

Historic Property Barnes/Ostehout House
Inventory Report for 1633 Eastside Street SE Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Barnes/Ostehout House **Field Site No.:** 879
Common Name: (#34-869) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 1633 Eastside Street SE Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
 T18R02W 01 SE TUMWATER

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 508600 **Northing:** 5208660

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
09690037000 Portion of Offut DLC

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
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IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Robin Hunt/Michael Groesch **Owner Address:** 1633 Eastside Street SE **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

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

Within a District? No **Survey/Inventory**

Contributing? No

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Current Use: Domestic - Single Family House

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

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Slight

Changes to interior: Moderate

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Extensive

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Shingle

Style Vernacular

Form/Type Single Family - Gable Fronter / Homestead Hou

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1908

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

Located in East Olympia adjacent to Watershed Park, this distinctive vernacular home is a rectangular, front gable structure with a unique two story, three-sided, bay on the front facade. The frame building has clapboard cladding on the first floor and shingling on the second floor. The design is unique in Olympia. The history of the building is difficult to trace. The property is part of the Offut Donation Land Claim which was filed in the 1850s and as such is difficult to identify particular parcels as platted property. The assessor's office gives the date of 1908 for the structure. During this time it was owned by Frank and Minnie Barnes. Barnes was the local agent for the Postal Telegraph company. The current owners have found boards signed F. E. Barnes and have found a newspaper dated 1916 in the structure. The City directory gives his address as 1713 Eastside Street. It was sold in 1919 to Hattie and Isilda Taylor, a mother and daughter. Hattie Taylor worked as a clerk for the Industrial Insurance Commission Office. She later married John W. Osterhout in about 1924. Osterhout, a native of Iowa came to Olympia in 1915 and is noted in his obituary as being a carpenter. John W. Osterhout died in 1939. Hattie Taylor Osterhout lived in the house until 1946 until it was sold to Nels and Ruth Swandon who sold it to Charles and Elizabeth Mosbarger. The current owners bought the property from Mrs. Mosbarger.

Description of Physical Appearance

1. Two story vernacular style house which has a front gable roofline. 2. Clapboard cladding on the lower floor, shingling on the upper level which slightly projects over the lower level. 3. Two story bay on front facade. 4. Tri-partite window on first floor front bay. Second story bay has two one-over one windows and three small rectangular windows between. Gable front end also has small windows. Other windows are small rectangular windows or one-over-one sash. 5. Square bay on the south facade of the first floor. 6. Triangle window by the entry on the north side. 7. Out buildings including a workshop. Non-historic additions: 1. One story shed roof rear section. 2. Replacement vinyl windows. Lost Features: 1. Front porch configuration. 2. Vinyl windows; newer rear kitchen window configuration.

Major Bibliographic References

Source: Information from Pioneer Title Company Records, Assessor's Office and Polk City Directories, Obituaries for Frank Barnes, Daily Olympian, April 21, 1925, John Osterhout, October 30, 1939, Hattie Osterhout, August 16, 1965. Information from current owners.

PHOTOS



View of East Facade

taken 7/1/1997

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

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Comments: