

Historic Property Sherwood Press  
Inventory Report for 811 Southwest 5th Olympia, Thurston, 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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Historic Name: Sherwood Press Field Site No.: 853  
Common Name: (#34-382) OAHP No.:  
Property Address: 811 Southwest 5th Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
Comments: OLYMPIA/OLYWOMEN

County Township/Range/EW Section 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec Quadrangle  
TUMWATER T18R02W 15 SE TUMWATER

UTM Reference  
Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com  
Sequence: 0 Easting: 506740 Northing: 5209740

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot  
68600400100 Percival L1 Part 2 Blk 4

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

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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

Owner's Name: Jocelyn Dohm Owner Address: 505 Flora Vista Road NE City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98506

Classification: Building Resource Status Comments

Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory

Contributing? Local Register

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: 690

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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Historic Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: 1

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 Shingle Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Commercial Form/Type

Other

Roof Material Wood - Shingle Roof Type Gable

## NARRATIVE SECTION

**Study Unit****Other**Architecture/Landscape ArchitectureWomen's HistoryCommerce**Date Of Construction:** 1940**Architect:** Phyllis Dohm**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 shop was built in 1940 by Jocelyn and her father Edward Dohm, a former Olympia City Commissioner in a design by her sister Phyllis Dohm Mueller. The shop is adjacent to the family home. The shop is a distinctively designed English Revival Style building built entirely of cedar with a board and batten interior and cedar exterior shingles for siding and roofing. Jocelyn Dohm actually helped build the shop and roofed the structure herself. The building remains as the original set among the trees in west Olympia except for a small rear addition added over 30 years ago which is indistinguishable from the original structure. The shop is heated by fireplace. Miss Dohm was a recent graduate of the University of Washington when she began her business with a 1850's style press. She has provided personalized printing services with hand set type and a hand press for over 50 years. Sherwood Press provides distinctive printing services. The archives of the Sherwood Press document the social history of the area over the past 52 years. Miss Dohm has hosted many school children who are allowed to run the press. The shop is a small treasure of history complete with hand-type, vintage presses and an atmosphere of a craft well-practiced.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

Small, one-story, steeply gabled building with cross gables on the west side of Olympia set above Capitol Lake. Shingle cladding. Offset gable on north side. Various sizes of multi-pane windows including a large multi-pane window on south side. Entry on east side is sheltered by a steep gable with bracketed supports. Small rear addition. Brick chimney. The interior has three presses, one dating from the 1850's as well as type and logos.

**Major Bibliographic References**

Information from Jocelyn Dolm.

## PHOTOS

**View of** 2-Northeast Facade**taken** 7/1/1997**Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):**43-20**Comments:**