

Historic Property Dohm House
Inventory Report for 805 Southwest 5th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98502

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Dohm House Field Site No.: 691
Common Name: (#34-606) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 805 Southwest 5th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98502
Comments: OLYMPIA

County Township/Range/EW Section 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec Quadrangle
TUMWATER T18R02W 15 SE TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 Easting: 506740 Northing: 5209740

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
68600400200 Percival L2-L4 Blk 4

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Geoffrey A Mueller Owner Address: 805 West 5th Avenue City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98502

Classification: Building Resource Status Comments

Within a District? No Survey/Inventory

Contributing? Local Register

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

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: Intact

Changes to interior: Unknown

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Colonial - Dutch Colonial

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gambrel

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction:	1922
Architecture/Landscape Architecture		Architect:	<u>William Westbrook</u>
Military		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 Built in 1922 in a design by William Westbrook for Edward Dohm, the house is one of the most outstanding on the West Side. Dohm, a native of Seattle was educated at the University of Washington and came to Olympia in 1909. He was field engineer for the Department of Public Lands and was City of Olympia Engineer and City Commissioner. He had an outstanding military career beginning with the National Guard in Seattle in 1904 and he was captain of engineers during World War One in Europe. He attained the rank of Brigadier General in the Washington National Guard. He was the first commander of the American Legion Post in Olympia and a prominent member of the Rotary, Elks and head of the 238th Coastal Artillery Unit and 205th Coastal Anti-aircraft unit in Olympia. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

Description of Physical Appearance Obscured by tall shrubbery and trees, the Dohm House is a spacious, rectangular wood frame structure of one-and-one-half stories, built in the Dutch Colonial style on a poured concrete foundation. Its bellcast gambrel roof is covered with composition shingles and has close eaves; it has small shed-roofed dormers across the rear. Walls are clad with clapboards, with wide frieze boards below the eaves. The offset front gable has a bellcast pent roof across its base, which is broken by a small bracketed gable hood above the main entry door. Fenestration includes double-hung sash with six-over-one lights, multi-paned casements, and fanlight windows in the upper gables. Three pairs of french doors open onto the wide rear porch, which has square posts, low clapboard walls and a polygonal projection topped by a polygonal bay in the dormer. The driveway leads to a basement garage on the east facade. The shaded rear yard has a fish pond, and offers views of Capitol Lake. The house is maintained in good condition. Changes have been made to the rear kitchen and porch area.

Major Bibliographic References Obituary for Edward C. Dohm, Daily Olympian, July 5, 1968.
Allen, Arthur, Who's Who in Washington, 1927.

PHOTOS



View of north facade
taken 10/4/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
23-28A
Comments: