1. Name of Property

**Historic:** Wylie "Hospital"/"Birthing House"

**And/or common:**

2. Location

**Street and number:** 321 Edgecliff Drive

**City:** Langley  
**State:** WA  
**Zip:** 98260

3. Classification

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4. Owner of Property (Use continuation page if more than one owner)

**Name:** Doris E. Matz

**Street and number:** 321 Edgecliff Drive

**City:** Langley  
**State:** WA  
**Zip:** 98260

**Telephone:** 360-221-6192 (505-506-0925: cell)  
**E-mail:** NA

5. Physical Description

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**Narrative description:** (Use one or more continuation sheets for a description of the present and original physical appearance of the property)
6. Significance

Year built: 1910  
Builder/Architect: Unknown  
Narrative description: (Use one or more continuation pages for a description of the history and significance of the property to Langley’s heritage).

7. Major Bibliographical References

Place bibliography on one or more continuation sheets.

8. Additional Documentation

Place maps and photographs on one or more continuation pages.

9. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description:
The house sits on the north side of an approximately 5 acre parcel extending from Edgecliff Drive at the north southward toward Sandy Point Road a short distance east of the Noble Creek.

Legal Description:
50 - BG INTER SLN EDGECLIFF DR & ELN GL1 S ALG SD ELN 1100' W198' N PAR/TO SD ELN GL1 TO SECR DARLINGTON TR AF#95912 W13’ TO SECR WEST TR AF#155025 W10' TO SWCR NLY ALG WLN SD WEST TR 200' TO SLN EDGECLIFF DR ELY ALG SD SLN 221’ TPB

Tax Parcel Number: R32903-480-5130

Plat Name: Langley  
Block:  
Lot(s):  

10. Form Prepared By:

Name/Title: Robert E. Waterman  
Organization: Langley Historic Preservation Commission  
Date: 2/3/09  
Street and number: 112 Second Street  
Telephone: 360-221-4246  
City or town: Langley  
State: WA  
Zip: 98260  
E-mail: bobanne@whidbey.com

11. Signature of Property Owner(s):
5. Narrative Description of the Property

The building is a two-story, wood frame, residence that faces north onto Edgecliff Drive. There are covered porches on the north side of both floors. The main doorway to the first floor is off the front porch on the north side. A second door at the east side of the first floor porch leads to a stairway to the second floor. A door opens onto the upper porch.

The foundation consists of the original four cedar blocks.

It has a pitched gable roof with a chimney. The original chimney was replaced sometime between 1950 – 1961. The original cedar shake shingles were replaced with asphalt shingles when a new roof was added in 1991.

Most of the windows are the original one-over-one, double hung, sash. Some were changed to double pane when the house was insulated in 2003.

A three-room addition was added to the south side of the originally 24’ X 30’, rectangular house by Lon Chase circa 1950. The interior of the house was also remodeled at that time.

There were originally split wood shingles on the north and south sides. Asbestos shingles were placed over the shiplap siding on the east and west sides in 1961. These were removed and replaced with cedar shingles in 1992.

A carport was added on the west side by Mr. West in 1961. He also demolished the old pump house and built a new one.

An access ramp was added on the west side leading to the front porch in 1993.

The decking of the lower front porch was replaced and the house painted in 2007. Vertical elements were added to the east side of the deck railing to match those on the west side. Original decrepit features in the supports of the upper porch were retained.

6. Narrative Description of Significance

Construction of the two-story building was begun in 1910 by Gabriel Gardner who had purchased a seven and one-half acre lot from Everett realtor, Francis Wylie. In 1913, Mr. Wylie took over the lot and shell of the house when Mr. Gardner defaulted on the property. He completed its construction and moved his family into the house. The Wylies subsequently divorced and his wife, Lillian, remained in Langley with their three children.

Mrs. Wylie did a number of things to keep her family together and eventually set up a nursing home and birthing center in her home. Although she did not have a formal degree, Mrs. Wylie read whatever she could regarding nursing practice, and attended the births with visiting or local doctors. Several current citizens of Langley were born there. She also took in elderly, or terminally ill, patients, and took care of accident victims.

Lillian Wylie was also elected to the all-women Langley Town Council in 1919, and her barn was used to house cows that were removed from Langley’s streets and held until bailed out by their owners.
Owners (and year of purchase) of the property include:

- Gabrial Gardner 1910
- Francis and Lillian Wylie 1913
- Mr. Darlington 1940
- Mr. Palmerston 1950
- Mr. West 1961
- Doris Matz 1986

7. **Major Bibliographical References**


2. Langley city records.


4. Interview with Francis Johnson, Langley, WA.


6. Island County, WA Assessor

7. Letters of Mr. West to Doris Matz (In possession of Doris Matz).
8. Additional Information

Maps and Photographs

Parcel map.

Floor plan.

Photographs

321 Edgecliff Drive. North side. (Photo by R. Waterman; 2-12-09).

321 Edgecliff Drive. N.W. corner. (Photo by R. Waterman; 2-12-09).
321 Edgecliff Drive. Porch on north side. (Photo by R. Waterman; 2-12-09).

321 Edgecliff Drive. West side. Original portion of house. (Photo by R. Waterman; 2-12-09).
321 Edgecliff Drive. West side. Carport. (Photo by R. Waterman; 2-12-09).

321 Edgecliff Drive. S.W. corner. (Photo by R. Waterman; 2-12-09).
321 Edgecliff Drive. South side. (Photo by R. Waterman; 2-12-09).

321 Edgecliff Drive. S.E. corner. (Photo by R. Waterman; 2-12-09).
321 Edgecliff Drive. East side. (Photo by R. Waterman; 2-12-09).

321 Edgecliff Drive. East side. (Photo by R. Waterman; 2-12-09).
Historic Photos

Wylie birthing house. (1961?) (From: Doris Matz).

Written on reverse:
“This shows the car port on far left, well house, opening to breezeway and back door, back bedroom.

Upstairs: Master bedroom on left, upstairs bath on right, stairway and front closet on right above front porch. Parlor on left in front, and upstairs balcony above front porch.

Downstairs: This side; bath, kitchen, entryway, porch. Other side; back bedroom, dining room, living room, front porch looking north.”
Mrs. Wylie’s Birthing Center. North side. (6-12-07).

Mrs. Wylie’s Birthing Center. N.W. Corner. (6-12-07).
Mrs. Wylie’s Birthing Center. West side. (6-12-07).

Mrs. Wylie’s Birthing Center. West side. (6-12-07).
Mrs. Wylie’s Birthing Center. S.E. Corner & garden. (6-12-07).

Mrs. Wylie’s Birthing Center. S.E. Corner. (6-12-07)
Mrs. Wylie’s Birthing Center. East side. (6-12-07).

Mrs. Wylie’s Birthing Center. N.E. Corner. (6-12-07).