

Historic Property Dunbar House
Inventory Report for 1118 NE Olympia Avenue, Olympia, WA 98506

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Dunbar House Field Site No.: 544
Common Name: (#34-362) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 1118 NE Olympia Avenue, Olympia, WA 98506
Comments: OLYMPIA

County Township/Range/EW Section 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec Quadrangle
T18R02W 14 NE TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 Easting: 508640 Northing: 5210250

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
81500000300 Van Epps & Wiman L2 L3

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Alex & Tamara Bunn Owner Address: 1118 NE Olympia Avenue City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98506

Classification: Building Resource Status: Survey/Inventory Comments:

Within a District? No Local Register

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: L-Shape No. of Stories: 2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact Changes to interior: Intact

Changes to original cladding: Intact Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Slight Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Drop Siding Foundation Concrete - Block

Shingle

Style Vernacular Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit Architecture/Landscape Architecture	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1892</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 early decorated pioneer style houses on the eastside, it was probably built by Judge R. O. Dunbar ca. 1892. Dunbar was a Supreme Court Justice from 1889 to 1912 and served as Chief Justice three times. A native of Illinois, he practiced in Yakima and was prosecuting attorney in several Eastern Washington Counties. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1889 and was a member of the Territorial Council and House of Representatives. Dunbar sold the house to Henry Mallory in 1899. Listed on the Olympia Register

Description of Physical Appearance The Dunbar House is an L-shaped, two-story wood frame structure, built in the Pioneer style and resting on a later concrete block foundation. The gable roof is covered with composition shingles and has narrow eaves with a simple-molded cornice. Walls are clad with drop siding, with fishscale shingles on the front south gable. A one-story hip-roofed porch with turned posts wraps around the front and east side facades, and shelters the front entry door. Windows are tall, narrow double-hung sash with one-over-one lights and plain surrounds with prominent head moldings. (The second story window above the front porch is a modern aluminum replacement.) A one-story enclosed porch spans the rear facade. The interior retains the original woodwork, sliding pocket doors, and wooden fireplace mantels. The house was rehabilitated in the 1980's.

Major Bibliographic References Pioneer Title Company Records.
Information from the current owner.
Fagan, Mary, "Background and selection patterns of Justices of the Washington Supreme Court: 1889-1974." unpublished research paper, Pullman, 1974.

PHOTOS



View of South Facade
taken 7/1/1997
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
Roll 43/6
Comments: