

Forest Grove Historic Resource



2323 18TH AVENUE - Snyder/Robertson House

Description:

This is a one story, wood-framed, wood-clad post-World War II Minimal Traditional single-family residence with a composition shingle covered hip roof. It has one-over-one double-hung sash window and one large fixed. Two large, mature sequoia trees distinguish its landscaping. A small, enclosed porch on the primary facade that is adorned with a hexagon fixed pane window distinguishes its architecture. The front steps have been replaced by an inclined plane. The original detached, single-car garage is probably original.

History:

The Snyder/Robertson House at 2323 18th Avenue, probably built around 1948, is significant as a representative example of the Minimal Traditional style of architecture. Modest houses of this style were built in great profusion throughout Oregon and the nation during the post-World War II building boom when a great demand for affordable single-family housing existed. The sizeable plate glass window on the main facade is probably original.

It is speculated, although not known with certainty that this house was built for John F. and Barbara L. Snyder. The Robertson couple was the first longer-term owner. The Snyder family is one of several owners of this property between 1944 and 1955. J.N. and Emelda LaVoie owned this property from 1944 to 1947. John and Dorothy Jackson owned the property for a few months in 1947. After the Synders sold this house in 1949, the owners included: Arthur C. and Emma Hellickson (1949); Calvin C. and Virginia L. Davis (1949-1950); and J.M. and Edna L. Robertson (1950-1955). Taswell Tunnell occupied the house in 1960.