

Historic Property Ogden House
Inventory Report for 301 Southeast Maple Park Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Ogden House **Field Site No.:** 622
Common Name: George Mills House (#34-488) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 301 Southeast Maple Park Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
 T18R02W 23 NW TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507860 **Northing:** 5208690

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
60800401000 Maple Park L10&11 Blk 4

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
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IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 9/26/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Sara M McClellan **Owner Address:** 301 Maple Park Avenue SE **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

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

Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Current Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Plan: L-Shape **No. of Stories:** 2 1/2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Slight

Changes to interior: Unknown

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Foundation Concrete - Block

Shingle

Style Queen Anne - Shingle Style

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1896</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>		Architect:
<u>Politics/Government/Law</u>		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 1896 by lumberman Harold Ogden, the house is one of the most outstanding in Olympia. The house was sold in 1904 to Helen Gordon Mills, daughter of Supreme Court Justice Merritt Gordon and wife of George Mills. Mills was in the hardware business. State Treasurer and mayor of Olympia. Tom Allen, also an Olympia mayor, owned the house during the 1950's and in later years bachelor lawyers from state agencies lived in the house under the title "Empty Arms".

Description of Physical Appearance Overlooking the Maple Park, the large, L-shaped Ogden House is a two-and-one-half-story wood frame structure built in the Shingle Style on a foundation of ornamental concrete block. Its tall side-gabled roof is covered with composition shingles and has close eaves; it has two distinctive polygonal dormers with hip roofs on the front (north) facade. Walls are clad with clapboards on the first story and shingles on the second story and the gables; above each story is a projecting drip course of sawtooth shingles. The roof sweeps down over a broad porch across the front facade with round columns, which extends out into a circular form at the northwest corner, topped by a conical roof extension; the porch shelters the main entry door. Below the conical roof is a corner polygonal bay window. The west facade has a polygonal, hip-roofed bay window, which has a high central window with diamond panes, and tall side windows. Other fenestration includes double-hung sash with one-over-one lights and small diamond-paned windows in the gables and dormers. A two-story hip-roofed extension projects to the rear, spanning a first story open breezeway and resting on the gable roof of a one-story detached garage. The house appears to be maintained in good condition although elements of the circular porch have been removed.

Major Bibliographic References Pioneer Title Company Records.
Interview with Mrs. Jack Lynch (formerly Mrs. Tom Allen).
Flevar, Barbara, "Rockefeller Mansion Stands in Olympia" Lacey Leader, July 14, 1976 (contains some erroneous information).

PHOTOS



View of NW corner (shown), SW corner
taken 9/26/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
20-10A. 11A
Comments: