

**Historic Property** Zabel House  
**Inventory Report for** 1912 East State NE Olympia, Thurston, 98506

**LOCATION SECTION**

**Historic Name:** Zabel House **Field Site No.:** 541  
**Common Name:** (#34-351) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 1912 East State NE Olympia, Thurston, 98506  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
**█** T18R02W 13 NE TUMWATER

**UTM Reference**

**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Eastings:** 509560 **Northing:** 5210220

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
09480073000 J.C. Head Donation Land Claim - Portion

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
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**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson/Tom C. **Date Recorded:** 9/11/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

**Owner's Name:** Edna P. Gregg **Owner Address:** PO Box 3790 **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**

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

**Plan:** Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 1 1/2

**Structural System:** Balloon Frame

**Changes to plan:** Intact **Changes to interior:** Unknown  
**Changes to original cladding:** Intact **Changes to other:**  
**Changes to windows:** Slight **Other (specify):**  
**Cladding** Brick **Foundation** Concrete - Block  
**Style** Tudor **Form/Type**  
**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition **Roof Type** Gable

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

<b>Study Unit</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Date Of Construction:</b> <u>1913</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>		<b>Architect:</b> <u>August Lorentzen</u>
<u>Entertainment/Recreation</u>		<b>Builder:</b>
		<b>Engineer:</b>

**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** This substantial brick home was built and designed by local builder August Lorentzen for E. A. Zabel in 1931. Zabel was a prominent businessman who owned a succession of local theaters dating from 1909--the Lyric, Strand, Acme, Rex and Ray were located downtown on 4th and 5th Avenues. Zabel built in partnership with William Wilson, the Capital Theater in downtown Olympia, one of the finest show and movie houses in the area.

**Description of Physical Appearance** The Zabel House is a rectangular, one-and-one-half-story English Revival-style structure built of brick masonry and resting on a concrete block foundation. The steeply-pitched gable roof is covered with composition shingles and has close eaves with a simple molded cornice. A tall, narrow center gable ornaments the front (south) facade; immediately to its left is a smaller gable above the recessed entry porch. Quoins of clinker brick ornament the corners of the walls, and similar quoins grace the archway of the entry porch. To the right of the porch is a wide plate glass picture window with a segmental arched transom of leaded glass, and brick surround and sill; above it is a second story arched window fronted by a small wrought-iron balcony. To the left of the porch is another arched picture window. At the east end of the house a breezeway leads to a gable-roofed double garage.

**Major Bibliographic References** Interview with Art Zabel, son of the builder.  
Stevenson, Shanna, Olympia: Historical Vignettes of Olympia. State Capital Museum, 1982.

**PHOTOS**



**View of** south facade  
**taken** 9/11/1985  
**Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):**  
16-2A  
**Comments:**