

Historic Property Kelley Block
Inventory Report for 501 East 4th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501

LOCATION SECTION

Historic Name: Kelley Block Field Site No.: 720
Common Name: (#34-695) OAHP No.:
Property Address: 501 East 4th Avenue Olympia, Thurston, 98501
Comments: OLYMPIA

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

UTM Reference
Zone: 10 Spatial Type: Point Acquisition Code: TopoZone.com
Sequence: 0 Easting: 507980 Northing: 5209960

Tax No./Parcel No. Plat/Block/Lot
78505400100 Sylvester L1 Blk 54

Supplemental Map(s) Acreage
City of Olympia Planning Department .15

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

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

Owner's Name: Fred W Finn Owner Address: 5530 78th Avenue NW City/State/Zip: Olympia, WA 98502

Classification: Building Resource Status Comments

Within a District? No Survey/Inventory

Contributing? Local Register

National Register Nomination: 0

Local District:

National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

DESCRIPTION SECTION

Historic Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Current Use: Commerce/Trade - Business

Plan: Rectangle No. of Stories: 2

Structural System: Concrete - Block

Changes to plan: Intact

Changes to interior: Moderate

Changes to original cladding: Intact

Changes to other:

Changes to windows: Moderate

Other (specify):

Cladding Brick

Foundation Concrete - Poured

Concrete

Style Commercial

Form/Type

Roof Material Asphalt / Composition - Rolled

Roof Type Unknown

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit	Other
Architecture/Landscape Architecture	
Commerce	

Date Of Construction: 1923
Architect: Dawley Brothers
Builder: Dawley Brothers
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 One of the largest of the eastside business buildings, the Lynch Paint structure retains its historic features as an early twentieth century commercial style building. Built in 1923 by J. E. Kelley as a furniture store, the structure was been the longtime location of W. J. Lynch Paint Company, a large home decorating firm. Kelley established his form in 1904 at a store at Fourth and Cherry and later moved to the Hale block just opposite this building and then in 1923 he constructed this structure. The main floor of the building 65 by 105 feet was originally overseen by a large balcony. It was designed and built by the Dawley Brothers Construction Company. K. B. Van Tuyl did the brick work. Listed on the Olympia Heritage Commission.

Description of Physical Appearance This is a rectangular, two-story structure with a flat roof bordered by a flat parapet, which has a raised section at the center of the front (north) facade. The walls are of red brick, decorated with yellow brick in the wide corner pilasters, narrower pilasters between window bays, and parallel bands beneath the parapet. The front facade has a newer storefront with a recessed central entry and large plate glass windows with aluminum frames, bordered by pigmented structural glass. This treatment continues on most of the west facade. The second story has a row of paired casements with upper transoms on the front facade. The second floor has been renovated to accommodate living units. During the renovation the second floor windows were restored.

Major Bibliographic References "Olympia," Lee Printing Co., 1926
"J.E. Kelly [sic] Furniture Store A Milestone in Commercial Progress of Olympia," Morning Olympian, September 17, 1923, pg. 3.

PHOTOS



View of NW corner
taken 7/1/1997
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
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Comments: