



**NARRATIVE SECTION**

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Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1928

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Franklin Stanton

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 for Dan O'Leary (January 1, 1879 - March 27, 1969) and his wife Hope Chambers, daughter of A. H. Chambers, a former mayor of Olympia. O'Leary came to Olympia in 1900 to work for his uncle Mark Draham who owned Mud Bay Logging Company. He became the general manager of Mud Bay Logging and was a founder and member of the board of directors of Olympia Federal Savings. He was president of Puget Sound Scaling Company. His mother, Della Draham O'Leary, also lived in the home. The house was designed by O'Leary's brother-in-law, Frank Stanton, a local architect. Stanton was a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Architecture and was for a time, a partner with Joseph Wohleb. Stanton later moved to Bellingham. Mudd Bay Logging Company was organized by Mark H. Draham with headquarters at Mud Bay. Logging commenced to the south of that site into the Black Hills. The firm started with about 125 men and reached its peak in 1927-1929 employing 450. The firm cut merchantable timber from 26, 000 acres and cut 1. 5 billion feet of timber. Dan O'Leary along with Draham and George Long were the incorporators. O'Leary became president in 1931, after the death of both Draham and Long. The firm liquidated in 1941 after the supply of first growth timber was depleted in the Black Hills.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

1. Rectangular two story Colonial Revival style house with a gable roofline. 2. Shingle cladding. 3. Shed roof entry porch with square posts on the south side. 4. Multi-pane casement and single hung sash windows. 5. One-story shed roof addition wraps around the north and part of the west side which shelters the main entry.

**Major Bibliographic References**

Mike Van Mieghem Manuscript, "The O'Leary's of Olympia," State Library.

Daniel O'Leary Obituary, Daily Olympian, March 28, 1969.

Magnuson, Don, "Mud Bay Company Cuts Last Tree; Firm Worked Here 31 Years," Daily Olympian, March 4, 1941.

Telephone interview with Lucie Stanton McCoy.

**PHOTOS**

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View of West Facade

taken 7/1/1997

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Comments: