

Historic Property Percival House
Inventory Report for 811 West 4th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98502

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Percival House **Field Site No.:** 693
Common Name: (#34-610) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 811 West 4th 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:** 506720 **Northing:** 5209850

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
68600500300 Percival Lot 2 Blk 5 Part L3

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Sheryl Shulman **Owner Address:** 811 4th Avenue W **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98502

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: Domestic - Single Family House

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

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Moderate **Changes to interior:** Unknown
Changes to original cladding: Intact **Changes to other:** Extensive
Changes to windows: Intact **Other (specify):**

Cladding Shingle - Concrete/Asbestos **Foundation** Concrete - Poured
Style Queen Anne **Form/Type**
Roof Material Asphalt / Composition **Roof Type** Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1892

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

The house was built in ca. 1892 by the Percival Family. It was deeded in 1896 to Drusilla S. Percival by Lurana Percival the widow of Samuel W. Percival. Drusilla was the wife of Samuel M. Percival, Lurana and Samuel W. son. Drusilla and Samuel had married in 1882. Drusilla and Samuel M. lived in Spokane for a time after 1901 but returned to Olympia by 1910. Samuel M. worked in the steamboat, railroad and highway development fields. He died in 1921 and Drusilla died in 1929. The house was sold in 1923 to D. R. & Katie Helsler who were in the oyster industry. For many years the house was the Christian Science Reading Room from the late 1920s to the early 1940s. The house was sold to Kenneth L. and Mary Elizabeth Partlow in 1943. Dr. Partlow had intended to use it as an office but was unable to do so. It was later owned by A. C. and Nancy Mae Wheaton and Jerry and Fiona Buzzard. Kenneth and Marianne Partlow III purchased the house in 1979. Samuel Percival had come to Olympia in 1853 from San Francisco and operated a store at Main and Second in Olympia. He also built and operated a sawmill on Percival Creek. Percival Landing in Olympia is also named for the family, longtime steamboat ticketing agents. The house originally had a wrap around porch and archway over the front entrance and enjoys a panoramic view of the city.

Description of Physical Appearance

Located on a sloping lot overlooking downtown Olympia, the Percival House is a rectangular, two-and-one-half-story wood frame structure built in the Queen Anne style on a poured concrete foundation. Its tall hipped and gabled roof is covered with composition shingles, and broken by a shed-roofed dormer on the front (north) facade; it has close eaves and a molded cornice with returns. Walls are clad with asbestos shingles, with cornerboards and horizontal banding, and a flared drip course partially encircles the house between stories. To the right of the front facade is a small porch with square posts and a pedimented gable; it shelters the paneled entry door with its leaded glass window and transom. To the left of the porch is a two-story bay, which is polygonal on the first story and square on the second. In the gable above is a triangular window with an elaborate stickwork surround. Other fenestration is tall single-hung sash with upper lights divided into as many as 48 small panes. A one-story, gable-roofed extension projects to the rear, with a swimming pool along its east wall. A second-story balcony at the rear of the main wing overlooks the pool. The house is maintained in excellent condition. Several additions have been made to the south side of the house.

Major Bibliographic References

Stevenson, Shanna, Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater: A Pictorial History, Donning, 1985. Obituary for Samuel M. Percival, Olympia Daily Recorder, February 7, 1921. November 24, 1882 p.3. col. Washington Standard, November 15, 1901 p.3. Washington Standard.

Olympia Historic Preservation Commission, "Historic Preservation in Olympia, Report of the Olympia Historic Preservation Commission," Thurston Regional Planning, 1983.

PHOTOS



View of north facade

taken 10/4/1985

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

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Comments: