

**Historic Property** Mustard House  
**Inventory Report for** 1617 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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Historic Name: Mustard House Field Site No.: 630  
Common Name: (#34-505) OAHP No.:  
Property Address: 1617 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
Comments: OLYMPIA

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

**UTM Reference**

Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com  
Sequence: 0 Easting: 507630 Northing: 5208700

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot  
60800501000 Maple Park Lot 10 Blk 5

Supplemental Map(s) Acreage  
City of Olympia Planning Department .12

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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

Owner's Name: Herbert Reeves, etal Owner Address: 1617 Capitol Way S 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**

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Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Current Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Plan: Cross/Cruciform No. of Stories: 1 1/2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to windows: Intact

Changes to interior: Slight

Changes to other:

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Shingle

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Queen Anne

Form/Type Single Family - Cross Gable

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

Hip

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**NARRATIVE SECTION**

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**Study Unit**

**Other**

**Date Of Construction:** 1886

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

**Architect:**

Health/Medicine

**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 Queen Anne House is one of the most outstanding of the period in the South Capital Neighborhood. Probably moved from the capitol grounds when the new buildings were built after the turn of the century, the house was the residence for many years of Dr. Jack Mustard and his wife Dr. Flora Mustard, both Olympia doctors. Dr. Flora Mustard was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chambers, a pioneer Olympia family. Born in 1879, she graduated from the University of South California Medical School in 1907 and practiced medicine in Olympia.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

The Mustard House is a two-story wood frame Queen Anne style structure, cruciform in plan, resting on a poured concrete foundation. Its tall hipped and gabled roof is covered with composition shingles and has narrow eaves and a simple molded cornice with returns at the gables. Walls are clad with clapboards and cornerboards and the pedimented south gable is shingled. At the northeast front corner is a one-story, hip-roofed porch with turned posts and a spindlework cornice panel; it shelters the paneled entry door. The south wall features a two-story polygonal bay with decorative brackets and pendants beneath the squared gable. Fenestration consists of single and paired double-hung sash with one-over-one lights, and wider single-hung sash with decorative mullions in the transoms. A shed-roofed enclosed porch along the south wall is lit by new stained glass windows. At the rear is a detached garage.

**Major Bibliographic References**

Ingham, Dr. Reed, "The 17th Street Story Continues," Olympia News, August 1982.  
Obituary for Dr. Flora Mustard, Daily Olympian, April 4, 1967, p. 3.

**PHOTOS**

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**View of** southeast corner

**taken** 9/26/1985

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

20-28A

**Comments:**