

# Forest Grove Historic Resource



## 2004 Main St - First National Bank of Oregon Building

Edward W. Haines was born in Iowa in 1861. He attended Pacific University and operated a sawmill and gristmill in Forest Grove from 1885-1895. He married Nettie in 1888 and formed a merchandizing partnership with John E. Bailey (b. Indiana, 1845) called Haines and Bailey in 1890. He was also the major stockholder in the Electric Light Company, which served Dilley, Gaston, and Cornelius.

In 1898 Haines was tapped to fill the vacant state Senate seat of Samuel Hughes. During this time he also entered the banking business. Haines entered into a partnership with John Templeton, another Forest Grove banker. Templeton was born in Pennsylvania in 1858/59. He married his wife Anne in 1885/86 and resided on Birch Street in Forest Grove in 1910.

Between 1910 and 1912 (exact date unclear), Haines and Templeton had the First National Bank of Forest Grove constructed at the intersection of Main Street and Pacific Avenue. They sold the bank to M. R. Johnson in 1915. He operated it until it was sold to First National Bank of Oregon in 1937. It is unclear whether Johnson sold out as a result of the Great Depression, although speculation is warranted. Robert L. Fuiten, a Forest Grove businessman, bought the building in 1972 and remodeled it into use for shops and offices.

### Sources:

Forest Grove Inventory of Historic and Cultural Places, 1985.

US Bureau of the Census, 1910.

US Bureau of the Census, 1900.