

Draft Register Plaque Text for 2017 Designations

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Thorp Motors

ca 1946

This distinctive Art Moderne auto showroom sold and serviced Packard, Volkswagen, and Dodge cars into the 1980s, long after other dealers had left Downtown. Starting in the 1850s, the site housed some of the earliest buildings in Olympia like Young's Hotel, providing lodging, general merchandise, and meeting space for emerging civic organizations.

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Howard & Minnie Lucas House

1926

This was the home of a prominent leader of the Capital National Bank and National Bank of Commerce and his family for nearly 2 decades. The Norman Farmhouse cottage was featured in the news to promote the development of the Carlyon Addition, significant to the pre-World War II expansion of Olympia.

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Elizabeth & Ralph Lee House

ca 1909

Stephen S Osborn, who lived at the property immediately north, built this Dutch Colonial house. The longest-serving residents were the Lees, who arrived in 1936. While both were active in the community, Elizabeth's civic and charitable pursuits featured prominently in the Olympia society pages for nearly 4 decades.

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