

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1623 ASH STREET - Hoar 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. Its landscaping is distinguished by mature deciduous tree of moderate size in front. Large boxed porch columns resting atop brick piers that are integrated into a wood balustrade distinguish its architecture. Porch hip roof is adorned with a central, ornamental gable having ornamental trusses. An eave side fireplace and chimney dominate south elevation.

History:

The Hoar House at 1623 Ash Street was constructed around 1912 for I.J. Hoar by a Portland builder. The November 1912 Sanborn Company map of Forest Grove depicts the footprint of a building that closely resembles the present house. I.J. Hoar operated a confectionary shop on Main Street in Forest Grove for many years beginning in the mid-1920s. Hoar and his wife occupied the house until 1920 when they sold it to a man named Fisher.

In 1923 Fred Waltrous bought the Hoar House. Waltrous owned and operated the Star Theatre (the Grove Community Theatre in 1983) in Forest Grove. Upon the death of Fred Waltrous and his wife, their son, Don Waltrous, acquired the house and was its owner in the 1980s.