

**Historic Property** Crow House  
**Inventory Report for** 1610 Southeast Water Street Olympia, Thurston, 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Crow House **Field Site No.:** 637  
**Common Name:** (#34-514) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 1610 Southeast Water Street 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:** 5208730

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
38600300300 Capital Place L3 Blk 3 & 51/2 L2

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

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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

**Owner's Name:** Michael A. Wellander **Owner Address:** 1610 Water Street SW **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:** Square **No. of Stories:** 2

**Structural System:** Balloon Frame

**Changes to plan:** Slight  
**Changes to original cladding:** Intact  
**Changes to windows:** Intact

**Changes to interior:** Slight  
**Changes to other:**  
**Other (specify):**

**Cladding** Wood - Clapboard  
**Style** American Foursquare  
**Roof Material** Wood - Shingle

**Foundation** Concrete - Poured  
**Form/Type**  
**Roof Type** Hip

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

<b>Study Unit</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Date Of Construction:</b> <u>1910</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>		<b>Architect:</b>
<u>Politics/Government/Law</u>		<b>Builder:</b>
		<b>Engineer:</b>

**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 by Justice Herman Crow in the 1910-1912 era, the house is one of the best examples of the Foursquare style in the neighborhood. Justice Crow was a Washington Supreme Court Justice who served from 1905-1915 and was Chief Justice in 1913-15. Born in Delaware, Ohio in 1851, he received his education from Ohio Wesleyan and practiced law in Ohio, Kansas and Spokane. He was also a State Senator. The house was also owned by Dr. Longaker, an Olympia Mayor and was purchased by the present owners from Rev. McDonald, a retired Methodist Minister.

**Description of Physical Appearance** The Crow House is a square two-story wood frame structure built in the Foursquare style on a poured concrete foundation. Its wood-shingled roof is broken by hip-roofed dormers and has broad eaves with exposed rafters and an elaborate bracketed cornice with a paneled frieze. Walls are clad with narrow clapboards, with horizontal banding between the stories. Spanning the front (west) facade is a one-story, shed-roofed porch with square columns, which shelters the main entry door. Next to the door is a shuttered plate glass window. Other fenestration is wide double-hung sash with one-over-one lights. The north facade has a rectangular hip-roofed bay, and an entry door on the south wall is topped by a bracketed hood. A one-story, hip-roofed extension with bracketed eaves spans the rear facade.

**Major Bibliographic References** Interview with current owners.  
Polk Olympia City Directory.  
Fagan, Mary, "Background and Selection Patterns of Justices of the Washington State Supreme Court, 1889 - 1974" research paper, Pullman, 1974.

**PHOTOS**



**View of** west facade  
**taken** 7/1/1997  
**Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):**  
41-27a  
**Comments:**