

Forest Grove Southside Intensive Survey

Address: 2128 15th Avenue
Historic Name: Charles Hines House
Date of Construction: 1897
Owner: Alan Phillips
Legal Description: South Park Addition,
Block 14 Lot 3
Classification: Historic Contributing;
Local Resource # 13



Description:

The Hines/Lacey House is a one story Queen Anne on a small lot facing 15th Ave. It has a rectangular plan with a high gable roof. The primary (north) façade has a second, smaller gable protruding from the main gable. Each of the gables is boxed with a decorated frieze. A third smaller gable covers a porch leading to the main entry. All of the gables are decorated with a sun with rays design. The porch is supported by four turned posts. Siding is wood shingles and the roofing is composition shingles. The windows are one over one double hung. A large oak tree sits directly in front of the house.

Significance:

The house known most recently as the "Lacey House" since it was added to the local historic resource inventory by owner Mark Lacey was constructed in 1897 by Thomas Madison Hines. Thomas Madison Hines arrived in Yamhill County Oregon in September 1848 and took a donation land claim on a branch of the Tualatin in Washington County where he farmed and raised cattle. In 1849 he went to California and mined for gold on the Feather River. After making little money, he returned to Oregon and continued farming. For many years he also worked as a road supervisor. When he retired, he built a house in town and lived off of the interest from the sale of his original land claim. He had two sons with his wife Mary: Cicero and Charles. Charles became a doctor and inherited the property when his father died on 12/26/1901. Dr. Charles Hines and his wife Agnes lived at the property until Agnes passed away in 1936. Dr. Hines was a physician who operated a drug store on Main Street in Forest Grove from 1905-1932. In 1915/1916 Charles was listed as the postmaster for Forest Grove. Their son Willis lived at the property with his wife Lois until 1944. Willis had graduated from Pacific University in 1921 and was a history and general science teacher at Forest Grove High school until 1943. He then purchased the Craft Insurance Agency which he operated as the Willis Hines Agency for many years. According to the initial survey a still was located at the property and bootleg whiskey was sold here during the prohibition.