

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1870

Other

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

One of the oldest frame homes in the West Bay area, the house is associated with the Woodard Family. The family came over the Oregon trail in the 1850's first spending a winter at Vancouver and later settling in the South Bay area. Woodard Creek is named for them. They came to Olympia during the Indian Uprising of 1855-56 and later settled on the West Side. Originally the property had nine acres and a sawmill. A. E. Woodard had fruit trees and made cider and vinegar here. The house was built prior to 1872. The house underwent a substantial renovation in 2000.

Description of Physical Appearance

The Woodard House is a L-shaped, two-story wood frame structure built in Pioneer style on a later poured concrete foundation. Its gable roof is covered with composition shingles, and had narrow eaves with a simple molded cornice and pendants at the gable peaks. Walls are clad with drop siding and cornerboards, with horizontal banding above the foundation and fascia boards and frieze boards below the eaves, and the foundation has latticework panels. Offset on the front facade is the paneled entry door, recessed in a paneled architrave and topped by a flat-roofed hood with oversized ornamental brackets. Fenestration is tall double-hung sash with one-over-one lights and ornate head moldings. The south facade has a rectangular bay with a paneled apron below the window. A newer addition extends from the rear of the house.

Major Bibliographic References

Blankenship, Mrs. George E., Early History of Thurston County, Washington, Olympia, 1914

PHOTOS



View of east facade

taken 10/2/1985

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

22-28A

Comments:

Historic Property Woodard House
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View of southeast façade
taken
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Comments:
After renovation