

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1709 A STREET - Crouthamel House

Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, wood-framed, wood-clad post-World War II Minimal Traditional single-family residence with a composition shingle covered jerkinhead roof. It has fixed and one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Its landscaping is distinguished by large, mature evergreen tree in front yard. Its architecture is distinguished by its modesty. Primary facade open porch gable roof supported by two boxed columns.

History:

The Crouthamel House at 1709 A Street appears to have been built around 1926 for Lillian Crouthamel. In May that year, she bought the property from Sarah S. Stewart, who, with Ezra Stewart, had owned a large parcel on the southwestern corner of this block since 1898. (Sarah S. Stewart had married William F. Knighten in 1888, and Ezra Stewart had married Florence Lanes in 1894.) The house's faint historic period revival architectural features suggest that the house dates from the 1920s. Little is known about Lillian Crouthamel at present.

In 1930 Winfield Scott Sparks bought this property in October 1930. Two years earlier, W.S. Sparks lived at 2032 B Street in Forest Grove, which was then owned by Lillie Sparks, presumably his wife. Following W.S. Sparks's death in 1935, A.R. Wallace owned the house for a few years. Beginning in 1951, the Knapp family owned and occupied the house. Elizabeth Knapp resided at 1709 A Street through the mid-1960s.