

Historic Property La Villa Meeker House
Inventory Report for 1010 Rogers Street Ave NW, Olympia, WA 98502

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: La Villa Meeker House **Field Site No.:** 608
Common Name: (#34-627) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 1010 Rogers Street Ave NW, Olympia, WA 98502
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 22 NE TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 506440 **Northing:** 5209250

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
38700801500 Capital View L 15 Blocks 13 LK 8

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 10/8/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Angela Bowen **Owner Address:** 3535 7th Avenue SW **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98502

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

Within a District? No **Survey/Inventory**

Contributing? 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: Irregular **No. of Stories:** 2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Slight

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to windows: Moderate

Changes to interior: Unknown

Changes to other:

Other (specify):

Cladding Other

Style Spanish - Mediterranean

Roof Material Wood - Shake

Tile

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Form/Type

Roof Type Gable - Cross Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1930</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>		Architect: <u>Ernest Meeker</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 One of the most unusual homes in Olympia, the Meeker House was designed and built 1930-35 by Ernest Meeker for his own residence. Called "La Villa," the house features unusual uses of wood and stone. Ernest Meeker was described as a "pioneer builder and contractor." He was born in New York in 1877 and died in Olympia in December, 1954. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Workmen.

Description of Physical Appearance Fronted by a tall hedge and surrounded by its original plantings, the Meeker House is a T-shaped stone structure of one story with a full basement, built in the Spanish Colonial style on a poured concrete foundation. Its cross-gabled roof is covered with wood shingles and crowned by a stone chimney. The distinctive walls are constructed of natural stones of varied color and shape, interspersed with petrified wood, broken tile and other materials; they have canted sandstone pilasters at the corners. In the corner of the "T" on the front (west) façade is a small flat-roofed porch with stone archways leading to the main entry door. Above the front archway is a sandstone plaque reading "LA VILLA." Beneath the front gable is a large palladian window with a sandstone surround; it has central french doors flanked by sandstone columns and multi-paned sidelights, and is fronted by a low railing. Other fenestration includes large plate glass windows and smaller double-hung sash, with sandstone surrounds. The south façade has a projecting polygonal bay with a flat roof. At the rear of the north façade are paired archways leading to a basement garage. A plaque at the rear corner has the builder's name and date of construction. The interior features coved ceilings, rounded wall corners, built-in cabinetry and complex inlaid floors of many types of wood. The house has had replacement windows and an addition in 2003.

Major Bibliographic References Interview with Angela Bowen.
Pioneer Title Company Records
Sapp, Bernice, "Pioneer Memorials 1954" typewritten manuscript in the Washington Room, Washington State Library.

PHOTOS



View of northeast corner
taken 10/11/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
24-26A
Comments: