

Historic Property Jones House
Inventory Report for 915 SE Legion Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Jones House **Field Site No.:** 747
Common Name: (#34-764) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 915 SE Legion Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
 T18R02W 14 SE TUMWATER

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 508440 **Northing:** 5209800

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78203100300 Swans L3 & part L4 Blk 31

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
City of Olympia Planning Department .21

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 10/23/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: CMUS Gen PTNSP **Owner Address:** C/O Kim Putnam Atty 915 Legion Way SE **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

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: Commerce/Trade - Professional

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

Structural System: Balloon Frame

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

Cladding Wood - Drop Siding **Foundation** Concrete - Block
Style Vernacular **Form/Type** Single Family - Cross Gable
Roof Material Asphalt / Composition **Roof Type** Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1894

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

Politics/Government/Law

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 restored pioneer style home is located in an early residential area in Olympia and exhibits many of its original features. Part of the area of John Swan's original donation land claim, the property was sold to James Pattison in 1863 and to the Jones in 1870. The house was probably built about 1894 by George L. And Mary Jones. George Jones was an Olympia City Councilman and owned a plumbing and tinware store in downtown Olympia. The property was also owned by L. L. Kneeland and for many years Henry Benoshek. The building is now used for offices. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

Description of Physical Appearance

The Jones House is an L-shaped, two-story wood frame structure built in the Pioneer style on a newer concrete block foundation. Its gable roof is covered with composition shingles and crowned by a central brick chimney. Walls are clad with drop siding and cornerboards, with wide banding above the foundation and frieze boards below the eaves. Wrapping around the front (north) and west walls is a one-story porch with a hip roof and turned posts with scroll-sawn brackets; the porch shelters the main entry door and an auxiliary entry door. To the right of the main door is a single-hung window with one-over-one lights. Other fenestration is double-hung sash with one-over-one lights. On the west facade is a hip-roofed rectangular bay window, and the second story of the rear facade has a new bay window. The house has recently been rehabilitated as the offices of a law firm.

Major Bibliographic References

Information provided by the present owners.

PHOTOS



View of NE corner
taken 9/1/1997

Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
43-21

Comments: