

**Historic Property** Westbrook House  
**Inventory Report for** 820 Southwest 5th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98502

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Westbrook House **Field Site No.:** 692  
**Common Name:** (#34-607) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 820 Southwest 5th Avenue 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:** 506730 **Northing:** 5209790

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
68600500700 Percival L7 & L8 Blk 5

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

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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

**Owner's Name:** George L & Mary Barner, Jr **Owner Address:** 820 5th Avenue SW **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98502

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

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

**Contributing?** No

**National Register Nomination:** 0

**Local District:**

**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:**

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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

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

**Plan:** L-Shape **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** Stucco

**Foundation** Concrete - Poured

**Style** Tudor

**Form/Type**

**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition

**Roof Type** Gable

## NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1923

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: William Westbrook

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**

The home of William Westbrook, an architect associated with Joseph Wohleb, the house was built in 1923. Westbrook designed the house in the style of a captain's cabin with portholes throughout the house. Originally the house had a decorative fence and latch with gingerbread decor below the windows. The house suffered damage in the 1949 earthquake and a garage and outside deck were added in 1953. The house has been owned by the Barner family for a number of years and is now owned by George Barner, a former Thurston County Commissioner.

**Description of  
Physical  
Appearance**

The Westbrook House is an L-shaped, one-and-one-half-story stucco structure built in the English Revival style on a poured concrete foundation. The gable roof is covered with composition shingles, which are rolled at the eaves to imitate thatch. The gables are ornamented with rows of inset brick which give the appearance of half-timbering. The driveway leads to double garage doors on the basement of the front (south) facade. A long flight of steps leads up to a central recessed porch with an archway topped by a small gable; the porch shelters the arched entry door. Above the porch is a steep gable with a tapered chimney. To the right is a multi-paned window beneath an eyebrow wall dormer; to the left are four small multi-paned windows beneath a wide gable, fronted by a long window box. A deck above the east half of the garage is bordered by a wrought iron railing. The west facade has an arched entry door beneath a steep center gable. The interior features a living room designed in the style of a captain's cabin, including several portholes.

**Major  
Bibliographic  
References**

Interview with George Barner.

## PHOTOS



View of south facade

taken 10/4/1985

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

23-29A

Comments: