

**Historic Property** Olof Anderson House  
**Inventory Report for** 410 Northwest Sherman Street Olympia, Thurston, 98502

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Olof Anderson House **Field Site No.:** 686  
**Common Name:** (#34-597) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 410 Northwest Sherman Street Olympia, Thurston, 98502  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
**[REDACTED]** T18R02W 15 NE TUMWATER

**UTM Reference**

**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 506640 **Northing:** 5210370

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
85000200700 Woodruff L7 & L8 Blk 2

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

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 10/4/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

**Owner's Name:** Maxwell R. Hunter **Owner Address:** 410 North Sherman **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98502

**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:** 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

Wood - Shiplap

**Style** Colonial - Colonial Revival

**Form/Type**

**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition

**Roof Type** Gable

## NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1935

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

Manufacturing/Industry

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 impressive house was built in 1935 by Olof Anderson, one of the Anderson brothers who owned the Tumwater Lumber Mills. Olof Anderson was the youngest of the brothers. He came to Olympia in 1920 and married Evelyn Sandberg in 1928. 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 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 state. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

### Description of Physical Appearance

Located on a sloping site overlooking Budd Inlet, the Anderson House is a large, rectangular wood frame structure of Colonial Revival style, two stories tall at the street and three at the rear, resting on a poured concrete foundation. Its gable roof is covered with composition shingles and has close eaves; it is broken by two brick chimneys and by gabled wall dormers on the front (west) and rear facades. Walls of the main floor and basement are clad with flush horizontal boards, and the second story is clad with rusticated clapboards. Below a small front gable, the main entry door is recessed in a paneled architrave; the slightly overhanging second story has rotund pendants flanking the entry. To the left of the entry is a small polygonal bay window. Other fenestration includes double-hung sash with six-over-six lights on the second story, plate glass and multi-paned picture windows and a multi-paned rectangular bay on the main story, and multi-paned steel sash in the basement. A basement door leads to the rear yard. Extending from the north wall is a one-story, gable-roofed garage with doors facing the street.

### Major Bibliographic References

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

## PHOTOS

View of west facade (shown), SE corner

taken 10/4/1985

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

23-18A, 19A

Comments:

