



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 appropriated 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:

Homann House

Other names/site number:

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 1012 Homann Dr.

Not for publication:

City: Lacey

State: WA

County: Thurston

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

Building:

1

3

Sites:

Structures:

Objects:

Total:

Number of related multiple property listings:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the Lacey Register:

N/A

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4. 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 owners of the above property.

Owner Signature	Date	Print Name

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5. LACEY HISTORIC COMMISSION STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

See continuation sheet

<i>Amber Raney</i>	6/1/2011	Amber Raney
Signature of Commenting Staff	Date	Print Name

6. LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

In the opinion of the LHC, the property meets does not meet the Lacey Register criteria.

See continuation sheet.

Signature of LHC Chair	Date	Print Name

7. CITY OF LACEY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the Lacey Register
 see continuation sheet
- determined to be eligible for the Lacey Register
 see continuation sheet
- determined not to be eligible for the Lacey Register
- removed from the Lacey Register
- other, (explain): _____

Signature of Local Elected Official	Date of Action

8. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Residence of Lacey's first mayor, site of council meetings, served as first city hall

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions):

South Sound Parent to Parent facility

9. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions):

American
International/Minimal
Traditional

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Materials (enter categories from instructions):

Foundation: Poured Concrete

Walls: Stretcher-bond Brick

Roof: Medium-pitched Gable

Other:

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

See continuation sheet

10. 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 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 a historic person or event.
- 8. It is a birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance and is the only surviving structure or site associated with the 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.

Enter categories from instructions for the following:

Areas of Significance:	
Period of Significance:	1940-1987
Significant Dates:	1966
Cultural Affiliation:	
Significant Person(s):	Albert G. and Anna M. Homann
Architect/Builder:	Albert G. Homann

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

See continuation sheet

11. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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.

Primary location of additional data:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> State historic preservation office | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other state agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal agency | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> University | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Specify repository:

Washington State Archives, SW Branch

12. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreege of property:

UTM

A			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B			
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Zone Easting Northing

C

Zone Easting Northing

D

Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description:

For tax parcel no. 09950021003

See continuation sheet

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Boundary Justification:

See continuation sheet

13. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title: Amber Raney/Museum Curator, Lanny Weaver/Museum Volunteer

Organization: Lacey Museum

Street & Number: 829 Lacey St. SE

City: Lacey

State: WA

Zip: 98503

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Describe the present and historic physical appearance:

The wording for this description comes from a report done by JBR Environmental Consultants, Inc. The present appearance of this building shows a one story, stretcher-bond brick clad structure with irregular floor plan and poured concrete foundation. The structure exhibits a medium-pitch gable roof clad with ceramic tiles. The roof has projecting eaves and boxed cornices with a wide vergeboard overlain with a chevron pattern of flushboard forming the pediment in the gable ends. The structure exhibits three single-leaf doors beneath covered entryways; two occupying the corners of one elevation and one offset far left in a dropped gable roof wing beneath the gable end on another elevation. The windows are slightly recessed with angled slipsills and comprised of horizontal sliding sashes with a large three-sash window centered beneath the gable end of one elevation.

A Thurston County Assessor's photograph taken in 1954 shows a flat roof and large chimney on the west side of the house. These features reflect a fusion of American International and Minimal Traditional styles of residential architecture. With changes to the roof style and removal of the large, brick chimney, the original structure has been substantially modified. The flat roof was probably replaced by Richard Bergt who purchased the property from the Homanns in 1984 and converted it from residential into a commercial property. At least one of the single-leaf doors has been replaced. The elements of design that remain are the brick cladding and horizontal sliding windows.

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

Albert G. Homann was instrumental to the formation of the City of Lacey. A general contractor, Al came to the area in 1940 to build the Rockway-Leland Building at State Avenue and Washington Street in Olympia. He purchased 11 acres of property in what would become Lacey that same year and immediately began working on the house now in question. His residence remained in Olympia until sometime after 1942, and he subsequently moved his place of business to Lacey in 1947.

Al built his home on land that had once been part of the original Isaac and Catherine Wood Donation Land Claim, just south of the Northern Pacific Rail Road line. His property included the race track that had helped put Lacey (then Woodland) on the map. There was already a structure on the property when Homann purchased it, and he used this building as a starting point to create what would become the site of many important moments in the young city's history. Instead of creating a new home, Al chose to "improve" the small house already on the land, finding the permitting process much simpler—and less expensive.

Al Homann's contributions to the community are seemingly limitless. He was one of the founders of the original Lacey Volunteer Fire Department, and used a large warehouse that he constructed on his property to serve as the first headquarters for the burgeoning district. This structure is still located south of Homann's home. The fire fighters were instrumental in getting the vote to incorporate Lacey on the ballot in 1964 and again in 1966. Al Homann was a leader in this movement and would become Lacey's first mayor when incorporation became official in 1966. He served the City of Lacey in that capacity until 1972. The "rec-room" that he constructed just off of the main house served as a gathering space for the earliest Lacey City Council meetings.

The legacy of contract work that Al Homann contributed not only to Lacey, but to the Thurston County area as a whole is massive. This includes: South Sound Shopping Center (all except Sears), Keeton's, Goldberg's, State Theater, Shelton Hospital, the Simpson building and a fish hatchery in Shelton, Greenwood Inn, Jefferson Junior High, Baron Hall and a monastery at St. Martin's University, Marcus Pavilion, South Sound National Bank, Tumwater Falls Park, the Tivoli Fountain, Niagara Wire building and Georgia Pacific container plant. While some of these buildings may no longer exist or have been remodeled, the foundations of his work remain. In addition, Al Homann was a major contractor at Ft. Lewis during WWII and for Olympia Brewing Company plant construction.

Al and his wife, Anna contributed to the community in other ways, too. Al sponsored the Lacey Lions semi-pro baseball team and served as manager for many years. Anna was active in the local schools, donating uniforms to the Lacey School for cheerleading, baseball, and basketball. The Homanns made certain that the Lacey teams could compete with pride against any rival, but especially neighboring Olympia. Anna was active in Boy Scouts, a charter member of the Lacey Historical Society, a member of the Zonta Club and a benefactor of the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Al raised prize polled Herefords in the late 1950s on a 160 acre parcel of land they called Al-Anna Park. Much of this land was platted as the Homewood Addition in the late 1960s. However, on January 3, 1973, Al and Anna donated 7.85 acres of this park to the City of Lacey. Renamed Homann Park and located at the end of Homann Drive, it stands as a reminder of the importance of this remarkable family to the formation of the city.

Although the former Homann house has had alterations, it still represents Al and Anna Homann, who were significant figures in the creation and development of the City of Lacey. It is because of their significant contribution to the city that their uniquely eclectic house deserves to be recognized.

Major Bibliographical References:

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