

Historic Property *Funk House*
Inventory Report for *1202 Olympia Ave NE Olympia, Thurston, 98506*

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Funk House **Field Site No.:** 911
Common Name: (#34-356) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 1202 Olympia Ave NE Olympia, Thurston, 98506
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
 T18R02W 14 TUMWATER

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 508700 **Northing:** 5210260

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
68200100500 JR Pattison L5 & 6 Blk 1

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 1/1/1900 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: John Lynch **Owner Address:** 319 10st Avenue **City/State/Zip:** Bellevue, WA 98004

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

Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory

Contributing? National Register

State Register

Local Register

National Register Nomination: FUNK HOUSE

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: 690

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Current Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Plan: Irregular **No. of Stories:** 2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Unknown

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Foundation Unknown

Wood - Drop Siding

Shingle

Style Queen Anne

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

Hip

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1892</u>
<u>Architecture/Landscape Architecture</u>	<u>Women's History</u>	Architect:
<u>Politics/Government/Law</u>		Builder:
		Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: Yes
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 Funk House is the most ornate of the Queen Anne Style homes in Olympia. It was built for Brad and Martha Pattison Davis ca. 1892. Its well-preserved exterior offers a prime look at the ornamentation produced by area millworks for residential construction. George and Goldie Robertson Funk were prominent Olympians active in civic, legal and intellectual circles. George Funk was born in Wisconsin in 1865, educated there and came to Olympia in 1890. In a legal career spanning 60 years in the city Funk was prosecution attorney, a member of the city council and an active member of the Chamber of Commerce. Before his death in 1955, Funk was instrumental in pursuing a successful lawsuit to keep state offices located in Olympia, retaining its prominence as the state capital. Goldie Robertson Funk was born in Iowa and came to Olympia in 1889. She taught school in a number of districts and was assistant principal of an elementary school. She married George Funk in 1899. She was an accomplished writer published in several national magazines including McCalls and Ladies Home Journal. She was an active clubwoman receiving statewide recognition. A prominent member of the Olympia Women's Club, Mrs. Funk participated widely in local social and civic life. The Funks purchased the house in 1906, shortly after it was built and lived there until Mr. Funk's death in 1955.

Description of Physical Appearance Sited on a corner lot facing southward, the Funk house is located in one of the oldest residential neighborhoods in Olympia. The house sits on a small promontory above street level overlooking Budd Inlet. The Funk house is an ornately detailed, two-story wood frame structure built in the Queen Anne style. The tall hipped and gabled roof is covered with composition shingles, broken by a brick chimney and topped by wrought-iron cresting. The roofline has close eaves with a prominent molded cornice which has full gable returns. Wide friezeboards are at the eaves. Walls are clad with clapboard on the first story. Overlapping squared shingles cover the second story with wavy-patterned shingles in the gables. Horizontal banding between the stories delineates the two materials. The east gable combines shingles and clapboards in sunburst patterns, horizontal and vertical banding and rosettes in a complex design. The south and west gables feature arched panels above the windows which are ornamented by multiple rosettes. The foundation is skirted with asbestos panels. A hip-roofed porch that curves around the southwest front corner of the house has ornate turned posts topped by brackets which are spanned by spindlework cornice panels. The porch shelters the paneled main entry door. To the right of the porch is a polygonal bay above which brackets with a sunburst design support the squared overhanging second story. Similar brackets support an overhanging portion on the west facade. Above the porch is a rounded second-story balcony with columns spanned by arched openings. A narrow-one-story extension with a hip roof projects from the rear wall and contains the rear entry door. Fenestration includes tall, narrow double and single-hung sash with plain surrounds, as well as oval and rectangular windows with small square leaded panes. The exterior of the house has not been altered and retains its myriad decorative features in good repair. The interior is in unaltered but poor condition.

Major Bibliographic References Prosser, William F., A History of the Puget Sound Country, Lewis Publishing Co., New York, 1903.
Obituary for Goldie Robertson Funk, Daily Olympian July 18, 1962.

PHOTOS

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View of SW Corner
taken 9/11/1985
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 Roll 16-9
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