

Historic Property Wight House
Inventory Report for 2501 Southwest Columbia Street Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Wight House **Field Site No.:** 668
Common Name: (#34-564) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 2501 Southwest Columbia Street 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:** 507540 **Northing:** 5207910

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
38500600800 Capital Park L8 Blk 6 31/2 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: Craig E. & Sheila K Swalling **Owner Address:** 2501 Columbia Street SW **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Building **Resource Status** **Comments**

Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory

Contributing? Yes Local Register

National Register Nomination:

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: Unknown

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Shingle

Style Tudor

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: ca. 1926

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 is located in the Capital Park Plat, platted in 1891 in the South Capitol Neighborhood. According to available records this lot was purchased in 1922 by Allen & Minnie White. No improvement is shown on the property in 1925 on the assessor's tax rolls. Although the assessor lists the property as being built in 1926, the Whites who owned it at the time were not living there according to city directories. In 1929 the property was sold to Mark and Maude Wight. There is an improvement on the assessor's tax rolls by 1930. The Wights are listed at this address in the 1929-1930 City Directory. Wight was an assistant Washington State Attorney General and served as Washington State Law Librarian from 1928 to 1959.

The house is an outstanding example of the Tudor Revival style.

**Description of
Physical
Appearance**

The Wight House is a rectangular, one-and-one-half-story wood frame structure of simplified English Revival style on a poured concrete foundation. Its gable roof is covered with composition shingles and has exposed rafters, gable-end fascia boards and hipped side gables. The front (east) facade features a tall gable offset to the north, and an adjacent wide shed-roofed dormer. The gable sweeps down over a recessed porch with an archway leading to the arched entry door. First-story walls are clad with narrow clapboards, and the gables and dormers are shingled. Fenestration includes multi-paned double-hung sash and bands of multi-paned casements.

**Major
Bibliographic
References**

Interview with Kay Sandahl.
Polk Olympia City Directory.

PHOTOS



View of east facade

taken 10/2/1985

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

22-18A

Comments: