Historic Property *George Mills House*

Inventory Report for *2061 East Bay Drive NE Olympia, Thurston, 98506*

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: George Mills House
Common Name: (#34-324)
Property Address: 2061 East Bay Drive NE Olympia, Thurston, 98506
Comments: OLYMPIA

Field Site No.: 531
OAHP No.:

County	Township/Range/EW	Section	1/4 Sec	1/4 1/4 Sec	Quadrangle
[redacted]	T18R02W	11	NE		TUMWATER

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 508010 **Northing:** 5212010

Tax No./Parcel No.
77900100800

Plat/Block/Lot
Sunset Beach L8 & 9, Block 1

Supplemental Map(s)
City of Olympia Planning Department

Acreage
< one

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name:	Owner Address:	City/State/Zip:
Chrystel C Cornew, C/O Daniel R Cornew	2061 East Bay Drive NE	Olympia, WA 98506

Classification: Building
Within a District? No
Contributing?

Resource Status
Survey/Inventory
Local Register

Comments

National Register Nomination: 0
Local District:
National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

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: Intact
Changes to original cladding: Intact
Changes to windows: Intact
Changes to interior: Unknown
Changes to other:
Other (specify):

Cladding Shingle
Style Tudor
Roof Material Wood - Shingle
Foundation Concrete - Poured
Form/Type
Roof Type Gable

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NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	**Other**
Architecture/Landscape Architecture	

Date Of Construction: 1920
Architect: Thomas & Totty
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 George Mills House was built ca. 1920 and designed by Thomas and Totty Architects of Seattle. Mills was a mayor of Olympia from 1929-1931 and was a prominent Olympia businessman owning hardware concern here for many years. Mrs. Mills was from Tacoma and was the daughter of a Supreme Court Justice, Merritt J. Gordon. Chrystel Cent Cornew and her husband Richard Cornew completely renovated the house in the 1990's. he house is one of several outstanding homes lining East Bay Drive and is an especially original design.

Description of Physical Appearance
Located above the east shore of Budd Inlet and surrounded by elaborate landscaping, the Mills House is a two-story, wood frame English Revival-style structure on a poured concrete foundation. The steeply-pitched, multi-gabled roof is covered with shingles; it forms shed dormers above several second story windows and terminates in close eaves. Walls are clad with wood shingles. A small recessed porch centered on the front (east) facade shelters the entry door. To the left of the porch, windows chart the path of the interior stairway from the first to the second story. To the right, wide french doors with multi-paned sidelights and transom are fronted by a narrow balcony with an ornate balustrade. Other fenestration consists of single and paired double-hung sash with nine-over-nine lights and plain surrounds. At the southeast corner, a one-half-story wing houses a double garage.

Major Bibliographic References
Letter from Mrs. Chrystel Kent.
Newell, Gordon, Rogues, Buffoons, and Statesmen, Seattle: Superior Publishing Co., 1975.

PHOTOS

View of east facade
taken 9/5/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.): 15-7A
Comments: