

**Historic Property** Speckart House  
**Inventory Report for** 2601 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

**LOCATION SECTION**

**Historic Name:** Speckart House **Field Site No.:** 670  
**Common Name:** (#34-567) **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 2601 South Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

<b>County</b>	<b>Township/Range/EW</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>1/4 Sec</b>	<b>1/4 1/4 Sec</b>	<b>Quadrangle</b>
Thurston	<u>T18R02W</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>SW</u>		<u>TUMWATER</u>

**UTM Reference**

**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 0 **Easting:** 507580 **Northing:** 5207820

**Tax No./Parcel No.** 38500500100 **Plat/Block/Lot** Capital Park Pln Blk 5

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
City of Olympia Planning Department < one

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

**Field Recorder:** Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 10/2/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

**Owner's Name:** Lois Showalter, etal c/o Marilyn Showalter **Owner Address:** 2601 Capitol Way S **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98501

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

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

**Contributing?** Yes Local Register

**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:** Slight

**Changes to interior:** Intact

**Changes to original cladding:** Intact

**Changes to other:**

**Changes to windows:** Intact

**Other (specify):**

**Cladding** Shingle

**Foundation** Concrete - Poured

**Style** Arts & Crafts - Craftsman

**Form/Type**

**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition

**Roof Type** Gable

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## NARRATIVE SECTION

**Study Unit**

**Other**

**Date Of Construction:**   1910

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

**Architect:**   Joe Speckart

**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**     A distinctive 1 ½-story bungalow set upon a large lot, the house was built in 1910-12 era by Joe Speckart who was married to a member of the Schmidt family and worked at the Olympia brewery. Built by Speckart himself with the help of Pete Faber and Gus Lorentzen, the house was later owned by Doane Brodie. Unique interior woodwork, light fixtures and cabinetry such as a schoolroom/playroom make the house historically important. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

**Description of Physical Appearance**     Fronted by an expensive lawn with ornamental plantings, the Speckart House is a large, one-and-one-half-story wood frame Craftsman on a poured concrete foundation. Its side-gabled roof is covered with composition shingles and has broad bracketed overhangs, exposed rafters and wide gable-end fascia boards. The roof is broken by a central brick chimney, two shed-roofed dormers on the front (east) facade which flank a lower center gable, and shed-roofed rear dormers. Walls are covered with wood shingles, set off by horizontal banding above the foundation and a dentillated horizontal band between stories. Below the front gable is a recessed porch with paired square columns and a low balustrade, which shelters the main entry door. Fenestration includes large plate glass picture windows, double-hung sash with eight-over-one lights, and small multi-paned windows in the dormers. At the rear southwest corner is a projecting enclosed porch. A basement garage door on the north wall opens to the street. The interior retains the original Craftsman-style fir woodwork, built-in cabinetry, and copper and art glass light fixtures. An addition has been added to the northwest corner.

**Major Bibliographic References**     Interview with Giny Speckart Reder.  
 Warren, George, "Purely Personal", Olympia News, February 5, 1984.

## PHOTOS



**View of**   northeast corner

**taken**   10/2/1985

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

22-21A

**Comments:**