

Historic Property Report

Resource Name: Benner, Norman and Isabelle, House

Property ID: 1667

Location



Address: 512 Sherman, Olympia, WA

Geographic Areas: Thurston County, T18R02W

Information

Number of stories: 1

Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1959	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory
Domestic	Domestic - Single Family House
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Historic Context:

Category
Architecture

Architect/Engineer:

Category	Name or Company
Builder	Abermon, Clyde
Architect	Bennett, G. Stacey



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Thematics:

Local Registers and Districts

Name	Date Listed	Notes
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Project History

Project Number, Organization, Project Name	Resource Inventory	SHPO Determination	SHPO Determined By, Determined Date
2011-03-00043, , Nifty From the Last 50	7/17/2002	Not Determined	

Photos



main street façade



Original HPI form(s)



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Inventory Details - 1/1/1900

Common name:

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Date recorded: 7/17/2002

Field Recorder: M. Houser

Field Site number:

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Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Roof Material	Asphalt/Composition - Built Up
Roof Type	Flat with Eaves
Cladding	Concrete - Block (cmu)
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Plan	Rectangle
Structural System	Masonry - Concrete Block

Styles:

Period	Style Details
Modern Movement	Miesian

Surveyor Opinion

Significance narrative: The Benner House is historically significant as one of the best examples of modern residential architecture in the city of Olympia. The home is indicative of the period when architects and designers turned their back on the street, and used modern materials to achieve an economical modern dwelling. The home was designed by noted Olympia architect Stacey Bennett, who's work in the 1950s and 60s set the stage of architectural fashion in the city. Norman Benner was a salesman for the Sherman Clay Company.

Physical description: Located on the edge of a steep cliff, the Benner House overlooks Capitol Lake on the West side of the City of Olympia. The home has a shallow setback to the street and has a stepped profile. The concrete block structure has a flat roof with overhanging eaves. Here exposed purlins project to the eave line and house a series of small fixed pane windows, the only openings on the street façade. Centered on the main façade is a recessed entry door. The north façade originally had an open covered carport. This area has now been enclosed for living space. The east façade, facing the lake has a series of floor to ceiling windows which take advantage of the view of the lake.