

Historic Property Byrd House
Inventory Report for 1106 NE Olympia Avenue, Olympia, WA 98506

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Byrd House **Field Site No.:** 543
Common Name: (#34-359) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 1106 NE Olympia Avenue, Olympia, WA 98506
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 14 NE TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 508580 **Northing:** 5210250

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
81500000500 Van Epps & Wiman L 5

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

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

Owner's Name: Thomas A Probart **Owner Address:** 1106 NE Olympia Avenue **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

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

Within a District? No Survey/Inventory

Contributing? National Register
State Register
Local Register

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 1/2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Slight

Changes to interior: Intact

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Drop Siding
Shingle

Foundation Concrete - Block

Style Queen Anne

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1891</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>		Architect:
		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 One of the most ornate of the eastside Queen Anne Style homes, the house was built about 1891 by George and Mary Byrd who took out a mortgage for \$1, 800. Probably affected by the depression of 1893, the house was sold in 1896 to J. M. Robinson. Mrs. John C. Ross bought it from him in 1906. She then sold it to Cap Reinhart who in turn sold it back to her after she married Capt. Volney Young who married Mrs. Ross in 1909. Cap Reinhart repurchased the house in 1921-22. Born in Olympia in 1856, Reinhart was educated in California and Oregon. He worked for a number of newspapers in Washington and Oregon. In 1893 he became Clerk of the Washington Supreme Court, a position which he held until his death in 1934. He was a mayor of Olympia from 1899-1901. His title of "Captain" came from his role as organizer of the Washington National Guard Regiment in Olympia. Listed on Olympia Heritage Register, and the National and State Register.

Description of Physical Appearance The Byrd House is an ornately-detailed, two-and-one-half-story wood frame structure, built in the Queen Anne style and resting on a later concrete block foundation. The tall hipped and gabled roof is covered with composition shingles and has narrow eaves with a molded cornice; the gables have dentillated cornices, and narrow pent roofs at their bases. Walls are clad with drop siding and cornerboards, with hexagonal shingles in the gables, and a band of square and octagonal shingles between the stories curves out at its base. At the southwest front corner is a two-story porch; the first story has chamfered posts and a stickwork balustrade and cornice panels, and the second story has turned posts with spindlework cornice panels. On the first story is the paneled main entry door with its transom. Below the front gable is a two-story polygonal bay, with brackets and pendants below the second story cornice. Another bay below the east gable has a polygonal first story with similar brackets and pendants beneath the squared second story. Windows are tall, narrow double-hung sash with one-over-one lights and plain surrounds, and the gables feature oblong windows with borders of small square panes. A modern one-story covered porch and deck extend from the rear of the house. The house is maintained in good condition.

Major Bibliographic References Pioneer Title Company Records
Information from Imogene Ross, daughter of Mrs. John C. Ross.
Stevenson, Shanna "Victorian Olympia Walking Tour," 1981.

PHOTOS



View of SE corner
taken 9/11/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
16-12A
Comments: