

Historic Property Fox House
Inventory Report for 2804 Orange Street SE Olympia, Thurston 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Fox House Field Site No.: 573
Common Name: (#34-422) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 2804 Orange Street SE Olympia, Thurston 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County Township/Range/EW Section 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec Quadrangle
T18R02w 25 NW TUMWATER

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 Easting: 508920 Northing: 5207660

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
76800200500 Stratford Place L5 Blk 2

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson Date Recorded: 9/18/1985 Survey Name: OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Gary Andrews Owner Address: 2804 Orange Street SE City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building Resource Status Survey/Inventory Comments

Within a District? No

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: Irregular No. of Stories: 1

Structural System: Concrete - Block

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Slight

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Concrete

Foundation

Style Tudor

Form/Type

Roof Material Wood - Shingle

Roof Type Hip

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1945</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>		Architect: <u>Frederick Schmidt</u>
		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 house was one of several built during World War II using concrete block construction in a development undertaken by Frederick Schmidt. This one was built for Bob Fox. he houses feature concrete block construction erected on a concrete pad. The pad was placed on top of a subfloor of gravel and ash to deter drawing moisture. The concrete block was also extended to the interior of the houses some of which had interior concrete walls while others had some frame construction. Concrete block came from the Greystone Concrete Company in Olympia. Frank Hallmeyer did the concrete work and B. B. Jensvold also assisted in the project. The houses were constructed of concrete because of the difficulty in procuring wood during the war. They were well built with double wall construction with a two inch airspace and good ceiling insulation as well. About 8 to 10 houses were built in the area of Eskridge and Orange streets.

Description of Physical Appearance Located at the end of a quiet street above the wooded ravine of Watershed Park, the Fox House is an elongated one-story structure in the form of a modernized English cottage. The foundation, exterior and interior walls are of concrete block. The gable roof is covered with composition shingles and has close eaves with wide fascia boards. A lower gable-roofed extension containing the living room projects to the west and has a large concrete block chimney rising on its west facade. A small hood extends from the roof over a small polygonal by window on the north facade. The living room wing is lit by large plate glass windows, and other windows have horizontal mullions.

Major Bibliographic References Information from Frederick Schmidt, Jr. and Alvin Padget who both worked on the construction

PHOTOS



View of NW corner
taken 9/18/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
 18-6A
Comments: