

**Historic Property** Allen House Hotel/Jefferson Apartments  
**Inventory Report for** 114-118 North Jefferson Olympia, Thurston, 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Allen House Hotel/Jefferson Apartments **Field Site No.:** 844  
**Common Name:** (#34-652) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 114-118 North Jefferson Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

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

**UTM Reference**  
**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 507980 **Northing:** 5210250

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
78505300100 Sylvester L1 Blk 53

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
City of Olympia Planning Department .13

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson/Tom C **Date Recorded:** 10/11/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

**Owner's Name:** Richard Castle **Owner Address:** 111 Cherry Street NE **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

**Classification:** Building **Resource Status** **Comments**  
**Within a District?** Yes Survey/Inventory  
**Contributing?** Yes National Register  
State Register  
Local Register

**National Register Nomination:** ALLEN HOUSE HOTEL  
**Local District:**  
**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:** 1281

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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**Historic Use:** Domestic - Multiple Family House  
**Current Use:** Domestic - Multiple Family House

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

**Structural System:** Balloon Frame

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

**Cladding** Wood - Drop Siding **Foundation** Concrete - Block  
**Style** Italian - Italianate **Form/Type**  
**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition **Roof Type** Unknown  
Asphalt / Composition - Rolled

## NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1891

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 Jefferson Apartments represent the earliest building period in the thematic nomination. Its wooden construction with Italianate detailing is typical of the pre-20th century materials and construction in Olympia. This building has intact architectural features and is unusual for its multi-bay rowhouse building style while being one of the only examples of this style and period in the downtown section. Built in the 1891-92 period, the Apartments were constructed by Pamela Hale who was the first woman school superintendent in Thurston County. She also owned and platted a number of other properties in the town of Olympia. The Apartments were near the Richardson's and later Sprigner Lumber Mill and were known around the turn of the century as the "Allen House" hotel. The property was later owned from 1908 to 1920 by Home Bateman who with C. D. Hillman promoted the Boston Harbor development north of Olympia.

### Description of Physical Appearance

Facing Jefferson Street and the edge of Olympia's former waterfront, the Jefferson Apartments are an elongated, two-story wood frame structure with Italianate detailing, resting on a later concrete block foundation. Its flat roof is bordered on the front (west) and north facades by a low mansard-style parapet, below which is a molded cornice supported by ornate brackets with pendants. Walls are clad with drop siding and cornerboards, with horizontal banding above and below the windows on each story. Between the floors is a wide band of vertical beaded boards; below the cornice is a frieze with panels of diagonal beaded boards between the brackets. The south wall is clad with unadorned clapboards. The symmetrical front facade has a pair of two-story rectangular bays at the center, flanked by double entry doors with transoms topped by flat canopies with oversized brackets. Beyond the doors at either end of the facade are similar two-story bays. The four bays have flat roofs with molded, bracketed cornices. Fenestration is tall double-hung sash with one-over-one lights and ornate "bulls-eye" surrounds; the bays have paired windows on their fronts and narrow side windows. The rear features recessed two-story porches with low railing and stairways to the second story; doors lead from the porches to each apartment. The building's architectural features remain entirely intact on the exterior.

### Major Bibliographic References

Pioneer Title Company Records. Polk City Directory. 1900 Federal Census.

## PHOTOS



View of NW corner

taken 10/11/1985

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

24-35A

Comments: