

PROJECT REPORT

Bainbridge Island

City of

Department of Planning
and Community Development

Project: Nomination of Williams House for placement on the City of
Bainbridge Island Historic Register

Date: October 12, 2005

I. INTRODUCTION

Applicant: Kristin von Kreisler and John Bomben
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Request: The proposal is to designate the Williams House as a
property meeting the criteria for placement on the Bainbridge
Island Historic Register.

Location: 112 Eagle Place

**Zoning
Designation:** Residential 4.3

**Comprehensive
Plan Designation** Urban Residential

**Environmental
Review:** The proposed designation is a non-project action exempt
from environmental review.

DECISION

Approval of the property as meeting the criteria for placement on the Bainbridge
Island Historic Register.

The Williams house is significantly associated with the early settlement history of Bainbridge Island; demonstrates architecture of the residential vernacular of that period; has physical integrity and is more than 50 years old.

1. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history;

The Williams house, built in approximately 1882, belonged to Cynthia Eddy and Charles H. Williams. In 1879, Cynthia and Charles were one of the first couples married in Eagle Harbor. Their 160-acre homestead included all of what is now Wing Point and Hawley. They had seven children. The eldest son, Clayton was the first Caucasian baby born in Eagle Harbor. Charles established the first steamship business from Eagle Harbor to Seattle and took passengers and freight on his boat, the Tolo. He also was appointed the first sheriff of Madrona (later named Winslow). Cynthia opened a small grocery store, which became Madrona's first post office and she was the town's first postmistress.

After World War II, the house was occupied by another significant figure , Charles Taylor, a well-know shipbuilder. He set up a boatworks in front of the house and a marine railway which hauled out small craft for bottom cleaning and repair. The boatworks has been torn down, but several concrete piers still remain on the beach and in the water in front of the house.

2. Embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style or method of design or construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

The William's house is "residential vernacular" – a one and a half story wood frame building with a gable front, horizontal wood siding and a pier and post foundation.

3. Exemplifies or reflects significant elements of the city's cultural, special, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, or architectural history

As the home of one of the first settlers of Eagle Harbor, the first ferry service to Seattle and a shipyard, the Williams house is a significant part of the cultural heritage of Bainbridge Island (see #1 above).

4. Is associated with the lives of persons significant in local, state or national historical events.

See #'s 1 and 3 above.

5. Is a creative and unique example of folk/vernacular architecture and design created by persons not formally trained, and which does not readily fit into formal architectural or historical categories.

See #2 above.

III. **CONCLUSIONS:** The Historic Preservation Commission shall base their decision on the following criteria:

1. The Williams house meets the criteria of BIMC 18.76.050 A for placement on the Bainbridge Island Register of Historic Places.
2. The designation is approved by the property owner.

The proposed designation meets the general criteria and criteria numbers 1,2 , 4, 5 and 11 for designation on the Bainbridge Island Historic Register. The designation has been approved by the property owner.

IV. **Attachments:**

A. Application

Staff Analysis

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

A. Site Characteristics

1. **ASSESSOR'S RECORD INFORMATION:**
 - a. Tax Lot Numbers: 4115-002-001-0009
 - b. Owners of record: Kristin von Kreisler and John Bomben
 - c. Site size: .61 acres; 26571.6 square feet
 - d. Land use: Single Family Residence
2. **SITE DEVELOPMENT:**

The site is developed with a single family house.
3. **ACCESS:**

Vehicular access to the site is from Winslow Way E. to Eagle Place
4. **PUBLIC SERVICES:**
 - a. Police - Bainbridge Island Police Department.
 - b. Fire - Bainbridge Island Fire District.
5. **EXISTING USE:**
 - a. Single family residence
6. **SURROUNDING USES:** Single family residential

B. History

1. The historic register nomination application was submitted to the City on September 19, 2005
2. The application will be considered by the Bainbridge Island Historic Preservation Commission on November 1, 2005 at 4 P.M.

C. Public Comment

There have been no public comments about the application,

- #### C. Decision Criteria: BIMC 18.76.050 A. Criteria for designating properties for listing on the register:

Any building, structure, site or object, whether publicly or privately owned, may be designated for listing on the local register if: it is significantly associated with the history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or cultural heritage of the community; it has physical integrity; it is at least 50 years old or is of lesser age but has exceptions importance; and it qualifies as at least one of the following: