

Historic Property Karl Anderson House
Inventory Report for 2319 Southwest Water Street Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Karl Anderson House **Field Site No.:** 666
Common Name: (#34-558) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 2319 Southwest Water Street 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:** 507480 **Northing:** 5208050

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
84200000900 JM Wilson L9

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: Linda S. Bradley **Owner Address:** 3319 Water Street 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:** 2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Unknown

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Brick

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Stucco

Vertical - Boards

Style Art Deco - Streamlined Moderne

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Unknown

Hip

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1940

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

Manufacturing/Industry

Builder:

Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:

Yes

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

An excellent example of the Art Moderne style house, the Karl Anderson House was built in 1940. Natives of Ursviken, Sweden, the Anderson brothers successively immigrated to the United States. Their father had extensive interests in lumber in Sweden. The brothers purchased the Ward Mill near Tumwater falls in 1920 and logged at Mud Bay and Shelton. They built a mill at Mendota in Lewis County and in 1922 began the production of pre-cut houses, the first operation of its kind in the west. The houses were very successful and were shipped throughout the United States and Europe. In the 1924 the brothers formed the Olympia Harbor Lumber Company and in 1928 imported the first Swedish Gang Saw in the United States to cut smaller diameter trees. They also built during that time the first sulfite pulp mill on the Pacific Coast to manufacture chemical wood pulp at Anacortes. Other mills followed at Bellingham and Everett, thus introducing one of the largest industries to the states. Karl Anderson was married in Sweden in 1917 to Charlotte Wickstrom. He was the fifth of the seven brothers and came to this country in 1914 and first associated with his brothers Edward and Arthur in Fort Dodge Iowa. He returned to Sweden in 1918 but joined his brothers in Tumwater in 1920.

Description of Physical Appearance

The Anderson House is a large, rectangular two-story structure built of brick masonry in the Art Moderne style resting on a poured concrete foundation. The hip roof is covered with composition shingles and has close eaves; it is broken by a central brick chimney. Centered on a projecting portion of the front (east) facade and situated between stories, the main entry door is approached by half-round brick steps and topped a streamlined copper hood. To the right of the door is an upper-story corner window of glass block, and adjacent to this window, on the north wall, is a two-story window of glass block. The one-story, hip-roofed double garage extends to the north, with doors facing the street. To the left of the entry, the brick first story has two large tripartite windows framed by decorative recessed brick courses and is topped by a shallow hip roof; the recessed second story is clad with vertical board siding and stucco, and features another glass block window and rounded wall corners. A side entry on the south wall is also topped by a copper hood. The rear wall has large picture windows overlooking Capitol Lake.

Major Bibliographic References

Pollard and Spencer, The History of Washington, 1937, Vol III pp. 290=291.

PHOTOS



View of northeast corner

taken 10/2/1985

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

22-11A

Comments: