

**Historic Property** Carlyon House  
**Inventory Report for** 201 14th Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Carlyon House **Field Site No.:** 3440  
**Common Name:** **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 201 14th Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
**[REDACTED]** T18R20W 23 TUMWATER

**UTM Reference**  
**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 10 **Easting:** 507599 **Northing:** 5208854

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
31300300100 E. J. Allen Block 3 Lots 1 & 2

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** ss **Date Recorded:** 2/6/2003 **Survey Name:** Olympia

**Owner's Name:** **Owner Address:** **City/State/Zip:**  
General Administration PO Box 41019 Olympia, WA 98504

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

**Within a District?** Survey/Inventory

**Contributing?**

**National Register Nomination:**

**Local District:**

**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:**

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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**Historic Use:** Domestic - Single Family House  
**Current Use:** Government - Government Office

**Plan:** Irregular **No. of Stories:** 1 1/2

**Structural System:** Balloon Frame

**Changes to plan:** Intact

**Changes to original cladding:** Intact

**Changes to windows:** Intact

**Changes to interior:** Unknown

**Changes to other:**

**Other (specify):**

**Cladding** Wood - Clapboard

**Style** Arts & Crafts - Craftsman

**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition

**Foundation** Concrete - Poured

**Form/Type** Single Family - Gable Front and Wing

**Roof Type** Gable

## NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1921

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

Politics/Government/Law

Builder:

Engineer:

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

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

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

**Statement of  
Significance**

From available information, the house was built ca. 1921 by P. H. and Edna Carlyon. Carlyon was a dentist who was very active politically. It is a Craftsman style house typical of what was being built in that period and is significant architecturally in the context of the South Capitol Neighborhood National Register Historic District. It is also associated with P. H. Carlyon, a political figure prominent in state and local politics.

P.H. Carlyon was trained at the Philadelphia Dental College. He came to Olympia in 1884 and opened a dental practice but later became prominent in local and state politics. Carlyon was elected Olympia mayor in 1904 and instituted changes including an ordinance that only stone, brick or concrete buildings be erected in the business district. He advocated for the acquisition of Priest Point Park. He was president of the Chamber of Commerce and spearheaded the building of the Federal Building on Capitol Way. In 1907 he was elected to the legislature where he championed the cause of Olympia as the capital and promoted the construction of permanent buildings on the Capitol grounds. He also backed the Carlyon Fill which filled much of downtown and created the deepwater port in 1910-11. He headed a coalition to connect the Port of Olympia to the rail lines of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads. He served in the State House from 1907 to 1911 and in the Senate from 1913 to 1929. He was elected president pro tem of the Senate in a number of sessions. He proposed the Capitol Lake project and was a major supporter of paving all major state highways and the Good Roads Association.

Edna Rogers Carlyon lived in the house until her death in 1954

**Description of  
Physical  
Appearance**

Set on a corner lot near the Capitol building, the house is a large, one and one-half story irregularly shaped house with wide bracketed eaves and fascia boards. The eaves have exposed rafter ends. The house has shingle cladding. The building has a poured concrete foundation. The gable-roofed house has a projecting front porch with similar detailing of bracketed eaves and cladding to the main building. It is supported by square columns on a low concrete wall and wraps around the front (south) and east sides. The porch has arched openings with a keystone center design. There is a gable roof dormer on the east side with similar detailing to the main house. Windows are tripartite with decorative upper mullions (flanking the front porch and on the east side), others are double hung sash, multi-pane casement, six over one double hung. All of the windows have a distinctive wide board and window head surround. A basement garage is accessed from the east side of the rear of the house.

**Major  
Bibliographic  
References**

"Olympiana" Shanna Stevenson, published by the State Capital Museum, 1982  
Pioneer Title Company Records, Thurston County Assessor Field Books and photographs.

## PHOTOS

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

**Comments:**

