

Historic Property Crombie House
Inventory Report for 1512 Columbia Street SW Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Crombie House Field Site No.: 849
Common Name: (#34-877) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 1512 Columbia Street SW Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County Township/Range/EW Section 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec Quadrangle
TUMWATER T18R02W 23 NW TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 Easting: 507380 Northing: 520880

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
31300500300 Allen Lot 3 Rlk 5

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson Date Recorded: 7/1/1997 Survey Name: OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Sal Latina Owner Address: 1512 Columbia Street SW City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building Resource Status Survey/Inventory Comments

Within a District? Yes Local Register

Contributing? Yes

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: SOUTH CAPITOL NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Current Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Plan: Square No. of Stories: 2 1/2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Slight

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Foundation

Style American Foursquare

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Hip

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1907

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

Commerce

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 is listed in The Thurston County Assessor's Records as having been built in 1907. The 1908 Sanborn Fire Map does not show the house at that location. From available records, the property was purchased in 1913 by Mrs. Johanna Lehnherr from a new plat owned by George Mottman. The house could have been moved to that location from a site on the capitol campus. A 1913 City Directory shows Jacob and Johanna Lehnherr living at 1506 Columbia that year. Lehnherr is listed as a cabinetmaker in the city directory. Johanna Lehnherr sold the property to Mary Shaw Crombie in 1923 for \$4200. She had come to Tumwater in 1872 from Illinois. She was married to Fred Walter Crombie, a pioneer Olympia druggist who began work here in Olympia in 1888. He owned a number of drug stores in the Olympia area including "Crombie Drug" on Capitol Way which he operated with his son Walter and daughter Bessie who was a graduate of the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. Crombie died in 1931 and his wife died in 1954. Their daughter Bessie continued to live in the house until the early 1960's.

Description of Physical Appearance

Two and one-half story square house built in the foursquare style. The flared hip roof with wide eaves has flared, hipped-roof dormers which extend on four sides from the top of the hipped roof. The window openings have rounded sides. Clapboard cladding with corner boards, A broad shed-roofed porch extends around the front (west) side of the house and the south side as well. The porch is supported by square posts and has a low clapboard railing. The windows have Y-shaped upper mullions. Some are double hung sash while the front entry has an oblong window of the same design. Central brick chimney.

Major Bibliographic References

Source: "Long Illness Fatal to Fred Crombie," Daily Olympian, December 1, 1931, pg. 1.
Pioneer Title Company records.

PHOTOS



View of West Facade

taken 7/1/1997

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

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Comments: