

Forest Grove Southside Intensive Survey

Address: 1506 Cedar Street

Historic Name: E. Vernon Burlingham House

Date of Construction: 1909

Owner: Dale Mitcheltree

Legal Description: South Park Addition, Block 8 Tract 13-16

Classification: Historic Contributing, Local Inventory # 58



Description:

The Burlingham House is a two and a half story Bungalow with a medium pitched bell cast hipped roof with decorative brackets. It is located on the northwest corner of 15th and Cedar on a large lot and faces Cedar. The primary (east) façade is notable for the full length front porch which is covered by a shed roof. The shed roof supports a small central gable containing truss work. The porch roof is supported by four large piers. An attractive rail surrounds the front porch. Most of the windows are one over one, double hung sash. A few including the central upper level front windows, are twenty over one double hung sash. Two large picture windows flank the front door on the first level. The front door has sidelights. The siding is beveled. There are two chimneys and the foundation is poured concrete.

Significance:

The Burlingham House was constructed in 1909 by F.J. Miller. John Buchanan owned the house from 1916 through 1925. During the Spanish American War John Buchanan served with Co. F 2nd Oregon in the capture of the Philippine Islands. E. Vernon Burlingham and his wife Mildred lived at the house from 1925 to 1955. Mr. Burlingham was President and General Manager of E.B. Burlingham and Sons and Burlingham Meeker Seed Company. Mr. Burlingham served on the Forest Grove City Council and Forest Grove High School budget committee. He served as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and the Forest Grove National Bank. Willard and Opal Slabaugh lived at the house from 1955 until 1990. Opal Slabaugh, a registered nurse, was the director of Student Health Services at Pacific University for 26 years.