

Historic Property Eagles Hall
Inventory Report for 805 East 4th Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Eagles Hall Field Site No.: 552
Common Name: (#34-383) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 805 East 4th Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County Township/Range/EW Section 1/4 Sec 1/4 1/4 Sec Quadrangle
 T18R02W 14 SE TUMWATER

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 Easting: 508280 Northing: 5210980

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
78202100100 Swans L1 Block 21

Supplemental Map(s) Acreage
City of Olympia Planning Department .14

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson/Tom C Date Recorded: 9/12/1985 Survey Name: OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Olympia Aerie No 21 Owner Address: 805 4th Ave East City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98506

Classification: Building Resource Status Survey/Inventory Comments
Within a District? No

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0
Local District:
National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Social - Meeting Hall
Current Use: Social - Meeting Hall

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: 3

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact Changes to interior: Moderate
Changes to original cladding: Intact Changes to other:
Changes to windows: Extensive Other (specify):

Cladding Stucco Foundation Concrete - Poured
Style Commercial Form/Type
Roof Material Asphalt / Composition Roof Type Unknown
Asphalt / Composition - Rolled

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1927

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Joseph Wohleb

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

Aerie #21 of the Olympia Eagles was begun in 1899 in Olympia as a fraternal and charitable organization. The hall was designed in 1927 by Joseph Wohleb. Originally the building was constructed with the idea of renting a portion of the property and indeed a Piggly Wiggly grocery first occupied the first floor--hence the large window openings. The top floors were to be used as a meeting hall and dance hall. A garage parking ramp once came off Plum Street to the rear of the structure. In the 1940's the building boasted a circular bar, which was later removed. The interior of the hall has changed considerably over the years but the Eagles continue their philanthropic work in Olympia.

Description of Physical Appearance

An imposing structure at a busy intersection, the Eagles Hall is a rectangular, three-story stucco structure of utilitarian design. Its flat roof is bordered on the front (north) and west facades by a slanted parapet, originally of tiles now replaced by composition shingles, below which is a wide cornice. The original storefront openings on the north wall have been filled in with concrete block and contain two new entrance doors and a plate glass window, above which is a projecting backlit sign. The storefronts on the west wall are filled in but retain their original tile kickplates. The recessed main entrance at the northeast corner is framed by a tall molded archway containing a sculpted eagle, edged by painted quoins and topped by columns in the form of flaming torches, and a large oval cartouche above the central keystone. The second and third stories have rows of multi-paned steel casement windows on the north and west walls, along with a row of tall arched windows on the west, and the east wall is blank. The south wall, facing the alley, is blank except for a recessed entry door. The building is maintained in good condition.

Major Bibliographic References

Sherlock Holmes, Eagle Aerie #21 Secretary.
Maddox, Dawn, "Joseph Wohleb: resident architect of the State Capital," Landmarks, Vol. IV, No. 4.

PHOTOS



View of NW corner

taken 9/12/1985

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

16-35A

Comments: