

Historic Property Allen House
Inventory Report for 3217 Southeast Fairfield Road Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Allen House **Field Site No.:** 895
Common Name: (#34-860) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 3217 Southeast Fairfield Road Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 26 NE TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507980 **Northing:** 5207020

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
38860300500 Carlyon 6 L5 Blk 3

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: Harold Garland **Owner Address:** 3217 Fairfield Road SE **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

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

Within a District? No Survey/Inventory

Contributing? Local Register

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:** 2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Slight

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to windows: Slight

Changes to interior: Slight

Changes to other:

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Style Colonial - Dutch Colonial

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Foundation Concrete - Block

Form/Type

Roof Type Gambrel

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1920

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

Politics/Government/Law

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 Allen House was built for James Claiborne Allen who was the Director of Highways for the State of Washington. He held the post from 1913 to 1925 and became known as "Father of the Good Roads System." Formally trained as a civil engineer in Kentucky, he worked as a railroad construction engineer before coming to Olympia. His revolutionary road construction methods brought him national recognition. With a change of administration in 1925, Mr. Allen went into private engineering partnership where he continued to be active in Washington road building. Mr. Allen died in 1934. The house originally stood at 1052 Columbia at the corner of Union and Columbia. The house was moved in the 1950's for the construction of the General Administration Building. The house has distinctive architectural merit as an excellent example of the Dutch colonial style.

Description of Physical Appearance

1. Two story rectangular wood frame structure in Dutch Colonial style. 2. Gambrel roofline. 3. Full width dormer on the front (east) and rear facades. 4. Hood over the main entry. 5. Sidelights on centrally located main entry on front facade. 6. Flanking sets of multi-paned french doors on first floor front facade. 7. Small tripartite palladian window over main entry on second floor dormer. 8. Six-over-one double hung sash on second floor. 9. Multi-paned French doors on north side of first story and on northwest corner of rear. 10. Fanlight window on the center of rear dormer. 11. Wide soffit on eaves between two stories. 12. Fan shaped vent on south end of roofline. 13. Wide clapboard cladding.

Major Bibliographic References

PHOTOS



View of East Facade

taken 7/1/1997

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

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Comments: