

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1621 MAIN STREET - Graham House

Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, single-family residence with a composition shingle covered gable roof. It is a wood framed, wood-clad Bungalow. The structure is architecturally distinguished by a full-width front porch and a dominate gable roofed dormer on the primary facade. The front porch is protected by the house's principal roof supported by four massive boxed columns resting atop brick piers joined by lower brickwork. The front yard is elevated behind a low concrete retaining wall and bisected by concrete steps that ascend to the front porch. Large mature trees shade the side and back yards. A period detached garage stands in the rear yard.

History:

The Graham House at 1621 Main Street, built in 1913, is significant as a fine example of the Bungalow style of architecture and for its association with Loyal Graham, a lawyer, legislator, and civic leader. Distinctive architectural design features include the large brick piers and battered posts across the full width of the veranda. Loyal M. Graham probably began practicing law in Forest Grove around the mid-1910s. By the mid-1920s, his well-advertised law practice held forth on Main Street in Forest Grove. By the early 1950s, W.T. Graham and C.G. West occupied the Graham House on Main Street.