

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1735 ASH STREET - Baldwin House

Description:

This is a one story single-family residence with a composition shingle covered complex hip roof. It is a wood-framed, wood-clad Bungalow. The primary facade windows include one-over-one double-hung sash and fixed. The structure is architecturally distinguished by a bay projection on the southern portion of the primary facade that projects up through the primary hip roof and is covered by its own gable roof. The north portion of the primary facade also has a roof dormer. All roofs have wide overhanging eaves with brackets. The front porch is half-width and is recessed to be covered by the house's principal roof that is supported by twin round columns that rest atop a balustrade. North elevation has a projecting, cantilevered bay. Side and rear yards have mature trees.

History:

The Baldwin House at 1735 Ash Street, built around 1908, is significant for its architecture and history. It is an outstanding example of the Craftsman Bungalow style that retains a high degree of integrity. The shingle cladding, the slightly projecting window bays and the Tuscan columns supporting the shed porch roof are all intact. George H. Baldwin owned this property as early as 1909. In 1910 Baldwin, reportedly, owned a house on First Street (present-day Ash Street).

George Harvey Baldwin contributed, literally, to the up building of Forest Grove and Washington County. Born in 1878 in Vermont, Illinois, he first entered the brick contracting business with his brothers. During his lifetime as a building contractor, he constructed eleven banks in Washington County. He also built McCormick Hall on the Pacific University campus, Well's Department Store in Hillsboro, the Congregational Church in Forest Grove, and Gaston School. George Baldwin may have constructed his own home at 1735 Ash Street. During World War II, he worked in the shipyards. He retired in 1945 and died in 1955.