

# Forest Grove Historic Resource



## 1603 BIRCH STREET - Timmerman House

### Description:

This is a one story, wood-framed, asbestos-clad post-World War II Minimal Traditional single-family residence with a composition shingle covered gable roof. It has large fixed picture window. Its landscaping is distinguished by large, mature deciduous tree. Its architecture is distinguished by integration of the one-car garage into the central block. Roof has no overhang.

### History:

The original owner and builder of this 1947 house at 1603 Birch Street is not known at present. An early occupant and possible owner was J.F. Timmerman, who lived at this address in the early 1950s (1952). By 1960, Verretta Crosby lived in this house; she remained a resident at this address for several years.

The minimal roof eaves on this house is a defining design characteristic often repeated during the late 1930s and the post World War II residential building boom. The attached garage on this house may have been added soon after the house's construction. The windows and door trim on the main street-facing facades may have been updated within the last ten years. The building's present siding and door and its hardware appear original (Janet Lamb, personal conversation with the property owner and builder by trade, Barkus, February 2, 2000).