



**NARRATIVE SECTION**

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Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1921

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Edwin Ivey

Builder:

Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:

Yes

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 uniquely situated house overlooking the Olympia Brewery and Deschutes River was built in 1921 by the Muench family in a design by Edwin Ivey. The English Revival Style home was called "Lo Ma Villa" and had extensive landscaping and a waterfall on the steep bank. Alice Muench, daughter of the family, taught dance and music. Mrs. Peter Schmidt was another daughter of the family. The house is currently owned by Mary Lux, Olympia City Councilwoman and former state legislator and school board member. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

Located on a large wooded lot and approached by a long driveway, the Muench House is an L-shaped, one-and-one-half-story wood frame structure built in Colonial Revival style on a poured concrete foundation. Its hipped gable roof is covered with composition shingles, and broken on the front (north) facade by a brick chimney flanked by shed-roofed dormers. Walls are clad with wood shingles. At the corner of the "L" on the front facade is a small flat-roofed porch with paired columns, which shelters the main entry door. At the east end of the facade, a covered breezeway with columned arches connects the house to the detached garage. Fenestration includes double-hung sash with eight-over-one lights and multi-paned casements, and french doors lead to a deck along the west wall. At the rear is a new second-story deck. The house is maintained in excellent condition.

**Major Bibliographic References**

Interviews with Noochie Schmidt Huffine and Mary Lux.  
Information from Elizabeth Ayer.

**PHOTOS**

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View of north facade

taken 10/2/1985

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