

Historic Property White Building
Inventory Report for 209 East 4th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: White Building **Field Site No.:** 714
Common Name: (#34-685) **OAHP No.:**
Property Address: 209 East 4th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

County **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**
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UTM Reference
Zone: 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 **Easting:** 507730 **Northing:** 5209930

Tax No./Parcel No. **Plat/Block/Lot**
78502400200 Sylvester L2 Blk 24

Supplemental Map(s) **Acreage**
City of Olympia Planning Department .17

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

Field Recorder: Shanna Stevenson/Tom C **Date Recorded:** 10/16/1985 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

Owner's Name: **Owner Address:** **City/State/Zip:**
Security Building Ltd Ptnshp 2339 Perkins Lane W Seattle, WA 98199

Classification: Building **Resource Status** **Comments**
Within a District? Yes Survey/Inventory

Contributing?

National Register Nomination: 0

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

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Commerce/Trade - Business
Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Plan: Rectangle **No. of Stories:** 2

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 Concrete **Foundation** Concrete - Poured
 Stucco

Style Commercial **Form/Type**
Roof Material Asphalt / Compostion - Rolled **Roof Type** Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other	Date Of Construction: <u>1908</u>
Architecture/Landscape Architecture		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 Typical of an early twentieth century commercial style structure which is very prevalent in downtown Olympia, the White Building was built in 1908 for \$10, 000 by Allen White. White was a lumberman who was connected with the Springer Mill in Olympia and the White Mill in Elma. He was a native of Canada. One of the longtime tenants of the building was Reder Grocery. The business began as Reder-Lewis Hay & Feed Store 1888-1890. The grocery was in one area and the hay & feed was across alley at another location. The store became a grocery only in early 1890's after "horseless carriages" came to town and Reder bought out Lewis. The store relocated to this building after it was built. Reder Grocery was known for credit and delivery. Joseph Reder died in 1939 and his children Delia, Edward, and Carl ran the store; other siblings worked there also. Their Tumwater Square store opened 1948 and the downtown store closed in 1950. The Reders sold the Tumwater store in 1965.

Description of Physical Appearance This rectangular, two-story structure has a flat roof fronted by an ornate bracketed cornice, with a frieze panel of swags sculpted in relief. The second story has a row of wide double-hung sash with one-over-one lights, recessed in chamfered surrounds and framed by recessed rectangular panels painted a contrasting color. The ground floor has a central entry door leading to the stairway, to the upper floor, flanked by two wide storefronts with modern plate glass windows and glass doors in aluminum frames with tile kickplates. The transom windows have been stuccoed over, but the original storefront cornice remains; it has a similar pattern of swags in relief.

Major Bibliographic References Pioneer Title Company Records.

PHOTOS



View of north facade
taken 10/16/1985
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
25-31A
Comments: