

Historic Property Iverson House
Inventory Report for 208 Northwest West Bay Drive Olympia, Thurston, 98502

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Iverson House **Field Site No.:** 688
Common Name: (#34-600) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 208 Northwest West Bay Drive Olympia, Thurston, 98502
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 15 SE TUMWATER

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 506770 **Northing:** 5210080

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
85002500700 Woodruff Pln L7-L10 Blk 25

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
City of Olympia Planning Department .68

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson/Tom C **Date Recorded:** 10/4/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Nathaniel Jackson **Owner Address:** 6335 Pacific Avenue SE **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98503

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

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

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Professional

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

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact **Changes to interior:** Slight

Changes to original cladding: Intact **Changes to other:**

Changes to windows: Moderate **Other (specify):**

Cladding Shingle **Foundation**

Style Queen Anne **Form/Type**

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition **Roof Type** Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1908

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

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

A West Side landmark on the waterfront, this well-preserved Queen Anne home was first begun in 1900 by lumberman, F. R. Brown. In 1908 O. B. Iverson purchased the property in 1908 for \$300 and completed the house. In 1921 he gave the house to his daughter, Ella and her husband Alvin Morrison who lived in the house until 1970. The house was built when West Bay Drive did not exist and a roadway followed the waterfront out to lumber mills. A wooden drawbridge connected the West Side with downtown. The house has remained in unaltered condition except for 1949 earthquake damage and some cosmetic changes on the interior for current use.

Description of Physical Appearance

Located on a sloping site above Budd Inlet and approached from the rear by a steep driveway, the Iverson House is a square wood frame structure of one-and-one-half stories with a daylight basement, built in the Queen Anne style on a poured concrete foundation. Its gable roof is covered with composition shingles and has close eaves with a molded cornice; it has a hipped gable on the west facade, and is broken by a central brick chimney. Another chimney rises on the north wall. Walls are clad with stained wood shingles. At the southeast front corner is a polygonal bay with wide plate glass windows and stained glass transoms, topped by a polygonal second-story turret with similar windows, above which is a steep roof topped by a finial. Next to the tower, the roof slopes down over a main-story porch with turned posts and a simple balustrade. The porch offers panoramic views of Olympia, and shelters the paneled main entry door with its stained glass panes and transom. Next to the door is a distinctive oval window with a central rectangular pane and stained glass borders with sunburst designs. Above the porch is a pedimented gable dormer with fishscale shingles and a half-round louvered vent in the gable, and a tripartite window. The rear facade has a shed-roofed porch sheltering an entry door, and an adjacent tripartite picture window of later vintage. The roof above has a gabled dormer with a small double window. Although the house has been altered, it retains most of its unique architectural features and is maintained in good condition.

Major Bibliographic References

Typewritten information from Nathaniel Jackson.

PHOTOS



View of west facade

taken 10/4/1985

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

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Comments: