

Historic Property Josephine Corliss Preston House
Inventory Report for 1502 Columbia St. SW Olympia/Thurston/98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Josephine Corliss Preston House **Field Site No.:** 921
Common Name: (#34-906) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 1502 Columbia St. SW Olympia/Thurston/98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02w 23 NW TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
31300500100 Allen L1 & 2 Block 5

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 7/1/1998 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: James Boldt **Owner Address:** 1502 Columbia St. SW **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

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

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

Contributing?

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: Intact

Changes to interior: Unknown

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Intact

Other (specify):

Cladding Wood - Clapboard

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Shingle

Style Arts & Crafts - Craftsman

Form/Type Single Family - Side Gable

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction:	<u>1907</u>
<u>Other</u>	<u>Women's History</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 the residence of Josephine Corliss Preston who was Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1913 to 1929. A native of Minnesota, she came to Washington in 1900 and was a county Superintendent of Schools in Walla Walla before becoming State Superintendent. She was apioneer in remedial classes and a president of the National Education Association. Her chief concern was for rural education and rural teachers. She encouraged teacher training and spearheaded kindergartens, hot lunch programs, transportation and junior high schools.

Description of Physical Appearance One and one-half story Craftsman Style house located on a corner lot in the South Capitol Neighborhood. The house has shingles on the top floor and narrow clapboard on the first floor. The house has a wide low-slung dormer on the front of the house. The entry is recessed under a full width porch which extends from the roofline. A wide window with decorative mullions in offset to the north of the entry which is offset to the south of the front. A tripartite window with similar decorative mullions is on the north side. A small leaded glass window is also on that facade. Other windows are one-over-one double hung sash.

Major Bibliographic References Brochure from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Obituary for Josephine Corliss Preston, Seattle Times, December 12, 1958.

PHOTOS



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