

# HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

State of Washington  
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## IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Site No.: 39-89  
 Site Name: Historic James Greene House  
           Common Germain House  
 Field Recorder: I. Kipp/G. Grulich  
 Date Recorded: 7/19/86  
 Owner's Name: Nowlin, Jo Ann  
 Street: 203 N. 9th St.  
 City/Town: Yakima  
 County: Yakima  
 Zip Code: 98901

## LOCATION SECTION

Street Number 203 N. 9th St.  
 City/Town Yakima Zip Code 98901  
 County Yakima Twp. 13N Range 19E Sect 18 ¼ Sect SE ¼ ¼ Sect SW  
 Tax No./Parcel No. 191318-43518  
 UTM References \_\_\_\_\_ Zone 10 Easting 691930 Northing 5164440  
 Acreage: less than one USGS Quadrangle: Yakima East  
 Legal boundary description: Scale: 1:24,000  
   Eastern Addition to North  
   Yakima, Block 188, Lots  
   15 and 16.

### 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.: 4-31  
 (Roll No. + Frame No.)  
 View: E  
 Date: 8/6/85

## DESCRIPTION SECTION

### Materials & Features/Structural Types:

- Roof Material:                      Roof Type:
- Wood Shingle  Gable
  - Asbestos/Asphalt Shingle  Flat
  - Slate  Monitor
  - Tar  Gambrel
  - Metal (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  Shed
  - Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- Foundation:
- Hip  Log
  - Pyramid  Post & Pier
  - Sawtooth  Stone
  - Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  Concrete \_\_\_\_\_
  - Block
  - Poured
  - Brick
  - Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### 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/  
Sullivanesque
- 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 (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Cladding (Exterior Wall Surfaces):

- Log
- Horizontal Wood Siding { Rustic/Novelty
- Clapboard
- Wood Shingle { Split Shakes
- Re-sawn
- Machine Shingle

- Height/No. of Stories:
- One
  - One and one-half
  - Two
  - Two and one-half
  - Three
  - Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- Asbestos/Asphalt Shingle
- Brick Masonry
- Stone Masonry
- Stucco
- Terra Cotta
- Carrara Glass
- Vinyl/Aluminum Siding
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                          | Intact                              | Slight                              | Moderate                 | Excessive                |
| Additions to house plan  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Changes to windows       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Changes to roof shape    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Changes to interior plan | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (specify)          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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# NARRATIVE SECTION

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

Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architecture/Landscape Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Politics/Government/Law	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Entertainment/Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethnic Heritage (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science & Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health/Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Movements/Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Planning/Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manufacturing/Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<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. 1888-1890  
Architect/Builder: unknown  
Historical Significance:

The James Greene House at 203 North 9th Street is an architecturally significant example of a Queen Anne cottage in Yakima. Built between 1888 and 1890, the house reflects Victorian folk architecture typical of the city's first period of development (1885-1900). The Queen Anne style is exhibited on a reduced scale reflecting the modest circumstances of the builder. But the small scale is enlivened by irregular massing and a roofline composed of intersecting gabled wings, a massive octagonal turret at the juncture, and a box bay window on the south facade. The frame house is further ornamented with decorative diamond and fishscale shingles in the gable ends, projecting bay, and porch roof; brackets beneath the turret cornice; and a front porch with dentilated cornice. French grape grower William Germain purchased over 14 lots in Block 188 shortly before the Eastern Addition plat map was filed in 1888. He sold ten of the lots, including this one, a few months later to Edward Whitson who retained the property for a year. Whitson sold the lot to Vera Wiswell (aka Vera Gilliam) the following year. She, in turn, sold the property four months later (1890) to James Greene. It is believed that the house was constructed shortly before Greene's purchase. Greene retained the property for 26 years, after which the house passed through numerous owners until Robert D. and Jo Ann L. Nowlin purchased the neglected residence in 1981. Extensive interior remodeling and a carport addition have been undertaken by the Nowlins.

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

The James Greene House at 203 North 9th Street is an irregularly shaped, wood framed, one and one half story residence. The wood shake roof is composed of a series of intersection gables with an octagonal turret in the southwest corner. The gable eaves are boxed with returns and the gable ends are sided with diamond and fish scale shingles. The cornice is supported by small scrolled brackets and dentils. The walls are sheathed in drop siding with corner boards and vertical wood siding at the foundation skirting. The roof of the west entry porch and the square projecting bay window on the south facade are covered with fish scale shingles. The entry porch roof is supported on turned posts as is the side porch. Both porches have a balustrade of widely spaced spindles. The windows are one over one double hung units with the exception of the upper window in the turret which contains a surround of colored glass and the south projecting bay with a transom of colored panes surrounding a clear center light. The windows and doors are framed with simple surrounds with projecting flat hoods. The window at the southeast corner has been replaced and probably enlarged. The building has been maintained in its original character although the dominant tower has been altered by covering the original roof struts with shingles. A chimney adjacent to the turret was being added at the time of registration.

Total contributing properties: 1 (house)

Total noncontributing properties: 0

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

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