

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1939

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: J. Lister Holmes

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 built in 1939 for W. B. McDonald in a design by J. Lister Holmes, a Seattle Architect and erected by the Bodeaux Lumber Company. McDonald managed Heile Theaters in Oregon before coming to Olympia where he owned the Avalon and Olympic Theaters for many years.

Description of Physical Appearance

The McDonald House, a rectangular two-story structure on a large lot overlooking Capitol Lake, is an Art Moderne-era adaptation of the Colonial Revival style. Its shallow hip roof is covered with composition shingles and has close eaves, and gabled wall dormers on the front (east) and rear facades. First-story walls are a painted brick masonry, and the second story is clad with flush horizontal boards, with wide horizontal banding between the stories. Centered on the front facade is the entry door, which is abutted by a large, curved glass block window. To the right of the entry is a shallow tripartite bay window; both entry and bay are topped by a slightly-projecting metal hood. To the left of the entry, a one-story flat-roofed garage projects toward the street, with a small octagonal window on its north wall. Other fenestration includes plate glass windows overlooking the lake, and metal casements and sliding sash. Some of the windows have been replaced.

Major Bibliographic References

Interview with Mrs. W.B. McDonald

PHOTOS



View of northeast corner

taken 10/2/1985

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

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Comments: