

Historic Property McNeil House
Inventory Report for 318 North Rogers Olympia, Thurston, 98502

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: McNeil House **Field Site No.:** 924
Common Name: Giesecke HouSE (#34-922) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 318 North Rogers Olympia, Thurston, 98502
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
Thurston T18R02W 15 TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
85002000500 Woodruff's Addition, 20, 5

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
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IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Jennifer Watson **Date Recorded:** 7/13/1998 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: E.W. Giesecke **Owner Address:** 318 North Rogers **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98502

Classification: Building **Resource Status** **Comments**

Within a District? No **Survey/Inventory**

Contributing? No

National Register Nomination: 0

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:** one and one-

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Moderate

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Shingle

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Tudor

Form/Type Single Family - Side Gable

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit Other Date Of Construction: 1935
Architect:
Builder:
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): No
Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

Statement of Significance According to the Real Estate Property Tax Polls, this house was constructed prior to 1935 because the 1935 poll shows an improvement. According to Pioneer Title Company the lot was sold in 1930 to V.A. McNeil for \$3200. The Polk directory has Virgil A. McNeil listed at this residence in 1932, manager of Pacific Collectors Incorporated. In 1936, Ole Hanson is listed at this address, and in 1939 Aurelia and William C. Aurelia Guffey are listed, he was employed by Gillette and Guffey. Located in the name file at the Washington State Library is an article on William Guffey (Bill) by Mike Stoddard in the Daily Olympian, "Guffey Man of Science" 25 July 1981 A-1. This house appears to have been one of the Tumwater Lumber Mill show pieces.

Description of Physical Appearance This house is rectangular in plan, wood frame, steep side gable, one and one-half story, on a poured concrete foundation. It is clad with wood shingles and in an English Revival style. The front entry is a small projecting gable of the same pitch as the side gable, with arched doorway and two small, arched windows of leaded glass, nine panes each. The light fixture over the door way appears to be original, lantern style. A similar fixture is located over an arched doorway through an added gate on the North side of the house, leading to the backyard. This gate is not visible in a 1939 photo taken of the house, located in the Washington State Archives photo number 6557. The windows of the front facade are located on either side of the entry in pairs of two four-over-one light. The eaves are close and awnings are located over the two front windows. Side windows are all six-over-one with storm inserts. Sunken dormers are located on the back facade with aluminum replacement windows for what appears to have been casement windows originally. The interior is moderately intact. The kitchen was remodeled and expanded into space that was originally a bedroom. The basement is full height with recessed niche and cabinets. The plaster in the living room is curved at the ceiling. Original covered picture molding, fixtures, mirror, and arched doorway remain in living room.

Major Bibliographic References Thurston County Tax Assessor's Records.
Washington State Archives, Real Estate Property Tax Polls.
Polk Directories.
Pioneer Title Company Records.

PHOTOS



View of West Facade
taken 7/13/1998
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
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Comments: