

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic

Hattie Williams House

and/or Common

Butts House

2. LOCATION

Street & Number

Moore Street

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 516780

Northing 5320040

- not for publication

City, Town

Irondale

- vicinity of

State

Washington

County

Jefferson

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership:

public

private

both

Status:

occupied

unoccupied

work in progress

Present Use:

agriculture

commercial

educational

entertainment

government

industrial

military

museum

park

private residence

religious

scientific

transportation

other:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name

Robert D. Butts

Street & Number

Route 1, Box 136

City, Town

Port Townsend

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98368

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Butts, Robert. Personal Papers. Title Report.

Scerving, Sybil. Personal Communication, January 1983.

6. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title

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Organization

Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

Date

February 1983

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City or Town

Olympia

State

Washington 98504

7. DESCRIPTION

Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed
Circle one: unaltered altered
Circle one: original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance
attach photo

The Hattie Williams House is a handsome one-story bungalow. The house has decorative elements employed throughout: exposed rafter ends are sculptured; posts on the front veranda are carved; an oval window is set in the front door; bay windows flanking the front facade and one for the dining room; an exterior brick chimney with corbeled cap; and fine woodwork on the interior, including wood columns set on a hardwood, built-in china closet. The exterior walls are clad in beveled siding. The roof is hipped with gabled dormers flanking two sides and a small hipped dormer facing the front. The house has a basement reached by an outside staircase. The house has been left remarkably unchanged including original lighting fixtures in the living room and entranceway.

Verbal boundary description: Lots 1 to 8, Block 17,
Irondale.

Acreage: less than one

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates	c. 1911	Builder/Architect	unknown
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a. History

It is believed that the Hattie Williams House was built in 1911, just prior to or during the downfall of the Western Steel Corporation's iron and steel works at Irondale. Hattie Williams, together with Otto E. Staack, operated a mercantile company at Irondale by the name of "Williams & Staack." The business was begun on May 6, 1910, and was located in Irondale's "downtown" at the foot of Moore Street. "Williams & Staack" declared bankruptcy in February of 1913, but, according to one source (Scerving, 1983), the mercantile was operated well beyond this date. Hattie Williams sold the property in 1928 to George and Tora Shold.

b. Evaluation of Significance

The Hattie Williams House is significant because of its association with the owner of a mercantile at Irondale. When the open hearth furnaces and rolling mills were added to the pig iron manufacture, a prosperous business community was established along Moore Street at Irondale. The brick and wood frame structures exuded an air of prosperity. All of these buildings are now gone.

The Hattie Williams House is also significant because of its architecture. There were very few bungalows built in Jefferson County, and this house is certainly an excellent example of bungalow construction.