

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1636 ASH STREET - Bryant House

Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, wood-framed, wood-clad vernacular farmhouse single-family residence with a composition shingle covered cross-gable roof. Large, mature deciduous trees in front and side yards distinguish its landscaping. Its architecture is distinguished by the gable primary facade having a full-width front porch with a dropped hip roof. Gable end of the primary facade has twin one-over-one double-hung sash windows.

History:

The Bryant House, built in 1892, stands at 1636 Ash Street. Hale D. and Florence D. Bryant, who bought this property in late 1891 from Lizzie Shannon, presumably had this vernacular farmhouse constructed. In the summer of 1892, J.C. Garman filed a mechanic's lien against the property, and foreclosure proceedings were initiated. Despite this, the Bryants retained ownership of the property until 1898. Little is known about the Bryant family at present. Their residence in Forest Grove may have been short-lived.

Eunice Walker owned the property briefly from 1898-1899. Annie Johnson owned the house from 1899 to 1907. Her husband may have been C. Nels Johnson, who operated a meat market in Forest Grove with Peter Peterson in the early 1900s.

The property changed hands several times between 1907 and 1920. Ina and John Templeton bought the two-story Bryant House in 1907 and owned it until 1913. John Templeton served as vice president of the First National Bank of Oregon and contributed to the arrival of the first streetcar in Forest Grove. Between 1913 and 1916, C.R. Cox and his wife owned the property. Chris Peterson and his wife owned the house between 1916 and 1920.

In early 1920, Augustus E. and Lillian Gardner bought the Bryant House. A.E. and Lillian Gardner resided in the house for the next several decades. Following the death of A.E. Gardner in the 1950s, Lillian Gardner lived in the house into the early 1960s. The J.N. Anderson family had taken up residence by 1964.