Historic Property Porter House

Inventory Report for 1803 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

**LOCATION SECTION** 

Historic Name: Porter House Field Site No.: 649

Common Name: (#34-532) OAHP No.:

Property Address: 1803 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

Comments: OLYMPIA

 County
 Township/Range/EW
 Section
 1/4 Sec
 1/4 1/4 Sec
 Quadrangle

 T18R02W
 23
 SW
 TUMWATER

**UTM Reference** 

 Zone:
 10
 Spatial Type:
 Point
 Acquisition Code:
 TopoZone.com

 Sequence:
 0 Easting:
 507630
 Northing:
 5208530

 Tax No./Parcel No.
 Plat/Block/Lot

 60500100100
 Main Street L1 Blk 1

Supplemental Map(s)AcreageCity of Olympia Planning Department< one</td>

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

 Owner's Name:
 Owner Address:
 City/State/Zip:

 Helen C. Johnston
 1803 Capitol Way S
 Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building Resource Status Comments

Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory

Contributing? Yes Local Register

National Register Nomination:  $\underline{0}$ 

**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

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Moderate Changes to interior: Moderate

Changes to original cladding: Intact Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Slight Other (specify):

 Cladding
 Wood - Clapboard
 Foundation
 Concrete - Poured

Style <u>American Foursquare</u> Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition Roof Type Pyramidal

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## 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 History	ric Places: No
Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local):	<u>No</u>

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

Statement of Significance The house was built in 1903 by Nathan Porter, who was a clerk in the U. S. Surveyor General's Office. The house was also owned for a number of years by Christine Glidden Sylvester. Daughter of county pioneers Frank and Mary Glidden of South Bay she was born in 1878 and was married in 1902 to Fred Sylvester who was State Supreme Court Clerk. He was the nephew of Olympia founder, Edmund Sylvester. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

Description of Physical Appearance The Porter House is a square, two-story wood frame structure built in the Foursquare style on a poured concrete foundation. Its pyramidal roof is covered with composition shingles and has a plain cornice with a wide soffit. Walls are clad with clapboards, with wide frieze boards below the eaves. Spanning the front (east) facade is a hip-roofed porch with low clapboard walls supporting Tuscan columns, topped by a dentillated cornice. The porch shelters the main entry door, which has sidelights with decorative mullions. Next to the door is a shuttered, tripartite single-hung window with decorative mullions in the upper lights; the north facade has similar window. Other fenestration is single-hung sash, some of which have similar upper mullions. A one-story, hip-roofed addition extends to the south; it has tripartite double-hung windows and a side entrance. The west facade has a small shed-roofed porch.

Major Bibliographic References Pioneer Title Company Records.

Christine Sylvester Obituary, Daily Olympian, October 14, 1960.

## **PHOTOS**



View of northeast corner taken 10/25/1985

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

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