

Forest Grove Historic Resource



2042 Main St - Keep Building

C. M. Keep bought this property from Milton Tuttle in 1889. Keep replaced the existing wood building with this brick one before selling the property to William P. Via in 1892. Via was a Forest Grove physician who had invested heavily in local real estate. Via lived for many years on the family property at 1810 Pacific Avenue. A house built by his son is now on that property.

The building is a simple brick commercial structure built at a time of significant brick construction in Forest Grove. Many of the buildings on the west side of Main Street were constructed in the 1890s, replacing early wood buildings that had first lined this street in Forest Grove. Opposite these buildings was the original town square, which was owned by the Congregational Church until 1912.

Sources:

Forest Grove Inventory of Historic and Cultural Resources, 1985.