

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1636 A STREET - Case House

Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, wood-framed, wood-clad Vernacular farmhouse single family residence with a composition shingle covered gable roof. It has one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Its landscaping is distinguished by large, mature deciduous and evergreen trees as well as well-maintained ornamental plantings. Its architecture is distinguished by the gable-end primary facade windows at both corners being set into the house corners at 45 degrees. Central window on this facade has multi-paned stained glass in the upper sash. The primary facade also includes an eave side with the front porch. Detached carport on the south side.

History:

The Case House at 1636 A Street was probably built in the early 1900s, possibly in 1901, when Josephine S. Case purchased the property. The footprint of a building resembling the present structure appears on a 1912 Sanborn Company fire insurance map of Forest Grove, and its vernacular farmhouse characteristics suggest a turn-of-the-century construction date.

Josephina S. Case bought this property in September 1901 for \$625. Case was born in 1867. She married Melvin C. Case. They parented a daughter, Clara Case, who married Donald Megargel. Clara and Donald Megargel gained ownership of the house and retained it until 1945 when they and Mattie Case and Thomas Litch (presumably their daughter and son-in-law) sold the house to Denise Gainon MacLeod, administrators for Elsie MacLeod Watson.

The MacLeods immediately sold the property to Nettie and B.F. White, who occupied the house into the 1950s. Lorenzo B. and Litha C. Shirk bought the Case House in 1960 and took up residence that year.