

Forest Grove Historic Resource



2314 18TH AVENUE - Marr House

Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, wood-framed, wood-clad Bungalow single-family residence with a composition shingle covered cross-gable roof. It has one-over-one double-hung sash windows with eight-over-one large fixed. Its landscaping is distinguished by its architecture is distinguished by a fireplace dominating the west elevation. The front stoop is protected by a modest gable roof supported by lateral diagonal brackets. One-car, detached garage appears to be original.

History:

The Marr House at 2314 18th Avenue may have been built in the late 1920s, despite the 1936 date of construction recorded in the county tax assessor's office. In 1931-1932, W.E. Marr resided at this address, presumably renting the house. He bought this property in 1936, and continued living there through the mid-1960s.

Carrie Estelle Tolson and others in the family had acquired this property in 1925 from William Beach. This house shares some history with another house, at 1729 Cedar Street, in the Clarke Historic District. Caroline E. Tolson and her sister, Ruth Helen Will, were listed as owners of the Cedar Street property. Ruth Helen Will, born in Cornelius, Oregon, in 1889, taught for more than thirty years in schools throughout Washington County and northwestern Oregon. She died in 1952 at age sixty-three as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident (Hillsboro Argus, February 7, 1952). In 1932 the City of Forest Grove foreclosed on the 2314 18th Avenue property, then owned by Ruth Helen Will. William Marr acquired the property from the City of Forest Grove in 1936.