

Historic Property Church of the Bretheren
Inventory Report for 2129 East 4th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Church of the Bretheren **Field Site No.:** 560
Common Name: (#34-392) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 2129 East 4th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA/HDC

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 13 SE TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 509900 **Northing:** 5210050

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
48700303000 4th St L30-31-32 Blk 3

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
City of Olympia Planning Department .44

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Mark Lovrien **Owner Address:** 9400 Lohrer Lane NE **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98516

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

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Religion - Religious Facility
Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Plan: Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 1

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Intact **Changes to interior:** Intact
Changes to original cladding: Intact **Changes to other:**
Changes to windows: Slight **Other (specify):**

Cladding Wood - Drop Siding **Foundation** Concrete - Poured
Style Unknown **Form/Type**
Roof Material Asphalt / Composition **Roof Type** Gable

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1913

Religion

Architect:

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

The Church of the Brethren was begun in 1708 in Schwartzenu, Germany. In 1896 the first Brethren families moved to Olympia, Samuel Boone, acting as immigrant agent for the Great Northern Railroad brought many of the early families from Virginia, first meeting in homes for worship. Their first church building measuring 24 by 50 feet was dedicated November, 1907 at 4th and Sawyer. The first building was enlarged and remodeled then replaced in 1913 with a second larger building which still stands. The Reverend Jacob Secrist led the church at this time. The group occupied the structure until 1956 when a new church was built in Lacey. Since then the building has been occupied by a number of businesses.

Description of Physical Appearance

Located on a corner lot at a busy intersection, the Dunkard Church is an elongated, one-story wood frame structure of utilitarian design resting on a poured concrete foundation. Its gable roof is covered with composition shingles and has bracketed overhangs and wide gable-end fascia boards. A lower gable roof covers an extension at the rear. Walls are clad with drop siding and cornerboards. Concrete steps lead to the central entry doors on the front (east) facade; the doors are framed by pilasters and a carved sunburst fanlight and overscaled broken pediment, which appear to be later additions. On either side of the doors are tall, narrow windows of leaded, marbled glass flanked by pilasters and topped by prominent head moldings. The side walls have rows of tall plate glass windows (originally frosted glass), and the rear extension has smaller double-hung windows. The tall main room has a balcony above the vestibule, and an altar recess topped by a gothic arch. The building is now used as a furniture store.

Major Bibliographic References

"Community Church of the Brethren," Daily Olympian, April 17, 1964, p. 6.
Information from the Secrist Family

PHOTOS



View of NW corner

taken 9/12/1985

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

17-8A

Comments: