

Historic Property O.C. Hanson House
Inventory Report for 1607 Southwest Columbia Street Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: O.C. Hanson House **Field Site No.:** 627
Common Name: (#34-501) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 1607 Southwest Columbia Street Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

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

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507540 **Northing:** 5208680

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
31300400800 Allen L8 & N1/2 L9 Blk 4

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Cheryl Donaldson **Owner Address:** 1607 Columbia Street SW **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

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

Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory

Contributing? Yes Local Register

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: Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 2 1/2

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

Shingle

Stucco

Log

Style Arts & Crafts - Craftsman

Form/Type

Tudor

Roof Material Wood - Shingle

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1914

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Joseph Wohleb

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

An early Joseph Wohleb design of 1914, the house was built for O. C. Hanson who was in the oyster business in Olympia. The house was also owned by Judge Pierce, Ted Larrabee and purchased in 1946 by Dr. John W. Settle, a prominent Olympia physician, whose family owned it for many years. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

Description of Physical Appearance

Surrounded by groomed shrubbery, the Hanson House is an imposing, rectangular wood frame structure of two-and-one-half stories, built in the Craftsman style with English Revival detailing, and resting on an ornamental concrete block foundation. Its tall, wood-shingled gable roof has broad eaves, exposed rafters and wide gable-end fascia boards. Walls are clad with narrow clapboards on the first story, shingles on the second and half-timbered stucco on the gables and dormers, set off by horizontal banding between stories. A one-story porch offset on the front (east) facade, which shelters the main entry door, has been partially enclosed; it has paired square columns, and its flat roof forms a balcony with corner piers and simple balustrade, reached via second story french doors. Fenestration includes single, paired and tripartite double-hung sash, and smaller diamond-paned windows in the gables and dormers. A one-story gable-roofed extension projects to the rear. The interior has been remodeled but retains many of its original features. The house is maintained in good condition.

Major Bibliographic References

Interview with Mary Ellen Settle Ford.

Maddox, Dawn, "Joseph Wohleb: resident architect of the State Capital," Landmarks, Vol. IV, No.4.

PHOTOS



View of southeast corner

taken 9/26/1985

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

20-24A

Comments: