

**Historic Property** Louise Hanson Duplex  
**Inventory Report for** 1417-19 Columbia Street Southwest Olympia, Thurston, 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Louise Hanson Duplex **Field Site No.:** 527  
**Common Name:** **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 1417-19 Columbia Street Southwest Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA/OLYWOMEN

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
**[REDACTED]** T18R02W 23 TUMWATER

**UTM Reference**  
**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 50756 **Northing:** 5208860

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
31300300800, originally now 31300300100 Allen Lot 8 Block 3

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
City of Olympia .14

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 1/1/1900 **Survey Name:** OLYWOMEN

**Owner's Name:** **Owner Address:** **City/State/Zip:**  
General Administration 218 General Administration Building Olympia, WA 98504

**Classification:** Building **Resource Status** **Comments**

**Within a District?** Yes **Survey/Inventory**

**Contributing?** Yes

**National Register Nomination:** 0

**Local District:**

**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:** SOUTH CAPITOL NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC DISTRICT

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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**Historic Use:** Domestic - Single Family House  
**Current Use:** Government - Government Office

**Plan:** Rectangle **No. of Stories:** Two

**Structural System:** Balloon Frame

**Changes to plan:** Slight **Changes to interior:** Moderate

**Changes to original cladding:** Intact **Changes to other:**

**Changes to windows:** Intact **Other (specify):**

**Cladding** Wood - Clapboard **Foundation** Concrete - Poured

**Style** Colonial - Colonial Revival **Form/Type** Single Family - Side Gable

**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition **Roof Type** Gable

## NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1936

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Elizabeth Ayer

Builder:

Engineer:

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

No

Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local):

No

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

### Statement of Significance

The duplex was designed by Elizabeth Ayer for Louise Hanson as a rental unit. Elizabeth Ayer was the first woman graduate of the University of Washington School of Architecture in 1921 and was a notable designer of residences throughout the northwest. It was the longtime home of William and Marie Sullivan. Sullivan was the State Insurance Commissioner for 28 years, most of which he lived in this house. This house is significant because it is an interpretation of the colonial style and again fits in well with the National Register District which features so many other architectural styles of residences of the 1910s to 1940s

### Description of Physical Appearance

The duplex is located adjacent to the Capitol Campus on a block which has had other houses razed so it is now surrounded by a gravel parking lot. The two story rectangular house has Colonial Revival detailing. The house is set on a concrete foundation and has wide clapboard cladding with horizontal boards on the gable ends. The low pitched roof has close eaves. A hexagonal window is located on the gable ends. The windows are six over nine double hung windows on the first floor and six over six windows on the second floor. The windows are symmetrically arranged. The entries at the east and north side have molded metal projecting hoods with latticework supports. There is also an entry on the south side which has a simple shed roof supported by plain posts. Multi-pane bay windows are located on the south and west side and have similar molded metal roofs. The lower parts of the bays have diamond centers of two by four inch wood pieces with a design that radiates from the center design to the sides of the bay. There is a large central brick chimney.

### Major Bibliographic References

Personal Information from Elizabeth Ayer.  
Edwin Ayer Family Records, Accession #'s 2020-2, 2020-3, University of Washington Manuscripts and Archives Division. Commission list of Elizabeth Ayer, Elizabeth Ayer Ledger.  
Interview with John F. Sullivan  
Polk City Directories

## PHOTOS



View of east façade

taken 7/1/1998

Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):

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Comments: