

Forest Grove Historic Resource



2033 18TH AVENUE - Jerome House

Description:

This is a one-story, wood-framed, wood-sheathed Queen Anne style house with a compound gable roof on the primary facade. Front is dominated by a three-window bay covered by a gable roof having the same slope as the main gable roof. Front eaves are adorned with fans or sunbursts. Narrow front porch has small gable roof also having the same slope as the main roof. House footprint resembles a rectangle.

History:

The Jerome House at 2033 18th Avenue, probably built around 1889, is an architecturally significant fine representative example of a modest Queen Anne style house with rich Eastlake ornamentation. The house is historically significant for its possible association with prolific Forest Grove architect E.M. Jerome. Although an exact construction date is not known, it was probably constructed in the late 1880s. The Jerome House is depicted on an 1892 Sanborn Company map of Forest Grove. This house and its neighbor to the east were two of the first houses constructed in the area. The overall plan and decorative details appear to be intact since that early period.

The original owner of the house is not known. It is speculated that the house may have been occupied, early on, by Forest Grove architect E.M. Jerome. Jerome and his wife owned all of lot one (southeast portion of this block) in the 1890s. It has been said that the Jerome family occupied this house when he designed several significant homes in Forest Grove. Nettie Billinger owned and may have occupied this house around 1910.