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Thurston County Historic Register Nomination Form

This form is required to nominate properties to the Thurston County Historic Register of Historic Places. Type all entries and complete all applicable sections. Contact the Historic Preservation Office with any questions at 360-867-2117.

Staff Use Only	Date Stamp
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PROPERTY INFORMATION

1. Historic Property Name: Old Boston Harbor School (moved)
2. Historic Property Address: 310 72nd Ave., NE, Olympia, WA 98506
3. Tax Parcel Number: 35903802300

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Owner: Julie Hays and John Joseph Email:

Address: 1781 Capistrano Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FORM PREPARER

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Signature: _____ Date: August, 2024

NOMINATED ELEMENTS

Please indicate below significant elements of the property that are included in the nomination by checking the appropriate box(es) below. These elements should be described specifically in the narrative section of this form.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Principal Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Additions	<input type="checkbox"/> Accessory Buildings/Outbuildings
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Interior Spaces/Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Landscaping, Fencing, Walkways, etc.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

EXTENT OF CHANGES

Please summarize the changes that have been made to the original plan, exterior, materials, cladding, windows, interior, and other significant elements by selecting the choices below. If the property has been previously documented, these may be indicated on the Washington State Historic Property Inventory Form. These changes should be described specifically in the narrative section of this form.

ORIGINAL MATERIALS INTACT

Plan (i.e.: no additions to footprint , relocation of walls, or roof plan)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Original cladding/exterior materials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Windows (no replacement windows or replacement sashes)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Interior (woodwork, finishes, flooring, fixtures)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Other elements	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION NARRATIVE

Describe in detail the original (if known) and present physical appearance, condition and architectural characteristics of the site (context, location), exterior (all four walls), and interior. Please include a list of known alterations and their dates (use additional sheets if necessary)

Formerly located on Zangle Road, approximately one mile east of Boston Harbor and six and one-half miles north of Olympia, the Boston Harbor School was a large, irregularly-shaped wood frame structure on a poured concrete foundation, of one story with partial basement. The site after it was moved is at 310 72nd Ave., NE. The gable roof is covered with composition shingles and has close eaves and a simple molded cornice with returns. Centered on the front (west) facade is a small flat-roofed porch with simple posts and railings and a prominent cornice. It shelters the main entry door, which has multi-paned sidelights and transom. The porch is flanked by small multi-paned windows. To the left of the front facade is a multi-paned triple casement with transom. Side and rear walls are lit by bands of tall, narrow double-hung sash with six-over-six lights, some of which have replacement metal sash.

Historic Features from Thurston County Historic Register Placement:

1. Wood frame structure with gable roofline and close eaves.
2. Clapboard siding.
3. Bands of large double hang sash six over six windows.
4. Note: Building has been moved and set on large concrete foundation.

HISTORICAL OR CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION

The County Historic Register recognizes properties that are at least 50 years old (or of lesser age if of exceptional importance), and which are important for one or more of the following reasons:

- xHistorical Importance -- the property is: the site of an historic event with an effect upon society; identified with a person or group who had some influence on society; or exemplifies the cultural, social, religious, economic, political, aesthetic or engineering history of the county.
Architectural Importance -- the property is: (a) an individual building that embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type, period, style or method of design or construction; is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the county; or (b) a group of buildings that may lack distinction individually but together are easily distinguished as a unit and characterize an earlier era, way of living, and construction of the built environment.
- Archaeological Importance -- the property has yielded or may be likely to yield archaeological information important in pre-history or history.
- Birthplaces, Graves , Cemeteries -- the property is: a birthplace or grave of a person of outstanding historical importance; or a cemetery significant because of its age, distinctive design features or association with historic events or cultural patterns.

HISTORICAL DATA (IF KNOWN)

Date of Construction ca. 1939 Other Significant Dates: portion moved in 1991

Architects: _____ Builder: _____

Architectural Styles: _____

Materials: _____ Wood _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Describe in detail the chronological history of the property and how it meets the criteria for the Register of Historic Places. Please provide a summary in the first paragraph that lists the relevant criteria (use additional sheets if necessary). This section should include a thorough narrative of the property's history, context, occupants, and uses. If using a Multiple Property Nomination that is already on record, or another historical context narrative, please reference it by name and source.

According to T. T. Waterman, Boston Harbor or Dofflemyer Point on Budd Inlet was known as "house pits" by Native People. Just to the east was an area known as "sand hill crane's house." Early immigrant settlers to the area included Isaac and Susan Dofflemyer.

Boston Harbor was the scene of a flurry of activity around the turn of the 20th century when promoter C. D. Hillman sought to establish a port to rival its namesake in the east at the peninsula which he named. Hillman and his wife Bessie platted Boston Harbor in 1907. Promised were a railroad, smelter, ships and mills. The area did once have a hotel. The first Boston Harbor school was established in 1909 in the platted area of Boston Harbor. The school merged with Pine Grove School in 1914. That school was near 76th and Libby Road. Another school was later built near Woodard Bay Road and Libby Road.

Originally located at 7300 Zangle Road, the Boston Harbor School was completed in 1939 with the assistance of the Works Progress Administration and was originally two rooms classrooms, an office and a full basement. The school originally cost around \$24,000 with about \$11,000 in local funds and a \$16,000 federal contribution. Later the gym area was added and more additions followed. Eight grades attended the school which was also used as a community center for dances, plays and get togethers. The district was consolidated with Olympia in 1964. Through a 1980's era bond issue, a new \$2.5 million school was built in 1990-1991 and dedicated in November 1991. A portion of the 1930s school was moved in 1991 to the Boston Harbor townsite on Block 38

and incorporated into a single-family home. The property was placed on the Thurston County Historic Register in 1991.

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