

**Historic Property** Israel House  
**Inventory Report for** 2732 South Capital Blvd Olympia, Thurston, 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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Historic Name: Israel House Field Site No.: 587  
Common Name: (#34-447) OAHP No.:  
Property Address: 2732 South Capital Blvd Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
Comments: OLYMPIA

County Township/Range/EW Section 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec Quadrangle  
T18R02W 26 NW TUMWATER

UTM Reference  
Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com  
Sequence: 0 Easting: 507940 Northing: 5207680

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot  
58200001000 Lackey Re-Plat Parts Lots 9&10

Supplemental Map(s) Acreage  
City of Olympia Planning Department < one

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson/Tom C Date Recorded: 9/19/1985 Survey Name: OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Virginia Grant-Darney Owner Address: 2732 Capitol Boulevard S City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building Resource Status: Survey/Inventory Comments:

Within a District? No Local Register

Contributing? No

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Current Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: 2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Moderate

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 American Foursquare

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Hip

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1904

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

Politics/Government/Law

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 George Israel House is one of the largest and finest in south Olympia. The four square house was built ca. 1904. eorge Israel's father, William Israel, who was from Virginia went to California during the gold rush and moved to Olympia in 1881 and served as a county commissioner here. George Israel attended college in San Francisco and was admitted to the California bar in 1880. rael was one of the best known lawyers in the Pacific Northwest. He was counsel in over 30 murder cases and was counsel for the State Insurance Commissioner John H. Schively during impeachment proceedings against him in 1909. Israel died in 1916. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

Surrounded by elaborately landscaped grounds, the Israel House is a large two-story wood frame structure, built in the Foursquare style on a poured concrete foundation. Its hip roof is covered with composition shingles and broken by a brick chimney rising on the south wall; it has wide eaves with exposed rafters. A broad, one-story hip-roofed porch wraps around the front (west) and north facades. The porch has wide front steps topped by a hipped roof extension, and paired round columns resting on low piers; it shelters the offset front entry door with its sidelights of bevelled and leaded glass. An adjacent picture window has a bevelled, leaded glass transom. Other fenestration includes double-hung sash with one-over-one lights, and a tripartite double-hung window with sidelights on the south wall. A one-story hip-roofed extension wraps around the north and east walls. The house appears to be maintained in good condition.

**Major Bibliographic References**

Obituary for George Israel, Daily Olympian, November 28, 1916 p. 2

**PHOTOS**



View of west facade

taken 9/19/1985

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

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Comments: