

# Forest Grove Historic Resource



## 1803 ASH STREET - Ireland 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. The windows in the primary facade are primarily one-over-one double-hung sash as well as one large picture window. The structure is architecturally distinguished by its full-width front porch and a nearly full-width shed roof dormer. The dormer is embellished with four one-over-one double-hung sash windows. The front porch is covered by the house's principal roof that is supported by five paired columns resting upon piers. The south elevation had a gable end fireplace and a projecting bay. The house has wide overhanging eaves with braces. Its sheathing is enriched by a textural change in the gable where the board direction changes to the vertical from the horizontal installation used throughout the lower portions of the house walls. Single car garage in the rear may be original. Large, mature trees in side and rear.

### History:

The Ireland House at 1803 Ash Street was built in the summer of 1912. John and Clarissa Ireland bought this property from the W.A. Goodin family in 1910. A modest Queen Anne style house had been built on this lot around 1892. (Sanborn Company map of Forest Grove, 1892). The Irelands decided to move the Goodin House a few yards to the north (where it now stands at 1807 Ash Street). According to the June 6, 1912 issue of the Forest Grove News Times, "a modern [Bungalow style] residence will be erected on the old site." The November 1912 Sanborn Company map of Forest Grove depicts the present Ireland House completed. The Goodin House was on the adjoining lot to the north.

The Ireland family farmed just north of Forest Grove (on present Highway 47). Their farm stands today as a century farm. John and Clarissa Ireland moved in to Forest Grove so that their children could attend school. One son, Arthur Ireland, who continued to farm and operated a dairy farm on Banks Road, served as a state representative and senator. His son, Glen Ireland, was still operating the original Ireland farm on Highway 47 in the 1980s.

A daughter, Buella Linnehan, and her daughter, Catherine Hendrick, retained ownership of the Ireland House into the 1960s. At one time, Buella lived in the Goodin House and Catherine resided in the Ireland House. After Buella died, Catherine Hendrick moved into the Goodin House at 1807 Ash Street.

The Ireland House sat vacant for a number of years after frozen and burst pipes caused severe water damage inside the house. Marvin Cressy, reportedly, repaired, and remodeled the house. David Burns bought it in 1975.