

Forest Grove Southside Intensive Survey

Address: 1502 Ash Street
Historic Name: Harry Sherman House
Date of Construction: 1930
Owner: Wilbur and Marie McKinney
Legal Description: Block 6 Lot 7-12
Classification: Historic Contributing



Description:

The Sherman House is a two and a half story English Cottage style with poured cement foundation and full basement. It is on a small narrow lot on the corner of 15th and Ash and faces Ash. The primary (east) façade is notable for the projecting stucco entrance portico. There is an arched front door entry with curved cement steps and a pair of fixed two over four windows on the second floor. The portico has a steeply pitched roof with wood shingles. Flanking the front entrance on the first floor are two large plate glass windows with decorative muntins. The second floor has a projecting gable with a one over one window on either side of the stucco front entrance portico. A brick chimney caps the center of the roof.

Significance:

The house was constructed in 1930 by H.A. Sherman. Harry and Willa Sherman lived at the house until 1956. Harry Sherman Jr. was Operations Superintendent (Director) of Forest Grove Light and Power for thirty five years and later became the Forest Grove City Manager (from 1970-1973). Harry Sherman Jr. was one of those responsible for negotiating the low power rate for Forest Grove.