



**CITY OF BOTHELL  
LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS  
NOMINATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. For aid in completing this nomination form, see applicable instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking an "x" in the appropriate space or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. Please use the official continuation sheets if additional space is needed. This form must be type written and have a 4" x 6" black and white photo of the property nominated attached above. DO NOT ENTER INFORMATION IN SHADED AREAS.

Name of Property (Common) \_\_\_\_\_ (Historic) James Skirving House  
 Street Address 10425 E Riverside Drive  
 Parcel No. \_\_\_\_\_ Plat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_  
 Present Owner Name and Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Original Use \_\_\_\_\_

Architect UNKNOWN Builder UNKNOWN

Present Use DOMESTIC / Single dwelling

1. Classification of Property

Ownership:	Category:	Number of Resources within Property:	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>2</u>	_____
___ public (local)	___ district	_____	_____
___ public (state)	___ site	_____	_____
___ public (federal)	___ object	_____	_____
	___ structure	_____	<u>1</u>
	Totals:	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Number of contributing resources previously listed on the:

\_\_\_ Local Register 2 State Register \_\_\_ Federal Register

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Bothell, Washington  
(Example: Historic Resources of Bothell, Washington)

2. Function or Use (enter categories using federal guideline instructions)

Historic Functions	Current Function
<u>DOMESTIC / Single dwelling</u>	<u>DOMESTIC / single dwelling</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from federal guideline instructions):

LATE 19th AND EARLY 20th CENTURY AMERICAN  
OTHER: American Box  
OTHER: Classic Box

3. Description (continued)

Materials used in (enter categories from federal guideline instructions):

Foundation Brick

Walls WOOD/Weatherboard

Roof Asphalt

Other WOOD/shingle

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

The James Skirving House is an American Foursquare Style residence located near the south banks of the Sammamish River in the suburban King County community of Bothell, Washington. Characterized by cubic massing, a hip roof with broad eaves and dormers, and an imposing scale, the house rests on a double lot on the southeast corner of East Riverside Drive and Eason Street. To the north, the house faces the winding Sammamish. To the south along Eason, and to the east and west, the neighborhood—once dotted by farms and Victorian houses—is now characterized by a mix of early 20th century housing, contemporary residential structures, and scattered commercial properties. The rural ambience of the neighborhood is currently under pressure from the burgeoning growth of Bothell and the contiguous Seattle-Everett urban corridor, and the Skirving House is one of the most distinctive reminders of the area's original character as a small town in an agricultural hinterland.

The Skirving House is a two-story balloon frame structure built on a square plan that measures approximately 40 feet across all four sides. The structure rests on a brick foundation faced in concrete, which is scored to resemble ashlar. The walls rise to a low-pitched hipped roof with asphalt shingles and overhanging eaves which shelter the house and emphasize its horizontal massing. The open eaves feature exposed rafter tails which were trimmed in 1976 when metal gutters were installed. The cubic massing of the house is further reflected in square dormers which project on all four slopes. Characterized by low-pitched hip roofs and broad eaves similar to the main roof, the dormers are nestled into, and extend the horizontal lines of, the main roof. A central brick chimney, with corbeled cap, rises from the central ridge.

The exterior walls of the Skirving House are sided with narrow clapboards, with a shingle skirt overhanging the foundation. A simple stringcourse runs across the facade between the first and second floors, and a broad fascia board runs along the top of the walls beneath the eaves.

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4. Statement of Significance

The City of Bothell Landmark Preservation Board has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: \_\_\_ Nationally \_\_\_ Statewide  Locally

Please check which of the following statements apply:

- 1. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history.
- 2. It embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style or method of construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
- 3. It is an outstanding work of a designer, builder or architect who has made a substantial contribution to the art.
- 4. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's cultural, special, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering or architectural history.
- 5. It is associated with the lives of persons significant in national, state or local history. (check and circle which one or ones)
- 6. It has yielded or is likely to yield important archaeological information.
- 7. It is a building or structure removed from its original location, but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the only surviving structure significantly associated with an historic person or event.
- 8. It is a birthplace or grave of a historical person of outstanding importance and is the only surviving structure or site associated with that person.
- 9. It is a cemetery which derives its primary significance from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events, persons or cultural patterns.
- 10. It is a reconstructed building that has been executed in an historically accurate manner on the original site.
- 11. It is a creative and unique example of folk architecture and design created by persons not formally trained in the architectural or design professions, and which does not fit into formal architectural or historical categories.

Applicable National Register Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B  C \_\_\_ D

Criteria Considerations (exceptions): \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G

4. Statement of Significance (continued)

List areas of significance from federal guidelines:

ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance:

1902  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates:

1902  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder:

UNKNOWN  
\_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) of Significance in Local, State or National history:

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

Built in 1902 near the banks of the Sammamish River, the James Skirving House is a significant example of an American Foursquare Style residence in Seattle's rural hinterland, and the best surviving example of the type in suburban Bothell. The cubic massing, stately proportions, strong horizontal lines, and non-historic details distinguished the Skirving House from most of its post-Victorian neighbors. Today, as the area becomes increasingly urbanized with the growth of the Seattle-Everett metropolitan region, the Skirving House is a reminder of Bothell's turn of the century character, when the community was a quiet trade town on the urban hinterland.

Historical Background: A successful businessman and farmer, James Skirving arrived in the Seattle area from Nebraska at the turn of the century; in the early 20th century he owned a feed mill in Bothell as well as hay fields in Eastern Washington. Because his business interests were scattered, Skirving moved several times before settling in the Bothell house by 1909.

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5. Major Bibliographical References

King County Cultural Resources Survey, 1978.

Determination of Eligibility, Riverside Parkway/Bothell Bypass  
Environmental Impact Study, 1986.

Bothell Cultural Resources Survey, 1988.

Seattle City Directories 1903-1916.

Seattle Times, March 29, 1961, page 67.

Squak Slough, Stickney and McDonald, Friends of the Bothell  
Library, 1977.

(Standard references such as Bagley's Histories of King County  
and Seattle were also checked.)

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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

\_\_\_ Preliminary determination of individual listing has been requested (36 CFR 67)

\_\_\_ Previously listed in the Bothell Register

\_\_\_ Previously determined eligible for the Bothell Register

X Recorded in Bothell Inventory of Historic Places (Site No. 43-408W)

X Previously designated a National or State Historic Landmark (check and circle one)

**Primary location of additional data:**

X State Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

\_\_\_ Other State Agency (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ Federal Agency (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ Local Government Agency (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ University (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ Other (Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

6. Geographical Data

Acreage \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References:

A  
zone Easting Northing

B  
zone Easting Northing

C  
zone Easting Northing

D  
zone Easting Northing

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The two adjoining (east/west) lots at the southeast corner of East Riverside Drive and Eason Avenue.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundaries of this nomination correspond to the current and historical boundaries of this property as legally recorded.

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**Date Completed** \_\_\_\_\_

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