



**NARRATIVE SECTION**

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<b>Study Unit</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Date Of Construction:</b> <u>1922</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>		<b>Architect:</b>
<u>Commerce</u>		<b>Builder:</b>
		<b>Engineer:</b>

**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 Craftsman/Bungalow house, built according Assessor's Records about 1922 was one of the earlier residences built as part of the Wildwood Subdivision in Southeast Olympia. The house originally sat on a double lot and was a community landmark because of its beautiful landscaping. The house was built for Paul C. and Catherine Neuffer. Paul C. Neuffer was a partner with his father Paul H. Neuffer in Neuffer Jewelers, a long-standing Olympia business. The elder Neuffer established his jeweler's business in Olympia in 1890 after learning the trade in his native Germany. He traveled widely before settling in Olympia. His first jewelry shop was on 4th Avenue, later on Washington Street and in 1906 he built the Neuffer block where Batdorf and Bronson is located downtown on Capitol Way. The construction of this concrete building was a novelty during the early part of the century and drew onlookers. Paul C. Neuffer took over the business when he was 21 years old. Catherine Neuffer was a descendent of the pioneer Morgan Davies family from the Skookumchuck Valley. The Neuffers were active locally in several clubs and civic associations. Mr. Neuffer died in 1985 and Mrs. Neuffer in 1994. The present owners purchased the house in 1989. The adjacent property to the house subsequently has been developed into two new homes. The Paul H. Neuffer House in the South Capitol Neighborhood at 1625 S. Water is listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

**Description of Physical Appearance**    1. One and one-half story rectangular house. 2. Gable roofline. 3. Gable-roofed porch projects on the southwest side of the house and extends with a second gable to the west side of the house. 4. The porch piers and railing are cobblestone. 5. A large cobblestone fireplace rises on the east side of the front facade. 6. Clapboard cladding. 7. Wide bracketed eaves with fascia boards. 8. Double-hung and tri-partite windows with vertical top mullions. 9. Small, shed-roofed porch on the rear facade. 10. Detached, single car garage of compatible design on the east side.

**Major Bibliographic References**                    Obituary for Catherine Neuffer, Olympian, January 11, 1994; "Neuffer's is Pioneer Store in This City, Daily Olympian, April 10, 1941. Information from the current owner. Polk City Directories

**PHOTOS**

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**View of**    South facade  
**taken**     7/1/1997  
**Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):**  
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