

Historic Property Adams/Martin House
Inventory Report for 1639 Bigelow Avenue NE Olympia/Thurston/98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Adams/Martin House **Field Site No.:** 964
Common Name: (#34-947) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 1639 Bigelow Avenue NE Olympia/Thurston/98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 13 TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
09110060000 Portion of DR Bigelow DLC. metes and bounds

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
City of Olympia .18

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 3/1/1999 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: **Owner Address:** **City/State/Zip:**
Kimberley D. McKinley 1639 Bigelow Avenue NE Olympia, WA 98506

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: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Shingle

Style Arts & Crafts - Craftsman

Form/Type Single Family - Gable Fronter / Homestead Hou

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1927

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

The Adams/Martin House is located in the Bigelow Highlands Neighborhood, part of the Bigelow Donation Land Claim. From available records, it appears that the property was part of a farm owned by Thomas and Mary Davis. They sold the property to J B. and Ella Prilman Adams in 1925. In 1926 the Adams' took out a mortgage for \$900 from Olympia Building and Loan. By 1927, they are listed in the City Directory at this address. The house is a good example of the Craftsman style. Adams is noted as a carpenter in the City Directory and may well have built this house. By 1929 they had moved on to 1721 Bigelow Avenue. In the 1932 and 1936, Patrick O'Brien is listed at this address but the Adams continued to own the property. They sold it in 1936 to Archie and Emma Martin for \$1600. The Martin's continued to own the property through the 1960s. Archie Martin worked at the Olympia Brewery.

Description of Physical Appearance

One and one-half story Craftsman style house set on a large lot in the Bigelow Highlands Neighborhood. It is set on a concrete foundation. Front gable house with wide eaves and a bracketed roofline and fascia board. Projecting front porch has detail similar to the main roofline. It is supported by brick pillars which have a squat wood top support. There is a low railing between the supports. Clapboard and shingle cladding. Center front Craftsman-style door. Windows are twelve-over-one or multipane. Square bay on the west side. Shed roof bay on the west side. Detached period garage with original doors and detailing.

Major Bibliographic References

Pioneer Title Company Records. Polk City Directories.

PHOTOS



View of
taken

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

Comments: