

LACEY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. For completing Lacey Register of Historic Places registration form, see applicable instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in appropriate space or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets. Type all entries.

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name Groom/Turner House
Other names/site number 34-834

2. LOCATION

Street & number 901 Ulerv Street SE not for publication
City, town Lacey vicinity
State WA code county Thurston code 34 zip code 98503

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property	
Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the Lacey Register
N/A

4a. LACEY HISTORIC COMMISSION STAFF RECOMMENDATION

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the Lacey Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Margaret C. Weaver
Signature of commenting staff

Jan. 14, 1996
Date

4b. LACEY HISTORIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

In the opinion of the Lacey Historic Commission, the property meets does not meet the Lacey Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature]
Signature of LHC Chair

March 18, 1996
Date

4c. OWNER CONSENT FOR LISTING

I (we) consent do not consent to the listing of the above property on the Lacey Register of Historic Places. I (we) also certify that I am/we are the legal owner(s) of the above property.

Dorothy C. Darney
Owner signature

See continuation sheet

5. CITY OF LACEY CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the Lacey Register

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determined eligible for the Lacey Register. See continuation sheet

determined not eligible for the Lacey Register.

removed from the Lacey Register
 other, (explain:)

Signature of the Local
Elected Official

Date of
Action

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/residence

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/residence

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/craftsman

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Foundation poured concrete

Walls wood/drop siding

Roof composition

Other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Built in 1929, the Groom/Turner house is a fine example of the craftsman/bungalow style of house which was common in the Lacey Villas subdivision in the late 1920's. Among the more prominent craftsman features are the side gable roof with projecting eaves and exposed rafter ends, the porch with tapered columns on brick piers, a chimney flanked by two small windows and the multi-light windows.

8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

Nationally Statewide Locally

1. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history.
2. It embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style or method of construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
3. It is an outstanding work of a designer, builder or architect who has made a substantial contribution to the art.
4. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's cultural, special, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering or architectural history.
5. It is associated with the lives of persons significant in national, state or local history.
6. It has yielded or is likely to yield important archaeological information.
7. It is a building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the only surviving structure significantly associated with an historic person or event.
8. It is a birthplace or grave of a historical fixture of outstanding importance and is the only surviving structure or site associated with that person.
9. It is a cemetery which derives its primary significance from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events or cultural patterns.
10. It is a reconstructed building that has been executed in an historically accurate manner on the original site.
11. It is a creative and unique example of folk architecture and design created by persons not formally trained in the architectural or design professions, and which does not fit into formal architectural or historical categories.

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Social History

Politics/Government

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

1929-1959

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

Henry C. Turner

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The house at 901 Ulery Street was built in 1929 for Stanley Groom, who was a manager of the Springer Mill of Olympia at the time. He was in the right business to choose good materials for its construction. Its craftsman style reflects both the neighborhood and the era in which it was built.

Henry Turner, who owned the house from 1948 to 1959, was actively involved in the Lacey community during that time. The Lacey Fire Department, which he helped to establish, became official in 1948 and continued to grow in strength, in large part due to his fundraising activities. One of the fire telephones was on his front porch. He was one of the few volunteer firemen available to fight fires during the day. He was also involved in the founding of the Lacey School Club, the Lacey Lions and the North Thurston School District.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interviews:

Olive Groom Munro 1/14/96, 1/21/96
Margaret Turner 1/18/96
Dorothy Downey 1/16/96
Annabelle Webb 1/6/96
Dorothy Tuggle 1/13/96

"Lacey." Olympia News 14 Nov. 1929: 7

Obituary for Stanley Groom. Tacoma News Tribune 27 July 1965: 22

Obituary for Henry C. Turner. Daily Olympian 2 Jan. 1978: A6

"Parade Fetes Fire Department Founder." Daily Olympian 29 June 1977: A1

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Previous documentation on file (LHC):

___ Preliminary determination of individual listing has been requested

___ Previously listed in the Lacey Register

___ Previously determined eligible by the Lacey Register

___ Recorded by Lacey Inventory of Historic Places
Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

___ State historic preservation office

___ Other State Agency

___ Federal agency

___ Local government

___ University

___ Other

Specify repository:

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of property .6 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property is described as Lacey Villas subdivision lot #34 less the west 145 feet in the Thurston County Assessor's Field Book #22B, tax parcel 5810-00-034.

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Boundary Justification

See above

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title Margaret C. (Lanny) Weaver/Researcher

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City or Town Lacey

State WA

Zip Code 98503

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The house at 901 Ulery is a 1 ½ story, side gabled craftsman/bungalow. This square building sits on a poured concrete foundation and features cedar drop siding.

The front elevation has three bays and a one story gabled porch in the center. The tapered wood columns of the porch sit on brick piers. Missing are two solid wooden balusters that projected about two feet toward the center from the piers. Beside the 9 light front door are two side lights of obscured glass with a pattern. Originally the side lights had a 6 light pattern; the obscured glass was added some time after 1959. The window to the right of the door is a 6 over 1 double hung sash with a plain wood surround. This window treatment is the same throughout the house except where noted. The window on the left is a picture window with a plain wood surround. Originally it was a sash window with side lights, but was replaced after 1948. A shed dormer with side by side 6/1 double hung sash windows is in the center of the upper half story. The roof has projecting eaves and exposed rafter ends.

The north side elevation features a door in the basement level accessible by stairs that start at the right side. On the main level are three windows; the center one is smaller than the other two. The upper story has two windows similar to those in the shed dormer. The eaves are covered by a fascia board.

The main feature on the south side elevation is a brick chimney offset right with two small square fixed light windows on either side. The chimney was replaced after it sustained earthquake damage in 1949. Slightly left of center is an extension, which originally was a squared bay window with gable roof. It now has an aluminum sliding glass door and cedar deck, which were added after 1959. To the left of the door is a rectangular fixed light window. Although the window in the upper story is an aluminum sliding glass window, it still has a plain wood surround. The eaves are covered by a fascia board.

The closed porch in the back elevation has two small windows and a shed roof. It is offset left. The back door has a single light window over wood paneling. The window on the far right is rectangular with a fixed light, the same as the one on the south side elevation. A garden window, added after 1988, is just to the right of the porch. The window to the left of the porch is a double hung sash. There is a hot tub in front of it. As in the the front elevation, there is a shed dormer in the upper half story.

The composition roof has a medium pitch. In addition to the chimney on the south elevation, there is a chimney offset left on the ridge line.

The interior of the house retains features typical of craftsman houses such as built-in cabinets and drawers. The large .6 acre lot on which the house sits has numerous fruit trees, several raspberry bushes and a large garden, all features which contribute to the historical appearance of the house.

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Biographies of significant residents:

Stanley Olaf Groom moved to the Olympia area from Minnesota about 1922. He first appears in the 1921-22 edition of Polk's Olympia city directory as a resident of Union Mills. At the time that he was building the house in Lacey Villas, he was a manager of the Springer Mill Company of Olympia. Perhaps the lumber for the house came from there. In the 1936 and 1939 editions of the city directory he is listed as working at the Olympia Veneer Company. Although he did not sell the house until 1945, he left the area in the late 1930's. He moved first to Oregon and then to Eureka, California. In both places he remained involved with the lumber business. In 1953 he moved to Tacoma, where he died July 27, 1965.

Henry C. Turner was born in Tumwater in 1910. He and his wife, Margaret, moved to the Lacey area in 1939, when they leased the Foy store at the corner of Pacific Avenue and Lacey Street. In 1944 they purchased the store from Gordon Foy and in 1948 moved into the house on nearby Ulery Street. In 1955 they platted the Turner Addition to Lacey. The street through the subdivision was Margaret Street; it is now 6th. In 1959 they built a laundromat across the street from the store.

Turner was often described as a "local merchant," but his involvement in the Lacey community went way beyond the store. Both he and his wife were involved in the founding of the School Club at the Lacey School, an organization similar to a PTA, which raised money for the school. They were also involved in efforts to form the North Thurston School District and to build North Thurston High School.

When three major fires alarmed the community in the forties, Turner became active in organizing the fire department. A charter member of the group, he would canvas the neighborhood on a weekly basis to raise money to keep the fire department going. He was one of the few available during the day to fight fires. There were three fire telephones in Lacey, one at the fire hall, one in his store and even one on his front porch. He also served as fire commissioner. When the fire department became the organizing force behind the movement to incorporate Lacey, he became chairman of the incorporation committee.

In addition, Turner was a commissioner for Thurston County Water District #2 and he was actively involved in charity work. He was a member of the Elephants Club and welfare chairman for the Lacey Lions Club. Inside his store he kept a donation box for food for needy people. When a local church refused to care for one needy family in particular, Turner took the family under his wing and insured that they had sufficient shelter, food and guidance.

Henry and Margaret Turner had four children. In June 1977 the Lacey Fire Department honored Turner with his own parade. He died December 31, 1977.

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History of the area and house:

The Groom/Turner house at 901 Ulery Street, Lacey, sits on lot 34 of the Lacey Villas subdivision. The subdivision is part of what was the Isaac Wood Donation Land Claim, which included the area that runs approximately from Lake Lois in the north to 20th Avenue in the south and from St. Martin's College in the west to Carpenter Road in the east. The heirs of Isaac Wood sold the claim to John M. Adams in 1883. The section that was to become Lacey Villas was sold by his heirs to Asa M. Rowe in 1904. Rowe sold the property to Charles Wilson in 1910. There are still some residents of Lacey who remember the Wilson farm. In 1927 Wilson sold the property to Joseph L. Peters, who platted it as Lacey Villas, approved June 6, 1927.

Stanley O. Groom built the house on lot 34 in 1929 as reported in the Olympia News of November 14, 1929. The deed for the purchase of the lot from Peters is not dated until January 15, 1930. According to Annabelle (Walsh) Webb and Dorothy (Bagley) Tuggle, who both grew up nearby, the house was considered large in those days. After the Grooms, the owners were: Orin and Charlotte Michael (1945-1948), Henry C. And Margaret E. Turner (1948-1959), Harlen and Mary Belle Meek (1959-1978), Carl Yates (1978-1981), Sharon McClish (1981-1988) and Charles and Dorothy Downey, the current owners.

901 Ulery Street
Thurston County Assessor's
Photo #6140

