

**Historic Name:** House

Property ID: 706418

### Location



Address: 1105 N Bowdish Rd, Spokane Valley, Washington, USA

**GeographicAreas:** Spokane, Spokane County, T25R44E16, SPOKANE NE Quadrangle

### Information

#### **Construction Dates:**

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1921	

Number of stories: N/A

**Historic Use:** 

Category	Subcategory
Domestic	Domestic - Single Family House
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**Historic Context:** Architecture



## **Photos**



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## Inventory Details - 7/10/2011

Common name:

**Date recorded:** 7/10/2011

Field Recorder: Artifacts Consulting, Inc.

Field Site number: 45162.0911

**SHPO Determination** 

## **Detail Information**

### **Characteristics:**

Category	Item	
Foundation	Concrete - Poured	

### **Surveyor Opinion**



#### Significance narrative:

Data included on this historic property inventory form (HPI) detail stemmed from County Assessor building records imported by the Washington State Department of Archaeology of Historic Preservation (DAHP) into WISAARD in 2011. This upload reduces data entry burden on community volunteers and historical societies participating in the survey and inventory of their communities. The intent of this project is directed specifically to facilitating community and public involvement in stewardship, increasing data accuracy, and providing a versatile planning tool to Certified Local Governments (CLGs).

Currently survey and inventory projects at the local level produce a field form for each property surveyed and include digital photographs. Volunteers doing the survey track down and manually enter all the owner, parcel, and legal data manually. Manual data entry diminishes accuracy and quantity of resources volunteers can survey. Recognizing this, DAHP uploaded building data for each Certified Local Government (CLG) on properties that were built in or before 1969 to provide an accurate and comprehensive baseline dataset. Volunteers doing survey work need only to verify data, add in photographs and extent of alterations and architectural style data, as well as expand upon the physical description and significance statement as new data is collected. For planning purposes, the attrition rate of properties built in or before 1969 can start to be measured to guide stewardship priorities.

Project methodology entailed use of the University of Washington's State Parcel Database (http://depts.washington.edu/wagis/projects/parcels/development.php) to provide the base parcel layer for CLGs. Filtering of building data collected from each county trimmed out all properties built after 1969, as well as all current, previously inventoried properties. Translation of building data descriptors to match fields in HPI allowed the data upload. Calculation of point locations utilized the center of each parcel. Data on this detail provides a snapshot of building information as of 2011. A detailed project methodology description resides with DAHP. Project team members: Historic Preservation Northwest, GeoEngineers, and Artifacts Consulting, Inc. (project lead).

#### Physical description:

The house at 1105 N Bowdish Road, Spokane, is located in Spokane County. According to the county assessor, the structure was built in 1921 and is a single family dwelling. The 1.5-story building has a gable roof clad in asphalt composition shingles. The single-family form sits on a poured concrete foundation containing a three-quarter basement.



## Inventory Details - 7/18/2016

Common name: Cobblestone House

**Date recorded:** 7/18/2016

Field Recorder: Stephen Emerson

Field Site number: SRS-35

**SHPO Determination** 

### **Detail Information**

#### **Characteristics:**

Category	Item
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Form Type	Single Dwelling - Side Gable
Roof Type	Gable - Side
Roof Material	Asphalt/Composition - Shingle
Cladding	Stone - Cobble Stone
Structural System	Wood - Braced Frame
Plan	Rectangle

### **Surveyor Opinion**

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: Yes

Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): No

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local): No



#### Significance narrative:

According to research conducted by Don Rhodewalt, who lived in this house in the 1990s, this residence was built by a Mr. Feldstadt in 1923, although real estate records list the built date as 1921. A Norwegian immigrant, he was a cabinet maker by profession, but apparently also built stone houses, including several in an area that became called the Feldstadt Subdivision. He also farmed cantaloupe. The modified rear entry stairs to the house were reportedly built by him when he visited Norway for three years and needed to provide access for a caretaker. It was also Mr. Feldstadt who built the workshop/garage behind the house, with its cobblestone walls and incinerator (real estate records indicate this building was constructed in 1946). By 1956, the house had become primarily a rental, and it was occupied by a long succession or persons, usually for only a year or so at a time. In 1970 it went vacant and remained so for almost a decade. Following 1980, it was occupied by a succession of owners instead of renters but, again, their tenures were short. Don Rhodewalt and his wife Janice Samish bought the house in about 1995, and he embarked upon his research of cobblestone houses in the Spokane Valley. Unfortunately, cancer took his life before he could finish a significant portion of his research. The home is currently owned by Jason and Carey Walker.

This house is no ordinary Spokane Valley cobblestone house. It is one of few whose builder and original owner are specifically named. The selection of the individual stones that make up the walls is exquisite, done with more care than in most similar buildings. They are all about the same size, egg-shaped, and all of granite, without exception from what I could see. Also, the use of concrete framework to divide the walls into separate panels, and as window and door surrounds, as well as porch piers, may be unique to this house. It also exhibits some classic Craftsman Style features, such as the wide unenclosed eaves with exposed rafter ends, exposed purlins, and fascia boards, the wide front porch canopy supported by massive masonry piers, and the tripartite windows of the front. Aside from the minor alterations on the rear, this house, as well as the workshop/garage, retains excellent integrity of its historic appearance and original construction materials. It is undoubtedly eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, under Criterion C, architecture.



#### **Physical description:**

This east facing residence is a 1½ -story cobblestone structure with a side-gabled plan consisting of the rectangular main house and a 1-story, flat-roofed extension to the south. The roof is covered with composition shingles and has clipped gables and unenclosed eaves with exposed rafter ends, exposed purlins, and fascia boards. A rectangular brick chimney emerges from the central roof crest. The front roof slope features a central gabled dormer, while the rear roof slope has a nearly-full-length shedroofed dormer with a central gabled pediment. Exterior walls of the lower level are built of uniformly sized cobblestones, 100 per cent of which are granite; carefully selected. Throughout the lower level, cobblestone walls and windows are surrounded by concrete framework. Exterior wall surfaces of the upper level gables and dormers are clad with coursed wood shingle imbrication. The wide front porch has a gabled canopy supported by wood posts resting on concrete piers. The walls of the porch deck are cobblestone and placed within a concrete framework. They form half walls between concrete piers. The concrete steps are flanked by concrete half walls. The central front entry is flanked by tripartite windows with central picture windows flanked by wood sash double-hung units. Other windows of the house are wood sash and include fixed, double-hung, and casement types. An enclosed stairway vestibule, with stucco walls and a shed roof is attached to the south end of the rear elevation. Behind the house is a front-gabled garage, also with cobblestone walls, shingles in the gables, and a composition roof with exposed rafter ends and purlins. The two vehicle entry doors contain roll-up metal doors. On the south elevation of the garage is an incinerator with a tall, exterior cobblestone chimney.

#### Bibliography:

Emerson, Stephen. A Historic Property Inventory of Rock Structures in Spokane County, Washington. Archisto Enterprises, 2016.