

Spokane Register of Historic Places

Nomination Form

City/County Historic Landmarks Commission
Fourth Floor - City Hall
Spokane, Washington 99201-3333

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Binkley House

and/or common 628 South Maple

2. Location

street & number 628 South Maple

city, town Spokane _____ vicinity of

state Washington _____ county Spokane

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Vida K. Johnson

street & number Post Office Box 204

city, town Pateros _____ vicinity of _____ state Washington

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Spokane County Courthouse

street & number West 116 Broadway

city, town Spokane _____ state Washington

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Landmarks Survey, City of Spokane

date 1979 _____ federal _____ state _____ county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Office, City Hall

city, town Spokane _____ state Washington

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located at 628 South Maple. The Binkley House is a two story frame structure on a basalt foundation. *Located on a basalt outcropping overlooking The Spokane River Valley.*

Though simpler in line and ornament than many Queen Anne cottages of the Victorian period, it displays many features of this architectural style. The siding mixes clapboard and shingles for a textured appearance. Tall chimneys rise above the cross-gable hipped roof. Irregularity of shape is created by square bays, cantilevered wall extensions, over-hanging second story facades. A columned front porch is recessed beneath the upper floor, and enclosed second floor balcony. At the rear of the building are two additional porches.

Construction of the Binkley House pre-dates building records, but it appears that the side portion of an original wrap-around porch has been enclosed under the existing porch roof.

At the northwest corner of the 21,300 square foot lot stands the original two story carriage house. Two garage doors have been added at the carriage entrance. The original carriage doorway has been converted to contemporary garage doors.

A covered parking area enclosed on the three sides with concrete blocks is situated on the western boundary where presumably a stable would have been located.

Several notable original interior features have been maintained. One is a tile fireplace located in what was at one time the parlor. An ornate inset fireplace featuring, hand carved wood, terra cotta carving and recessed lighting is situated in Binkley's library. Beamed ceilings and built-in bookcases have remained in this room.

With the possible exception of a cement driveway the grounds reflect many features that appear to be original landscaping. The property is multi-leveled with the lowest level being on the northern portion of the grounds. The northern and eastern perimeter of the grounds are original basalt rock retaining walls and short rock fences. The major flora is a blend of very old deciduous trees and shrubs. Most notably in the central area of the lower grassy area stands a walnut tree.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In 1889, this house was built for and occupied by J.W. Binkley. Binkley was born in Ontario, Canada on July 10, 1856. After earning his law degree from Osgoode Hall, Toronto University, he immediately moved to Seattle, was admitted to the Bar at Tacoma and came to Spokane. Once in Spokane, Binkley formed a partnership with his cousin, to establish the law firm of Binkley and Taylor.

J.W. Binkley served as a probate judge of Spokane County in 1885 and 1886. He had an active law practice, specializing in commercial and financial law, but soon grew to concentrate upon his banking interests.

Binkley and Taylor founded the Northwestern and Pacific Mortgage Company. In 1896, it was taken over by Northwestern Hypotheek Bank (of Holland) and Binkley oversaw the legal matters. Later, Binkley and Taylor formed the North Pacific Loan and Trust Company, of which Binkley served as President. The company dealt with farm mortgages and handled foreign capital from Holland. Over \$1 million was loaned on mortgages.

In the 1912 book, Spokane and the Inland Empire, Binkley was noted for having been "associated with various interests which have constituted elements in the growth and progress of Spokane and the surrounding county." He was active in the establishment of the Wright Army Post and instrumental in the construction of the Montvale block of downtown Spokane. J.W. Binkley was president of the first two Spokane Industrial Expositions (also referred to as "fruit fairs"), the precursors of the present-day Spokane Interstate Fair.

Ethelyn, the only child of J.W. Binkley married Aubrey Lee White. The White residence, Montvale farms, a garden showplace, had originally been John W. Binkley's summer farm.

In addition, Mr. Binkley was a member of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, The Spokane Club, the Spokane Amateur Athletic Club, and the Spokane Country Club.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Victorious Victorians Sinclair, Lewis
Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1985
New York

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .49

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 10,11, and 12 Block 33 Cannon's Addition

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state _____ county _____

state _____ county _____

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth W. Gates, Agent of Owner

organization _____ date November 12, 1986

street & number 1516 West Riverside telephone 838-2900

city or town Spokane state Washington

12. Signature of Owner(s)

SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT

Vida K Johnson by
Kenneth W. Gates Attorney in fact

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Date Heard: _____

Commission Decision: _____

Council/Board Action: _____

Date: _____

Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Ass't. Corporation Counsel

We hereby certify that this property has been listed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places:

