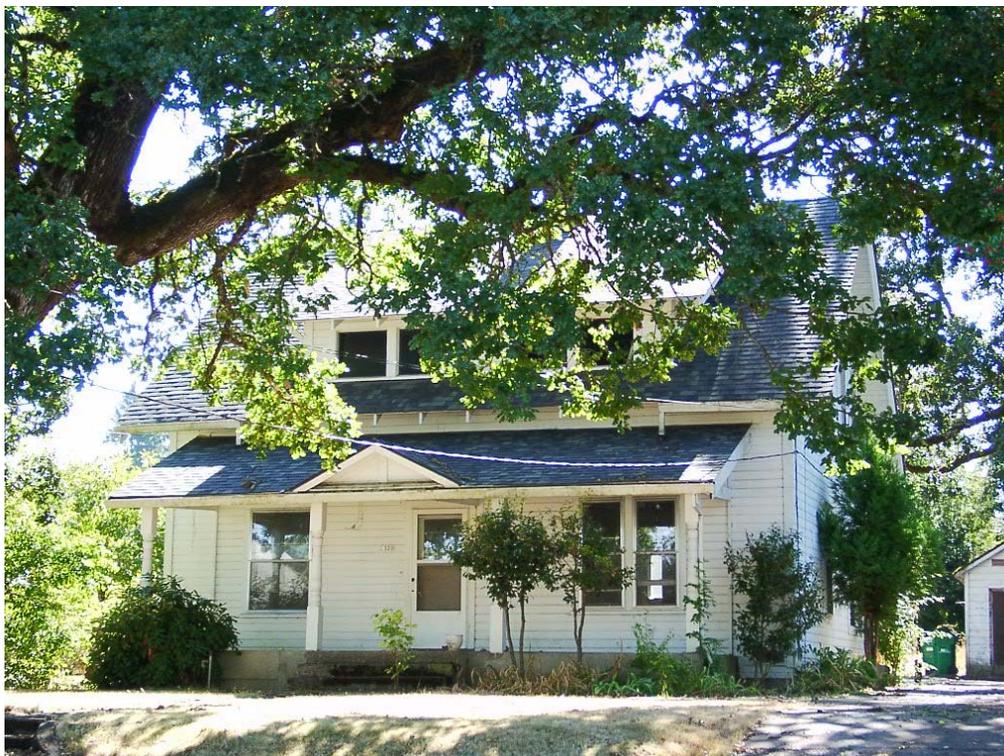


# Forest Grove Historic Resource



## 2320 17TH AVENUE - Davison House

### Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, wood-framed, wood-sheathed Bungalow. The footprint of this house resembles a square. One-over-one double-hung sash windows on first floor, sliding aluminum in front-facing, shed-roof dormer. Primary roof is gable with composition shingles. Porch has shed roof supported by decorative, round posts. A centrally-positioned pediment ornaments the porch roof.

### History:

The Davison House at 2320 17th Avenue was built or substantially updated around 1921. A one-story house with a porch across the east half of the main facade stood on this lot in 1912, according to the Sanborn Company fire insurance map of Forest Grove. (The heavy round porch posts supporting the present porch roof that extends across the entire main facade that looks odd on this Bungalow style house, may have been transplanted from this earlier house.) In 1921 Wilson C. Davison and his wife bought this deep narrow lot from the trustees of the Free Methodist Church.

Wilson C. Davison, born in Page County, Iowa, in 1857, came to Oregon in 1884 with his first wife and children. Four years later, he married his second wife, Hattie Dodds; they parented four children. The family lived in the vicinity of Banks, Oregon, until around 1920 when they moved to Forest Grove. W.C. Davison died in November 1922. His son, Harry Wilson Davison, and daughter, Ida Melisse Vandoren, and their spouses, retained ownership of this property until 1946 when they sold it to Nora and George Henry Winterfeld. The Winterfelds resided in the house through the 1960s; George Winterfeld sold the property to Forest Grove Housing, Inc. in 1969 (Washington County News Times, November 23, 1922; Forest Grove, Oregon, City Directory, 1960, 1964, and 1968.