

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1917 18TH AVENUE - Loomis House and Taxidermy

Description:

This is a single-story wood-framed, wood-clad (clapboard) residence with its primary facade dominated by two large four-pane fixed windows. Trellised arbor in front of main entry door. Appears to be more recent addition to a rear structure. The close proximity of the front addition to the sidewalk and its fenestration makes it appear to be older commercial structure.

History:

The Loomis taxidermy shop and residence at 1917 18th Avenue, built successively around 1915, 1945, and 1950, is significant because of its association with a local Forest Grove businessman. Floyd M. Loomis, whose parents moved from Cherry Grove around the turn of the century, built a taxidermy shop on this lot around 1915, after a residence was constructed. Around 1945, Loomis had a third structure built connecting the existing house and taxidermy shop. The property was sold around 1950, at that time the shop was converted into a residence. The large shop windows in the main facade are presumed to date from the pre-1950 period of significance.

In 1952 the Loomis shop and residence stood vacant. In the 1960s, it was occupied by at least two different families: Katherine Haberman (1960); and Donald M. and John L. Schweida (1964, 1968).