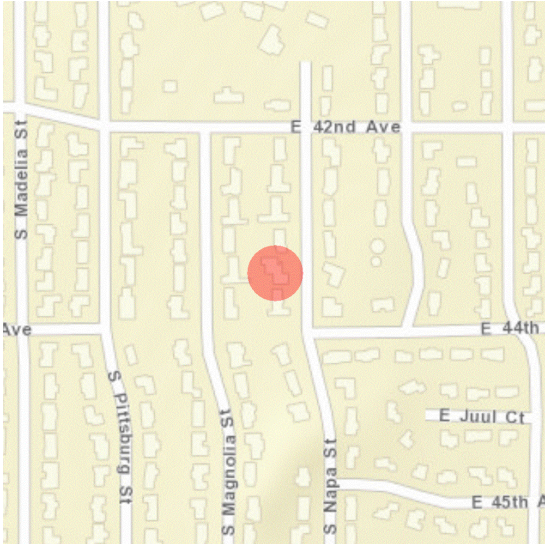


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Location



Address: 4320 S NAPA ST, SPOKANE, WA 99203
Tax No/Parcel No: 35333.1421
Plat/Block/Lot: TAYLOR-LEWIS MALAND N40FT L10;S65FT L11 B2
Geographic Areas: Spokane County, SPOKANE SW Quadrangle, T25R43E33

Information

Number of stories: 1.00

Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1960	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory
Domestic	Domestic - Single Family House

Historic Context:

Category
Architecture

Architect/Engineer:

Category	Name or Company
Architect	Warren Cummings Heylman

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Thematics:

Local Registers and Districts

Name	Date Listed	Notes
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Project History

Project Number, Organization, Project Name	Resource Inventory	SHPO Determination	SHPO Determined By, Determined Date
2011-06-00089, , Assessors Data Project: Spokane Residential 1	7/2/2011	Not Determined	
2016-12-08751, , Spokane Mid-20th Century Modern Survey 2016	6/25/2017		

Photos



Front (west) facade



West facade, masonry wall



West facade, masonry wall



West facade, north end

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Entry detail



East, rear facade



North side facade



West and south facades



West and south facades, detail



Detail, roof meets wall



Detail, wall meets roof

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Detail



East, rear facade, detail

Inventory Details - 6/25/2017

Common name: True House
Date recorded: 6/25/2017
Field Recorder: Diana Painter
Field Site number:
SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Form Type	Single Dwelling
Roof Type	Barrel
Cladding	Concrete - Block (cmu)
Roof Material	Asphalt/Composition - Built Up
Structural System	Masonry - Concrete Block
Plan	Irregular

Styles:

Period	Style Details
Modern Movement	Contemporary

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

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Significance narrative: History. Paul L. True, who commissioned Warren C. Heylman to design the True house, served in various positions in the family business of True Oil Company and True Distributing Company in the 1940s and 1950s. He held the position of manager in 1942, and later treasurer, director of sales, and vice president. True Oil Company sold Rainbow Petroleum products. True Distributing Company dealt in appliances and sporting goods. He was married to Martha J. True.

Architectural Context. The Paul L. and Martha J. True house is designed in what was often called the “Contemporary” style in the 1950s and 1960s. A Contemporary-style, or simply Modern, house offered few traditional stylistic features or details, relying on overall form and simple modern details to convey its style. Materials also could play an important role, where the color and texture of the materials lend a richness that could complement the composition of the building. Contemporary houses were often designed by architects and were considered “high style,” in contrast to the more common Ranch-style home of the era. Common features include slightly sloped or flat roofs; overall asymmetry; expansive window walls; and the use of clerestory windows under the eaves where privacy was important. Other features of the Contemporary house were shared by the Ranch-style house, including an open floor plan, an orientation toward the rear, rather than front yard or street, and use of windows, courtyards, and other devices to “bring the outdoors in.” The True house differs from the typical Contemporary house in that most of the windows of the house are focused on a covered patio and small lawn area in the southwest corner of the house. It also differs in that most of the outdoor spaces are courtyards or – as seen above – the covered patio. The house itself is relatively closed off from the lot on which it is sited. The residence is also singular for the barrel vaults that make up the roofline.

Architect. Architect Warren Cummings Heylman was born in Spokane and attended Washington State University. He was awarded an architectural engineering degree by the University of Kansas in 1945. Heylman was employed by Spokane architect G. A. Pehrson from 1945 to 1946, by the venerable architecture firm of Whitehouse & Price from 1946 to 1948, and by John P. O’Neill from 1948 to 1950. Heylman founded his eponymous firm in 1952. Among his most well-known buildings are the Liberty Lake Golf Course Club House (1957); Spokane International Airport (1965, with William Trogon); the Parkade (1967); the Hangman Valley Golf Course Club House (1969); Cathedral Plaza, Riverfalls Tower, and Lincoln Garden apartments; the Whitman County Library; and the controversial Spokane County Social and Health Services Center (1977). He also designed more than twenty houses, among them the Wrightian-style Norman Wells house (1954). Heylman was in practice for forty years, officially retiring from his firm in 1984. He was awarded six American Institute of Architecture awards over the course of his career, a Concrete Institute Award for the Parkade, and was inducted in the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows in 1983.

Physical description: Location and Setting. The Paul L. True house is located on Spokane’s South Hill, about six blocks from the northeast corner of the Manito Golf Course. The house is located south of the Comstock neighborhood and north of the Moran Prairie neighborhood, in a primarily residential area. Exceptions to the residential development are Hamblen Elementary School and Hamblen Park, which are about three blocks to the north, and Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church, which is about two blocks to the north. For the most part, blocks in the area display a grid-iron pattern - oriented north-south or east-west – and streets are two lanes with parking on each side, and no sidewalks. The house faces east, overlooking Napa Street.

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Materials. The True House is clad in vertical wood with volcanic rubble stone masonry walls. The structural material, which is evident where the building is not clad in other materials, is concrete brick, set in a running bond pattern. The rounded ceiling vaults are wood, as are the window frames. The double front entry door is composed of wood slats over glass. The roof is built-up and the foundation is concrete. An unusual feature of the house, which occurs in the front entry, dining room, and the covered patio, is a floor finish made up of 'rounds' cut from trees, set in concrete or terrazzo.

Massing and design. The one-story Paul L. True house has an irregular footprint and a combination of barrel vaulted and flat roofs. The vaults continue through the house to the outdoors, forming deep eaves supported by extended beams. The house itself is 2944 square feet in size with a 1000-square-foot basement. It is particularly noteworthy for the variety of interior and outdoor spaces it incorporates, including three courtyards and a covered patio. The house is sited at about the center of its .33-acre parcel and faces east, overlooking Napa Street. The rustic materials of the True house, including the rough-cut vertical siding, volcanic rubble wall masonry, and concrete block masonry, contrast with the refined design, exemplified in particular with the design of the roofline and spatial arrangement of the interiors. The Contemporary house was designed by Warren Cummings Heylman and constructed in 1960.

Changes over time. No known alterations have been made to the building.

Landscape and site design. The Paul True house property is landscaped with Pacific Northwest native plant materials. The front yard is formally landscaped, particularly within the area formed by the angled, circular driveway at the front of the lot. The driveway enters the site on both the north and south ends; the attached double-car garage is on the south side of the parcel. The backyard is not landscaped and features native plant materials.

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Inventory Details - 7/2/2011

Common name:

Date recorded: 7/2/2011

Field Recorder: Artifacts Consulting, Inc.

Field Site number: 35333.1421

SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Roof Type	Gable
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Form Type	Single Dwelling
Roof Material	Asphalt/Composition - Built Up
Form Type	

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.



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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 4320 S Napa Street, Spokane, is located in Spokane County. According to the county assessor, the structure was built in 1960 and is a single family dwelling. The 1-story building has a gable roof clad in built-up asphalt. The single-family form sits on a poured concrete foundation containing a quarter basement.