Mayor, City of Spokane or Chair, Spokane County Commissioners

Chair, Spokane City/County Historic Landmarks Commission

City/County Historic Preservation Officer

SPOKANE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION FORM

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<u>Spokane and the Inland Empire, Vol. II</u> NW Durham - Pub 1912		
<u>Historic Landmarks Survey</u> City Plan Commission - Spokane, Washington 1979		
<u>History of Spokane County</u> Rev. Jonathon Edwards Pub. WH Lever, 1900		
Spokane Chronicle 27 Jan., 1896 30 April, 1966		
Spokane Magazine June, 1982		
Spokane City Directory 1893 1903		
<u>A View of the Falls An Illustrated History of Spokane</u> William Stimson Windsor Publications 1985		

Statement

On November 12, 1986 Vida K. Johnson as owner of Real Estate situated in Spokane, County of Spokane in the State of Washington commonly referred to as 628 South Maple and also referred to as the Binkley House by the City and County Historic Landmarks Commission authorized Kenneth W. Gates to act as her agent and Attorney-in-fact for the purpose of submitting all necessary and required documents to allow the above described property to be placed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places. The legal description of the property is Lots 10,11 and 12 Block 33 Cannon's Addition.

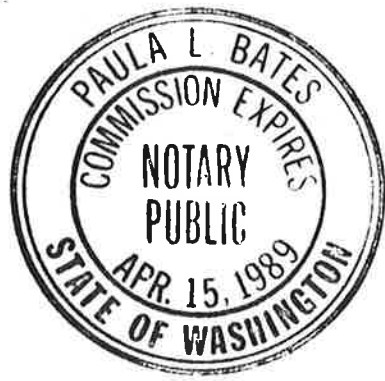
State of Washington,)
) ss.
County of Spokane.)

Pursuant to the provisions of The Revised Code of Washington 42.44.100 (6) I certify that the event or act described in this document has occurred or been performed.

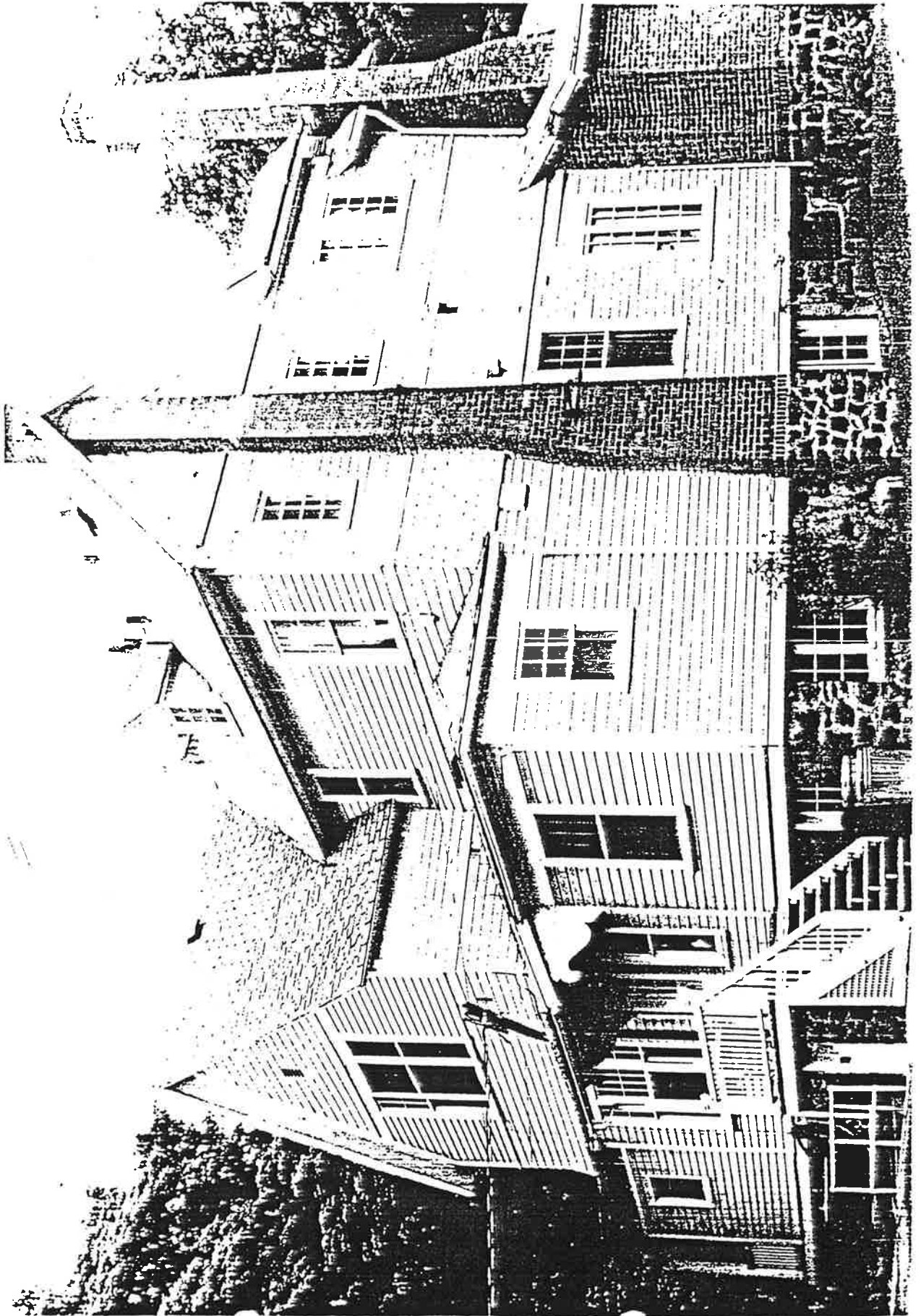
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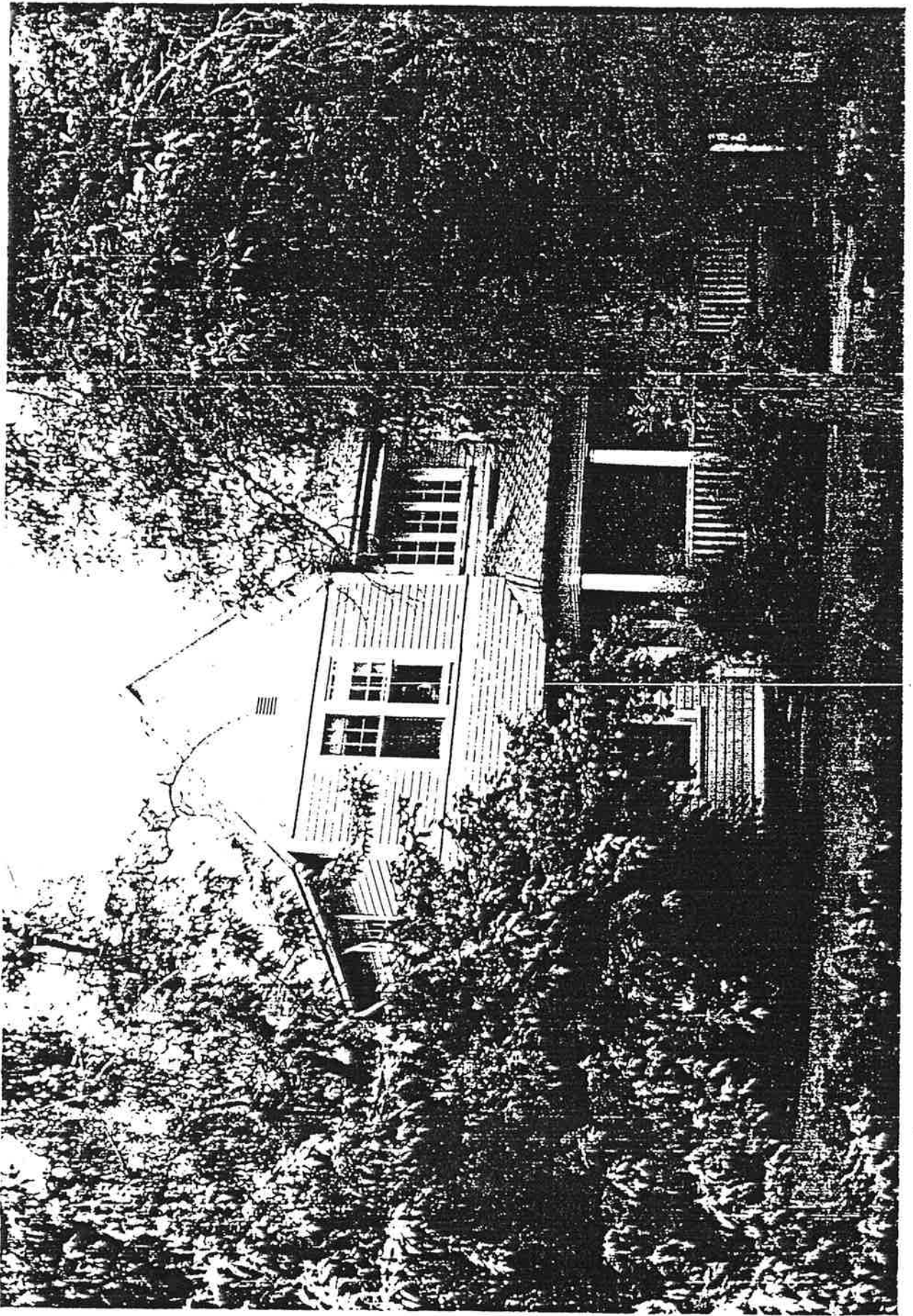
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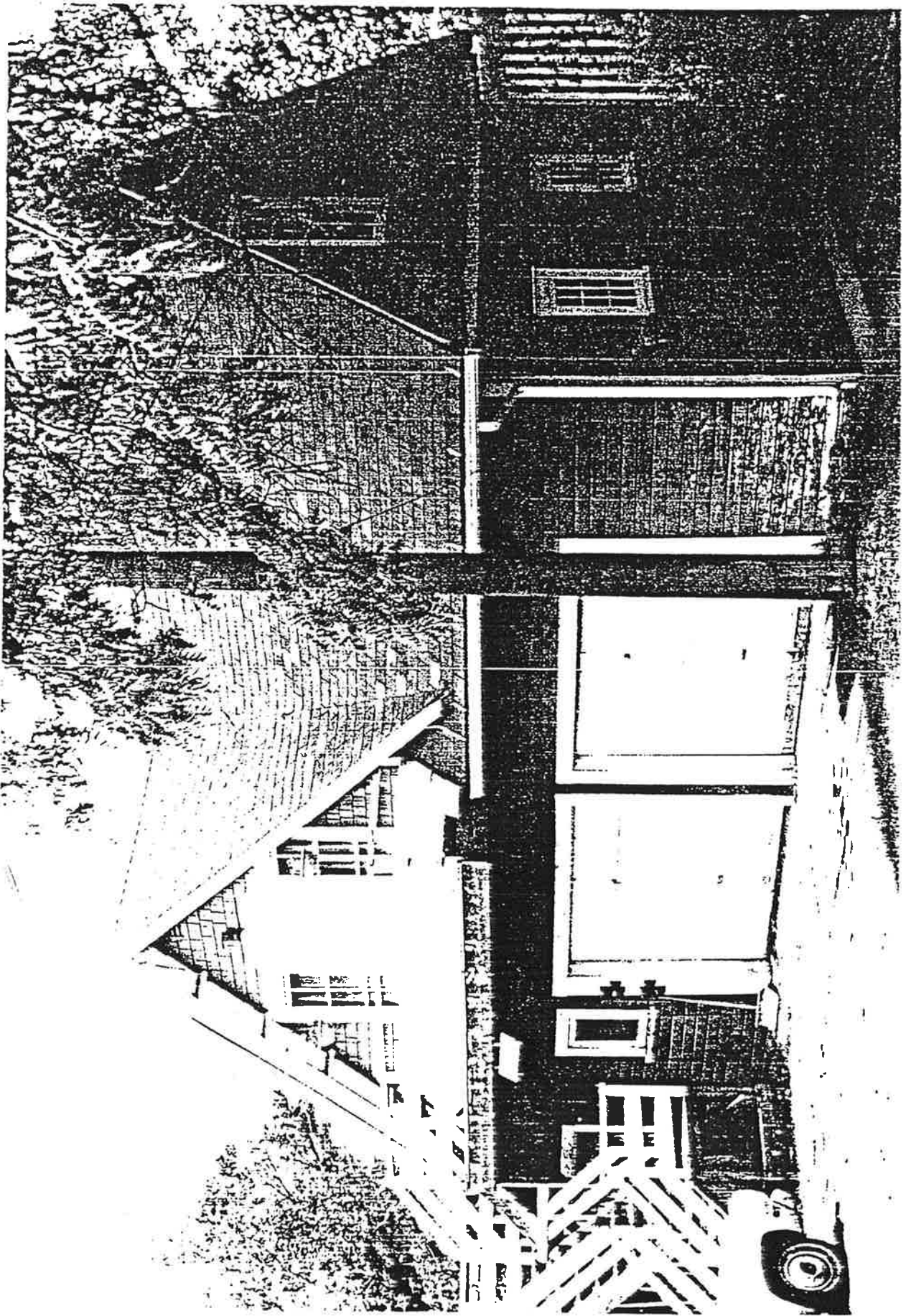
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of
Washington, residing at Spokane.



My Commission Expires: *April 19, 1989*







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 Spokane, Spokane Co., an
 UTM references:
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

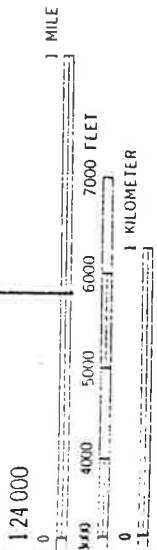
- Primary highway, hard surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

470 • INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1986
 471000m E

25' R. 43 E.



INTERVAL 20 FEET
 CONTOURS
 REPRESENT 5 FOOT CONTOURS
 DATUM OF 1929

VERTICAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

SPOKANE NW, WASH.
 NW/4 SPOKANE 15' QUADRANGLE