

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1925

Agriculture

Architect: Joseph Wohleb

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Builder:

Manufacturing/Industry

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 large mission style home was built in 1925 in a design by Joseph Wohleb for oysterman Earl Brenner. Born in Olympia in 1893, Earl Brenner was the son of J. J. Brenner who began the Brenner Oyster Company before the turn of the century. The company had oyster beds in Mud Bay, Oyster Bay and Little Skookum. Brenner was active in a number of civic organizations and a longtime officer of Olympia Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Description of Physical Appearance

The Brenner House is an L-shaped, two-story stucco structure built in the Mission Revival style on a poured concrete foundation. Its gable roof is covered with tile and has close eaves. Centered on the front (west) facade, adjacent to a gabled projecting portion, in a one-story porch with a tiled shed roof and paired stucco arches, which shelters the main entry door. To the left of the porch is a tall multi-paned window between stories, which is fronted by a wrought iron balcony. Other fenestration is shuttered bands of casements with narrow horizontal mullions. The rear facade has a rectangular bay to the north, and a flat-roofed extension to the south with picture windows overlooking downtown Olympia. The house is basically unaltered from the original and is maintained in excellent condition.

Major Bibliographic References

Earl G. Brenner Obituary, Daily Olympian, October 2, 1969, p.3.
Maddox, Dawn, "Joseph Wohleb: resident architect of the state Capital," Landmarks, Vol IV, No. 4.

PHOTOS



View of west facade

taken 10/4/1985

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

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Comments: