

Historic Property The Spar
Inventory Report for 114 East 4th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: The Spar Field Site No.: 712
Common Name: (#34-682) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 114 East 4th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

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

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 Easting: 507640 Northing: 5209960

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
78501300600 Sylvester's Plat/Block 13/Lot 6

Supplemental Map(s) Acreage
City of Olympia Planning Department .11

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson Date Recorded: 7/1/1989 Survey Name: OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: Alan R McWain et al Owner Address: 114 East 4th Avenue City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98501

Classification: Site Resource Status Comments

Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory

Contributing? Local Register

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name: OLYMPIA DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Commerce/Trade - Restaurant

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Restaurant

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: one

Structural System: Concrete - Block

Changes to plan: Slight Changes to interior: Slight

Changes to original cladding: Slight Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Slight Other (specify):

Cladding Stucco Foundation Concrete - Poured

Ceramic Tile

Style Commercial Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Compostion - Rolled Roof Type Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Date Of Construction: 1935

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

Architect: Joseph Wohleb

Commerce

Builder:

Entertainment/Recreation

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 Spar was built in 1935 at the site of the Oxford Saloon. Joseph Wohleb designed the building for Hayden and Serruys. The restaurant has long been an Olympia landmark and has been celebrated regionally and nationally for its period decor and cuisine. The interior of the restaurant is particularly notable for its original neon, back-bar, stools, covered ceiling, hanging lamps and other appointments. The owners recently restored the interior and many of the exterior features. The building is listed on the Olympia Heritage Register.

Description of Physical Appearance

The building is a rectangular two-story, flat-roofed building. The top facade has been clad in stucco with a band of multi-paned clerestory windows above the storefront. The wide plate glass storefront has an offset, recessed entry door and a flat metal canopy with rounded corners which is lit on the fascia with a neon design. The storefront is clad with maroon tile which extends up the sides of the building.

Major Bibliographic References

Maddox, Dawn, "Joseph Wohleb: resident architect of the state Capital," Landmarks, Vol. IV. No. 4. Olympia Heritage Commission Records.

PHOTOS



View of south (front) facade

taken 7/6/1989

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

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Comments: