



**NARRATIVE SECTION**

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1920

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

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**

Built in the 1920's, the house was built by Elbert Chandler, a native Californian and graduate of the University of California in 1907 in civil engineering. His work in Washington includes the Burbank Irrigation Project in Eastern Washington and the Naches-Selah Irrigation District in Yakima Valley. He was Chief Engineer for the Washington State Reclamation Board and CEO of the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1922. Chandler was the designer of the original bridge across the Columbia River at Hood River in 1924 and its reconstruction. Chandler was in private practice in Olympia for many years and was the originator of the Security Building in Olympia. He served on a number of boards in Olympia including the Planning Commission, Housing Authority and Chamber of Commerce.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

Located above the east shore of Budd Inlet and approached by a circular driveway, the Chandler House is a rectangular, two-story wood frame structure, built in the Dutch Colonial style, on a poured concrete foundation. The gambrel roof, covered with composition shingles, has full-width shed dormers on the front (east) and rear facades, close eaves and a simple molded cornice with returns. Walls are clad with clapboards. Centered on the front facade is a small porch, with thin round columns with prominent capitals supporting a vaulted ceiling topped by a pedimented gable. The porch shelters the paneled entry door, which has sidelights and an arched transom of leaded glass. Fenestration consists of single and paired double-hung sash with nine-over-nine lights, plain surrounds and louvered shutters. A narrow breezeway to the north connects the house to a one-story gable-roofed garage. The house is maintained in good condition.

**Major Bibliographic References**

Eulogy for Elbert Chandler provided by Mrs. Frances Simas Chandler.

**PHOTOS**



View of east Facade

taken 9/5/1985

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

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Comments: