

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1939

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Frederick Schmidt

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 Frank Schmidt House was one of the residences constructed by Frederick Schmidt in concrete block in plans by Joseph Wohleb. Frank Schmidt was a member of the Schmidt family who founded the Olympia Brewery. The 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 that area of Eskridge and Orange street.

Description of Physical Appearance

The Schmidt House is a rectangular, one-and-one-half-story structure of simplified English Revival design, resting on a poured concrete foundation. The side-gabled roof is covered with composition shingles and has close eaves. Exterior walls are of painted concrete block, and interior partitions are also concrete block. A tall concrete chimney rises at the right of the front (north) facade; immediately to its left is a gable, fronted by a smaller projecting gable above the entry door. The paneled door is flanked by glass block sidelights and recessed within a wide segmental arch flanked by carriage lamps. Fenestration includes narrow multi-paned casements, and large multi-paned picture window on the west facade. At the southwest rear corner is a detached garage. A large addition has been built on the west side of the house. (1997)

Major Bibliographic References

Information from Frederick Schmidt, Jr. and Alvin Padget who both worked on the construction of the houses.

PHOTOS



View of north facade

taken 9/18/1985

Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):

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Comments: