

**Historic Property** Minor House  
**Inventory Report for** 1528 Southwest Columbia Street Olympia, Thurston, 98501

**LOCATION SECTION**

Historic Name: Minor House Field Site No.: 878  
Common Name: (#34-880) OAHP No.:  
Property Address: 1528 Southwest Columbia Street Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
Comments: OLYMPIA

County Township/Range/EW Section 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec Quadrangle  
T18R02W 02 TUMWATER

UTM Reference  
Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com  
Sequence: 0 Easting: 507380 Northing: 5208780

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot  
31300500502 Allen Part Lots 5 & 6 Blk 5

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: Patricia Ellis Owner Address: 1528 Columbia Street 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: Rectangle No. of Stories: 1 1/2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Moderate Changes to interior: Moderate

Changes to original cladding: Moderate Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Slight Other (specify):

Cladding Shingle Foundation

Stucco

Style Arts & Crafts - Craftsman Form/Type

Unknown

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition Roof Type Gable

## NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction:	<u>1922</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 house was built in 1922 by Arthur Anderson as a Tumwater Lumber Mills pre-cut house. It was featured in one of the company's brochures. The Anderson brothers were longtime lumber manufacturers who pioneered pre-cut houses in the west. Tumwater Ready Cut Homes featured prefabricated lumber which could be quickly and easily framed. Materials included drawings, specially marked lumber which indicated the section of the house and the type of building material, finishing lumber for doors, windows and built-in features, including cabinetry, fireplaces and wainscoting. Tumwater Lumber Mills built over 500 homes in Olympia. This is one of five houses built by Tumwater Lumber Mills along Columbia St. The first owner of the house according to available records was Ernest Minor, an accountant with the State Auditor's Office. It was also owned for a time by William P. Tucker, State Librarian.

**Description of Physical Appearance** 1. One and one-half story house on a poured concrete foundation. 2. The house features Craftsman style influences. 3. The side-gabled house has an off-set front gable to the south side. 4. The roofline has wide, bracketed eaves. 5. Shed-roof porch is offset to the north. 6. The porch has heavy stucco (originally brick)-based pillars supporting a stucco (originally brick) balustrade. The pillars have wooden tops which end in an arched opening on the front and north sides. 7. Cladding is stucco (originally clapboard) with shingling on the gables. A band separates the two materials above the first floor. 8. A shed-roofed front bay is on the first floor of the front gable. 9. Fenestration consists of single and double hung sash and tripartite windows with decorative mullions in the upper sash. Lost features: 1. Historic windows on front and south facade have been replaced with picture windows. Non-historic additions: 1. Newer front facade and south windows. 2. Newer rear extension. 3. Newer rear fireplace

**Major Bibliographic References** "Ready Cut Homes, Manufactured by The Tumwater Lumber Mills Company, Tumwater, Washington. Catalog Number Three, 1922." Pioneer Title Company Records.  
Polk City Directories at Washington State Library.  
Pollard and Spencer, The History of Washington, Vol. III, 1937, pp. 290-291.

## PHOTOS



View of West Facade  
taken 7/1/1997  
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):  
41-25A  
Comments: