

HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

State of Washington
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
111 W. 21st Ave. KL-11
Olympia, WA 98504
(206) 753-5010

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Site No.: 39-218
Site Name: Historic H. W. Potter House
Common
Field Recorder: J. Kipp/G. Grulich
Date Recorded: 7/19/86
Owner's Name: Wise, Dale E. & Michele A.
Street: 666 W. Wyatt
City/Town: Bremerton
County
Zip Code: 98312

LOCATION SECTION

Street Number 305 S. 4th St.
City/Town Yakima Zip Code 98901
County 39 Twp. 13 Range 19 Sect 19 1/4 Sect SE 1/4 Sect NW
Tax No./Parcel No. 191319-42422-9
UTM References Zone 10 Easting 691650 Northing 5163430
Acreage: Less than one.
Legal boundary description:
North Yakima, Block 94,
Lot 14 and a portion of
Lot 13.

Status:
National Register
State Register
Survey/Inventory
Determined Eligible
Other (NHL, HABS, HAER) Indicate

Classification Date:
District
Site
Building
Structure
Object

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography Neg. No.: YW3-9
(Roll No. + Frame No.)
View: SE
Date: 7/19/86

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Materials & Features/Structural Types:

Roof Material: Wood Shingle, Asbestos/Asphalt Shingle, Slate, Tar, Metal, Other
Roof Type: Gable, Flat, Monitor, Gambrel, Shed
Foundation: Log, Post & Pier, Stone, Concrete, Brick, Other

Style/Form: (Check one or more of the following)

Pioneer/Homestead, Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Second Empire, Stick/Eastlake, Queen Anne, Shingle Style, Richardsonian Romanesque, Chicago School/Sullivaneseque, Beau Arts Classicism, Princess Anne, Neo-Colonial, Dutch Colonial, Spanish Colonial, English Revival, Bungalow, Craftsman, American Foursquare/Classic Box, Prairie Style, Art Deco/Moderne, Commercial Vernacular, Vernacular, Other

Cladding (Exterior Wall Surfaces): Log, Horizontal Wood Siding, Wood Shingle, Asbestos/Asphalt Shingle, Brick Masonry, Stone Masonry, Stucco, Terra Cotta, Carrara Glass, Vinyl/Aluminum Siding, Other

Height/No. of Stories: One, One and one-half, Two, Two and one-half, Three, Other

Integrity: (include detailed description in 'Additional Description' section)

Additions to house plan, Changes to windows, Changes to roof shape, Changes to interior plan, Other

Table with 4 columns: Intact, Slight, Moderate, Excessive. Rows correspond to integrity items.

ARRATIVE SECTION

Areas of Significance/Study Unit Themes: (check one or more of the following)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Government/Law | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Heritage (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Science & Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Movements/Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning/Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing/Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Statement of Significance: (Reference names, dates, events, areas of significance/study unit themes)

Date of Construction: ca. 1890-1900

Architect/Builder: _____

Historical Significance:

The residence at 305 South 4th Street is associated with North Yakima's earliest development period: 1885- 1900. Properties in North Yakima's Section 19, Township 13, Range 19 were platted February 29, 1885. Homes in this section of Yakima bordered downtown and catered to owners whose business or place of work was in town. This house is significant as an excellent example of the "Queen Anne" style built by tradesmen, carpenter/contractors and by mill owners for middle/upper income families in business and professions. The H.W. Potter House is typical of the larger, two-story residences built in the "Queen Anne" style in Yakima for affluent families. The steeply pitched, irregular shaped hipped roof with dominant front facing gable makes this residence an excellent example of the variety of "Queen Anne" residences in Yakima. Sunburst designs in the front gable and in the porch pediment, spindlework, turned posts, and small, square art-glass window-panes provide rich elements appropriate to its classification as a more elaborate residence in Yakima's earliest development. This property was part of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company holdings. In 1889, H.W. Potter bought Lots 13 and 14, Block 94 and retained the property until 1904 when it was sold to John W. Dean. Based on the steep-pitched hipped roof and spindle work, the house appears to have been constructed during

Additional Description of Physical Appearance & Significant Architectural Features:
(Architectural significance; can include interior & site features; address integrity issues specifically)

305 South 4th Street is a two story, wood framed building currently being used as apartments. The central roof is hipped with flared eaves with intersecting gabled bay and gabled dormers with flared eaves. The roof is composition shingle. The rake trim is boxed with dentils and decorated frieze. The cornice is also boxed with brackets of rafter tails and a decorated frieze with dentils. The siding is clapboard with trimmed corners. The lower floor has shed roofs, a hipped roof porch with a pediment with a "sunburst" design. The front gable also contains a "sunburst" design with a centered attic window with triangular head. The porch contains spindlework above and turned posts for support. The ground floor has an angled bay window with spindlework in the typical bracket locations. The windows are 1/1 and 4/1 double-hung units. The focal window (front bay) contains an upper sash of colored panes surrounding a center clear light. An arched window appears on the north elevation. The architectural details are painted with contrasting colors. The exterior of the building maintains the design and detail of the original design. Having been converted to apartments, the interior has been significantly altered.

Major Bibliographic References: (Include books, periodicals, manuscripts, newspapers, legal documents, maps, photos, oral sources, etc.)

Yakima County Assessor's records.

Lesh Land Co., Index to Lots, A. p. 280, Book 13D and YAK2, p. 78-139. Land Records, (Schreiner Title Company, 30 N. 2nd St., Yakima).

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1885, 1887 Territorial Census, Washington. Abs. Yakima Geneology Society, Yakima, 1982.

1900 Federal Census, Yakima County, Washington. Abs. Yakima Geneology Society, Yakima, 1980.

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(Continuation Sheet)

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Statement of Significance (continued):

Potter's term as owner, but no reference of an H.W. Potter is found in Census or City Directory. John Dean came to Yakima in 1893; his occupation was farming. City directories list him at 307 South 4th Street. A variety of deed transfers transpired between 1904 and 1940. Alice Rennie Morrow's name appears in a number of these transactions until 1940. Dawson Myers purchased the property in 1943 and owned it until 1975. Dale and Michele Wise are the current owners. The residence is well-maintained and an excellent example of larger "Queen Anne" homes in an area where smaller homes of this period have not been restored.

Total number of contributing properties: 1 (house)

noncontributing properties: 0