

**Historic Property** Yantis House  
**Inventory Report for** 1855 Northwest Yantis Street Olympia, Thurston, 98502

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Yantis House **Field Site No.:** 674  
**Common Name:** (#34-576) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 1855 Northwest Yantis Street Olympia, Thurston, 98502  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

<b>County</b>	<b>Township/Range/EW</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>1/4 Sec</b>	<b>1/4 1/4 Sec</b>	<b>Quadrangle</b>
<u>                    </u>	<u>T18R02W</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>SE</u>		<u>TUMWATER</u>

**UTM Reference**  
**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 506440 **Northing:** 5211760

**Tax No./Parcel No.** 85700000600 **Plat/Block/Lot** Yantis L6

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

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson/Tom C **Date Recorded:** 10/3/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

<b>Owner's Name:</b> <u>George F. Yantis, Jr</u>	<b>Owner Address:</b> <u>1855 Yantis Street NW</u>	<b>City/State/Zip:</b> <u>Olympia, WA 98502</u>
<b>Classification:</b> <u>Building</u>	<b>Resource Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Within a District?</b> <u>No</u>	<u>Survey/Inventory</u>	
<b>Contributing?</b> <u>No</u>	<u>Local Register</u>	

**National Register Nomination:** 0  
**Local District:**  
**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:**

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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**Historic Use:** Domestic - Single Family House  
**Current Use:** Domestic - Single Family House  
**Plan:** Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 1 1/2  
**Structural System:** Balloon Frame

<b>Changes to plan:</b> <u>Intact</u>	<b>Changes to interior:</b> <u>Unknown</u>
<b>Changes to original cladding:</b> <u>Intact</u>	<b>Changes to other:</b>
<b>Changes to windows:</b> <u>Intact</u>	<b>Other (specify):</b>
<b>Cladding</b> <u>Wood - Clapboard</u>	<b>Foundation</b> <u>Concrete - Poured</u>
<b>Style</b> <u>Colonial - Dutch Colonial</u>	<b>Form/Type</b> <u>Single Family - Side Gable</u>
<b>Roof Material</b> <u>Wood - Shingle</u>	<b>Roof Type</b> <u>Gambrel</u>

## NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1929

Politics/Government/Law

Architect: Olympia Harbor Lumber Co.

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 from 1929 to 1932 for George Yantis, Sr. Yantis, attorney for the Olympia Harbor Lumber Company. He had them erect the house which stood uncompleted during the depths of the Depression until it was finished in 1932. The Yantis' have been a well-known and respected family since the earliest days of Thurston County. George Yantis, Sr. was prosecuting attorney in the county and served from 1931 to 1947 in the Washington House of Representatives, attaining the office of Speaker. George Yantis, Jr., the present owner, served for many years as Thurston County Commissioner. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

**Description of  
Physical  
Appearance**

Located on an expansive lot overlooking Budd Inlet, the Yantis House is a rectangular, one-and-half-story wood frame structure built in the Dutch colonial style on a poured concrete foundation. Its wood-shingled gambrel roof is broken by a brick chimney rising on the north wall; it has wide shed-roofed dormers on the front (east) and rear facades. Walls are clad with clapboards. Beneath the porte-cochere on the north wall is the main entry door, with sidelights. Spanning the front facade is a commodious recessed porch with square posts, reached by double french doors. Fenestration includes single, paired and tripartite double-hung sash with six-over-one lights and a rectangular bay on the south wall.

**Major  
Bibliographic  
References**

Interview with current owner.  
Newell, Gordon, Rogues, Buffoons, and Statesmen, Seattle, Superior Publishing, 1975.

## PHOTOS



View of east facade

taken 10/3/1985

Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):  
22-30A

Comments: