



**NARRATIVE SECTION**

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| Study Unit                          | Other | Date Of Construction: <u>1939</u> |
| 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** This English Revival cottage was an early work of Robert Wohleb, son of noted architect Joseph Wohleb. According to Robert Wohleb's daughter, it was called the "Honey Moon Cottage" by the family since Mr. Wohleb and his wife Elizabeth Davis Wohleb moved into the house after their marriage. In fact the architectural plans of the house were on the invitation to the couple's engagement party. Robert Wohleb was born in Olympia in 1916 and graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in architecture in 1939. He joined his father in his architecture practice. The elder Wohleb died in 1958. Robert Wohleb specialized in the design of breweries throughout the United States and designed the Olympia City Hall and St. Michael's Catholic Church. According to his family he was also involved in the design of many of the houses in Stratford Place development where this house is located. He was a member of the Olympia Port Commission and was a member of several other local civic groups. Mr. Wohleb died in a freak boating accident in 1966. The house is located in the Stratford Place plat which was part of the southeast Olympia development by F. W. Schmidt in the late 1930s and early 1940s which utilized concrete building technology. Several other examples of this building type are in this neighborhood. According to available records the house was substantially enlarged ca. 1955 filling in the original garage and adding a double garage and east side wing.

**Description of Physical Appearance** Historic Features: 1. T-shaped English Cottage design (1939 design was rectangular). 2. Painted cement brick construction. 3. Steeple pitched hipped roof. 4. Front entry is offset to the south and has a sandstone "quoin" surround and sloping copper hood (not shown in 1940 photograph). 5. Large chimney on recessed from front facade. 6. Paired and triple six-over-six windows. 1955 Additions: 1. Eastside wing and double garage. 2. Hipped roof dormers on the east and south sides.

**Major Bibliographic References** Sources: Obituary for Robert Wohleb, Daily Olympian, September 15, 1966; interview with Casey Wohleb Christie and Joseph Wohleb, Jr., March, 1995.

**PHOTOS**



View of SW corner  
taken 7/1/1997  
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Comments: