

Forest Grove Historic Resource



2406 15TH AVE - Spaulding, W.P., House

Description:

The 2-1/2 story vernacular Queen Anne house at 2406 15th Avenue was built around 1904. It has a cruciform plan and sits on a concrete block foundation. The cross gable roof is covered with composition shingles and has wide rake boards and decorative gingerbread work in the gable ends. The gable ends are enclosed by pent roofs. The walls of the house are clad in wood lap siding with beadboard in the gable ends. The walls are trimmed with corner boards and wide frieze boards below the eaves. One-over-one double-hung wood windows with decorative hoods are the primary type. The historic carved entry door is topped by a transom and is located off a large porch that wraps the front half of the house. The porch is covered by a hip roof with a wide frieze, supported on round classical columns. The wood deck is surrounded by a low wood rail and its underside is enclosed by a vertical board skirt. A one-story enclosed porch is located at the rear of the house and has a Queen Ann window on the west end. A chimney with decorative brickwork projects from the roof ridge near the rear of the house. This house is in excellent condition and its integrity is excellent.

An associated two-car garage with apartment above is located to the east of the house. It has a gable roof with eave returns and matches the house in materials and style. It does not appear to be historic however. Three large oak trees stand on the west side of the lot.

History:

The W.P. Spaulding house was constructed in 1904 by W.P. Spaulding who lived at the house for seven years. Dr. John Roberts and his wife Pauline lived here from 1953-56. Dr. Roberts was head of the Department of Biology at Pacific University. Pauline Roberts was a registered nurse. She also worked for the Forest Grove school district as a library aide. Maurice and Mary Daily lived here from 1964-1966. Mr. Dailey worked in the logging industry for twenty years. In 1962 he began working as a welder at the Oregon Steel Mills in Portland.