

Historic Property Harvey Woodard House
Inventory Report for 1114 Woodard Ave NW, Olympia, WA WA

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Harvey Woodard House **Field Site No.:** 3451
Common Name: **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 1114 Woodard Ave NW, Olympia, WA WA
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 10 TUMWATER

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 10 **Easting:** 506446 **Northing:** 5211460

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
09510025000 Portion of Hurd Donation Land Claim

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
1.39

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: ss **Date Recorded:** 6/18/2003 **Survey Name:** Olympia

Owner's Name: Anthony and Vivian Carter **Owner Address:** 1114 Woodard Avenue NW **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98502

Classification: Building **Resource Status** **Comments**
Within a District? Survey/Inventory

Contributing?

National Register Nomination:
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: Plank

Changes to plan: Slight **Changes to interior:** Moderate
Changes to original cladding: Slight **Changes to other:**
Changes to windows: Slight **Other (specify):**

Cladding Wood - Drop Siding **Foundation** Post & Pier
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: ca 1860

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

CommunityPlanning/Development

Builder:

Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:

Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local):

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

Statement of Significance

Located on West Bay Drive overlooking Budd Inlet, the Harvey Woodard House is a rare example of double box style construction. It is believed to be the house built by Harvey Woodard on the Hurd Donation Land Claim, which is cited in several family documents.

The Woodard family came over the Oregon Trail in the 1850's first spending a winter at Vancouver and later settling in the South Bay area. Woodard Bay is named for them. They came to Olympia during the Indian Uprising of 1855-56 and later settled on the West Side after 1856. This house could date from that period since it is known from family reminiscences that a house was built in 1858 in West Olympia.

Harvey Woodard was a native of New York and moved westward to Michigan as a child and became a millwright. He married Salome Eaton. For their trip west in 1852, he built his own wagon. They came in the spring in 1853 by sailing vessel. Woodard helped to build the first flour mill at Tumwater. He worked as a millwright until 1865 and died in 1872. His wife lived until 1890.

It is believed the house was later the home of Adelbert and Annie Cora Woodard, Harvey's son. He was an orchardist, covering much of the West Side with trees and brewed vinegar. He lived in the house until his death in 1936.

The house is significant as an example of a double plank wall building built of original growth cedar set on hand-hewn beams.

If the information on its origins can be verified, it is also associated with the Woodard family who were early settlers to the area and significant in West Olympia history.

It is believed that the house was renovated in the 1880s period and perhaps moved when its cladding, roofline, and window openings were altered.

Description of Physical Appearance

Built on a bluff overlooking Budd Inlet in West Olympia, the house is a one and one-half story double plank sidewall house set on a post and pier foundation with a newer perimeter foundation of concrete block. The rectangular house has a gabled roof with a shed roof projection on the rear and an enclosed front porch area under a shed roof. The house has drop siding and a primarily one-over-one double hung windows.

Major Bibliographic References

Hines, Harvey K, An Illustrated History of the State of Washington, Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago Ill, 1893, pp.691-2.
Information from Philip Dole, Professor Emeritus, University of Oregon, July, 2003

Adelbert Woodard Interview Washington Pioneer Project, Thurston County #6

"Harvey R. Woodard," Early History of Thurston County Washington, Mrs. George E. Blankenship, 1914 reprint, The Shorey Bookstore, Seattle, WA 1972, pages 255-57.
Thurston County Assessor's photos.

PHOTOS



View of Front Façade

taken 10/6/2003

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

Comments: