

Historic Property Robbins/Mallett House
Inventory Report for 907 Olympia Ave NE, Olympia, WA

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Robbins/Mallett House **Field Site No.:** 3515
Common Name: **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 907 Olympia Ave NE, Olympia, WA
Comments:

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
 T18R02W 14 TUMWATER

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 10 **Easting:** 508252 **Northing:** 5210416

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78202700200 Swans L2 Block 27

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
.14

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: ss **Date Recorded:** 6/28/2004 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Johnathan Boyce/Alice Kinerk **Owner Address:** 907 Olympia Avenue NE **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98506

Classification: Building **Resource Status** **Comments**
Within a District? Yes Local Register
Contributing? Survey/Inventory

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: 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 Wood - Drop Siding **Foundation** Concrete - Poured
Shingle

Style Arts & Crafts - Craftsman **Form/Type** Single Family - Bungalow
Roof Material Asphalt / Composition **Roof Type** Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit **Other** Date Of Construction: 1915
Architect:
Builder: E. J. Robbins
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):

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

Statement of Significance Located on Olympia Avenue in Northeast Olympia, the Robbins/Mallett house is a good example of the Craftsman style built by a prolific carpenter in the area, E. J. Robbins, who had come to the area with his parents in 1881. Robbins built many houses, particularly on the East Side. This property was part of the Swan's Plat. After several owners Robins purchased the property for \$525 in 1914. He and his wife Buelah Pulsifer Robbins were listed as living at this location in 1915 and 1917. They are listed at 1619 E 4th in 1919. Robbins appears to have lived in each of the homes he built for a short period of time and then moved on. The house was sold to William and Minnie Mallett in 1924 for \$1500.00. Mallett is listed in the city directory as a jeweler. It is possible he may have been associated with the Guyots, pioneers jewelers who lived across the street on Olympia Avenue. The Malletts later sold the property to W. J. and Corriisa Gilbert in 1930 for \$2225.00. By 1932, William and Agnes Mangan were the owners. He was a glazier for Hyak Lumber and Millwork company.

Description of Physical Appearance Large, two story front gable Craftsman style house set on a concrete foundation which has shingle cladding. Because the lot slopes downward to the south, the basement is full-height at the rear of the house. The cladding is drop wood siding with shingling on the second floor. A band separates the cladding on the two floors. The front façade has a full-width, shed roof front porch with shingled sides. The porch is supported by square posts and has a low railing with plain, vertical balusters. The front door is slightly offset to the east. It is a paneled, Craftsman style door with six lights. The front door is flanked by a small square window and a large double hung window. The house has wide, bracketed eaves. The front second floor has two, centered, double-hung windows with two small square windows flanking this center element. The east and west sides of the second floor have gabled wall dormers. These sides have one-over-one double hung and rectangular windows. The rear of the house has a similar arrangement as the front on the second floor. The first floor has been altered to accommodate a sliding glass door and deck. There are also replacement windows on this floor on the rear of the house.

Major Bibliographic References : Information from Thurston County Assessor's Records and Tax Rolls. Polk City Directories. Obituary for E. J. Robbins, Daily Olympian, March 7, 1944, pg. 14.

PHOTOS



View of taken
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):

Comments: