



## NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1920

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Joseph Wohleb

Politics/Government/Law

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**

A well-preserved craftsman style house which illustrated the versatility of architect Joseph Wohleb, the Justice Emmett Parker House was built in 1920 in a design by Wohleb. Justice Parker was a member of the Supreme Court of Washington from 1909 to 1933 and Chief Justice from 1921 to 1923. Born in York, Pennsylvania in 1859, he was educated in Cincinnati and studied law there. He was a Municipal and Superior Court Judge of Pierce County and City Attorney in Tacoma before joining the Supreme Court. A similar design to the house was later utilized by Tumwater Lumber Mills Company for their precut homes

**Description of Physical Appearance**

The Parker House is a small, rectangular wood frame structure of one-and-one-half stories, built in the Craftsman style on a poured concrete foundation. Its gable roof is covered with composition shingles and has wide eaves and a simple molded cornice with wide returns. Walls are clad with clapboards and cornerboards. Centered on the front facade is a wide recessed porch with low clapboard walls, which shelters the entry door. Above the porch is a wide arched dormer with an elongated leaded glass window. A wide tripartite picture window with multiple panes opens onto the porch, and a similar window is located to the left of the porch below a small gable. Other fenestration includes multi-paned casements and double-hung sash. A newer addition and deck span the rear facade.

**Major Bibliographic References**

Maddox, Dawn, "Joseph Wohleb: resident architect of the State Capital," Landmarks, Vol. IV, No. 4.  
Fagan, Mary, "Background and Selection Patterns of Justices of the Washington State Supreme Court: 1889-1974," research paper, Pullman, 1974.

## PHOTOS



View of northeast corner

taken 9/27/1985

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