

Historic Property Muench House
Inventory Report for 2621 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Muench House **Field Site No.:** 671
Common Name: Lo Ma Villa (#34-568) **OAHF No.:**
Property Address: 2621 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County	Township/Range/EW	Section	1/4 Sec	1/4 1/4 Sec	Quadrangle
Thurston	<u>T18R02W</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>NW</u>		<u>TUMWATER</u>

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Eastings:** 507580 **Northing:** 5207720

Tax No./Parcel No. 38500500700 **Plat/Block/Lot** Capital Park B5 & 6

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
City of Olympia Planning Department < one

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 10/2/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Steve Lerch, etal **Owner Address:** 2621 Capitol Way S **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

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

Within a District? Yes **Survey/Inventory**

Contributing? Yes **Local Register**

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: SOUTH CAPITOL NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Current Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Plan: Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 1 1/2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Slight

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Shingle

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Colonial - Colonial Revival

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

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NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1921

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Edwin Ivey

Builder:

Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: Yes

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 The uniquely situated house overlooking the Olympia Brewery and Deschutes River was built in 1921 by the Muench family in a design by Edwin Ivey. The English Revival Style home was called "Lo Ma Villa" and had extensive landscaping and a waterfall on the steep bank. Alice Muench, daughter of the family, taught dance and music. Mrs. Peter Schmidt was another daughter of the family. The house is currently was owned by Mary Lux, Olympia City Councilwoman and former state legislator and school board member. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

Description of Physical Appearance Located on a large wooded lot and approached by a long driveway, the Muench House is an L-shaped, one-and-one-half-story wood frame structure built in Colonial Revival style on a poured concrete foundation. Its hipped gable roof is covered with composition shingles, and broken on the front (north) facade by a brick chimney flanked by shed-roofed dormers. Walls are clad with wood shingles. At the corner of the "L" on the front facade is a small flat-roofed porch with paired columns, which shelters the main entry door. At the east end of the facade, a covered breezeway with columned arches connects the house to the detached garage. Fenestration includes double-hung sash with eight-over-one lights and multi-paned casements, and french doors lead to a deck along the west wall. At the rear is a new second-story deck. The house is maintained in excellent condition.

Major Bibliographic References Interviews with Noochie Schmidt Huffine and Mary Lux.
 Information from Elizabeth Ayer.

PHOTOS



View of north facade

taken 10/2/1985

Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
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Comments: