

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1638 MAIN STREET - Todd House

Description:

This is a two-story single-family residence with a composition shingle covered gambrel roof. It is a wood-framed, wood-clad Revival style house. Windows on the primary facade (gable end) are mostly one-over-one double-hung sash. The structure is architecturally distinguished by a straightforward primary facade consisting of an unadorned gable end that is accented by an eave side massive fireplace and chimney located forward near the primary facade. Mature evergreen trees shade yard.

History:

The Colonial Revival style Todd House at 1638 Main Street was built around 1925. Samuel E. Todd and his wife, apparently, first bought a parcel of land at the southwest corner of Main Street and Seventeenth Avenue in 1912 from E.A. Hyde. At that time, a two-story older house stood on the land. Over the next decade, Hyde sold other lots in this corner parcel to Ella T. Hyde and W.J. Good of Good Investment Company in Forest Grove. Samuel Todd bought W.J. Good's property in 1925 and may have had the present house built around that time.

Samuel Todd provided dentistry services to community residents for many years. In the 1930s, he had an office in the National Bank Building downtown. Todd owned this property into the early 1940s. He sold it in 1942 to William H. and Caroline Gauger.