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United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Charles Giles House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 727 West Bay Drive

not for publication

city, town Olympia

vicinity of

congressional district 3rd-Don Bonker

state Washington

code 053

county Thurston

code 067

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Calvert and Nancy Kinnear

street & number 727 West Bay Drive

city, town Olympia

vicinity of

state Washington

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Thurston County Courthouse

street & number 2000 Lakeridge Drive, Southwest

city, town Olympia

state Washington 98502

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Washington State Inventory of
Historic Places

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

city, town Olympia,

state Washington

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Only

TN 92

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Giles house sits atop an embankment along West Bay Drive in Olympia, Washington and overlooks Budd Inlet, an arm of Puget Sound. The house is basically a two-story square box with a one story wing extending to the north and another wing extending north from that.

The house is a modified Italianate design with hip roofs over the main part of the house and over the wings. Of wood frame construction, the house has beveled siding and rests on a brick foundation. The fenestration is generally long four-over-four double-hung wood sash windows.

Most notable of the exterior ornamentation are pairs of ornate brackets which support the eaves every ten feet all along the roofline. This bracketing is repeated on a bay window on the south facade. Another design element is a circular "bullseye" found above the bay windows and elsewhere. The east facade has a small porch offset to the north. It has the original multipaneled door with brass bell and a glass transom. The porch repeats the bracketing and bullseye motifs.

There have been some alterations to the Giles House. On the east facade, two of the long, narrow windows were removed to form a large picture window. Also, a porch on the south side has been replaced by a more commodious, but less ornate one. These alterations and the removal of a widow's walk atop the house are the only major changes from the original.

The arrangement of rooms in the interior of the house has been little altered, and many of the original appointments, such as chandeliers, brass fittings and oak stair railings are still intact.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1885

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The significance of this house rests on its architectural attributes and the historical importance of its first owner. Charles Giles, the builder of the house, owned a saw-mill along the bay within walking distance of his house. A native of the Midwest, he brought a large family with him to Olympia in 1883. The house was built from plans of a similar house Giles' sister built in Omaha, Nebraska.

Giles prospered in his lumber and shingle business, and eventually expanded his milling operations to Darrington, Washington. He served as a city councilman and lived in the house until his death in 1925. His brother, Milton Giles, was Justice of the Peace in Olympia. The east-west street adjoining the house is named Giles street.

The Giles house has many of its interesting architectural details intact and unaltered. This house is distinctive in that Italianate styling is not common in Olympia. It is an example of how nineteenth-century businessmen built their homes near their factories. Its location also takes full advantage of the view of Mt. Rainier and the bay. The present owners, only the third family to occupy the house, have changed little on the interior of the house and strive to keep the exterior in its nearly original condition.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Family pictures and records

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Tumwater

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boutwell's Addition, Lot B, of West Bay Drive (Parcel number 3610-00-00301-8)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Shanna Stevenson (Edited by James H. Vandermeer, Historian, at address given below.)

organization Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

date January 1981

street & number 111 West 21st

telephone 753-9685

city or town Olympia

state Washington 98504

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____	date _____
For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
Keeper of the National Register _____	date _____
Attest: _____	date _____
Chief of Registration _____	



CHARLES GILES HOUSE

727 West Bay Drive, Olympia (Thurston
County) Washington

Photographer: J. H. Vandermeer

Date of photograph: December 1980

Location of negative: Office of Archaeology
& Historic Preservation, Olympia, WA

East and north facades (view from the NE)

Photograph #1 of 2



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Detail of south facade (view from the S)

Photograph #2 of 2