

Forest Grove Southside Intensive Survey

Address: 2206 12th Avenue
Historic Name: James T. Buxton House
Date of Construction: 1916
Owner: Julian Medinger
Legal Description: Fairmount, Lot 1 pt vacated street
Classification: Historic Contributing



Description:

The two and a half story Moore house is a nice example of the Craftsman style of architecture. It is located in the Fairmount Addition on the southeast corner of 12th Street and Birch and faces 12th Ave. The house is situated on high ground overlooking adjacent farm land and originally had a barn and shop. The low pitched gable roof has wide overhanging eaves with prominent outriggers. On the first floor of the primary façade there is a large recessed veranda supported by ten square posts. This façade's most unique feature is the prominent bay window with a shed roof which projects from the second story. This bay has four double hung twelve over one windows. The building has a wood frame and cement foundation. The wood siding is clapboard on the first story and shingles on the second.

Significance:

The property was bought by James T. Buxton in 1904 and he owned it until it was sold by his estate in 1928. The house was constructed on the property in 1916. James T. Buxton was born on March 16th, 1854 on a donation land claim northwest of Forest Grove. He was the grandson of Henry Buxton Sr. who came to Oregon in 1841 as part of the Red River migration. His father was Henry Buxton Jr, a Forest Grove farmer. In 1878 he married Pharabe Bailey and they had 12 children. Buxton served as a City Councilman and was listed as a blacksmith in the City Directories from 1881 to 1905/06. The property was owned by various people from the twenties and thirties including Albert and Emma Ellis, who purchased the property in 1928. Mr. Ellis was a farmer through his life. Daniel and Florence Moore owned the property from 1951 until 1997. Florence Moore was a deputy at Lincoln County Courthouse until she married her husband Daniel in 1936. They moved to Forest Grove in 1951 and Daniel Moore was an accountant for Pine Products Corp. from 1937 -1949. While living in Forest Grove he operated a machine shop and was a realtor and developer.