

**Historic Property** Blankenship House  
**Inventory Report for** 205 15th Avenue SW Olympia, Thurston, 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Blankenship House **Field Site No.:** 918  
**Common Name:** (#34-908) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 205 15th Avenue SW Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
**[REDACTED]** T18R02W 23 TUMWATER

**UTM Reference**

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
31300400100 Allen L1 Blk 4

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
City of Olympia

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 1/1/2000 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

**Owner's Name:** Maureen Malavosky **Owner Address:** 205 15th Avenue SW **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98503

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

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

**Contributing?** Yes

**National Register Nomination:** 0

**Local District:**

**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:** SOUTH CAPITOL NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC DISTRICT

**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** Arts & Crafts - Craftsman

**Form/Type**

**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition

**Roof Type** Gable

## NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1907

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Arts

Communications

Other

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

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1862, Georgiana Blankenship crossed the plains three times in a covered wagon with her family before they finally settled in Spokane. There, she worked as the city librarian of Spokane before her marriage to George E. Blankenship in 1892. George Blankenship was a descendant of the Yantis family and his father was a Thurston County Sheriff. Blankenship was a printer and newspaperman.

Mrs. Blankenship was a correspondent for the Seattle Times and Portland Oregonian. She was also a president and life member of the Olympia Women's Club and an officer in the Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs. She was president of the Pioneer and Historical Society of Thurston County. Her home "Five Firs Point" north of the Priest Point Park became a gathering place of "old-timers". Mrs. Blankenship interviewed many of these early settlers and their families and collected their reminiscences in her book "Tillicum Tales of Thurston County" which is an important source of early Thurston County history. Her work helped to capture much of the early history of this area which would have otherwise been lost. The book is available in local libraries. She died in 1936.

### Description of Physical Appearance

Built in 1907, the house is a rectangular side gable, one-and-one-half-story house. The recessed porch on the east side has a cobblestone railing and pillars. The porch shelters a recessed try with side lights. Tripartite windows have a diamond pane top sash. There is a shed roof dormer on the north side. There are some diamond pane casement windows. There is a cobblestone chimney on the west side. An enclosed porch is on the southwest corner.

The south side of the house has a large three-sided bay. Clapboard cladding.

### Major Bibliographic References

## PHOTOS



View of East Façade

taken 10/7/2003

Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):

Comments: