



**NARRATIVE SECTION**

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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**

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**

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View of northeast corner

taken 10/25/1985

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