

**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 Museum
Other names/site number 34-211

2. LOCATION

Street & number 829½ Lacey Street Not for publication ___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	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	_____ building
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</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)

Domestic/Residence--Fire Department--City Hall

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Museum

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

Craftsman - Residential

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Concrete

Walls Double wall wood frame

Roof Shingles

Other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

A typical residential building type constructed in the Craftsman style, the Lacey Museum was originally built in 1928 on Pacific Avenue. In 1979 the structure was moved to its current location on Lacey Street.

Historical characteristics of the Lacey Museum are the double wall wood frame one and one half story structure clad in wood shingle; moderately sloped gable roof covered with shingles; front facade (east) and side facade (north) large picture windows; other windows: 3 over 1, double hung, 2 pane drop, and a single 5 over 1 double hung wood sash windows; an off center, gabled dormer in the eastern gable slope; an exterior brick chimney on the south facade; a side gable front entry; and a front door glazed with a large central panel surrounded by 8 smaller panes.

Non-historic additions are a block concrete foundation and glass in sidelights next to front door.

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 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.

Area of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Social History/Political History

Period of Significance

1928-2000

Significant Dates

1928, 1953, 1967, 1981

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person(s)

Fred and Minnie Russell

Architect/Builder

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

The Lacey Museum is significant because it is directly related to the development of the Lacey

Community in the 20th century. The historic structure was originally built in 1928 by Fred and Minnie Russell as a private residence on Pacific Avenue. They used supplies from Copeland Lumber. Fred Russell operated a cigars, confectionary and billiards establishment and later a service station.

In 1953 the building was purchased by the Lacey Volunteer Fire Department (Thurston County Fire District #3). Firemen's sleeping quarters were created in the upper ½ story. In January 1967, shortly after Lacey incorporated as a city, the fire department leased the structure to the municipality for use as the first city hall. The fire department occupied the basement, the city administrative offices the first floor, and the police department on the second floor.

Eventually the fire department moved to new quarters next door and city administrative offices to modular units behind the house, leaving the building to be used by the police department where the basement served as dressing rooms and lockers on the top floor reserved for the detectives.

In time city government services outgrew the building. A new city hall was constructed on College Street. By 1979 the old city hall on Pacific Avenue was vacant. Instead of being torn down, the decision was made to create a local museum on land donated by the Lacey Women's Club. The old building was moved from Pacific Avenue to its current location on Lacey Street. In 1981 the Lacey Museum opened to the public.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Balsley, Ken, Untitled history of the Lacey Museum.

Lacey Museum reference files.

Stevenson, Shanna, and Tom Constatini, Historic Property Inventory Form for Lacey Museum, Field Site No. 34-211, March 26, 1985.

Stilson, M.L., Historic Property Inventory Form for Lacey Museum, Field Site No. 34-211, April 15, 1987.

Thurston County Assessor Books.

Thurston County Fire District #3, Minutes for Commissioners Meetings, 1953 & 1966-67.

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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

___ See continuation sheet

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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Organization Lacey Museum

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