

Historic Property McArdle House
Inventory Report for 223 - 19th Avenue SW Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: McArdle House **Field Site No.:** 863
Common Name: (#34-888) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 223 - 19th Avenue SW Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
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UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507430 **Northing:** 5208480

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
39600200702 Chambers L 7&8 Blk 2

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 7/1/1997 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Eric Larsen **Owner Address:** 233 - 19th Avenue 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: 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: Square **No. of Stories:** 2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Slight

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to windows: Slight

Changes to interior: Unknown

Changes to other:

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Style American Foursquare

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Form/Type

Roof Type Hip

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1906

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

Politics/Government/Law

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 Chambers Plat was designated in 1889 on what was part of the original Chambers Packing Company property. In 1906 lots 7 and 8 in Block 2 were sold to Chas and Elna Briffet and a mortgage was taken out. Sandborn Fire Maps of the area in 1908 show the house in its present location. The house could have been moved with the start of construction on the capitol grounds. In 1919 the west half of the property was sold to Maud and George F. Briffet. The Briffet's also lived in the Dufault House, already listed on the Olympia Heritage Register. In 1923 the house was sold to L. D. and Fannie McArdle who lived in the house until 1940. McArdle was a legislator from Jefferson County for many years and was appointed by Governor Hart as the first director of the Department of Efficiency. He drafted the first state administrative code and was considered an expert in his field. He also collected northwest historical materials and amassed a collection of scrapbooks which are called "The McArdle Library" now housed at the Washington State Historical Society. Other later owners included G. I. Griffith, Drexel Hubbard, Harry App and Wade Boze.

Description of Physical Appearance

1. Two story, square Four Square style house with a bell-cast hipped roof. 2. Wide eaves with decorative brackets. 3. Hipped roof front porch with similar eave line and brackets. 4. Three-sided two story bay on the first and second floors on the northwest corner. 5. Original paneled front door. 6. Clapboard cladding. 7. Fluted square pillars supported the porch which has a low clapboard railing. 8. One over one wide and narrow double hung sash windows. 9. One story rear hip roof addition on the rear with newer metal windows and east side porch. Non-historic additions 1. Metal windows on rear addition.

Major Bibliographic References

Sources: Pioneer Title Company Records; Polk City Directories, "Death Claims L.D. McArdle at Age of 81," Port Townsend Leader, November 10, 1938, p. 1., "Why Books Remained," Daily Olympian, Totem Tidings, April 8, 1979, p.7.

PHOTOS



View of NW Corner

taken 7/1/1997

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Comments: