

Historic Property John Clemons House
Inventory Report for 418 18th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: John Clemons House

Field Site No.:

Common Name:

OAHP No.:

Property Address: 418 18th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Comments:

County Township/Range/EW Section 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec Quadrangle

UTM Reference

Tax No./Parcel No.

Plat/Block/Lot

Supplemental Map(s)

Acreage

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Jennifer Kenny

Date Recorded: 3/1/2007

Survey Name:

Owner's Name:

Owner Address:

City/State/Zip:

481 18th Ave SE

Oakridge, WA 98501

Classification: Not Identified

Resource Status

Comments

Within a District? Yes

Local Register

Contributing? Yes

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:

No. of Stories:

Structural System:

Changes to plan:

Changes to interior:

Changes to original cladding:

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Foundation

Style American Foursquare - Craftsman

Form/Type

Roof Material

Roof Type

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1919</u>
		Architect:
		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 The house was built in 1919, and first owned by John "The Tailor" Clemons and his wife Della (Smith) Clemons. Originally from Frankfort, Germany, Mr. Clemons came to Olympia in 1903 after tailoring in various parts of the United States, beginning in 1890. His shop was in the Capitol Theatre building for many years. He died in 1946. Mr. Clemons was a member of the F& A M, the Scottish Rite Order, and the Macabees. Mrs. Clemons hailed from North Carolina, and came to Washington in 1903. She was a charter member of Trinity Chapter 215, Order of the Eastern Star, serving as treasurer for 20 years and on the Rainbow Board for 20 years. She died in 1971. The couple had one child, Edward.

Description of Physical Appearance The house is a good example of a Craftsman Bungalow with a hipped roof. Original elements include windows and window frames, doors, flooring, built-ins, woodwork, some light fixtures, fire place, garage, and basement. The siding was replaced in 1997, but made to match the original siding. The wooden front steps were replaced with newer wood within the past couple of years, but the design is the same as the original.

Significant Historic Features:

- 1.Hipped roof
- 2.Front gable
- 3.Exposed eaves
- 4.Wooden front steps
- 5.Three section front window, porch window
- 6.Clapboard exterior
- 7.Enclosed porch railing
- 8.Original window panes and frames
- 9.Top of chimney destroyed in earthquake, not yet repaired
- 10.Front dormer

Non-historic additions:

1. Rear deck

Major Bibliographic References

PHOTOS

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View of Front
taken 10/1/2009
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):

Comments:

