

## Forest Grove Historic Resource



### 1803 MAIN STREET - Loomis House

#### Description:

This is a 1-1/2 story, single-family residence with composition shingle covered cross-gable roof. It is a wood-framed Bungalow with Queen Anne details. Most of the windows on the primary facade are one-over-one double-hung sash or large fixed. A massive, full-width porch covered by a dropped hip roof having a central pediment and supported by four stone columns architecturally distinguishes the structure. Above the front porch is a gable end with three identical one-over-one double-hung sash windows; its roof has a broad overhanging eave with exposed brackets. The yard is well shaded by large mature evergreen and deciduous trees.

#### History:

The Loomis House at 1803 Main Street, built around 1910, is significant as a very fine example of the Craftsman Bungalow style and for its association with the Loomis family that contributed to the commercial development of Forest Grove. Joseph E. Loomis, born in Wisconsin in 1857, married, in 1886, Mary, a native of Wisconsin born in 1861. The couple lived in North Dakota for several years where some of their seven children were born. They moved to Forest Grove around the turn of the century. The house at 1803 Main Street was built for the Loomis family around 1910. At that time, two of the Loomis's younger children, also named Joseph and Mary, were living with their parents at home. One of their older children, Floyd Loomis, built a house just down the street from his parents, at 1803 18th Avenue and, later, a taxidermy shop (around 1915) and house built at 1917 18th Avenue.