

Resource Name: Eads Transfer Property ID: 19707

Location





Address: 105-111 Columbia St NW, Olympia, Washington, 98501, USA

Tax No/Parcel No: 78507300600

Plat/Block/Lot: Sylvester L6 Blk 73

Geographic Areas: Thurston County, OLYMPIA Quadrangle, Olympia Certified Local Government, Thurston

Certified Local Government, T18R02W47

Information

Number of stories: 1.00

Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1929	

Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory
Commerce/Trade	Commerce/Trade - Business
Commerce/Trade	Commerce/Trade - Business

Historic Context:

Category

Architecture

Entertainment/Recreation

Commerce



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Architect/Engineer:

Category	Name or Company
Architect	Wohleb, Joseph

Districts

District Name	Contributing	
Olympia Downtown Historic District	✓	

Thematics:

Local Registers and Districts

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Project History

Project Number, Organization, Project Name	Resource Inventory	SHPO Determination	SHPO Determined By, Determined Date
2006-01-00004, , OLYMPIA	10/16/1985	Not Determined	
2017-01-00155, , Olympia Downtown Survey 2017	2/17/2017		



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Photos



east facade



NW_Columbia_St_105 (1).jpg



NW_Columbia_St_105.jpg



Original HPI form(s)



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Inventory Details - 1/1/1900

Common name: Transit-Columbia Bakery Building (#34-673)

Date recorded: 1/1/1900

Field Recorder:

Field Site number: 852

SHPO Determination



Resource Name: Eads Transfer Property ID: 19707

Inventory Details - 10/16/1985

Common name: Transit-Columbia Bakery Building (#34-673)

Date recorded: 10/16/1985

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson/Tom C

Field Site number: 852

SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category Item

Roof Material Asphalt/Composition - Rolled

Plan Rectangle

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Cladding Concrete
Cladding Stucco

Structural System Masonry - Concrete Block

Styles:

Period Style Details

Late 19th and Early 20th Century Commercial American Movements

Surveyor Opinion

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): No

Significance narrative: The small one story commercial structure is one of the best maintained early twentieth

century banks of storefronts in downtown. Built about 1911 according to records by Swaticken Developers, the structure was purchased by Eads Transfer in 1926. The Eads business was started in 1915 when W. G. Eads purchased the stock of the Merchant's Delivery and Transfer Co., and formed the Eads Transfer Company engaging in a general Transfer and storage, crating, packing business. First using horse-drawn wagons, the business later had modern trucks. The business is still active in Olympia although not at

this location.

Physical description: This is a rectangular, one-story concrete structure with a flat roof bordered on the front

(east) facade by a flat parapet. the three storefronts have the original plate glass windows and wooden doors with large glass panes; the multi-paned transoms remain but have been painted over on two of the stores. Above each storefront is a decorative recessed panel painted a contrasting color. Fabric awnings of appropriate style have recently been added. The north side wall, facing on the alley, has large multi-paned

metal sash.

Bibliography: Pioneer Title Company Records.

Olympia, Lee Printing Co., 1926.



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Inventory Details - 2/17/2017

Common name: Transit-Columbia Bakery Building (#34-673), Graphic

Communications, Mini Saigon Restaurant

Date recorded: 2/17/2017

Field Recorder: Spencer Howard, Katie Pratt, Susan Johnson

Field Site number:
SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Form Type	Commercial
Roof Type	Flat with Parapet
Cladding	Stucco
Structural System	Masonry - Poured Concrete
Plan	Rectangle
Styles:	
Period	Style Details
Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements	Commercial

Surveyor Opinion

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): Yes Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local): Yes



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Significance narrative:

This building does not appear to be eligible for listing individually on the National Register of Historic Places, but it is a contributing building to the existing Downtown Olympia Historic District. It may also be eligible for the Olympia Heritage Register. Historic register eligibility recommendations from this 2017 reconnaissance survey are based solely on architectural character (Criterion C), without the benefit of in-depth property research. Olympia, Washington, is sited on Budd Inlet at the southernmost edge of Puget Sound. Extensive manipulation of the surrounding land and water has created the landscape of present-day downtown Olympia. The original pioneer settlement of Olympia was located on a small peninsula at the head of Budd Inlet, between the mouth of the Deschutes River and the Swantown Slough marine estuary. Bridges connected the peninsula to the land to the east and west. Steep hillsides comprised the east and west edges of the settlement before regrading to promote easy travel. Dredging efforts over the years defined the Olympia waterfront and downtown, even filling in the Swanton Slough. The waterfront formerly extended to Columbia Street on the west and Jefferson Street on the east (Stevenson, Olympia Downtown Historic District NRHP nomination, 7-1). A dam at the mouth of the Deschutes created the freshwater Capitol Lake out of a saltwater estuary, at the western edge of downtown.

This 2017 reconnaissance level survey of downtown Olympia includes a variety of building types, architectural styles, and development periods. Previous surveys and historic register nominations have provided extensive research and documentation on the history and development of this area. As part of this survey, eight development periods were identified. These periods align with the period of significance associated with the National Register of Historic Places-listed Olympia Downtown Historic District, 1850–1952. This survey and its associated report use the following development periods:

Pre-history to Early Contact. This period covers the time prior to nonnative contact when the ancestors of the Squaxin Island Tribe were the region's only inhabitants. It extends until early contact with nonnatives and initial pioneer settlement. No buildings are known to survive from this period.

1850-1888: Early Settlement and Territorial Government. Begins with the original plat for the community and continues through early settlement and Olympia's role as the territorial capital.

1889 - 1911: Statehood, Capitol City, and a New Waterfront. Begins with Washington becoming a state and covers the city's main dredging and fill efforts, which greatly altered the landscape of downtown Olympia.

1912-1928: Downtown Expansion. This period begins with new industry establishing on the waterfront area created from the Carlyon Fill. It continues through the prosperous 1910s and 1920s and the construction boom which occurred in the city.

1929-1949: Depression, WWII, and an Earthquake. This period covers the depression and war times and initial post-war growth. It ends with the 1949 earthquake which caused significant property damage.

1950 - 1968: Reconstruction and Modernization. This period covers the post-earthquake repair efforts and modern facelifts to historic buildings. It also includes a period of significant mid-century construction of architect-designed commercial buildings. 1969-1982: New Architectural Styles and Government Shift. This period covers the growth of the 1970s and the city's shift to a council-mayor form of government. 1983 – Present: Continued Growth and Revitalization. This period begins with the beginning of the city's historic preservation program and includes a wave of city improvements approved by the new form of government.



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Physical description:

Located at 105-111 Columbia Street NW, this building is part of downtown Olympia in Thurston County, Washington. Built in 1929, this single-story building represents the Commercial style. Historically built for a commercial function, the building currently has multiple commercial tenants. The footprint is rectangular. The foundation and structural system consist of poured concrete. Stucco clads the front of the building; the board-formed concrete structure is painted over on the side and rear facades. A flat roof with a parapet caps the building. The original footprint, cladding, and transom windows are intact. The original windows in the side facade are semi-intact and painted over, although at least two have been removed and infilled.

The character-defining features for this property include:

- Form and massing
- Concrete structure
- Stucco cladding
- Flat roof with parapet
- Inset panels in front parapet wall
- Storefront openings
- Curved recessed panels above storefronts
- Wood, multi-lite, storefront transoms
- Multi-lite windows in side facade



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