

**Below: A guide to historic home styles in Forest Grove; how to find out more about the city's historic homes; and where the city's historic district proposals stand.**

### **Painter's Woods area: History through home styles**

#### **Queen Anne, 1880-1900**

**History:** Drawn by Pacific University and the bustling town growing up around it, prominent citizens moved into the Painter's Woods area, building elaborate and expensive Queen Anne-style homes.

**Features:** Multiple stories and a complex, asymmetrical shape, with towers, wraparound porches and various window types, as well as boxed cornices, turned spindles and other decorative elements.

**Pictured home:** Built in 1893 at 2422 15th Ave. by John E. Bailey, who co-owned a general store on Main Street, helped organize the Forest Grove National Bank and served as the Southern Pacific station agent, as well as a city councilor and a trustee at Pacific University.



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#### **Foursquare, 1900-15; English cottage and colonial revival, 1900-40**

**History:** With Forest Grove's population at 1,300, three other home styles started to appear.

**Foursquare:** Two-story (or more) homes with a square, four-room plan, plus dormers and full front porches. Decorative elements were confined to the porch and under the eaves.

**Pictured home:** Built in 1905 at 2303 15th Ave. by E. G. Mills, who sold it in 1912 for \$2,600.



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**English Cottage:** Steep roofs, round-top doorways and brick or stucco walls.

**Pictured home:** Built in 1930 at 1502 Ash St. by Harry A. Sherman, who served as director of Forest Grove Light and Power for 35 years and later became city manager.



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**Colonial Revival:** Large homes characterized primarily by columns and symmetrical forms.

**Pictured home:** Built in 1905 at 2434 15th Ave. by the manufacturer of the top-selling Dr. Lyons Tooth Powder, Dr. Whitney Lyon, for his sister, Lavina Lyon Watts.



### **Craftsman, 1905-16**

**History:** After the Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland in 1905, Oregon experienced an economic boom that continued into the 1920s. Expensive Craftsman homes appeared.

**Features:** Two-story, with low-pitched roofs, wide eaves, full deep porches and many window types.

**Pictured home:** The F.J. Miller House, built in 1909, was used in advertisements and on postcards to promote Forest Grove. Miller owned the only gas station in town, as well as a lucrative patent for a special kind of Bohemian hop he had developed at his country home, an eye-catching Victorian structure on Fern Hill Road.



### **Bungalow, 1916-30**

**History:** As high building costs prohibited Craftsman homes around 1915, the smaller bungalows became popular. They were more economically accessible, and their construction materials were more available. Many people ordered them as "kit houses" through Sears.

**Features:** Incorporated some Craftsman elements, such as a full porch, columns and decorative windows.

**Pictured home:** Built in 1921 at 2204 15th Ave. as a wedding present for Faye Templeton by her father, John Templeton, a First National Bank vice president who helped establish the city's streetcar line. He lived across the street.



### **Minimal traditional, 1920-40**

**History:** This more austere home style was a response to the Great Depression and the public's reduced disposable income.

**Features:** Columns and porches are absent or smaller. But these homes retained hints of the previous, elaborate styles, such as steep roofs and simplified classical detailing.



**Pictured home:** Built in 1936 at 1221 Birch St. by Joseph Robert McCready, who co-owned a lumber company and served as city attorney for 18 years, including trustee and adviser to Pacific University.



### **Minimal tract, early 1930-50**

**History:** These homes appeared while people were still recovering from the Depression and stuck around through 1950, as GIs returned from the war, wanting homes for their new families. The tract style -- available in kits -- made home ownership possible for many people, even with building materials in short supply.



**Features:** Simple, rectangular shape and small, one-story style with little ornamentation.

**Pictured home:** Built in 1948 at 2318 15th Ave. by John Olovson, a building contractor who founded the Forest Grove Cabinet Shop.



### **Ranch, 1930-1950**

**History:** The ranch home's attached garage reflected the country's increasing dependence on the automobile.

**Features:** Long facade takes up most of the lot space, perhaps unintentionally symbolizing urban sprawl.



**Pictured home:** Built in 1948 at 1205 Birch St. by William "Neve" and Mabel Bone, who ran the W.N. Bone Drug Store in Forest Grove.

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