

Forest Grove Southside Intensive Survey

Address: 2422 15th Avenue
Historic Name: John E. Bailey House
Date of Construction: 1892
Owner: Charlotte Powell
Legal Description: South Park Addition,
Block 11 lot 4 & pt 3
Classification: Historic Contributing,
Local Inventory #66, nr
eligible (altered)



Description:

The Bailey House is a fine example of the Queen Anne style. It is located on a small lot facing 15th Avenue. The primary (north) façade consists of a covered porch with decorative columns which covers the eastern half of the north façade and wraps around to the east. A neoclassical portico with a pedimented gable covers the front entry. Both the porch and the projecting portico are supported by Roman Doric columns. Siding on the house is horizontal shiplap. The western portion of the first floor has a pair of one over one double hung windows with decorative molding. The second floor is notable for the tower on the northeast corner with its steeply pitched roof and small roof dormer. The western half of the second floor has a pair of one over one double hung windows similar in style to those on the first floor. There are three main roof gables which have boxed cornices. The peak of each gable is decorated with elaborate carved trim. Two one and one half and one story additions with gable roofs have been attached to the rear of the house. The northeast corner of the house has been altered significantly since its original construction with the addition of the tower and the porch and portico in 1905 (estimated).

Significance:

This house was built by John E. Bailey in 1893. In 1888 he became the Southern Pacific station agent at Forest Grove. John Bailey was a prominent businessman who started a general store with Edward Haines at 2008 Main Street in 1890. In 1895 he bought his partner's interest in the store which he continued to operate until his retirement in 1917. In 1907 Mr. Bailey helped to organize the Forest Grove National Bank, where he served as Vice President. Bailey also owned a hay barn west of Elm Street which became the Albers Mill in 1912. Mr. Bailey has served as a member of the City Council, and a trustee of Pacific University. In 1877 John Bailey married Minnie Shipley. They had two children, Mary and Fred. Fred passed away when he was three. Minnie passed away in 1890, and John Bailey remarried to Miss Ella Luck. The house passed to Ella Bailey in 1898. John Bailey died in 1935, and his daughter Mary Shipley, who had married William D. Clark (descendant of Harvey Clark) lived at the house until 1939.