

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1642 CEDAR STREET - Phelps House

Description:

This is a one story, wood-framed, raked cedar shingle-clad Bungalow single-family residence with a composition shingle covered gable roof. It has one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Its architecture is distinguished by overhanging eaves with knee braces. Three-quarter porch has gable roof with arched gable. The two boxed columns that support the porch roof are mounted atop a low porch wall. Single car, detached garage appears to be original.

History:

The Phelps House at 1642 Cedar Street was probably built between 1908 and 1912. A house resembling the present house is clearly visible on the November 1912 Sanborn Company map of Forest Grove. In March 1908, Nora and Rolland A. Phelps had bought a smaller subdivided lot on which this house now stands. They owned it for the next three years. They are noted as the property owners on the 1911 Wilkes Brothers Abstract Company map of Forest Grove in Atlas of Washington County. (R.A. Prickett and others, apparently, owned this lot for a brief period in 1911 and 1912.)

W.J. and Cynthia Good, husband and wife, bought this property in August 1912 for \$1,600, suggesting that the house had been built by them. At that time, W.J. Good was a partner in the Good & Humphrey real estate and insurance company in Forest Grove. W.J. and Cynthia Good platted the West Park Addition to Forest Grove. The Good couple sold the house in 1918. From 1918 to 1920, Samuel N. Short and his wife owned this house. Michael A. and Martha Riser owned the property from 1920 to 1932. During the 1930s and 1940s the property had several successive owners, including: Sarah Z. Rilea (1932-1940); Ida and T.E. O'Neil (1940-1943); and Louie Strohmayer, widower of Anna Strohmayer (1943-1948).

In 1948 Rudolph F. Landauer, then unmarried, bought the Phelps House. In the early 1950s, Minnie Landauer resided in the house. Rudolph F. and Margaret Landauer sold the house to her in 1955. Minnie Landauer remained an occupant at least through the 1960s.