

Historic Property Woman's Club of Olympia
Inventory Report for 1002 Washington Street SE Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Woman's Club of Olympia **Field Site No.:** 871
Common Name: (#34-904) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 1002 Washington Street SE Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA/OLYWOMEN

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

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507740 **Northing:** 5209380

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78506300100 Sylvester L1 Blk 63 N1/2

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
City of Olympia Planning Department .08

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Woman's Club of Olympia **Owner Address:** 1002 Washington Street SE **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building **Resource Status** **Comments**

Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory

Contributing? National Register

State Register

Local Register

National Register Nomination: WOMEN'S CLUB

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: 690

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Social - Clubhouse

Current Use: Social - Clubhouse

Plan: Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 2 1/2

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 Shingle

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style American Foursquare

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Hip

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1908</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>		Architect:
<u>Other</u>	<u>Women's History</u>	Builder:
		Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: Yes
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 Woman's Club of Olympia is significant for its associations with women's history and the social history of Olympia. The Building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The club was founded in 1883 and claims to be the oldest woman's club in the west. A group of nine women first met in the Sylvester House. Mary Shelton, daughter of the city's founder, returned from a trip to San Francisco with the idea of the club. She and her compatriots including Mrs. Pamela Hale, County School Superintendent, Mrs. Phoebe Moore, wife of the first State Librarian, Rev. Sarah Whitney, Mrs. Mehitable Elder, Mrs. Abbie H. H. Suart, Mrs. Mary Bricker Hartsuck, Mrs. Ella T. Stork, and Miss Janet Moore were the founding members. They met in members homes focusing first on social and literary subjects. Later the members were to campaign for women's and children's rights. They met in rooms in Mrs. Stuart's Building at the corner of Capitol and Legion and later purchased a clubhouse (the Hartsuck House). When that burned, they determined to build their own clubhouse in 1908 on the same site as the rented structure at a cost of \$6, 000. The architecture fit in with the surrounding homes. The clubhouse is also significant because other women's groups met here as well. The club continues its philanthropic work. The building has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Description of Physical Appearance 1. Wood frame structure of two-and-one-half stories on a poured concrete foundation. 2. Hip roof broken by hip-roofed dormers on the north, south and west facades. The roofline has a wide bracketed cornice. 3. Exterior walls are faced with shingles at the second story level and with narrow clapboard siding on the first floor level. A band of boardwork separates these two exterior textures. 4. Windows are single, double and triple sets of double-hung, eight-over-one windows. Each dormer has a triple set. 5. The large front porch on the west facade has a flat roof with a bracketed cornice similar to that of the main roofline. The porch roof is supported by four Tuscan columns, and a balustrade of plain posts enclosed the porch itself. 6. The south side has a similarly designed, though smaller, porch for the back entry. 7. The flat roof of the west porch serves as a balcony off the second floor. A railing has been removed from this porch. Interior Features: 1. Interior arrangement of large rooms on the first floor. 2. Second floor kitchenette.

Major Bibliographic References Source: Alene Kearns, "The Woman's Club of Olympia," The Olympian, March 6, 1983. Goldie Robertson Funk, "Clubbable Women for 50 Years," Seattle Times Roto-Magazine Section, September 4, 1932. Reminiscences from club members.

PHOTOS



View of Southwest Facade
taken 7/1/1997
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
41-15A
Comments: