


Historic Property Dufault House
Inventory Report for 1628 Southwest Water Street Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Dufault House **Field Site No.:** 635
Common Name: (#34-511) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 1628 Southwest Water Street Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

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

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507480 **Northing:** 5208660

Tax No./Parcel No. 38600300800 **Plat/Block/Lot**
Capital Place L7 Blk 3; Portion L8

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Michelle and Mark Bentley **Owner Address:** 1628 Water 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: Square **No. of Stories:** 2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Intact

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Foundation Stone

Style American Foursquare

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Hip

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1903

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

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 many well-preserved four square houses in the South Capital Neighborhood, this house was built ca. 1903 by Charles Dufault, an Olympia businessman and city councilman. The house was later owned by Charles Briffit, one time principal of Lincoln School. In 1923, it was purchased by Roy Newell longtime local contractor and father of Gordon Newell, well known historian. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

**Description of
Physical
Appearance**

The Dufault House is a square two-story wood frame structure built in the Foursquare style on a sandstone foundation. Its bellcast hip roof is covered with composition shingles and broken by a central brick chimney; it has wide eaves with a bracketed cornice. Spanning the front (west) facade is one-story hip-roofed porch with low clapboard walls supporting Tuscan columns; the porch shelters the entry door. Adjacent to the door is a shuttered tripartite window with decorative upper mullions in its sidelights. Other fenestration is shuttered, single-hung sash with similar upper mullions. The south facade has a hip-roofed polygonal bay. A one-story hip-roofed extension spans the rear facade.

**Major
Bibliographic
References**

Pioneer Title Company Records.
Newell, Gordon, "The 17th Street Story Continues," April, 1982 Olympia News.

PHOTOS



View of southwest corner

taken 9/27/1985

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

20-33A

Comments: