

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1637 BIRCH STREET - Lucas House

Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, wood-framed, wood-clad Revival style single-family residence with a composition shingle covered gable roof. It has three-over-one and one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Its landscaping is distinguished by large, mature deciduous trees in the rear yard. Its architecture is distinguished by the aesthetically pleasing asymmetry of the primary facade. It has three large windows on one side of that facade and a gable-roofed porch on the other. Porch gable roof with closed eaves with returning cornices. Primary facade also has wide shed roof dormer with four one-over-one double-hung sash.

History:

The Lucas House at 1637 Birch was probably built around 1928 for Joseph M. and Myrta Lucas. In 1921 they bought the land on which the house now stands from Tualatin Academy (Pacific University). The Lucas couple owned this property until 1944. Little is known at present about the Lucas family.

Between 1944 and 1946, Lloyd I. and Wilma Taylor and Milo T. and Jane Taylor owned the Lucas House. In 1946 they sold the property to A. Tremayne and Esther B. Flagg, who owned it until 1950 when Dudley and Doanne Knapp bought it. Fred L. and Vida McEachern owned the property from 1952 through, at least, the 1960s.