

Historic Property Watkins House
Inventory Report for 718 Governor Stevens Avenue SE Olympia/Thurston/98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Watkins House **Field Site No.:** 956
Common Name: (#34-939) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 718 Governor Stevens Avenue SE Olympia/Thurston/98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

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

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 10 **Easting:** 508234 **Northing:** 5207586

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
31600000200 Anderson Subdivision Lots 8 and 9 and E 1/2 Lot 2

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
City of Olympia .12

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 1/1/1900 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Carla Jonientz **Owner Address:** 718 Governor Stevens Ave 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:** 1 1/2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Unknown

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Slight

Other (specify):

Cladding Shingle
Unknown

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Tudor

Form/Type Single Family

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1926

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Tumwater Lumber Mills

Manufacturing/Industry

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 one and one-half story English Builder style home located in the Southeast Olympia Neighborhood. The house was part of a subdivision developed by Olof Anderson of the Tumwater Lumber Mills. It was created in 1926 out of the Bates Extension of the Hazard Stevens Farm. This area was historically part of the Walker Donation Land Claim, later owned and developed into Cloverfields Farm by Hazard Stevens. The assessor gives the date of 1926 for placing the house on the tax rolls. O.A. and Bertha Watkins purchased the property in 1927 for \$4550. Watkins is listed in city directories as an agent for the Northern Pacific Railroad. It was purchased in 1938 by Robert and Jeanette Schmidt. Schmidt was an assistant brewmaster at the brewery. Other longtime owners were L. H. & Viola Osborne who bought the house in 1947. The house is an excellent example of the English Builder style interpreted by Tumwater Lumber Mills.

Description of Physical Appearance

One and one-half story English-builder style house. Steeply pitched front double gable entry. The recessed gable has half-timbering. The main house is a side gable structure. Shingle and half-timber cladding. The front gable extends to form an "arcaded wing wall," with an arched gateway. The gate appears to have original hand-forged hinges. Narrow eaves. A chimney rises on the west side and there is a center chimney as well.

The front entry, located in the double gable front extension, is sheltered by a small bracketed overhang and is flanked by two period light fixtures. Multipane windows and double hung windows with vertical mullions.

Major Bibliographic References

Information from Pioneer Title Company Records, Thurston County Assessor and Polk City Directories.

PHOTOS



View of Front Façade

taken 10/7/2003

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

Comments: