

# Forest Grove Historic Resource



## 1930-1936 Pacific Ave - Abbott/Thornburg/Bailey Building

John E. Bailey was born in Indiana in 1845. He married for a second time to Mary Luck (b. 1853, Wisconsin) in 1886. Bailey was a merchant and formed a partnership with Edward Haines. Bailey and Haines had 2008 Main Street built in 1890/1895 to house their business. They later dissolved the partnership and Haines concentrated on banking, and a partnership with John Templeton (1st National Bank of Forest Grove) [See 2004 Main and 2008 Main]. Bailey founded Forest Grove National Bank with John Thornburg and three other investors in 1907. The Baileys lived on 15th Avenue in 1910 with her father, James Luck (b. England 1814).

John A Thornburg was born in Oregon in 1877. He married Nettie (b. 1879, Michigan) in 1893. In 1910 they lived on 17th Avenue with their only child, Richard. Thornburg was a banker, and one of the original partners of Forest Grove National Bank, which was founded in 1907.

Mayne J. Abbott was born in 1876 in Minnesota. He married Mary A. (b. 1878, Kansas) in 1902. They also were living on 17th Avenue in 1910. Abbott was a jeweler and had a shop in the Abbott/Thornburg/Bailey Building when it was constructed in 1909.

The building has two storefronts, and Abbott and Bailey probably shared the ground floor space. It is unclear when the building was sold, although Abbott and Thornburg were relatively young when the building was built (35 and 36, respectively). One of the current [1993] tenants is still a jewelry store.

Brick-Front Vernacular commercial buildings were built either as single or multiple storefronts. They had brick ornament consisting of friezes and cornices and continuous window sills. 1930-1936 Pacific Avenue is typical of this vernacular style [Gottfried and Jennings, 1985].

### Sources:

US Bureau of the Census, 1910.

Gottfried and Jennings, American Vernacular Design, 1985.

Janet Lamb, 1993.