

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1714 ASH STREET - Barber House #2

Description:

This is a two-story single-family residence with a composition shingle covered hip roof. It is a wood-framed, wood-clad Queen Anne style. Primary facade windows are eclectic: some one-over-one, some large fixed as well as three installed in a projecting bay. The structure is architecturally distinguished by its rich, eclectic, whimsical architectural embellishments. The primary facade presents a two-story hip-roofed bay crowned with bell cast hip roof with wide overhanging eaves, square windows with arched lintel ornamentation bilateral to a central one-over-one double-hung sash window. The front porch is a wrap-around covered with a hip roof supported on round columns resting atop brick piers that protrude up through wood balustrade. The front door has sidelights. The primary facade also has a projecting three-window cantilevered bay. The side yard, toward the rear, has a smaller outbuilding that repeats the house's architecture. Rear yard has large, mature deciduous and evergreen trees.

History:

The Barber House at 1714 Ash Street was probably built in 1907 or 1908. The footprint of a two-story house, with a distinctive porch wrapping around the east and north walls, resembling this house is depicted on a 1912 Sanborn Company map of Forest Grove. At that time, a bay window project slightly from the south wall, but not from the east main facade (as it does in 2000). A small porch existed on the north wall near the rear of the house. A small shed stood a few feet from the north side of the house.

Dora R. Barber bought the lot on which this house now stands in October 1907 from Nettie and E.W. Haines for \$600. Her husband, J.M. Barber, purchased the lot adjoining on the south the following year from Haines for \$775. Together they owned nearly all of the lot (the southeast one-quarter) in this block.

In 1881 Jerome M. Barber, born in Michigan in 1851, married Dora Reed, a native of Michigan born in 1865. This was his second marriage. Jerome M. Barber worked as a minister in Forest Grove, according to inventory forms completed on this house in 1983 and in 1993.

The Carl A. and Dorothy Brodersen family occupied this house in the middle of the nineteenth century. Carl Brodersen worked, at first, with the railroad. The family moved to Forest Grove around 1907 for the mild climate. The Brodersen family soon established a twenty-five-acre farm one mile south of the town. In the early 1920s, the farm was sold and the family moved into Forest Grove. Carl Brodersen established a paint and wallpaper store (located at 2026 Pacific Avenue). Two sons joined Carl in this business venture. The family eventually purchased the furniture store of Claude Smith (at 2030 Main Street) (Pinyerd, et al., "Historic Context Statement," 1998). Other occupants of the Barber House in the 1960s included Alfred E. Garcia and also Cynthia Perkins.