

**Historic Property** Martin/Tiffany House  
**Inventory Report for** 112 18th Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Martin/Tiffany House **Field Site No.:** 3487  
**Common Name:** **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 112 18th Ave SW, Olympia, WA 98501  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

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

**UTM Reference**  
**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 10 **Easting:** 507579 **Northing:** 5208576

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
31300601200 Allen Lot 12 Block 6

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
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**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** ss **Date Recorded:** 10/7/2003 **Survey Name:** Olympia

**Owner's Name:** Joseph & Cynthia Montes **Owner Address:** 112 18th Avenue SW **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

**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**

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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:** Slight

**Changes to interior:** Slight

**Changes to original cladding:**

**Changes to other:**

**Changes to windows:**

**Other (specify):**

**Cladding** Shingle

**Foundation** Concrete - Poured

Wood - Drop Siding

**Style** Arts & Crafts - Craftsman

**Form/Type** Single Family - Bungalow

**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition

**Roof Type** Hip

## NARRATIVE SECTION

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Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: ca. 1911

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect:

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):

Yes - National

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

**Statement of  
Significance**

Located in the South Capitol Neighborhood, the house is a Bungalow style. It appears on the tax rolls in 1926. There is a family story of the G. Dewey Martin family that it was part of a duplex on 17th Avenue directly in back of the current structure and was moved onto this lot. The 17th Avenue property was owned by James Martin. The Sanborn Maps also seem to bear out the story since in 1924 a house with the same dimensions is on 17th on the lot directly behind this house and by 1926 there is an improvement on this lot and comparing the later Sanborn Maps, it appears it is the same house. The property behind this house is on a double lot and the house is similar to this one. Moving houses in this neighborhood was not uncommon. That house dates from 1910 so it is assumed that this house is a similar vintage. G. Dewey and Mary Martin lived in this house from 1926 to 1929. Martin was the son of pioneer hardware store owner, James Martin whose store was on Capitol Way just north of the Chambers Block.

Dewey Martin was also active in the store and later owned Capitol Plumbing and Heating and still later started the G. D. Martin furniture business that manufactured specialty wood materials for Boeing and other businesses including the Air Force One during the Kennedy Administration. Martin was also an early aviator in Olympia. The Martin's purchased the McCully House at 1625 Sylvester Street in 1929, which is listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

This house was sold in 1929 to Ross and Ella Tiffany for \$4000. Mrs. Tiffany owned the house until the 1960s. Ross Tiffany was an engineer and later director of the State Planning Council. He died in 1939.

**Description of  
Physical  
Appearance**

One and one-half story hipped roof house set on a concrete foundation. Drop siding and shingle cladding. Deep eaves with exposed rafter ends. The center front entry is recessed from the front façade on half the house to the east. It is supported by a square post and low railing with a square corner post. The original balusters have been removed and the steps now have a metal pipe railing. The entry is offset slightly to the east in the recessed area. The original door had a large glass panel. There is currently a replacement door. The front has a set of wide double hung windows with a smaller upper section. Other windows are one-over one windows. A smaller window flanks the front entry. A band separates the first floor from the upper area. The house has wide hip roof dormers on the south, east and west sides. The west side dormer is larger than the one on the east. There are hipped roof bays under the eaves on the east and west sides of the first floor. A large chimney rises on the west side of the house. Other historic features evident in photographs taken at the time the property was considered for the register. Non-historic additions: Front door. Shutters.

**Major  
Bibliographic  
References**

Information in telephone interviews, January 14, 2003 with Dan Martin, Jack Martin and Mary Bell Martin Johnson. Obituary for Dewey Martin, The Olympian July 15, 1983. Death notice for Ross Tiffany, Daily Olympian, June 2, 1939, pg. 1. Thurston County Assessor's Records and Tax Rolls. Polk City Directories, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Olympia 1924, 1947

## PHOTOS

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View of Front Façade  
taken 10/7/2003  
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):

Comments: