

Historic Property Stevens Field & Water Tower

Inventory Report for Washington Street, 24th, 22nd, and I-5 are boundri Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Stevens Field & Water Tower

Field Site No.: 592

Common Name: (#34-456)

OAHP No.:

Property Address: Washington Street, 24th, 22nd, and I-5 are boundri Olympia, Thurston, 98501

Comments: OLYMPIA

County	Township/Range/EW	Section	1/4 Sec	1/4 1/4 Sec	Quadrangle
<u> </u>	<u>T18R02W</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>SW</u>		<u>TUMWATER</u>

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com

Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507900 **Northing:** 5208140

Tax No./Parcel No.

Plat/Block/Lot

43301300000

Crosby Blks 13 - 18

Supplemental Map(s)

Acreage

City of Olympia Planning Department

8.76

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson/Tom C

Date Recorded: 9/20/1985

Survey Name: OLYMPIA

Owner's Name:

Owner Address:

City/State/Zip:

Olympia School District

113 Legion Way

Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Structure

Resource Status

Comments

Within a District? Yes

Survey/Inventory

Contributing? Yes

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: SOUTH CAPITOL NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Industry/Processing/Extraction - Waterworks

Current Use: Industry/Processing/Extraction - Waterworks

Plan: Unknown

No. of Stories:

Structural System: Unknown

Changes to plan: Unknown

Changes to interior: Unknown

Changes to original cladding: Unknown

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Unknown

Other (specify):

Cladding

Foundation

Style

Form/Type

Roof Material

Roof Type

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1933

Entertainment/Recreation

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

Stevens Field, long a center of recreation in Olympia, was originally part of the Crosby and Enoch Wilson Donation Land Claims. The area was platted by Hazard Stevens, son of first territorial governor Isaac Stevens. George C. Mills, local hardwareman and school trustee purchased the land and deed it to the Olympia School District for \$6000 in 1921 for athletic purposes. Toilets, water service and bleachers were installed. An agricultural fair was one of the first events there. The water tower was built in 1933-34 and is 254 feet above sea level with a capacity of 250, 000 gallons. 1933 Date of Construction refers to tower only.

Description of Physical Appearance

The expansive field is surrounded by a chainlink fence and bordered by a wooded area to the east and a row of tall trees to the south. Tall overhead lights illuminate the playing areas. At the southeast corner is a one-story, flat-roofed field house of concrete. To the north of the field house rises the steel water tower; its cylindrical tank is perched on tall legs and has a spherical bottom, a conical roof and a surrounding railed catwalk.

Major Bibliographic References

Knox, Esther, A Diary of the Olympia School District 1852-1976, Olympia School District, 1976.

PHOTOS



View of general view (shown) water tower

taken 9/20/1985

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

19-9A, 10A

Comments: