

Historic Property Speckart House
Inventory Report for 2601 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Speckart House Field Site No.: 670
Common Name: (#34-567) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 2601 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

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

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 Easting: 507580 Northing: 5207820

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
38500500100 Capital Park Pln Blk 5

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson Date Recorded: 10/2/1985 Survey Name: OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Lois Showalter, etal c/o Marilyn Showalter Owner Address: 2601 Capitol Way S City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building Resource Status Survey/Inventory Comments
Within a District? Yes Local Register
Contributing? Yes

National Register Nomination: 0
Local District:
National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: SOUTH CAPITOL NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House
Current Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: 1 1/2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Slight Changes to interior: Intact
Changes to original cladding: Intact Changes to other:
Changes to windows: Intact Other (specify):

Cladding Shingle Foundation Concrete - Poured
Style Arts & Crafts - Craftsman Form/Type
Roof Material Asphalt / Composition Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1910

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Joe Speckart

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

A distinctive 1 ½-story bungalow set upon a large lot, the house was built in 1910-12 era by Joe Speckart who was married to a member of the Schmidt family and worked at the Olympia brewery. Built by Speckart himself with the help of Pete Faber and Gus Lorentzen, the house was later owned by Doane Brodie. Unique interior woodwork, light fixtures and cabinetry such as a schoolroom/playroom make the house historically important. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

Description of Physical Appearance

Fronted by an expensive lawn with ornamental plantings, the Speckart House is a large, one-and-one-half-story wood frame Craftsman on a poured concrete foundation. Its side-gabled roof is covered with composition shingles and has broad bracketed overhangs, exposed rafters and wide gable-end fascia boards. The roof is broken by a central brick chimney, two shed-roofed dormers on the front (east) facade which flank a lower center gable, and shed-roofed rear dormers. Walls are covered with wood shingles, set off by horizontal banding above the foundation and a dentillated horizontal band between stories. Below the front gable is a recessed porch with paired square columns and a low balustrade, which shelters the main entry door. Fenestration includes large plate glass picture windows, double-hung sash with eight-over-one lights, and small multi-paned windows in the dormers. At the rear southwest corner is a projecting enclosed porch. A basement garage door on the north wall opens to the street. The interior retains the original Craftsman-style fir woodwork, built-in cabinetry, and copper and art glass light fixtures. An addition has been added to the northwest corner.

Major Bibliographic References

Interview with Gingy Speckart Reder.
Warren, George, "Purely Personal", Olympia News, February 5, 1984.

PHOTOS



View of northeast corner

taken 10/2/1985

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

22-21A

Comments: