

Historic Property Gust & Nanny Forsberg House
Inventory Report for 1908 Washington St SE, Olympia, WA 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Gust & Nanny Forsberg House **Field Site No.:** 1324
Common Name: **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 1908 Washington St SE, Olympia, WA 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R2W 23 TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 10 **Easting:** 507761 **Northing:** 5208427

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
85300600300 W 23 Feet L 3 all L4 Block 6 of Wright's Central

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
[REDACTED] .08

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: ss **Date Recorded:** 1/28/2003 **Survey Name:** Olympia

Owner's Name: **Owner Address:** **City/State/Zip:**
Jack & Ruthanne Zilla 8545 Trospen Road #108-215 Tumwater, WA 09512

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

Within a District? Yes Local Register

Contributing? Yes Survey/Inventory

National Register Nomination:

Local District:

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

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Domestic - Multiple Family House

Current Use: Domestic - Multiple 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: Slight

Other (specify):

Cladding Shingle - Combed

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Style Tudor - Transitional Tudor

Form/Type Single Family - Gable Front and Wing

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition

Roof Type Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1936

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Engineer: Unknown

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:

Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local):

Yes - National

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

Statement of Significance

According to available records, the house was built in 1936 for Gust and Nanny Forsberg. City of Olympia Building permits show some work was done prior to that date but the foundation permit dates from 1936 as does the other work on the property and Assessor's records show 1936 as the date it went on the tax rolls. Forsberg was a native of Sweden who came to Oregon in 1910 and came to Olympia in 1921. He worked for Olympia Harbor Lumber Company as a foreman there for 35 years. That company was owned by the Tumwater Lumber Mills owners, the Andersons. He was also listed as working for a time at Reliable Welding during the war years. He died in 1971 and was living in the house at that time. His wife died in 1974. No obituary was found for her. The house is a good example of the English Builder style.

Description of Physical Appearance

Large one and one-half story cross-gabled house located in the South Capitol Neighborhood set above grade on a concrete foundation. Cladding is combed cedar siding. The front has a steep gable on the north side which extends to form an arcaded wing wall with a round-topped opening and lower gate forming a circle. There is an arched window in the top of the gable and a tripartite window in the first floor center. The side windows of the tripartite window are multi-pane windows. Another oblong multi-pane window is at the south end of the gable on the first floor. The entry is recessed between the front extension and the south part of the house. A small hood with decorative brackets extends over the entry door. The door has an arched panel. Flanking the entry on the south is an arched picture window. There is a tall brick chimney rising on the south side of the house. There is a garage entry in the front of the house at the basement level. Name and date plaque.

Major Bibliographic References

Olympia Building Department Records; Polk City Directories; Obituary for Gust Forsberg, Daily Olympian, February 5, 1971. Thurston County Assessor's Records.

PHOTOS



View of Front Façade

taken 10/6/2003

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

Comments: