

Historic Property Fleming House  
Inventory Report for 1717 Jefferson Street SE Olympia, Thurston, 98501

**LOCATION SECTION**

Historic Name: Fleming House Field Site No.: 867  
Common Name: (#34-893) OAHP No.:  
Property Address: 1717 Jefferson Street SE Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
Comments: OLYMPIA

County Township/Range/EW Section 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec Quadrangle  
TUMWATER T18R02W 04 NW TUMWATER

UTM Reference  
Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com  
Sequence: 0 Easting: 507780 Northing: 5208640

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot  
60900000700 Maple Pk Annex L7

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: Emmett Dobey Owner Address: 1717 Jefferson Street SE City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building Resource Status: Survey/Inventory Comments:

Within a District? Yes Local Register

Contributing? No

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: 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 - Clapboard

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Colonial - Dutch Colonial

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gambrel

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

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Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1941

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Mr. Ellertson

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 a good example of the Dutch Colonial Style built in 1941 for John Gragg and his wife Esther by a Mr. Ellertson of Lakewood. Irving and Phyllis Fleming purchased the house shortly after it was built and lived in the house until 1992. According to a family friend, Gragg was a "stockholder" in the Olympia Veneer Company and designed and selected the material for the house himself. He later moved to Oregon. Mr. Fleming owned the Fleming-Harvey Motors in Olympia for many years. The house has been maintained in original condition.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

1. Two story rectangular structure. 2. Gambrel side gable roofline with full width dormers on the east and west sides. 3. Gable roof projection shelters center front entry. It is supported by round pillars. Leaded glass entry door. 4. Wide clapboard cladding. 5. Front and south side first floor windows have panels beneath them. 6. Regular fenestration with eight-over-eight and other multi-pane true divided lights. 7. Unattached garage of similar design to the main building. Note: A small deck area (which was approved by the Olympia Heritage Commission) has been added to the north side of the house.

**Major Bibliographic References**

Source: Telephone interviews with Margaret Fleming and Elna Strom.

**PHOTOS**

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View of East Facade

taken 9/1/1997

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

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Comments: