

**Historic Property** Lassen House  
**Inventory Report for** 424 North Rogers Olympia, Thurston, 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Lassen House **Field Site No.:** 893  
**Common Name:** (#34-862) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 424 North Rogers Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

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

**UTM Reference**  
**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 506380 **Northing:** 5210450

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
85000500400 Woodruff L4 Blk 5

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
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**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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

**Owner's Name:** Tim Yowell **Owner Address:** 424 North Rogers **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98502

**Classification:** Building **Resource Status** **Comments**

**Within a District?** Yes **Survey/Inventory**

**Contributing?** Local Register

**National Register Nomination:** 0  
**Local District:** Rogers Street Tumwater Lumber Mills  
**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:** 1 1/2

**Structural System:** Balloon Frame

**Changes to plan:** Intact **Changes to interior:** Intact

**Changes to original cladding:** Intact **Changes to other:**

**Changes to windows:** Intact **Other (specify):**

**Cladding** Wood - Clapboard **Foundation** Concrete - Poured

**Style** Tudor **Form/Type**

Unknown  
**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition **Roof Type** Gable

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

<b>Study Unit</b> Architecture/Landscape Architecture	<b>Other</b>	<b>Date Of Construction:</b> 1930
		<b>Architect:</b> TLM
		<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** One of five house built by Tumwater Lumber Mills who pioneered precut houses in the west. Headquarters in Olympia, they demonstrated their work in neighborhoods all over the city. One of the demonstrated their work in neighborhoods all over the city. One of the most cohesive and dramatic examples of their work is the five house row of the houses on Rogers Street. The company featured the Rogers Street Houses in their promotional literature as exemplifying their work. The mills were operated by six brothers assisted by their two sisters, the Anderson Family. Natives of Sweden, they migrated one by one to different regions of the U. S. and finally reunited in Olympia. Arthur, Sten, Ossian, Edward, Karl and Olaf were joined by Amy and Lilly as well as their parents. They left one brother, Donald, in Sweden. The older brothers began their logging operations at Mud Bay and in Lewis County. In 1922, they began the Tumwater Ready Cut Homes, prefabricated lumber which could be quickly and easily framed. The mill was located where the present Olympia Brewery now stands. The first operation of its kind in the West, the pre-cut houses were sold nationally and internationally with great success. Materials included drawings, specially marked lumber which indicated the section of the house and the type of building material, finishing lumber of doors, windows and built-ins, including cabinetry, fireplaces and wainscoting. "We Furnish Everything in Wood, Paint and hardware," was their slogan. Literature from the company boasted that anyone could build the houses in a matter of days. The brothers once demonstrated the farming of a five room bungalow in one day. The company also produced pre-cut barns and outbuildings. As many as 500 homes were built in Olympia by the firm according to one newspaper report. This group of the houses illustrates particularly well the range of finishing details available for the precut houses as well as their ability to remain affordable and attractive over 50 years. The Andersons also pioneered other lumbering practices. They imported the first Swedish gang-saw which allowed the sawing of small timber which had previously been wasted in the first great sweep of logging across Washington. They also developed the process for the first sulfite pulp mill on the U. S. Pacific Coast. They also operated in Everett, Tacoma and Coos Bay, Oregon, finally ceasing operations in the 1950's. First owner was Irving Lassen who owned a local Electric and Sport shop. Built 1930.

**Description of Physical Appearance** 1. Rectangular one and on-half story with end gables. 2. Center front gable with entry. 3. Patterned stucco cladding with clapboard cladding in end gables. 4. Double-hung sash with six-over-one lights, multi-paned french doors and leaded glass windows. 5. Recessed front door with arched opening. Front door is arched with leaded glass inset window. 6. South end stucco fireplace.

**Major Bibliographic References** Pioneer Title Records.

**PHOTOS**



**View of taken**  
**Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):**  
**Comments:**