

**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 Lacey Women's Club
Other names/site number 34-212

2. LOCATION

Street & number 827 Lacey Street Not for publication
City, town Lacey Vicinity _____
State WA County Thurston
code _____ code _____ Zip code 98503

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	_____ building
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>2</u>	_____ Total

Number 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 x does not meet ___ the Lacey Register criteria.
___ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting staff

Date

4b. LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

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

Signature of LHC Chair

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.

Owner signature

___ See continuation sheet

5. CITY OF LACEY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is:

___ entered in the Lacey Register

___ See continuation sheet

___ 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)

Community Organization Clubhouse

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Community Organization Clubhouse

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Concrete

Walls Wood frame clad in wood shingle

Roof Composition shingle

Other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This vernacular style community organization clubhouse is a one story double wall wood frame structure clad in wood shingle. The building has a normal pitch gable roof covered in composition shingles and a concrete foundation. It has double hung wood sash windows except for two single pane wood sash windows on north side. The windows have decorative shutters that have been added since the clubhouse was constructed. The structure's side gabled front entry is covered by a centered gable porch roof.

In 1965 the back porch was enclosed and made part of the living space. This is included under an extension of the principle roof. In 1999 an ADA public access ramp was added in the back.

In addition, it should be noted that the Women's Club is set in an open area with flowering shrubs in front. Two shrubs have memorial markers for long-time Club members. A line of large poplars mark the north boundary of the property.

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 patters 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 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 ro 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.

Area of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Social History.

Period of Significance
c1937-1999

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person(s)
Lacey Women's Club

Architect/Builder
H.R. (Frank) Hoffman

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

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___ See continuation sheet

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lacey Women's Club file at Lacey Museum.

Historic Property Inventory Form for Lacey Women's Club.

Thurston County Assessor Field Books.

Thurston County Assessor Photos, Southwest Washington Regional Archives.

Title Insurance Policy for Lacey Women's Club.

___ See continuation sheet

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
34-212 Recorded by Lacey Inventory of Historic Places

Primary location of additional data:

State historic preservation office
 Federal agency
 University
 Other State agency
 Local government
 Other

Specify repository:
Lacey Museum

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreeage of property 1 acre more or less in Tract 6 of Lacey Villas

UTM

A []
Zone Easting Northing

B []
Zone Easting Northing

C []
Zone Easting Northing

D []
Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

___ See continuation sheet

11. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title **Drew W. Crooks (Historian) and Andrea Hein (Curator)**

Organization **Lacey Museum**

Street & Number **829 ½ Lacey Street SE**

City or Town **Lacey** State **WA** Zip Code **98503**

Date: March 24, 2000

Lacey Historical Commission
Property Nomination for Register

Application Number: LHR - 2000-1

Name of Property: Lacey Women's Club

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Lacey, WA 98503

Owner: Lacey Women's Club
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Date Built: 1937

A. Criteria for Designation:

1. Category of Historic Property: Community Organization Clubhouse

2. Context for Evaluating Property:

The property should be evaluated in the context of Lacey economic, political and social history from the early 20th century to the present.

3. Level of significance:

Local level of significance.

4. Integrity of Property:

The house's significant historical characteristics have been preserved.

5. Statement of Significance/Criteria:

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B. Significant Historical Characteristics

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C. Conclusion

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February 8, 2000

Mrs. Erika Harzmeyer
Lacey Women's Club
827 Lacey Street
Lacey, WA 98509

Dear Mrs. Harzmeyer,

Thank you for your letter regarding the placement of the Lacey Women's Club on the Lacey Historical Register. I did forward your letter to the Lacey Historical Commission and they were in unanimous agreement that your building is of historical significance and should be evaluated for placement on the Lacey register.

The Historical Commission has asked the Lacey Museum staff to begin the evaluation process right away. It is the intent of the commission to bring the matter back for consideration within the next two months.

As we begin the evaluation process, Drew Crooks or Andrea Hein will be in contract with your membership in order to gain a better historical perspective on your organization and facility.

Again, thank you for your interest in preserving Lacey's history. Should you have any questions please call me, my telephone number is 491-0857.

Sincerely,

Jim Sheler, Director
Lacey Parks and Recreation Dept.

Attachments:
Lacey Historical Register
Special Valuation



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