

Historic Property Star Laundry
Inventory Report for 301 North Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Star Laundry **Field Site No.:** 706
Common Name: (#34-647) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 301 North Capitol Way Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
[REDACTED] T18R02W 14 SW TUMWATER

UTM Reference

Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507540 **Northing:** 5210150

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78500200700 Sylvester L7 & 8 Blk 2

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
City of Olympia Planning Department .33

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson **Date Recorded:** 10/11/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Jerome J Wiest **Owner Address:** 9040 Salty Drive NW **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98502

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

Within a District? No **Survey/Inventory**

Contributing? No

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Industry/Processing/Extraction - Processing Site

Current Use: Industry/Processing/Extraction - Processing Site

Plan: L-Shape **No. of Stories:** 2

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Extensive

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to windows: Intact

Changes to interior: Unknown

Changes to other:

Other (specify):

Cladding Concrete

Stucco

Metal - Corrugated

Style Commercial

Spanish - Mission

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled

Metal - Corrugated

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Form/Type

Roof Type Unknown

Monitor

Shed

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1920

Commerce

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**

Situated on the site of some of the earliest settlement in Olympia, the Star Laundry Building was built in 1920. The land was first owned in 1855 by Rosenblatt and later by Gustave Rosenthal, pioneer oysterman and merchant in the area. The property was also owned by N. H. Owing, Territorial Secretary. The Star Laundry was owned by the Agnew family, begun by Thomas Agnew, a native of South Dakota in 1904. His sons carried on the business for many years.

**Description of
Physical
Appearance**

This is a large L-shaped concrete structure of utilitarian design. It has a two-story front section on a north/south axis, with a two-story rear extension, beyond which is a long one-story section projecting to the west. The flat roof of the front wing is surrounded by a Mission Revival style parapet, which has arches at either end of the front (east) facade and on the end walls. The walls are ornamented with engaged facade, the first story has large plate glass windows with brick sills, and entry doors at either end. The transoms are covered over with signs. Second-story windows are floors. The rear extension has a monitor roof and is clad with corrugated metal siding. A metal shed roof along its south wall extends into a vaulted, tarred roof over the long rear wing. The rear wing has concrete walls punctuated by multi-paned metal sash and plate glass windows with multi-paned transoms. A flat canopy wraps around the end of the south wall onto the rear facade, topped by a large neon "Star Laundry" sign.

**Major
Bibliographic
References**

Pioneer Title Company Records.
Obituary for Harold S. Agnew, Daily Olympian, May 11, 1965, p. 3.

PHOTOS



View of SE corner

taken 10/11/1985

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

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Comments: