

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1639 DOUGLAS STREET - Bond House

Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, wood-framed, wood-clad Bungalow single-family residence with a composition shingle covered gable roof. It has six-over-one and twelve-over-one double-hung sash windows. Its landscaping is distinguished by large, mature deciduous tree (oak) in front yard. The front porch that is recessed into the primary facade (gable end), and is protected by the principal gable end of the house distinguishes its architecture. Three large boxed columns. Primary facade gable has two four-over-one double-hung sash windows. Although windows are vinyl, other character-defining elements of this house have been recently refurbished.

History:

The Bond House at 1639 Douglas Street was probably built around 1920 for Harold G. and Edna Bond. H.G. and Edna Bond bought the property on which this house now stands from Chris Peterson (who had owned it since 1902) in June 1920. This property continued to be owned by Edna Bond until 1968.

Harold Godfrey Bond, born in 1892 in Falls City, Oregon, married Edna Duncan. Duncan was a native of Stockton, California, born in 1893, who received her education in Richmond, California. She graduated from business college. In 1913 she moved to Oregon where she married Harold Bond in Yamhill. The couple came to Forest Grove around 1919, a year before they purchased this property. Harold Bond worked as a painter nearly all his life. He also served as the Forest Grove city recorder for sixteen years, and was active in several of the community's fraternal societies. Edna Bond worked as a secretary most of her life, for the Bureau of Reclamation in Forest Grove, for Larkins Lumber Company, for Joe McCreedy, and for her husband when he was city recorder. Harold Bond died in 1953. Edna and four children survived him, including: Hazel Bates, Carolyn Coe, Pauline Bates, and Harold D. Bond. Edna died in 1973.

Lowell W. and Joanne Sheelar bought the Bond House in March 1968 and owned it until 1970. James E. and Martha K. Dillenburg bought the property in September 1970 for \$13,500.