

Historic Property Redpath House
Inventory Report for 219 Southwest 17th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Redpath House **Field Site No.:** 634
Common Name: Weller HouSE (#34-510) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 219 Southwest 17th 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:** 507480 **Northing:** 5208620

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
38600100100 Capitol Place L1 & 2 Blk 1 & L3 N1/2

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 9/27/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Martin D Meyer **Owner Address:** 219 17th Avenue 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: Moderate

Changes to interior: Intact

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Shingle

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Stucco

Style Arts & Crafts - Craftsman

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1907

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

One of the finest homes in Olympia, the Nathaniel & Lucy Maynard house was built in 1907 and designed by Proctor & Farell Architects and originally stood on the south side of Sylvester Park. The house was moved to its present location in 1928. Redpath, born in 1860 near what is now Longview, but originally known as Monticello, was grandson of one of the first settlers in the area, also a doctor, Dr. Nathaniel Ostrander. Redpath studied medicine at Willamette University and Jefferson Medical College. He served as assistant superintendent of the Insane Asylum at Fort Steilacoom and later served as a prominent physician in Olympia. The house was owned for many years by Catherine Redpath Weller and R. W. Weller who owned and operated an insurance firm in Olympia. Mr. Weller's family also longtime residents of Olympia operated a fuel business locally. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

Description of Physical Appearance

Located on a double lot the Redpath House is a large, rectangular wood frame structure of two-and-one-half stories, built in the Craftsman style on a poured concrete foundation. The front-gabled roof is covered with composition shingles, and broken by gabled dormers on the side facades; it has wide bracketed eaves and exposed rafters. First story walls are clad with shingles in alternating wide and narrow courses, and second story walls are stuccoed. The overhanging stucco gables are supported by a bracketed cornice. A tall sandstone chimney rises on the west facade. Wide steps approach a one-story porch that wraps around the north (front) and east facades; it has paired square posts spanned by wide arches resting on sandstone piers and low clapboards walls, and its hip roof has a gable above the steps. The porch shelters the distinctive entry door with its Tudor-arched top and leaded glass sidelights. A smaller gable-roofed porch of similar design on the west wall shelters a side entrance. Fenestration includes single and paired single-hung sash with decorative leaded glass upper lights. A gable-roofed extension projecting to the south has a glassed-in sleeping porch on its second story. A large modern addition is on the east side of the house.

Major Bibliographic References

Hunt, Hubert, Washington West of the Cascades, S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1917. Vol II, p. 299.
Hine, H. K. History of Washington, Lewis Publishers, 1894, p. 932.
Dr. Nathaniel Redpath Obituary, Daily Olympian, April 22, 1924.

PHOTOS



View of west facade

taken 9/9/1997

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

21-9, 41-26a

Comments: