

Forest Grove Southside Intensive Survey

Address: 2237 16th Avenue
Historic Name: Richard Lee House
Date of Construction: 1906
Owner: David and Anise Taylor
Legal Description: South Park Addition,
Block 3 lots 1 & 2
Classification: Historic Contributing



Description:

The Lee House is vernacular farmhouse constructed in 1906 and located on the northwest corner of 16th and Cedar. The primary (south) façade faces 16th Avenue and is notable for the open porch with two rounded pillars which stretches to the southeast corner of the house. A simple front entry is located off the front porch to the west side, perpendicular to the south façade. Windows are one over one double hung. The roof is medium pitch cross gabled with a simplified molding on the wide bracketed roof eaves. The siding is horizontal clapboard and the foundation is poured concrete.

Significance:

This house was built in 1906 by Albert Brackenbury. Mary House lived here from 1909 until 1921. Oren and Maude Grabill lived here from 1946 until 1956. Mr. Grabill was employed at the Hudson House Cannery in Forest Grove until his retirement in 1958. A WWI veteran, he served with the 36th machine gun battalion. His wife, Maude, attended Tuality Academy and later Pacific University and received her teaching certificate. She taught primary grades at Gales Creek School. Richard and Alice Lee lived at the house from 1956 until 1977. Richard Lee served in the navy during WWII. After the war he graduated from Pacific University. He worked for Stimson Lumber Company out of Forest Grove as a woods supervisor until he retired in 1979 after he was injured. James and Gail Jameson lived at the house from 1977 until 1990. Gail Jameson graduated from the University of California with a teaching degree and a degree in electrical engineering. She taught at Oakland and Berkley before moving to Forest Grove in 1977 when she began working for Tektronix as an engineer. Robert and Janet Lamb lived here from 1990 to 2005. Janet Lamb was a local historian. The Eric Stewart Collection was housed here for a short time while the history room at the Forest Grove library was constructed.