

# Forest Grove Historic Resource



## 2036 Main St - Ingles and Porter Building

The Ingles and Porter Building is a largely intact representation of the building type that emerged in the 1890s following a fire in downtown Forest Grove. Brick buildings were mandated by City Ordinance beginning in 1892, the year this structure was built.

The exact history of this building's ownership is uncertain. The name Ingles was discovered under the cornice during remodeling, according to Frank Broderson Sr. In 1892 the building housed the Heeley Institute and a jewelry store. In 1902 there was a shoe store and a hardware store in the building. By 1912 there was a general store on the street level, and a billiard parlor on the second floor.

William S. Ingles was born in Illinois in December of 1840. He married Mary E. Marsh in September 1870. They had four children by 1900. Ingles owned a billiard hall in Forest Grove in 1900.

Jerome A. Porter was born in New York in 1833. He traveled to California, mined for gold and worked in the lumber business. He arrived in Forest Grove in 1853 and obtained 330 acres of farmland. He married Ellen Rafferty in 1862. They had four children by 1880.

Edith Kenworth is listed in tax records as the owner from 1901 on, but she does not appear in the 1900 or 1910 census records.

### Sources:

US Bureau of the Census, 1900.

US Bureau of the Census, 1910.

Forest Grove Inventory of Historic and Cultural Places, 1985.