

Forest Grove Historic Resource



1414 BIRCH ST

Description:

The Craftsman inspired house at 1414 Birch Street was built in 1913. The structure has a square footprint and is slightly raised on a full basement. The two-story house has a side facing gable and a prominent front-facing shed dormer. A full-width porch with a shed roof runs across the façade. All roof surfaces are covered with asphalt composition shingles. A brick chimney emerges from the center of the ridge. The façade is not quite symmetrical. The front door is offset slightly to the south, with large picture windows to either side. There are also three unevenly spaced square porch posts with minimal bases and capitals, as well as a simple low railing. The two second story windows are widely spaced and consist of 1/1 wood double-hung sashes, the dominant type of opening. The three tightly spaced windows of the dormer form a contrast to the distribution of the second story. All windows appear to be protected with wooden storms. The south elevation is notable for its two square bays, one on the ground floor set toward the rear (west), one on the second floor set to the front (east). Decorative elements typical of the Craftsman style include unadorned eave brackets and exposed rafter tails. In the 1980s a two-car garage in a compatible style was constructed toward the north.

History:

John Templeton constructed this house in 1914. John Templeton was instrumental in installing the streetcar line in Forest Grove and establishing the Forest Grove Transport Company. He was also Vice President of the First National Bank. He and his wife Ana lived in the house until their daughter Faye Templeton Schultz and her husband Louis F. Schultz bought the property in 1948. Louis and Faye had previously lived at the house at 2204 15th Avenue. Louis Schultz ran a grocery store in Forest Grove on Main Street for many years. Faye and Louis had two children, Barbara and Louis Jr. Louis and Faye owned the house until 1985, when they moved to Grants Pass to live with their son. Louis died in 1989 and Faye passed away in 2000.