

Historic Property McKenny House
Inventory Report for 2201 South Water Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: McKenny House **Field Site No.:** 663
Common Name: (#34-555) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 2201 South Water Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 23 SW TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507480 **Northing:** 5208190

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
43301000100 Crosby L1 Blk 10 & L4

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 10/2/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Alan Brooks **Owner Address:** 1707 Sylvester St 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

Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House
Current Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Plan: Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 1 1/2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact **Changes to interior:** Intact
Changes to original cladding: Intact **Changes to other:**
Changes to windows: Intact **Other (specify):**

Cladding Shingle **Foundation** Concrete - Poured
Style Arts & Crafts - Craftsman **Form/Type**
Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled **Roof Type** Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1921</u>
<u>Ethnic Heritage</u>		Architect:
<u>Conservation</u>		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 McKenny House was built ca. 1921 for Margaret McKenny by her father General T. I. McKenny and was used by her for her work with kindergarten students. Miss McKenny was born in 1885, the daughter of General Thomas McKenny who was Indian Agent and prominent businessman in Olympia. Miss McKenny attended the Lowthrop School of Landscape Architecture in Groton, Massachusetts. She was the author of more than 15 books on various nature subjects and was an ardent conservationist and nature lover. She was founder of the local Audubon Society and an expert on local mushrooms. A campsite was named in her honor in the Capitol Forest in 1967. She was also the recipient of a national conservation award. Many local Olympians and remember her fondly as a teacher and friend. An Olympia elementary school is named in her honor.

Description of Physical Appearance The McKenny House is a small, rectangular wood frame bungalow on a poured concrete foundation. Its side-gabled roof has broad eaves and wide gable-end fascia boards; it is broken by broad shed-roofed dormers on the front (east) and rear facades. Walls are clad with board and batten siding, which until recently remained unpainted. The roof lessens in pitch over the porch spanning the front facade. The porch has square columns and a simple balustrade which appear to be later additions; it shelters two entry doors. The north and south facades have rectangular, shed-roofed bays. Fenestration includes plate glass windows, double-hung sash, and multi-paned casements in the dormers. The house has been altered since 1985.

Major Bibliographic References Margaret McKenny Obituary, Daily Olympian, August 5, 1969, pg. 1

PHOTOS



View of east facade
taken 10/2/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
22-8A
Comments: