

**Historic Property** Jeffers House  
**Inventory Report for** 2109 East Bay Drive NE Olympia, Thurston, 98506

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Jeffers House **Field Site No.:** 530  
**Common Name:** (#34-323) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 2109 East Bay Drive NE Olympia, Thurston, 98506  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
                     T18R02W 11 NE TUMWATER

**UTM Reference**  
**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 508000 **Northing:** 5212090

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
77900100700 Sunset Beach/Lot 7/Block 1

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
City of Olympia Planning Department < one

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson/Tom C. **Date Recorded:** 9/5/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

**Owner's Name:** Al Foley III/Mary East Eade **Owner Address:** 3425 Ensign Rd NE **City/State/Zip:** Lacey, WA 98503

**Classification:** Building **Resource Status** **Comments**

**Within a District?** No **Survey/Inventory**

**Contributing?**

**National Register Nomination:** 0

**Local District:**

**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:**

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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**Historic Use:** Domestic - Single Family House

**Current Use:** Domestic - Single Family House

**Plan:** Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 2

**Structural System:** Balloon Frame

**Changes to plan:** Slight

**Changes to interior:** Unknown

**Changes to original cladding:** Intact

**Changes to other:**

**Changes to windows:** Intact

**Other (specify):**

**Cladding** Shingle

**Foundation**

**Style** Arts & Crafts - Craftsman

**Form/Type**

**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition

**Roof Type** Shed  
Hip

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1922

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Joseph Wohleb

Arts

Builder:

Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:

No

Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local):

No

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

**Statement of Significance**

The Joseph Jeffers House is a 1922 Joseph Wohleb design which retains its original form and appointments as one of the fine waterfront homes on East Bay Drive. Born in 1881, Jeffers came to Olympia when he was six months old. He worked in lumber mills as a young man and began an interest in Kodaks, cleaning and trading them until 1902. He then began work as a traveling photographer and returned to Olympia in 1904 to found his own studio. Jeffers died an untimely death from a fall in the Olympic Mountains in 1924. His wife and son Vibert continued his work and created an excellent archive of Olympia photographs until Vibert's death in 1971. The Jeffers Studio in downtown Olympia was designed by Joseph Wohleb for Jeffers in 1913 and featured a north light window

**Description of Physical Appearance**

Located on an elaborately landscaped lot above the east shore of Budd Inlet, the Jeffers House is approached by a curving driveway which leads down from the road to a parking area and detached garage to the east of the house. It is a rectangular wood frame structure, of two stories with a daylight basement, resting on a poured concrete foundation. The shallow hip roof is covered with composition shingles and has a plain boxed cornice with a wide soffit; it is penetrated by a brick chimney which rises on the south wall. A one-story hip-roofed porch on the front (east) facade shelters the entry door; it has exposed rafters and wrought iron columns which appear to be later additions. The french-style door has multi-paned sidelights and an arched transom; a second story french door with multi-paned sidelights open onto the porch roof. The roof extends over a square bay at the southeast front corner, which contains a wide Palladian window with diamond panes. Other fenestration includes small multi-paned windows in bands of two, three and four, and plate glass picture windows at the rear which overlook Budd Inlet. A shed-roofed extension on the main floor and an adjacent covered porch extend to the rear, as does the daylight basement below them. The house appears to be maintained in excellent condition.

**Major Bibliographic References**

Hunt, Hubert, Washington West of the Cascades, S. J. Clarke Co., Tacoma: 1917.  
Files of the Flotree-Sogge Partnership. (now at the University of Washington Special Collections Library.)

**PHOTOS**



View of SE CORNER (SHOWN), SW CORNER

taken 9/5/1985

Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):

15-6A, 7A

Comments: