

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1920

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

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**

This bungalow house built in 1920-21 by Frank and Ruby Christensen. It has unusual rolled roofline. Frank Christensen was a local attorney who was in private practice and also served as an assistant attorney general for the state. Christensen died in 1935. A later resident was William Steinert who was a justice on the Washington State Supreme Court and lived in the house during his tenure as Chief Justice from 1937 to 1939. The house was featured in an Olympia promotional booklet as one of the "better residences of the city."

**Description of
Physical
Appearance**

The Christensen House is a rectangular, one-and-one-half-story wood frame structure built in the Craftsman style on a poured concrete foundation. The hipped gable roof is covered with composition shingles, which are rolled at the eaves in the English fashion; the roof is broken on the side walls by hipped gable dormers with similar eaves, and a brick chimney rises up the wall of the south dormer. Walls are clad with clapboards. An open porch with brick piers and wooden balustrade spans the front (west) facade. A hip-roofed hood shelters the central front entry door, which has multi-paned sidelights. The door is flanked by a wide plate glass picture window and another french door, both of which have prominent corbelled hoods. Other fenestration includes plate glass windows, double-hung sash with one-over-one lights, and smaller leaded glass windows. A rear extension with a hipped gable roof has a recessed porch with latticework walls at the southeast corner. Behind the house is a detached garage.

**Major
Bibliographic
References**

Pioneer Title Company Records.
"Olympia," Lee Printing., 1926.

PHOTOS



View of west facade

taken 9/27/1985

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

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Comments: