

**Historic Property** Gilbert House  
**Inventory Report for** 325 Northwest Rogers Street Olympia, Thurston, 98502

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Gilbert House **Field Site No.:** 684  
**Common Name:** (#34-591) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 325 Northwest Rogers Street Olympia, Thurston, 98502  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
                     T18R02W 15 NW TUMWATER

**UTM Reference**  
**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 506340 **Northing:** 5210270

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
85001901500 Woodruff L15 Blk 19

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

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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

**Owner's Name:** Richard Meltzer **Owner Address:** 325 Rogers Street NW **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

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

**Within a District?** No **Survey/Inventory**

**Contributing?** Local Register

**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

**Changes to plan:** Intact

**Changes to interior:** Moderate

**Changes to original cladding:** Intact

**Changes to other:**

**Changes to windows:** Intact

**Other (specify):**

**Cladding** Wood - Drop Siding

**Foundation** Concrete - Poured

Shingle

**Style** Vernacular

**Form/Type** Single Family - Gable Fronter / Homestead Hou

**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition

**Roof Type** Gable

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1900</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>		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** This property was another effort by J. R. Chaplin to help finance his dream of a college on Cooper Point. J. R. Chaplin was a Congregationalist Minister who sat about building a utopian community and college. on Cooper Point in 1891. He did succeed in operating the People's University from 1902 to 1906. His son, Emery was editor of a school publication. Chaplin also developed homesites in this area of the West Side. He purchased about 30 lots from Sam Woodruff in 1893 and built homes for sale on them. In 1900 two lots were sold to Nancy M. Gilbert. Her husband Frank Gilbert was a native of New York and was a millwright in Olympia. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

**Description of Physical Appearance** The house, although in nearly original condition on the exterior, has been extensively remodeled on the interior. Perched on high bank above the street, the Gilbert House is a rectangular, one-and-one-half story wood frame structure built in the Pioneer style on a brick foundation. Its gable roof is covered with compositions shingles and has low center gables on the side walls. Walls are clad with drop siding, with decorative shingled panels in the gables set off by horizontal banding. Spanning the front (east) facade is a shed-roofed porch with square posts and a low balustrade which shelters the main entry door. Fenestration includes double-hung sash with one-over-one lights, smaller windows with decorative mullions, and a small window in the front gable with a pedimented head molding.

**Major Bibliographic References** Stevenson, Shanna, Olympiana: Historical Vignettes of Olympia, Pioneer Title Company Records.  
Unpublished Manuscript at Washington State Library, Washington Room, "The Early History of 325 N. Rogers."

**PHOTOS**



View of east facade  
taken 9/1/1997  
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):  
43-27  
Comments: