

**CITY OF FOREST GROVE,  
WASHINGTON COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY**

RESOURCE NO: 296/900  
 PRESENT OWNER: Mr. & Mrs. Loren Waltz T 1N R 3W Sec. 31 ¼ SW  
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Dr. W. R. Taylor TAX LOT #: 5201  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Mr. Taylor CONDITION: Excellent  
 LOCATION: 2212 "A" St., Forest Grove, Oregon CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1919  
 COMMON/HISTORIC NAME: Taylor Residence  
 USE: PRESENT residence THEME: Arch: 20th Cent.  
 ORIGINAL residence TYPE: Building

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**Description of the resource and statement of historical significance:**  
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Built in 1919 for Dr. W. R. Taylor, this residence is an example of Dutch Colonial Revival style architecture. It is two stories high and rectangular in plan, with several attachments to the south and west elevations. The walls of the house are constructed of poured concrete and are hollow inside. This is one of the first houses in Forest Grove to have this type of patented construction. Composition shingle covers the gambrel roof. Shed roof dormers, three bays wide, project from the west and east roof facades. There are two brick chimneys, one central interior and one exterior on the north elevation. Bays of three over one double hung sash windows are symmetrically placed throughout the house. Window lights in the upper sash are vertically divided. On the front (east) elevation is a centrally located entry door of three lights and wood panels, flanked by side lights.

Four truncated, boxed posts resting on piers support the pergola porch and round arched front entry. The exposed joists once supported extensive shrubbery growth, but are now unadorned. Cement steps lead to this entry.

A one story sunroom, with flat roof and balustrade, is attached to the house on the south facade. A patio projects from the west facade. A new carport has been added to the original garage.

**Sources consulted:**

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Recorded by: McLaughlin/Haynes Date: March, 1984

**PRESENT OWNER'S ADDRESS**  
 (If different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

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Historic Name:   
Current Name:   
Street:   
City:   
Owner:   
Category:  Location:   
TRS:   
Quad:   
Map:  TLN:   
Addition:   
Block:  Lot:

Original Use:   
Current Use:   
Secondary Current Use:   
Building Date:  Moved?   
Theme:   
Secondary Theme:   
Style:   
Secondary Style:   
Architect:   
Builder:

Condition:   
Integrity:   
Local Ranking:

Plan Shape:  Number of Stories:   
Foundation Material:  Basement?  Porch?   
Roof Form:  Roofing Material:   
Primary Window Type:   
Exterior Surfacing Materials:  Structural Framing:   
Decorative Surfacing:   
Decorative Features:   
Alterations/Additions:   
Landscape Features:   
Associated Structures:   
Known Archaeological Features:   
Setting:



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Statement of Significance:

On August 26, 1872 the Reverend Elkanah Walker platted the land contained in his donation land claim just west of the Pacific University campus. One of the most notable early citizens of Forest Grove, Walker settled in the area in 1849 and served as pastor at the Congregational Church. The Reverend donated land for the establishment of Tualatin Academy and platted the remaining property into four large blocks. These would eventually become the smaller residential and commercial blocks now found in the downtown area. All properties are subject to restrictions against gambling and "ardent spirits."

Construction of this house was reportedly started in 1919 for Dr. W.R. Taylor, a local physician and surgeon whose offices were located in the Nixon Building on Main Street. The title to the property was transferred to Taylor from G.H. Baldwin in 1921. George and Cynthia Bennett bought the house in 1929 and retained ownership until 1947. The next long-term owners were Homer H. and Ann V. Waltz who purchased the house in 1949. The house has remained in the Waltz family ever since.

John Taylor (no relation) designed and built this Dutch Colonial Revival house using a unique construction system. Taylor developed and patented the system, using it to build numerous houses in Forest Grove. Known as the "Taylor Process Hollow Concrete Wall," it consists of two 3" thick walls of concrete, separated by a 1-1/2" air space, connected together with metal ties. Taylor's company, "Thormost Building Corporation," co-owned by C.W. Wertz, marketed this unique process throughout the United States.

This 1-1/2 story house, with its gambrel roof and dormers, exhibits a form typical of the Dutch Colonial Revival style, one that is rarely true to its Colonial antecedents. Original Dutch Colonial houses, mostly constructed in New York and New Jersey during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, were usually not as large as the revival versions, had gentler roof pitches, and never had prominent shed dormers such as the one found on this example. The Colonial Revival began to use front or cross gambrels in the 1890s, but side gambrels were not common until the 1920s.

This house features Colonial Revival elements including the continuous dormer across the front, the one-story, flat-roofed wing, and symmetry of the main volume. The projecting entry portico has a curved underside, and is supported by elephantine, truncated columns, which also support the flanking pergola entry porch. The columns, pergola and 3/1 grouped windows are characteristic of the bungalow style, thus exhibiting the common tendency of combining styles. The house is in good condition and retains a high level of historic integrity. It is situated on a well-manicured lot with foundation plantings and mature landscaping which include five Oregon white oaks.

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Street: 2212 A St

Map: 1N331CC TLN: 5201  
TRS: T1N R3W S31 Quad: Forest Grove

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CONTEXTUAL DESCRIPTION:

The residence is sited west, off of "A" Street in block 4, lot 1, of Walker's Addition to Forest Grove. This residential neighborhood is populated by single and multiple family dwellings. A well-maintained lawn, foundation plantings, and several mature trees landscape the property.

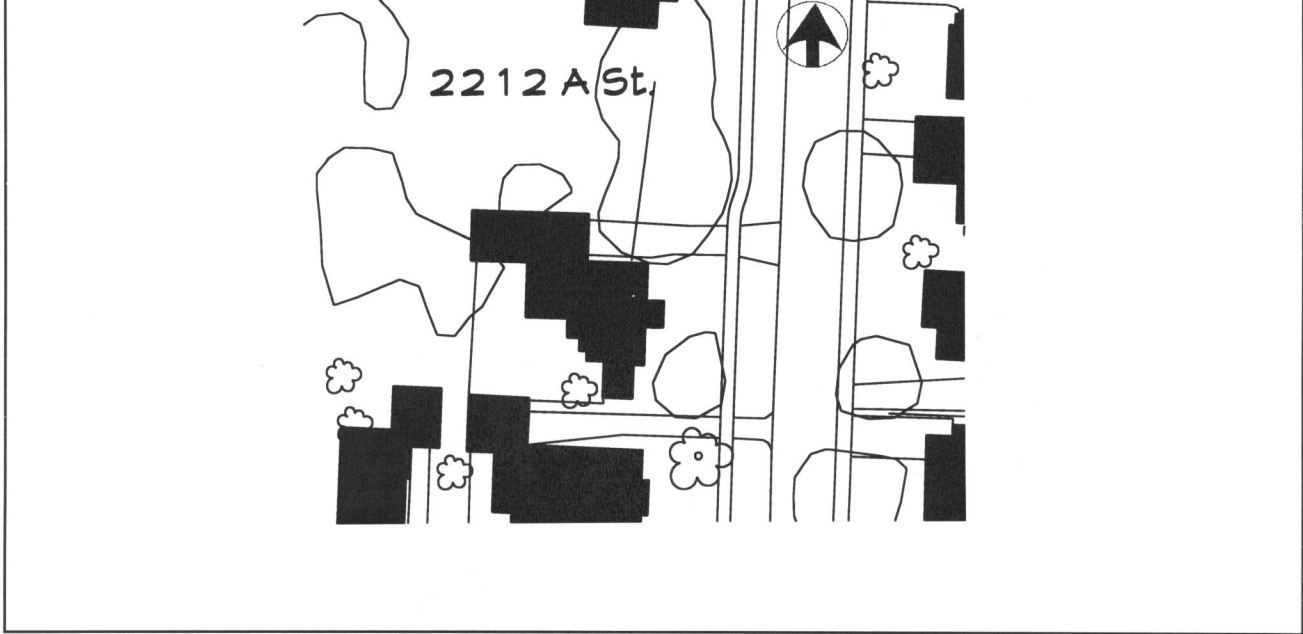
ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

This stately Dutch Colonial Revival home was built in 1919 for Dr. W. R. Taylor, a physician and surgeon who opened his practice in Forest Grove. His office was located on the 2nd floor of the Nixon Building, an existing building on Main Street. This commercial building was erected by the second Dr. Nixon of Forest Grove, and historically housed doctor offices on the 2nd floor.

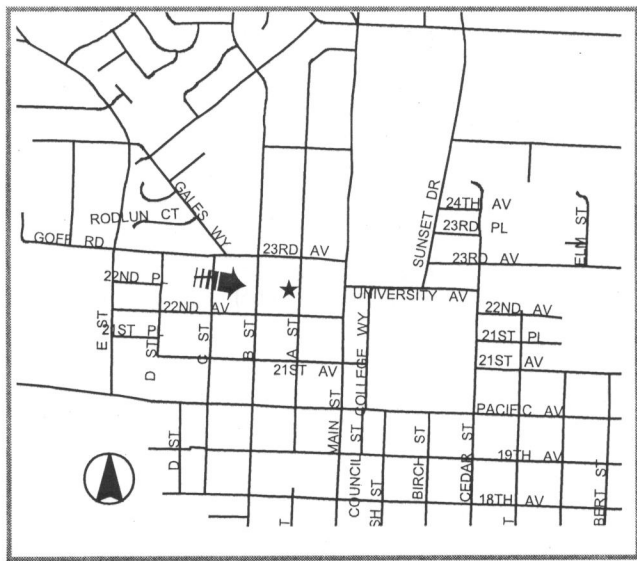
After Dr. Taylor relocated in Hood River, he retained ownership of the house for several years, using it as a rental. The house was sold to one owner before being purchased by Homer & Ann Waltz in 1946. They resided in the house for twenty-three years until 1969, when it was sold to their son and daughter-in-law, Loren and Dorthy Waltz.

Aside from several interior alterations in the kitchen and dining room areas, there have been no major changes made to this house. It is of significance to note that the builder of this residence, John Taylor (no relation to Dr. Taylor), originated, designed and patented the hollow wall type of construction. The Taylor house retains its integrity and is one of the finer examples of Dutch Colonial Revival style architecture. Coupled with its distinctive type of construction, this residence is of architectural significance to the City of Forest Grove.





Forest Grove Street Map:



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