

68-013-71a Thomas W. Smith Farmhouse

3426 Newton Street

Mount Rainier

Built circa 1900 for Thomas W. Smith, a prominent businessman from Washington, D.C, who used it as a country residence, the Thomas W. Smith Farmhouse is a two-and-one-half-story, cross-gabled frame dwelling with German siding and a wraparound porch with late Queen Anne decorative detail. Originally associated with a ten-acre farm, it is the only surviving residential structure representing the rural agricultural character of pre-subdivision Mount Rainier. The farm remained in the Smith family until 1923 when it was purchased by the brothers Elmer and Lewelling Ziegler, who built the adjacent Sears, Roebuck and Company mail order cottage (Historic Site 68-013-71b) and updated the farmhouse. The property remained in the Ziegler family until 1985.