

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1603 ASH STREET - Deeks House

Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, single-family residence with a composition shingle covered gable roof. It is a wood-framed, wood-clad Bungalow with a front gable-roofed dormer. Full-width front porch covered by the principal roof. Several large, deciduous trees shade this lot.

History:

The Deeks House at 1603 Ash Street was built around 1911. Two years earlier, James E. and Laura Deeks bought this property from J.H. Wilson, owner of this land since 1892. Local Forest Grove builder, Enoch Moore, working with James and Roy Loynes, reportedly built this house for the Deeks family.

Enoch Moore and the two Loynes worked as carpenters in Forest Grove. This is one of many of the Craftsman Bungalow houses they constructed in Forest Grove between 1910 and 1925, when this style was especially popular. Moore and the Lyons owned a planing mill in Forest Grove, between Pacific Avenue and 19th Avenue, just east of Council Street. Enoch Moore, born in Canada in 1868, came to the United States in 1880. After living in North Dakota for about ten years, Enoch married Agnes (also a native of Canada born in 1872) in 1897. The Moore couple moved to Forest Grove in 1909, and took up residence on 16th Avenue. James S. Loynes, also a native of Canada born in 1852, moved to the United States in 1888 with his wife, Emeline (born in Canada in 1857). The couple lived next door to the Enoch Moore family. Roy Loynes, a son of James and Emeline born in Canada in 1883, married Ernestine in 1908. Roy worked with his father and Enoch Moore in the house construction business in Forest Grove.

James and Laura Hendricks Deeks came to Forest Grove in 1908 from Smith River, Kansas. Laura Deeks passed away in 1914. Two years later, James Deeks married Mary E. Simmonds Ralston. Following James Deeks's death in 1919, Mary E. Deeks continued to own and occupy the house until 1920 when she sold the property to Ira C. Black.

The Deeks House had at least two occupants in the 1950s and 1960s. R.A. Bewley and S.E. Conway lived there in the early 1950s. The George H. Hoar family occupied the house during the 1960s. Hoar's "T.V. Service" was also located at 1603 Ash Street in the late 1960s.